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February Issue

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Start it Right!

For the very first time this year, what used to be a one day event for our Primary 2 to Primary 6 pupils has evolved to be a week-long orientation package - the "Start It Right" package. This package aims to welcome our pupils on a positive note to develop positive teacher-student relationship and support them during the transition from one level to another, and for others, in a brand new school or class.

Our Primary 1 pupils had a 10-day long orientation package, specially designed for them, to ease them into primary school.

During their own orientation, pupils were engaged in bonding activities, interaction sessions with their teachers, goal setting and values education. As a finale, pupils and teachers from the level bonded over a picnic! The teachers wished their primary school days were as enjoyable!

We hope to create a conducive environment for our pupils to learn and play in. We look forward to creating more quality learning experiences for our pupils!

CCE Department



Upcoming Events

February 8

Total Defence Week

February 15

Chinese New Year Celebrations

Total Defence Day

February 20

Student Leaders' Investiture

Mother Tongue Talent Week

February 23

Chinese New Year Activity

Do look at our Calendar of Events for more details for the month of February and get our monthly newsletters which are issued through SNAC to keep you updated on the events in Xingnan Primary School. Log on to SNAC to get a copy of the newsletter on every first Friday of the month!

Quality Learning Experiences

National School Games (NSG) 2018

The annual National Sports Games (NSG) commenced on 15 January 2018. This year, our school sent in 66 pupils to participate in the West Zone Inter-Primary Schools Basketball, Football and Volleyball competitions. Participation in sports competitions play a vital role in the character development of our pupils as they pursue sporting excellence.

Our heartiest congratulations to our Junior and Senior Basketball Boys Teams qualifying for the West Zone Inter-Primary Schools Basketball Quarter-Finals. The Junior and Senior Volleyball Girls Teams have done the school proud by qualifying for the West Zone Inter-Primary Schools Volleyball Finals. Our staff and pupils wish all of them the best in their upcoming competitions!

CCA Department

P1 – P5 Buddy

A new school, new teachers, new friends! Everything seems unfamiliar for our Primary 1 pupils whom we welcomed in January. Knowing that they might feel excited and lost at the same time, our Primary 5 buddies took on the role to be their buddies. Each Primary 1 pupil was paired with a Primary 5 buddy.

For the whole of the first week, the seniors showed the younger ones how to buy food in canteen and showed them around the school compound during recess.

"It is fun to be with our buddies. They are fast learners and good listeners," the 5E pupils commented as they reflected on their experiences.

We are certain their friendships will continue to develop beyond this buddy programme!

CCE Department

Fire Evacuation Drill

To ensure the safety of our pupils and staff, the school conducted a fire evacuation drill on 19 Jan 2018. The evacuation drill is an important process for pupils to understand the need to react fast during an emergency.

The continuous ringing of the bell indicated that the fire alarm was activated and everyone in the school building had to physically evacuate within less than 5 minutes. Pupils walked briskly to the assembly area at the school field. Once at the assembly area, they had to wait for further instructions for the all clear signal to return to class to resume normal curriculum.

The fire evacuation drill is an annual event to familiarise pupils and staff on the appropriate measures put in place during an emergency.

Safety & Security Committee

W3 cluster Chinese Language course

Our teachers attend workshops to improve teaching and learning in school. One of which was the cluster Chinese Language (CL) workshop held on two afternoons in January. 46 Chinese Teachers from our cluster schools attended a workshop on “Questioning Skills for Teaching Chinese Comprehension”. Teachers learnt about the framework, strategies and methodology of text analysis in the workshop. The teachers will be applying the questioning strategies learnt during the workshop in their classroom teaching. These strategies will facilitate the teaching of comprehension skills, so as to boost pupils' confidence and competencies in tackling comprehension questions.

Mother Tongue Department

Google Training

Teachers at Xingnan have been equipping themselves with the skills needed to curate quality online learning experiences for the pupils. In January, our teachers learned how to create a Google site and use various Google apps.

We have started using online platforms extensively. Our Home-Based Learning Day on Wednesday 31 January 2018 to support our pupils' learning beyond the classroom is a good start. After the training sessions, our teachers have created online learning experiences for our pupils. These experiences support our pupils in their pursuit of becoming self-directed learners as they learn from online platforms independently.

ICDM Department

Meaningful Partnerships

P1 Parents Breakfast cum Dialogue Session @ Xingnan

The P1 parents were invited to a Breakfast cum Dialogue Session @ Xingnan on Friday, 26 January 2018. Not only did parents get to bond with their children over breakfast on a school day, they were treated to an array of MoCCA modules as they roved the corridors of the primary one and two classes.

The session ended with a dialogue session with School Leaders and Key Personnel where parents affirmed the school on the things they like, shared the things that they would like to find out more about and an area they hoped the school can look into. We hope the families of our P1 pupils enjoyed the session as much as we did. We thank you for your active partnership with the school!

CCE Department

WeCanShare - Partnership with Nanyang CCC

Last year during the National Day Celebration organised by the Nanyang Community Centre, canned food items were collected as part of a community project to welcome new residents to the Nanyang Community. As a partner of Nanyang Community Centre (NCC), our student leaders assisted in sorting out and packing the canned food - a project initiated last November.

In January 2018, ten student leaders, from the Prefect EXCO, volunteered their services after school over two afternoons. They went over to the community centre and worked together as a team to pack all the canned food donated by residents and students who participated in the celebrations in 2017. The canned food were later distributed by other volunteers of the Nanyang CC.

Through this meaningful project, our student leaders learnt the value of giving and how it goes a long way for others.

Student Leadership Team

Parent Support Group (PSG) Family Day: Vegetable Farm Outing cum Healthy Sandwich Competition

75 parents and children from the PSG went on a marketing trip to Kok Fah Technology Farm in the morning. All of them had a great time at Kok Fah Farm.

Mothers were busy shopping for greens while fathers watched over their children as the latter fed fishes and explored the farm.

Once back in school after the farm trip, children put together their versions of attractive healthy sandwiches, guided by their parents. There were 5 winners in the Healthy Sandwich Competition. Each family walked away with door gifts and goodie bags generously sponsored by the farm and our PSG!

Parent Support Group

Parents' briefing

Our Form Teachers and Mother Tongue Teachers had the opportunity to meet the families of their pupils during the various parents' briefing sessions held in January 2018. We were delighted at the good turnout during the sessions held at the P2-P6 levels. We look forward to building and sustaining family partnerships to support our pupils in their holistic development. Families of our P2-P6 parents may download the briefing slides from our school website: <http://xingnanpri.moe.edu.sg/parents-corner/parents-briefing-slides>

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