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# January Issue

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

A very happy new year to you!

We are pleased to welcome our pupils and teachers back to school, and we look forward to working with our parents, families and community to ensure another great year in Xingnan Primary School! We also extend a warm welcome to the families of our Primary One pupils! Everyone in our school family is looking forward to the new academic year with enthusiasm and optimism.

Our school is dedicated to providing our pupils with quality learning experiences. As we strive for academic excellence, we aim to provide opportunities for their holistic development and to nurture the whole child for lifelong learning.

We would like to thank you for your positive feedback and suggestions about the ***XNPS Experience!*** newsletters. The new look includes the ***Calendar of Events*** on the first page. A detailed version of it and a ***Photo Gallery*** is made available separately for easy download.

The *XNPS Experience!* monthly newsletters 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! Stay tuned!

## 2017 PSLE Results

Xingnan fielded 253 candidates for the PSLE in 2017 and 83% of the pupils progressed to their 1st choice secondary school. 30 candidates were successful in their secondary school posting via Direct School Admission. These achievements would not have been possible without the hard work, motivation and discipline by parents and pupils with the support of their dedicated Primary 6 teachers.



## Upcoming Events

### January 12

P6 Parents' Briefing

### January 19

P4 Parents' Briefing

P5 Parents' Briefing

### January 26

P3 Parents' Briefing

### January 31

2018 Xingnan Learning Fest

Home-Based Learning day

## Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)

As part of the PDPA, the Photo Gallery segment of the monthly *XNPS Experience!* newsletters will be made available to families of our pupils through SNAC ONLY. The newsletters (without the *Photo Gallery* segment) will be available on the school website.

## Quality Learning Experiences

### Class Promotion Day

Towards the end of the year, Primary 1 to Primary 5 pupils had the opportunity to meet their new classmates and 2018 form teachers the Class Promotion Day. On 14 November, pupils gathered in their 2018 classrooms to meet their 2018 Form Teachers. The Form Teachers conducted ice breaker games to allow pupils to interact. These ice breaker games gave pupils opportunities to mingle with their classmates, allowing them to comfortably ease into the next academic year in 2018. Pupils looked forward to seeing their classmates and teachers in 2018 upon bidding goodbye at the end of the day!

### Recognition Day

The annual Recognition Day 2017 was a great success! It was held in the Indoor Sports Hall this year due to the renovations carried out in the hall. Our guests were welcomed by the performance of our school band and a P4 musical ensemble. Our guests were entertained by the well-coordinated performance of our Chinese Dancers and Diabolo performers. 152 prizes were given out to recognise the academic achievement of our pupils. The event ended with a wide spread of food that facilitated meaningful interactions among the guests, pupils and school staff. The day once again impressed upon our visitors how our pupils had a holistic learning experience at Xingnan.

### P6 Graduation Day

Reality sank in for them that day – the Primary 6 pupils would be concluding their primary school journey on Graduation Day. To celebrate this milestone, they put up various performances together with their classmates. Their family members were invited to witness this glorious moment.

Indeed, the pupils would not have come thus far without the love and support from their families. To show their appreciation, they gave a handwritten letter to their loved ones. It brought tears of joy to many.

We have been privileged to walk them through their journey. They have made the best out of their primary school life. They are ready to tackle the next stage in the education ladder. Our heartiest congratulations to our 2017 Primary 6 pupils and we wish them all the best in their next learning adventure!

### P1 Orientation

We welcomed our 2018 Primary cohort into Xingnan Primary School on 16 November 2017. The parents attended a briefing on the school programmes by the Year Head (Lower Primary) in the hall. To reduce the stress of transiting into a new environment, the incoming Primary 1 pupils were engaged in fun and exciting activities in the classroom with their new classmates and Form Teachers. After some ice-breaker activities, they went around the school for a school tour to familiarise themselves with the school environment. The little ones walked out of the school at the end of the orientation programme excited and eager to share their memorable experiences with their parents.

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## Go Out And Learn Day

It was a fun-filled 'Go Out And Learn' (GOAL) Day on Friday, 10 November 2017, for our Primary 1 to Primary 5 pupils. Five different levels visited five different venues around Singapore. The weather was on their side – bright and sunny. Our pupils visited a Pizza Hut outlet in the west to Singapore Changi Airport in the east. With the kind support of our Parent Support Group (PSG) volunteers, the teachers were able to facilitate the learning journey smoothly. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for being there for our pupils and teachers! We look forward to bringing our pupils on similar authentic learning experiences in 2018!

## Champs' Camp 2017

An annual school event, the Champs' Camp was organized to bring together the Performing Art groups CCA members to showcase their leadership potential, challenge them to think creatively and to nurture them to become collaborative learners. It was a meaningful 2-day camp packed with ice-breaker games, a leadership workshop, individual group training ending with a dance showcase finale! No words can describe the great sense of satisfaction and achievement which both teachers and students felt at the end of the camp!

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## KP Advance Day

On GOAL Day, as the pupils went out with their peers on learning journeys, 40 of our school's Key Personnel came together to work as a school team to craft the schools' revised Strategic Thrusts. The Year Heads, Heads of Departments, Subject Heads, Level Heads, Senior Teachers and Lead Teachers had in-depth discussions on how the school will value-add to each child to bring out the best outcomes in them. Their rich discussion led to the crafting of 3 new strategic thrusts for the school:

Curating Quality Learning Experiences  
Empowering Effective Staff  
Forging Meaningful Partnerships

## Staff Advance Day

During the school holidays, the whole school staff met to talk about and come to a consensus on the 3 revised strategic thrusts statements. The staff clarified what all the 3 statements meant to them. Their conversations brought about greater clarity as to how they would like to enthuse the new generation of pupils to love learning for life. They worked on department work plans and level activities to bring about an integrated curriculum for every level where the pupils get excited to learn, be curious to explore and extend their learning by applying what they have learnt to create and innovate.

## Meaningful Partnerships

### Cultural & Sports Exchange to Johore 2017

As part of the school's continued efforts to promote holistic education and sports excellence for our pupils, the Physical Education department had organized a 5 Days 4 Nights Cultural & Sports Exchange to West Malaysia, Johore for a group of 48 pupils from Basketball and Volleyball CCA during the school holidays from 24 to 28 November 2017. During the trip, friendly games were organised to develop values such as teamwork, resilience and discipline in our student athletes. The exchange has provided authentic experiences such as learning journeys to the local farms, kampongs and museums for our pupils to appreciate and understand the culture of our neighbouring country. Through the exchange trip, we forged new friendships with our Malaysian counterparts and pupils bonded with one another. It was indeed an enriching learning experience for all!

### Volleyball Invitational Friendly Match with "Bagus" Volleyball Club from Japan

Our school Volleyball Girls' team was one of the two local primary schools invited by the Volleyball Association of Singapore (VAS) to participate in the friendly game with "Bagus" Volleyball Club from Japan during the last December holidays. The game was held at OCBC Arena. Our girls put up strong fight against the Japan club. Despite the 2-0 (25 – 18, 25 – 19) defeat, the girls have gained valuable experiences. The girls honed their skills, in preparation for the 2018 National School Games.

### Arts and Cultural Exchange Trip to Taiwan

To round up the end of 2017, 30 band members and 8 teachers, went for an Arts and Cultural Exchange Trip to Taiwan. This has been the most fruitful and enriching trip for the pupils where they had the opportunity to experience other Art forms such as pottery, making our own pineapple tarts and clocks. The sights and sounds at Taipei's Night Market awed our pupils! The local school exchanges and masterclass helped them improve their music skills and gain a deeper understanding of music making.

### Pyjamas Party @ St. Joseph's Home

A first of its kind; a pyjamas party at a nursing home! About 120 pupils and 20 teachers engaged the residents in an evening filled with fun and entertainment! After playing a water game, the residents were treated to a feast for the eyes with performances by the P4 & P5 pupils. Our pupils served the residents dinner and enjoyed their meal together with them. The party ended off with an ice-cream treat! We truly appreciate the efforts of the pupils for being patient and gracious with the residents!

### Homecoming

We were heartened to welcome a group of Alumni of Xingnan Primary School on 30 December 2017. 17 ex-Xingnians who graduated in 1997 made a homecoming after twenty years! The alumni engaged in conversations with their then Form Teacher, Ms Chea. Past newsletters rekindled old memories of their years in Xingnan Primary School. One segment of the homecoming was something the alumni were very excited about – reminiscing their good old days as a Xingnian by sitting in their Primary 6 classroom, re-enacting a lesson by their Form Teacher. Overall, it was a great afternoon of intriguing and intense discussions, reminiscing and reconnecting.