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May Issue

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

eXpedition: Our Journey, Our Story, Our Pride

Are you able to spot anything new in our school foyer? Yes, you're right! The walls at the foyer have been transformed based on a theme 'Our Journey ... Our Story ... Our Pride!' The photographs on these walls narrate the 'learning journey' or eXpedition which our pupils experience throughout their X³ learning years in Xingnan Primary School. The photographs are curated and updated regularly to serve as snapshots of the different learning opportunities provided to our pupils to nurture their holistic development and our vision for them to be self-directed learners and gracious citizens.

Through the quality learning experiences provided for our pupils, they have made numerous achievements. These achievements in curricular and co-curricular areas are also on display to celebrate the success of our pupils!

The diverse learning experiences and outstanding achievements are made possible with the continued support, of our staff and stakeholders. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, parents, families and partners for creating a vibrant environment that nurtures minds and builds character among our pupils!

X³ Learning Years

eXcite (P1-P2) : Xingnan - **C**urriculum Integration through **T**hematic **E**xperiences

eXplore (P3-P4) : Xingnan - **P**urposeful **L**earning Opportunities through **R**esource-rich **E**nvironments

eXtend (p5-P6) : Xingnan - **T**ransforming **E**xperiences through **i**Nnovation and **D**iscovery



Upcoming Events

May 4 - 15

Term 2 Assessments

May 5

Pre-trip briefing for Cultural Immersion & Exchange Programme to Xi'An

May 16 - 22

Cultural Immersion & Exchange Programme to Xi'An

May 21 -25

MuzArt Fest 3.0

May 26

X-CEL Day (CCA Engagement and Learning Day)

May 28

P6 Learning Adventure Day

May 30

P6 Mother Tongue Language Camp

Quality Learning Experiences

Commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD)

'Celebrating the ASEAN Community' is the theme for this year's International Friendship Day. ASEAN has been established since 1967 and ten countries have come together thus far in sustaining positive relationships. Pre-assembly sharing sessions on the 'Wonders of ASEAN' were organised for pupils to appreciate the natural wonders found in ASEAN countries. Pupils learnt to identify the flags and songs of our ASEAN nations. They designed friendship bands to symbolise this unique friendship. We hope our pupils will appreciate the importance of international friendships through these activities!

NE/SS Committee

Science Week Without Walls

A new initiative by the Science Department, Science Week Without Walls took place in early March. A variety of fun-filled activities served to provide our pupils with alternative platforms with the extension of learning Science beyond classrooms and syllabus.

Pupils read non-fiction Science books and stood a chance to win Virtual Reality Viewers. Hordes of pupils had loads of fun solving puzzles at the Escape Room, making 'Solar Bugs' and 'Climbing Einstein' toys!

It was a chock-full week of fun and learning for all our pupils!

Science Department

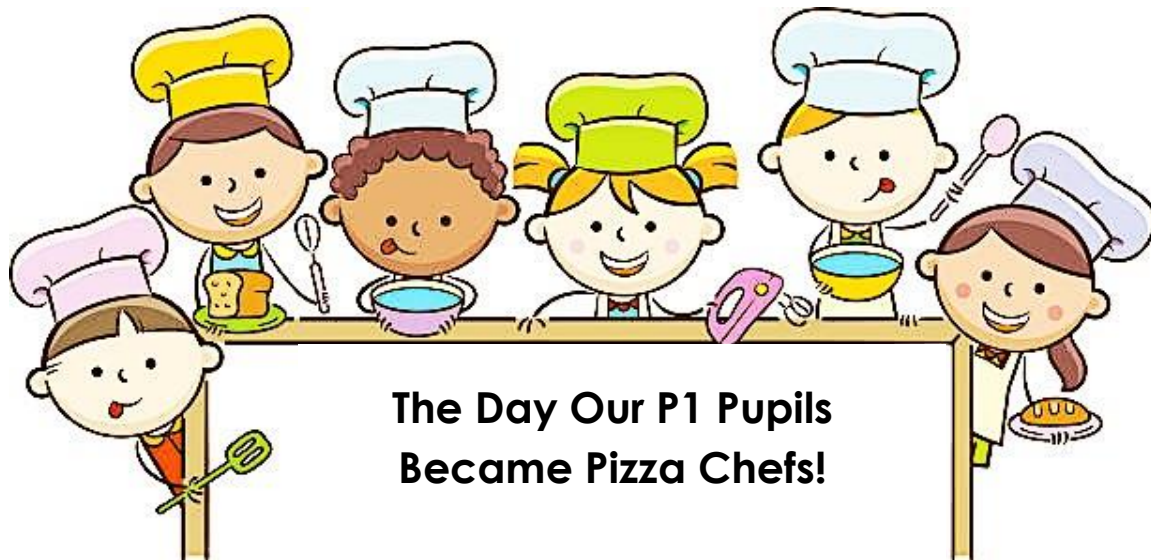
Mother Tongue Fortnight 2018

A fortnight of activities – based on the cultural aspects of the Chinese, Malay and Tamil Languages lasted from 2 to 13 April. Our P1-P6 pupils were immersed in the Mother Tongue Fortnight to better appreciate their Mother Tongue Languages (MTLs).

Pupils enjoyed themselves during the traditional games, martial arts display, poetry session, traditional food appreciation and learning journeys. Competitions were held during MT lessons for pupils to showcase their talents!

We thank all pupils for their active participation in the MT Fortnight 2018!

Mother Tongue Department



"Pizza, pizza, yummy stuff! Pizza, Pizza, makes us tough!" Our P1 pupils chanted as they watched in anticipation for the arrival of their freshly baked pizzas to be delivered to them. Before they could savour their pizzas, they had to first make them! Donned in their apron and chef hat, the pupils watched in awe as they learnt the steps to create their pizza masterpiece from the experts themselves, the Pizza Hut Chefs! Apart from that, the pupils got to step into the kitchen and see different kitchen equipment.

Back in school, the P1 pupils immersed themselves in several interdisciplinary activities to reinforce their learning. It was truly a memorable time for these Pizza Chef Juniors this term!

P1 Level

An engaging way to Master Reading Fluency and Speaking Skills.

"I want some honey!" Eason Sim from Primary 1E shouted into the Moo-O Plus iPad application. In this round, he was tasked to play the role of the Hungry Giant during their weekly Instructional Reading lessons. Just like Eason, other pupils from the Primary 1 classes also immersed themselves into the STELLAR stories they had read in their daily English lessons.

First, pupils went through choral reading where they were taught to incorporate variations in pitch, tone, pace, volume and pauses so as to produce a fluent and enjoyable delivery. Next, the pupils applied and practised what they had learnt through the use of Moo-O Plus app. Here, they got to become part of the story they were reading thus making their learning more effective. Seeing their faces superimposed onto the characters in the story made it even more meaningful and exciting.

English Department

P2 Learning Journey to Act3 Drama Academy - Charlotte's Web

It was a visual treat for the Primary 2 pupils as they went on a learning journey to watch an adaptation of the children's classic, "Charlotte's Web" by Act 3 Drama Academy. Pupils learnt drama strategies such as "Freeze Frame" and "Character Walk" from the friendly instructors.



In line with the theme for Term 2, "Lights, Camera, Action", the pupils from each class produced their very own Xingnianian adaptation of the play "The Little Red Hen." Everyone joined in to contribute to the musical play. Teachers and pupils worked together to create unforgettable memories of laughter, spontaneous fun and a play they can call their own!

P2 Level

P5 Camp

Our Primary 5 pupils have been looking forward to their camp since the start of the year and they finally went for their camp on 16 April. For many of them, it was their first time being away from their parents. From outdoor cooking to washing up their plates after each meal to eventually sleeping on their own, the pupils did really well managing by themselves!

Taking the first step was often the most challenging part of the high elements. The pupils were courageous and chose to take that first step despite being fearful. Similarly, in life, taking the first step in making any new decision is always the toughest. We hope that our pupils would remember this experience and have the courage to take their first step in overcoming their life obstacles!

P5 Level

Science Centre Enrichment



In Term 2, our Primary 3, 4 and 6 pupils participated in enrichment classes at the Singapore Science Centre. Topics ranged from exploring diversity of animals in laboratories to hands-on experience of fishing and catching organisms in a pond habitat for closer examination. From the happy faces and excitement exhibited during the lessons, it was evident that our pupils had fun while learning through these hands-on experiences!

Science department

English Key Learning Programme

Putting on their thinking caps, the teachers had once again become pupils and attended the English Language Key Learning Programme which focused on oracy skills on 11 April. They took part in activities and were grouped into Monkey, Panda, Tiger and Elephant groups. Laughter of the teachers could be heard throughout the session!

Through the activities, teachers explored the four components of oracy and learnt new strategies to teach communication effectively. After the session, more fun and engaging lessons await our Xingnanians!

English Department



Robots are Alive!

A group of pupils, decked in their dark green Infocomm Club T-shirt, watched with bated breath as a mini robot tried to push all the tennis balls out of the court within a given time. Slowly but surely, the robot pushed the last ball and a loud cheer erupted.

This has been a weekly affair ever since robotics was introduced to the members of the Infocomm Club last year. Aimed to develop problem-solving skills among participants, tasks involved pupils creating and programming their own robots using the LEGO Mindstorm EV3 to carry out different tasks.

As the tasks get more challenging by the week, pupils realise the importance of working as a team. They learn to identify their strengths and leverage them to achieve their goals in creative ways!

Infocomm Club (CCA)

Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS)

As part of its commitment to nurturing future-ready learners, the Ministry of Education had announced that all pupils in Singapore schools will be supported in their learning by the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS), an online learning platform that contains curriculum-aligned resources and learning tools.

With the SLS, our pupils will be able to learn better through the use of technology. They will be able to learn anytime, anywhere, and at their own pace. We look forward to your continued support as we help our pupils strengthen their learning through the SLS and develop into a self-directed learner and gracious citizen.

ICDM Department

National Primary Schools Volleyball Championship 2018

In the 2018 National Primary Schools Volleyball Championship finals, our Volleyball Junior and Senior teams defended their National title and emerged as the National Defending Champions, with our Junior girls achieving it for the 4th consecutive year!

With our two teams emerged as the National Champion in their respective division, Xingnan Primary School has achieved double championship in the National Primary Schools Volleyball Championship once again this year. Our heartiest congratulations to the Xingnan Volleyball Teams!

CCA Committee

National Primary Schools Basketball Championship 2018

Xingnan's Junior Basketball team made it to the National rounds. It was definitely a proud moment for the team securing winnings at every match from the preliminary rounds to the semi-finals.

In the finals on 27 April, our junior boys played well and displayed the never-give-up attitude till the last minute. At the end of the game, Xingnan Junior Team clinched the Runner-Up position.

This is indeed a great achievement for the boys as they had been playing hard since the start of the games at Zonal and National levels. One of our players, Muhammad Irfan from 5C, was awarded the Outstanding Player Award for the National Primary Schools Basketball Championship 2018! Well done, boys!

CCA Committee



Meaningful Partnerships

Dads-for-Life: P1 Engagement Session

Our Parent Support Group (PSG) organised a father-child bonding session on the last Saturday of April at Hortpark. Our P1 pupils came with their dads to take a walk in the park, play traditional games and spend time over food. Pupils enjoyed their time spent with their families. Fathers took photographs of their P1 children at different spots in the park as part of a treasure hunt. Children value the time spent with their parents and such activities provide parents the opportunity to do so. We are grateful to our PSG for planning the Dads-for-Life activity for our P1 pupils! We thank our families for their active support and participation!

Partnership & Engagement Committee



Awareness of Basic First Aid Skills in Primary School Children

Our Junior Civil Defence (CD) Lionhearters and Physical Education (PE) representatives were given the opportunity to take part in the basic first aid skills training. The Awareness of Basic First Aid Skills training was conducted by Juying Secondary School National Civil Defence Cadet Corps (NCDCC).

Our pupils learnt to bandage injured wounds on the arm, head, leg and perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a mannequin. It was a valuable collaboration with the NCDCC from Juying Secondary!

NE/SS Committee

School Visit by Australian Educators

The school hosted a group of Queensland State (Australia) educators on 5 April who visited us as part of their study tour to Singapore.

The school had the opportunity to share with the visitors the holistic learning experience of our pupils.

Our P3 pupils confidently shared their Science learning experience through their involvement in the setting up of their respective class 'Science Explore' Corners. The pupils shared how they learn concepts through resource-rich environment. Our teachers and pupils had a meaningful interaction with our Australian visitors!

Singapore Youth Festival 2018 (SYF)

What an experience for our Brass Band and the Dance CCA Groups pupils! Our pupils experienced the joy of learning through participating in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) organised by the Ministry of Education to celebrate the vitality of our youth and their diverse arts talents.

Indeed, our pupils would not have come thus far without perseverance. They started their preparations for the SYF 2018 early last year. They had put in a lot of effort and overcame many challenges.

It was heartening to witness the growth and pride of the pupils during their performances. Though the SYF has come to an end, it has served as an enriching and memorable experience for all of our participants.

Aesthetics Department

Performing group	Achievement
Brass Band	Certificate of Accomplishment
Chinese Dance	Certificate of Distinction
Malay Dance	Certificate of Accomplishment
Indian Dance	Certificate of Distinction
International Dance	Certificate of Distinction

X-CEL Day (CCA Engagement and Learning Day)

Our very first X-Cel Day will be held on **26 May 2018 from 9.00 a.m. – 11.30 am**. You will get to know more about our CCAs in the CCA Showcase, watch performances put up by our pupils in the concert, and participate in the sports interactive games. Come and join us for a fun-filled morning!