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April Issue

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Quality Learning Experiences

Sports & Health Week @ Xingnan

"Onwards to an active lifestyle, sporting culture and healthy way of living" - the theme for the Sports and Health week this year. Pupils were engaged in interesting and exciting activities such as Fruits & Veggie Hunt, ActiveSg Sports Academy @ Xingnan and Thirst for Sports Thursday, just to name a few. The highlight was the football freestylers who came to perform during the school assembly. Pupils and teachers were captivated by their dexterity with the ball. The week-long activities were a great way to cap off Term 1 and we hope that our pupils are inspired to keep themselves active, fit and healthy always.

P.E./Aesthetics Department



Upcoming Events

April 2

MTL Fortnight

April 3

International Friendship Day

April 16 - 23

SA1 EL & MT Oral

April 17 - 25

School Health Screening



P1 Learning Journey to the Zoo

Aligned to the theme on animals, our Primary 1 pupils had their first outdoor learning experience at the Singapore Zoological Gardens. Pupils saw in real what they had read about in their STELLAR texts. The trip to the zoo was an invaluable opportunity for our pupils to make connections with what they have learnt in the classroom to the real world.



Pupils had close-up encounters with the farm animals. For many of them, it was their first time feeding goats with fresh leaves! The pupils were excited when they saw the different wild animals and were most thrilled to see the clever sea lion perform tricks. We are glad our Primary 1 pupils enjoyed their first learning experience out of the school!

Primary 1 Level Teachers

Engaging our P6 pupils

During the March holidays, our P6 pupils visited Singapore's spectacular green space - Gardens by the Bay! Equipped with iPads and savoury snacks, pupils had an enjoyable time bonding with their peers. The information garnered during the trip is integrated into English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies lessons this term.

Besides the outdoor learning, our P6 pupils were engaged in interactive revision sessions. Pupils could be seen huddled in pairs or groups as they revised concepts and sought clarification from one another.

Pupils interviewed gave a thumbs up to the revision sessions, stating that it was fun to revise with their friends!

Primary 6 Level Teachers

Prefect Training Workshop

The Prefects attended their first training workshop in March 2018. On top of putting their critical thinking skills to the test in the escape room challenge, they got to learn more about famous leaders across the world and how popular apps such as "Instagram" and "Angry Birds" came about. In this workshop, some former pupils were invited to interact with the Senior Prefects from Primary 5 and 6.

"I really love the training workshop. It was very fun. I like it because instead of just listening to the trainer, we got to move around, explore and discover qualities that make a good leader," said Chloe Lim, a Senior Prefect from Primary 6B.

CCE Department

Annual Wits and Words National Championship

A confident team of 5 debaters from our upper Primary levels took part in the annual Wits and Words National Championship.

Our pupils put up an amazing fight for 3 rounds. The debate took place over three days with interesting debate motions such as: This House Would Make Homework Optional. The competition has provided a platform for our pupils to hone their skills at presenting their arguments and persuading the oppositions and adjudicators to believe our stand.

We would like to express our heartiest congratulations to Sankar Rahul (6A) for being the Best Speaker of the house! Well done to the team!

English Department

Scouts Job Week 2018

In March 2018, our school's cub scouts participated in Job Week. Job Week is an annual tradition of the Scout Movement in which Scouts from all over the world would take part in. Helping others is a key tenet of the Scout Promise and Job Week is a chance for our Scouts to put that into practice.

Our Xingnan Scouts went to the HDB blocks around the school, going door to door to perform odd jobs for the residents. Many residents happily welcomed the Scouts into their homes and gave them simple chores to do, such as bringing newspapers to the recycling bin or cleaning their baby's toys.

It was a new experience for many of the younger scouts who joined the CCA this year. It was heartening to see them overcome their shyness and interact with the people in the neighbourhood. At the end of the day, the boys and girls returned to school feeling tired but with a sense of accomplishment from a job well done! - Scouts (CCA)



West Zone Primary School Basketball Championship 2018

Xingnan's basketball players started their championship matches in January. Our senior and junior players played well and showed true commitment to the sport. Both teams won all the matches they competed in Round 1, emerging as West Zone Champions.



The West Zone game ended with the Junior Team qualifying for Nationals. We wish the Junior Team all the best as they prepare to compete for the Nationals from 19 March to 27 April 2018!

Basketball (CCA)

Top 8 in the West!

"Whee!" And that was the final whistle. The football boys had chalked up astonishing wins even as they faced opponents who are the likes of the traditional West Zone powerhouses. Their reward? Three additional matches against even more challenging opposition plus the bragging rights to be known as one of the top eight teams in the West. It was a great team effort with teachers and Mr Chan coming down to lend their support.

Whilst the adventure may be over for now, the boys will forever remember the ups and downs of a competition at its fiercest. An unforgettable experience to last a lifetime!

Football (CCA)



Meaningful Partnerships

Parent-Pupil-Teacher Meeting (PPTM)

In order to meet the changing educational landscape and working towards fostering meaningful partnership and curating quality learning experiences, the school has made changes to the format of the Parent-Teacher Meeting, now known as Parent-Pupil-Teacher Meeting (PPTM).

For the first time, families heard from their child about their learning experiences and challenges they faced in school. Form Teachers engaged families on the type of support that could be provided for our pupils. With our pupils at the heart of everything we do, the PPTM revolves around the child's well-being and holistic development. Thank you for coming on board this journey with us in guiding our pupils in their pursuit of excellence!

CCE Department

Tips for an Effective PPTM

Ever wondered what to ask your child's teachers during the Parent-Pupil-Teacher Meeting (PPTM)? Fret not! Teachers are committed to answer your queries regarding your child/ ward and the PPTM is an effective platform to do so! Visit the links below to find out more about the top 5 questions teachers wish the families of pupils would ask them!

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/top-5-questions-teachers-wish-parents-would-ask-them>

<http://www.nea.org/home/60103.htm>

The article in the link below gives an insight to how parents and pupils benefitted from the PPTM!

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/voicing-out-at-parent-teacher-meetings>

Partnership & Engagement Committee



P3 Science Parents Workshop

On 24 March 2018, our teachers from the Science department held a P3 Science Parents' Workshop for parents to be more aware of the curriculum, skills and strategies used in the teaching and learning of Science.

During the session, parents and pupils were engaged in hands-on activities involving observation and classification. They learnt about the application of Claim, Evidence and Reasoning (CER) through a Pokemon story. Feedback from the parents was positive as they were impressed with the materials provided. Most importantly, they gained some insights on how they could support their children in the learning of Science by making the content relevant and meaningful at home.

Science Department

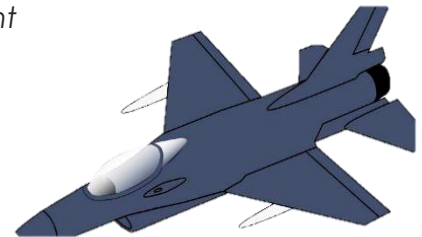


RSAF Turns 50!

The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) turns 50 this year! As part of their celebrations, RSAF personnel visited Xingnan Primary School on 5 March 2018. They distributed the exclusive RSAF50 Children's Activity book to our enthusiastic Primary 1 and 2 pupils. A class of pupils was lucky to have an officer read the story to them that morning. The pupils were engaged by the RSAF personnel to participate in hands-on activities, one of which was to make and fly paper planes!

Jadon Yeo Yong Kang of Primary 2C could be heard commenting, *"The RSAF works very hard to protect our home, we must be thankful to them."*

CCE Department



Meet and Greet session with Mr Kunalan

Meet Mr Kunalan, widely regarded as one of Singapore's greatest athletes! Primary 5 pupils would have been introduced to Mr Kunalan when they read about him in one of their English STELLAR readers. It was a pleasant surprise for them to be able to see him in the flesh!

During his visit in the morning, Mr Kunalan made an effort to drop by at various sports CCA groups to meet and greet the pupils. As part of his engagement session, he delivered an awe-inspiring talk to the upper primary pupils.

"The road to being legendary is usually paved with trials and tribulations, as well as perseverance and persistence."

Indeed, we have caught his spirit of excellence and will continue to be the best that we can be.

English Department



Band Music Exchange

During the March holidays, our Brass Band members hosted their first Music Exchange. Band members from Canossa Primary, Clementi Primary and Fuhua Primary came and participated in a session of fun games and music-making. It was an occasion for all band members to mingle and make new friends while having fun. Most importantly, our band members got a taste of what it is like to be gracious hosts. The session ended with a combined performance of our set piece, "Dare to Dream". It was certainly an unforgettable session for all the band members involved!

Brass Band (CCA)



World Water Day 2018



An annual event that falls on 22 March, World Water Day is a day to celebrate the importance of water.

Environmental Champions, Mrs Sofian and Mr Faisal eagerly shared with the pupils about the opening ceremony of the World Water Day 2018 in Singapore and how each of us can show care for the use of water. Pupils were greatly elated to receive limited edition tokens from Public Utilities Board (PUB) when they answered quizzes during the informative sharing and pledged their commitment towards water conservation. Our Primary 5 pupils visited the NEWater Visitor Centre and had a walkthrough of the major steps of water purification in Singapore! Our lower primary pupils were engaged in story sessions in our library, listening to stories about the love for our environment!

Let us all do our part to use water wisely. "Make Every Drop Count!"

The Environmental Club (CCA)

FAQs @ Primary 1 Parents Breakfast cum Dialogue Session

We would like to thank families of our P1 pupils who had turned up for the Breakfast cum Dialogue session in January 2018. The session concluded with our Principal's response to some of the key points raised during the group discussions. We appreciate your feedback and as a follow-up, please refer to the following link for our response to the areas that were highlighted:

<http://xingnanpri.moe.edu.sg/parents-corner/2018-p1-parents-breakfast-cum-dialogue-session>

You can also find the information on our school website (www.xingnanpri.moe.edu.sg) by clicking on the Parents' Corner tab.