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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Looking forward to a great new year!

One of the main changes in the transition to Phase 3 of COVID-19 re-opening is the increase in group size for social gatherings from five to eight. Food and beverage establishments will adapt to this very quickly to accommodate more customers seated at a table. As capacity limits at other public places increase, other establishments will also need to make similar adjustments in how they operate. All of us will still have to ensure that Safe Management Measures (SMM) are in place, such as wearing masks and keeping our safe distance.

At Xingnan, we too are preparing for transition. We are ready to welcome our 7 classes of new P1 pupils in 2021. We hope our XCITE programme for the lower primary together with our conducive classroom learning environment will smoothen this transition process from pre-school to primary school.



The transition process is a journey that takes place over time and is not a one-off event. A child's transition journey begins well before the first day of primary school and may ease to a close when the child feels that he or she has adapted to life in primary school. This duration may vary for each child, depending on his/her individual learning and behavioural needs. We have to work closely with parents, families, other support staff and external agencies to ensure that every child will transit smoothly and be able to find joy in coming to school.

We have transition plans for the rest of the levels, especially for our P2 and P4 pupils who will move to new classes with a new set of classmates. This is why we focus our efforts on our Start-It-Right (SIR) programme at the beginning of each new term as well as on sharing relevant information of pupils to the new teachers/schools. Transition will require our pupils to make adjustments. What remains constant will be how we work hard on staying steadfast on our values and striving for excellence.

All of us have transitions to make throughout our lives. At Xingnan, we want to start early and provide our pupils with the right support so that they will learn to be self-directed to manage their own transitions in the future. These could be transitions in their education journey, careers and even in their personal lives.

Let's continue to build a strong partnership between school and families.


Yours Sincerely,
Mr Charles Chan



Xingnan Events

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2021

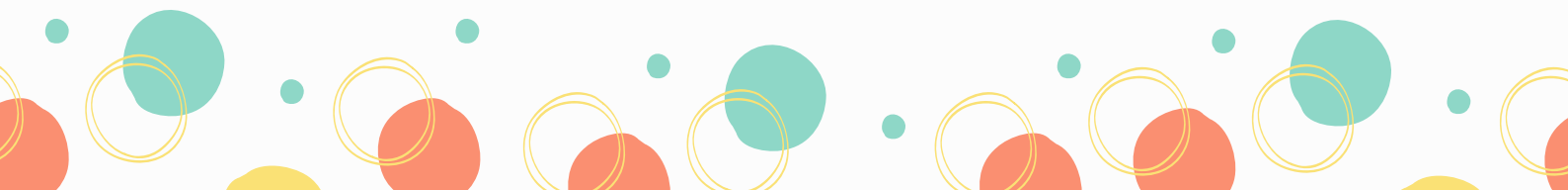
Term Week	Day/Date	Event/Activity	For
Term 1 Week 1	Friday 1 Jan	New Year's Day Holiday	All levels
	Monday 4 Jan to Friday 8 Jan	Start It Right (SIR) Term 1	P1
	Tuesday 5 Jan to Friday 8 Jan	Start It Right (SIR) Term 1	P2 - P6
Term 1 Week 3	Monday 18 Jan to Wednesday 20 Jan	P5 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp	P5
	Monday 18 Jan to Wednesday 20 Jan	P6 Motivational Camp	P6
	Wednesday 20 Jan & Thursday 21 Jan	P4 Science Centre Enrichment Lesson	Selected P4 Classes*
	Friday 22 Jan	P3 & P4 Parent Engagement Session	P3 - P4 Parents
Term 1 Week 4	Monday 25 Jan to Tuesday 26 Jan	Annual Health Screening	All levels*



Term/Week	Day/Date	Event/Activity	For
Term 1 Week 4	Monday 25 Jan & Tuesday 26 Jan	P5 Science Centre Enrichment Lesson	Selected P5 Classes*
	Wednesday 27 Jan	Xingnan Learning Day (HBL)	All levels
	Thursday 28 Jan & Friday 29 Jan	P4 Science Centre Enrichment Lesson	Selected P4 Classes*
	Friday 29 Jan	P5 Science Centre Enrichment Lesson	Selected P5 Classes*
	Friday 29 Jan	P5 and P6 Parent Engagement Session	P5 – P6 Parents

**Please check Parent Gateway for more information.*

You may click [here](#) to view the school calendar on the school website.



Quality Learning Experiences

DEEPAVALI 2020

It was time to replace darkness with light. Although a face-to-face assembly was not possible due to SMM, our Xingnan family celebrated it with a myriad of fascinating recess activities and captivating e-concert, and we had fun nonetheless.

During recess, Xingnanians learnt more about oil lamps and what they symbolise. After which, pupils tried their hands on oil lamp painting. They even learnt how to make their own murukkus!

On top of engaging pupils and teachers, the e-concert taught them more about the Indian culture and some common practices via performances which were cleverly performed by our very own Xingnanians. To end the celebration on a happy note, pupils attempted drawing their own kolams!



A lovely Rangoli kolam drawn by our very own Tamil Language teachers.



Getting ourselves busy with oil lamp painting!



Stellar performance by our very own pupils! This particular scene depicts how Krishna defeated the evil King Narakasuran.

LEARNING QUEST

Our P1 to P6 pupils embarked on exciting learning trips all over Singapore on Go Out And Learn (GOAL) Day. It was definitely an insightful and memorable day of learning and gaining new experiences for our pupils!

PRIMARY 1 BOLLYWOOD VEGGIES



Listening intently to the instructor who was teaching us how to pot our plants correctly.



Going in for closer look to determine if it's the correct plant to look for as we go on our discovery harvest!



After potting and planting our own seeds in the pots, the final step would be to water them.



Knowing how different types of plants, fruits and herbs can be used for cooking truly amazed us.



Once we completed our potting activity, we washed our hands clean - kampung style!

PRIMARY 2

HIPPO BUS TOUR



For most of us, it was our first time onboard the open-top Big Bus.



Cruising along Nicoll Highway and enjoying the scenic view. Oh! I see Marina Bay Sands!



Spot us and our teacher on the upper deck!



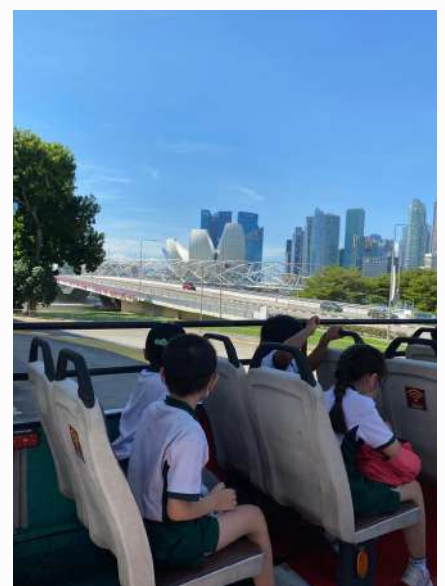
For some of us, it was our first time seeing the CBD area!



Look at that huge squarish HDB flat. It's so different from the ones we see in our own neighbourhood!



In awe of the school which has existed since 1912.



So that's the Helix Bridge everyone has been talking about!

PRIMARY 3

PARKS IN SINGAPORE



Basking in nature as we enjoyed our snacks during break time.



The strong log which could take all our weights combined!



Hey! Look at this part of the tree! It looks like what we have seen in one of our Science lessons!



After battling the scorching sun for some time, we finally found the majestic dome!

PRIMARY 4

TROLLS: WORLD TOUR



Photography was not allowed in the cinema but it is heartening to read the pupils' reflections.

We learnt various cinema etiquettes. We learnt that we could be gracious citizens by observing these etiquettes when in the cinema. - 4A 2020

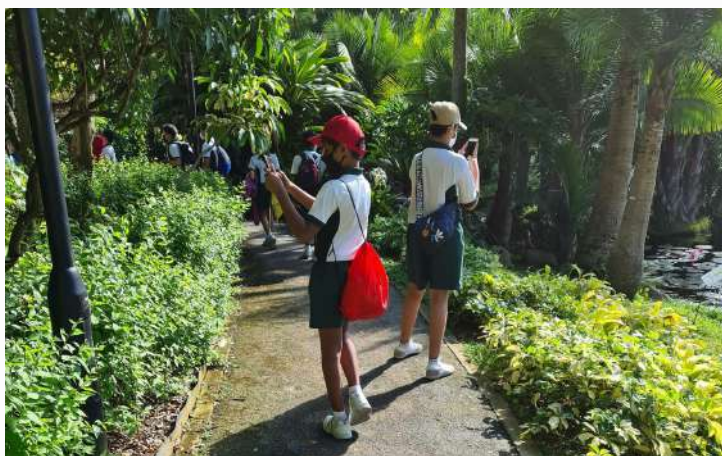
The trolls sang a song together despite differences in their preferred music genre. They acknowledged and accepted their differences and lived in harmony in the end. - 4C 2020

Just like how the trolls from different music background could come together and make the Troll world a better place to live in, we can emulate this to make our world a better place to live in. - 4F 2020

PRIMARY 5 GARDENS BY THE BAY



We learnt to take a wefie of ourselves with the beautiful backdrop using self-timer function!



We wasted no time taking pictures of all these beautiful plants! We could not wait to share these photos with our peers later on!



We had fun hopping on these coloured shapes and predicting what the next shape would be before hopping!

PRIMARY 6 ART SCIENCE MUSEUM



Exploring the world of plastics via this interactive board.



Learning more about the iceberg as seen on the wall. Amazed by knowledge shared by our knowledgeable guide.



Here we are at the Light Ball Orchestra, with these bright balls which we enjoyed tossing in the air and rolling on the floor!

RECOGNITION DAY

In Xingnan, we truly believe that the achievements of our pupils and staff are of paramount importance. We hope to recognise our pupils and stakeholders for their holistic achievements and significant contributions.

Despite the COVID-19 outbreak, we were able to rise to the occasion and come together as one big family to organise our Annual Recognition Day using a blended approach with all SMM in place at various locations in our school.

Parents were invited to grace the event as it was simultaneously recorded and broadcast in real-time through Zoom.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be one of the emcees for Recognition Day. It was very different this year as I had to speak to the camera without any live audience. This experience was truly meaningful. – Goh Kai Yun, 5C 2020

I am glad that my effort has been recognised by all my teachers. I am thankful for all the SMMs that have been put in place to ensure that Recognition Day is carried out in a safe and conducive environment. – Audrey Ang, 6F 2020



Some pupils received awards from School Leaders on the stage located at the Expression Corner.



One of the performances put up for the event – a dance item by our Sports CCA groups.



Another performance item by the Brass Band that graced the event via Zoom session.

CCA CAMP

INSPIRE TO BE INSPIRED



Mr Yeo Tze Yang shared about the inspirations behind his art pieces.



Pupils from various CCAs came together to learn how to make pressed flower bookmarks from Environmental Club's Student Leader.



Working together to keep the ball in the box while removing stickers from our feet!



It was an eye-opener for us learning a new skill we never did before!

Just before the school holiday started, we had our very first one-day CCA camp. This camp aims to inspire our pupils to learn from their peers and professionals; and work together as a team.

Pupils from different CCAs formed groups to complete the Amazing Race tasks. "It was challenging! But we managed to do it as a team. I also managed to interact with people I have never met before!" chirped Daniel Rayyan from 4B 2020.

The school invited 10 distinguished guests from various industries to share with the pupils on how they overcame challenges in their lives. "I learnt that we should always do what we love to do. Follow your dreams and work hard to achieve them. That's what I learnt from Mr Gurmit Singh," quipped Phan Thu Linh from 4B 2020.

Pupils had the opportunity to learn new skills from their peers. They explored other CCAs which they were interested in and learnt from the student leaders. Sun Leran from 5A 2020 shared, "I enjoyed the MoCCA sharing because I got to explore skills needed for other CCAs."

SHOES RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

OTHERS SEE AN OLD SHOE, WE SEE A FUTURE

"What is this big box doing here?" asked one of the new P1 pupils during P1 orientation.

For pupils who came to school during the first week of year-end school holidays, they would have seen a huge carton box in the foyer.

In partnership with National Parks (NParks), the school embarked on a week long's recycling drive for staff and pupils to donate their old shoes. The rubber soles of the shoes will be used to patch up and repair running tracks in stadiums and even the floor mats of the playgrounds in our neighbourhood.

The event was a success as the box was brimming with shoes by the end of the fourth day of the recycling drive. When the vendor came to collect the box, he was pleasantly surprised by the huge number of shoes donated. The school thanked everyone for their efforts!

Do keep a lookout for future school-wide green efforts in the coming year. Let's do our part to make this planet a better place for everyone to live in!



The carton box that caught the attention of our new P1 pupils. It was placed in the foyer for staff and pupils to donate their old shoes.



FAREWELL CLASSES OF 2020

2020 PSLE RESULTS

Once again, our pupils did the school proud by achieving 99.2% overall passes. Out of all the candidates taking standard subjects who were eligible for secondary school, 61.5% of them qualified for the Express Course, an increase of 3.5 % from the previous year.

29 pupils taking standard subjects scored 250 and above, an increase of 15 pupils from the previous year, while 5 pupils taking foundation subjects topped the foundation cohort. 31 pupils were posted to secondary schools via Direct School Admission - Secondary.

Observing SMM, our pupils, accompanied by one of their parents, reported to school to collect their results. They waited patiently in anticipation in the classrooms. Upon the release of the results, there were loud cheers and tears of joy.

Our pupils have certainly done the school proud and we congratulate them for their achievements and thank their parents for their unwavering support all these years. We also thank our teachers for their dedication and diligent efforts in guiding our pupils and bringing out the best in them.



Parents waiting patiently for the results of their little ones.



Our pupils feeling nervous but remained composed at the same time.



We owe our success to our dedicated teachers and our supportive parents!

Congratulations

P6 GRADUATION DAY

P6 Graduation Day took on a different format this year. We were given a choice on how we would like it to be and we opted for a relaxing movie and picnic.

It was an experience trying to come up with the videos. Now we know how challenging it can be for YouTubers! Nevertheless, it was indeed amusing to be collaborating with friends and teachers. We enjoyed the fruits of our labour on the actual Graduation Day, watching videos from other classes and enjoying snacks that were provided.

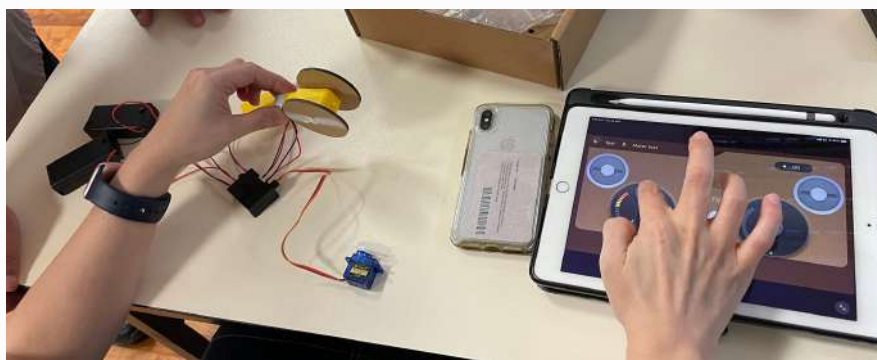


TEACHERS' QUALITY LEARNING ALP TRAINING

Following two previous online sessions, this final session was conducted face-to-face, with SMM in place. The focus of this session was to make a prototype.



Teachers exploring alternatives to make components of their prototype work.



Testing the speed of our group's prototype using an app.

Making use of recycled materials and technological components, teachers collaborated in groups to solve a given problem. Teachers gave feedback that the hands-on session provided them the opportunity to learn how technological components work. They felt more confident to plan and facilitate innovative lessons such as this one in future.



Teachers got creative and made use of all available materials to make their prototype work.



Mrs Khan presenting her group's prototype.



Mr Irwan getting some valuable tips from the expert.

KP ADVANCE



Making sure SMM were observed as we participated in a face-to-face session before exploring various parts of Singapore.



Let's seize the opportunity to work together and curate more quality learning experiences for our pupils.

It was the time of the year for our School Leaders and Key Personnel to reflect and discuss the direction in which the school would be going towards in the new academic year. Participants took part in out-of-school and in-school segments. They worked in groups to explore different parts of Singapore. While doing so, they made connections with the work they have been doing in school. Through these engagement sessions, participants had the opportunity to work together and bond with colleagues from different departments. It was a great opportunity for participants to see how they could further refine, realign and curate quality learning experiences for pupils.

STAFF ADVANCE



Staff Advance team in deep discussion over tea.



Navigating uncharted waters together!



Teachers looking for their voices in the open field.



Just like the myriad of choices here, we hope to offer pupils plenty of choices in their time in Xingnan.



We had checked in at our meet-up point and could not wait to explore Singapore!



Making connections with what we saw to what we do in the classroom everyday.

Meaningful Partnerships

P6 SECONDARY SCHOOL FAIR



Four of our very own ex-pupils who have gone on to bloom and thrive in Jurong West Secondary School.

During the Secondary School Fair, our pupils had meaningful conversations with staff and pupils from River Valley High and Jurong West Secondary to find out more about the features of the respective secondary schools.

Following that, they had a Zoom session with Boon Lay Secondary School. Our pupils found the session to be engaging and purposeful. The three secondary schools shared their interesting programmes via videos and personal experiences shared by ex-Xingnanians. Quea Jing Yi from 6B 2020 quoted that some pupils might not have any interests in joining the schools at first. However, after the talk, they were observed to be more enthusiastic to join the schools.



Pupils from River Valley High sharing their insights and programmes available in their school.



Kazu, a Xingnan alumnus, sharing with us his experiences in Juying Secondary School.

Pupils' Voices

HOW WE SPENT OUR DECEMBER HOLIDAY

My family and I went for a cable car ride to Mount Faber and Sentosa. The view was breathtaking and it was really nice to be out under the sun after many days of staying at home. I really enjoyed the trip.
- Victoria Minlatt, 3C



We went to Canopy Park, slept over my auntie's house, visited Changi Airport and played the bouncy castle in Jurong East. - Rayna Aleya, 4D



We went to F1 Pit Building near the Singapore Flyer to take pictures and relax after shopping. - Lim Zhi Xuan, 4E



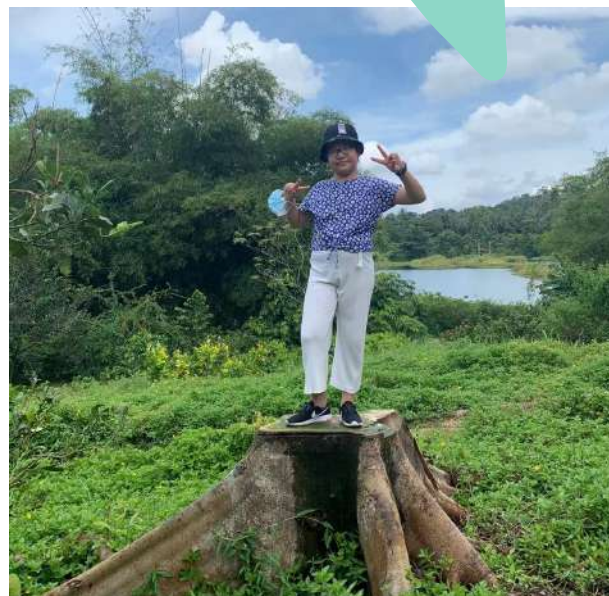
I played with my new baby sister, practised ballet at home, wrapped presents to give to my family members, and helped decorate the Christmas tree in our house.
- Phan Thu Linh, 5F



I took the Singapore Flyer. It was an amazing experience! - Siti Aliya, 4B



I went to Pulau Ubin with my family. - Ke Xiting, 5E



I had fun with my cousin at Art Science Museum. - Cavan Wong, 2C



My family and I went to Resort World Sentosa. We stayed at Hotel Michael. We also went to the S.E.A. Aquarium. - Muhammad Darwisy Akmal, 6C



I learnt cycling. My dad got me protective gear to put on when I ride the bicycle. Now I can ride the bicycle even faster than before.

- Murali Pitika, 3C



Thank you for your contributions!

Treats & Tricks



Parenting With MOE



How To Help Your Child Ace The First Week Of School



Stressed
but not sure what help resources are out there?



I need help to manage my emotions



I want tips to keep fit and healthy



I need employment support



I need financial support



I need housing support

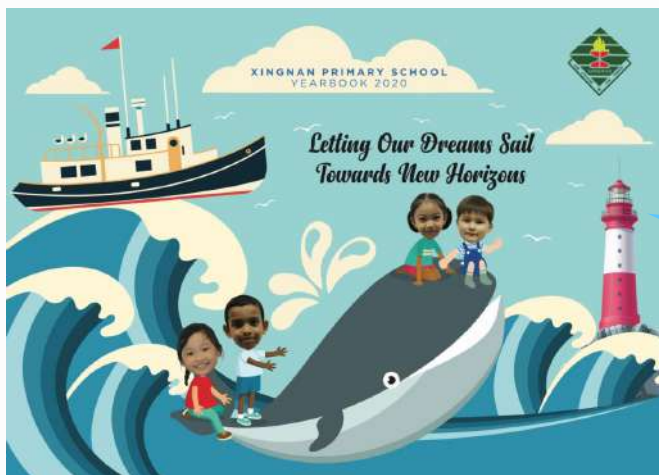


I am not feeling safe at home

Check out customised resources catered to your needs.



Visit mindline.sg
Customised resources to manage your wellbeing



Look out for our Yearbook which will go live on our school website on 5 January!

Click on the images above to access information.

Dear parents and guardians,

XNPS Publications would like to thank you for the feedback you had given to us in 2020. We truly value your feedback. As we constantly seek for improvements. If you have any suggestions, do fill in the form [here](#).