

October Issue

Looking Forward to Changes

You may have read or heard the recent announcements to the changes in weighted assessments in schools. We are proud to have a good education system which stays current to the needs of the times and most of us have benefitted from it. If we want Singapore to progress and remain competitive, we need to constantly make evolutionary changes especially to our education system. Our school continues to provide many opportunities for our pupils to develop holistically, enjoy their lifelong learning journey and become gracious citizens of Singapore. We will work closely with parents and stakeholders to maintain the balance between the quest for academic excellence and character development. Do keep track of the variety of experiences which our pupils go through in their life at Xingnan in our monthly XNPS Experience Newsletter!

Mr Charles Chan
Principal



Upcoming Events

October 4

Children's Day Celebration
P1 – P3 Lower Primary Sports
P4 – P6 Sports Carnival

October 8 to October 12

SA2 Oral EL & MT Oral
Assessments

October 15 to October 18

PSLE Marking
P1 – P6 Home-based
Learning (HBL)

October 22 to October 30

Semestral Assessment 2
Written Assessments Week

Quality Learning Experiences

Empowering our Student Leaders

"This training inspires my friends and me to help others and be more considerate and sensitive to the needs of the beneficiaries," said Anthea Chee Yu Ting, Primary 5A.



Our Primary 5 and 6 Student Leaders had put aside one afternoon for a 2-hour leadership training in school to sharpen their leadership skills. Primary 6 Student Leaders had a set of guide where they could apply during the planning and managing of their upcoming Entrepreneur Day in November. Interestingly, the first group activity allowed



the Student Leaders to be more prudent in managing their expenditure on the resources that they needed to make a prototype of a parachute. This was part of organising a mini project as a group. It was a good exercise for the Student Leaders to practise budgeting! To see if their product worked, they got to test their products outdoors. Through the activities, they learnt that managing a project requires careful planning. Most importantly, they learnt that a plan might not always turn out to be the best but the processes

taken in managing a plan would make them become better and fitter as future entrepreneurs.

Themed 'Servant Leadership', Primary 5 Student Leaders made a commitment to serve people with a purpose. Through participating in various activities, they experienced the daily struggles that an elderly and a visually impaired person may face. They went on to plan and innovate solutions to meet the needs of their selected beneficiaries.



Character & Citizenship Education (CCE) Department

Write Chinese Character Legibly

Our school organised the W3 Cluster Primary and Secondary Chinese Calligraphy and Penmanship Competition 2018. It was a neck and neck competition where pupils skilled in Chinese Calligraphy and Penmanship gathered. We are proud to announce the following award winners:



- Kum Zi Ying, Primary 5A: 1st in Chinese Calligraphy category
- Jaywin Tan Kun Yie, Primary 4B: 2nd in Chinese Calligraphy category
- Liu Yan Jun, Primary 5A: Merit Award in Penmanship category
- Liu Shi Cheng, Primary 4A: Merit Award in Penmanship category

Congratulations to our winners and their hard work!

Mother Tongue Department

Sportsmanship in Training

To develop sports excellence in Xingnians, our department organised a 2-Day Sports Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Day Camp for all members from Basketball, Football and Volleyball CCAs during the September school holidays.



The pupils were put through intensive trainings and drills. An activity such as the amazing race provided opportunities for pupils to bond, lead and work together as a team. Apart from the physical activities, they attended a talk on sports nutrition to make healthier food choices to improve their sports performance.

PE/ CCA & Aesthetics Department

Great Job, Writers!

Creative writing competitions provided a platform for Xingnians with a flair for writing to extend their learning. It is admirable to see the creativity which prevailed among these young writers.



Four creative young writers represented Xingnan in the W3 Cluster Chinese Essay Writing Competition and received the following awards:

Theng Jia Xuan	Primary 3B	Commendation Award
Qiu Yue Wei	Primary 6C	Commendation Award
Goh Liang En	Primary 4A	1st in Primary 4 Category
So Yixuan Melody	Primary 5B	1st in Primary 5 Category

More good news was received from the National On-the-spot Chinese Creative Writing Competition. Out of our five entries, three were selected and they clinched the following awards:

Qian Grace Pan	Primary 6B	4 th prize
Qiu Yue Wei	Primary 6C	Outstanding Award
Cheng Yixuan	Primary 6A	Consolation Award

Our heartiest congratulations to all participants! It was definitely a valuable experience for them!

Mother Tongue Department

Xingnan Ace, Xingnan Ace, Xingnan Ace, Ace, Ace!

Two teams from our school volleyball CCA were invited to participate in the Tharman Shanmugaratnam Cup Soft Volleyball Championship, organised by Taman Jurong Community Sports Club during the September school holidays. Our Primary 4 team conquered the overall championship and our Primary 3 team achieved 1st runner-up. Through this event, the team was able to hone and perfect their skills, preparing themselves for 2019 National School Games. Congratulations to our volleyball girls!



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Share and Pass a Folk Tale

“Long, long time ago, there was a prince...” a Xingnianian narrated expressively in Malay Language. Cucu Tok Selampit, a Malay Language Story- Telling Competition 2018, attracted a wide pool of creative pupils to tell folk tales with a twist. Two confident Xingnianians, ‘Iffah Nadirah, 4B and Keisha Iskander, 4C were the top 20 storytellers who qualified for the finals. ‘Iffah Nadirah was commended by one of the judges who ranked her as one of his favourite contestants for her outstanding performance! 10 other pupils gave their full support and cheered excitedly for our team during the competition. Our finalists demonstrated confidence, resilience and adaptability throughout the competition.

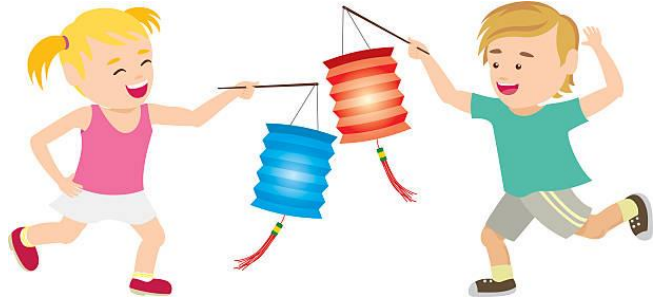


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Lanterns, Lanterns in Xingnan

"This mooncake does not taste as sweet as the one which I had just now," an Indian pupil commented during recess. "Look at the designs of our lanterns!" exclaimed two Malay pupils to her classmates.



The Mid-Autumn celebration was another cross-racial learning experience which injected new fun elements during the recesses in Term 4 Week 3. Pupils chose from a variety of interactive and fun activities such as mooncake tasting, paper lanterns painting, riddles guessing and quizzes during recesses. Aligned to the celebration, Mother Tongue teachers taught pupils simple techniques on solving the riddles during Mother Tongue and Character and Citizenship Educations lessons.

Through these exciting activities, we hope to immerse our pupils in the Chinese culture.

Mother Tongue Department

Our Well Wishes to Our Primary Sixes!

Our Primary 6 pupils were busy getting ready for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). As a form of support and encouragement, pupils from different levels and staff of Xingnan wrote well-wishes to cheer them on. A display of well wishes was put up to spread our love to our Primary 6 pupils, wishing them the best in their PSLE. Our P6 pupils truly appreciated the encouragement from the school.

Primary 6 Level

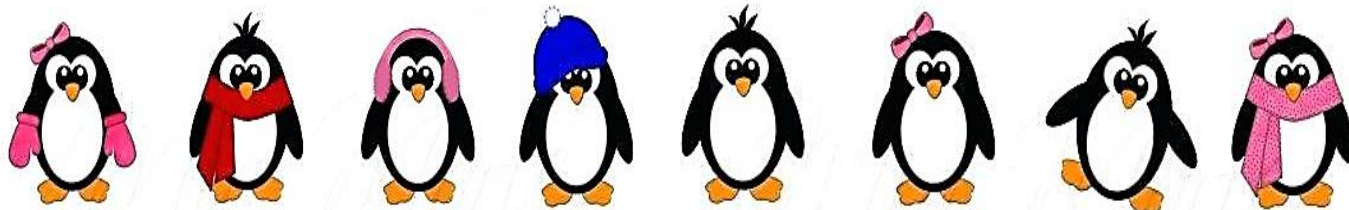
Meeting Mr Popper and his Penguins

On 17 September, Primary 5 pupils went on a learning journey to watch the play “Mr Popper’s Penguins” at Gateway Theatre by Player’s Theatre. Everyone was looking forward to watching the play as they had read the book “Mr Popper’s Penguins” in Primary 4. The pupils were all wondering how the penguins would be brought to life on the stage. Would they use robots? Actors in costumes?

As it turned out, the penguins were adorable puppets! To the pupils’ surprise and delight, there were even baby penguin puppets which were incredibly cute and captured everyone’s hearts. The penguins and actors danced and sang together, and even interacted with the pupils.

At the end of the show, the actors fielded questions from pupils and gave some insights into what happened behind-the-scenes during a play. Curating learning experiences through a theatre performance allows pupils to appreciate the varied forms of expressing in the English Language.

Primary 5 Level



Learning through a Space Adventure!

Stranded in Mars? Not to worry! As part of Learning Adventure Day, our Primary 5 Xingnians proved their abilities to apply their learning to 'survive' and make their way back to Earth victoriously.



They had to decode a scrambled message and update the mission control tower about their status. "It was a very good learning experience. I work together with my friends and see the importance of Spelling," said Natalia Binte Adam Tan, Primary 5D.

They had to build a circuit to start the engine. "It is very fun. I like the circuit-building activity most. I enjoy Learning Adventure Day because I am learning new things and have the chance to apply my knowledge at the different stations," said Zhang Yi Wei, Primary 5A.

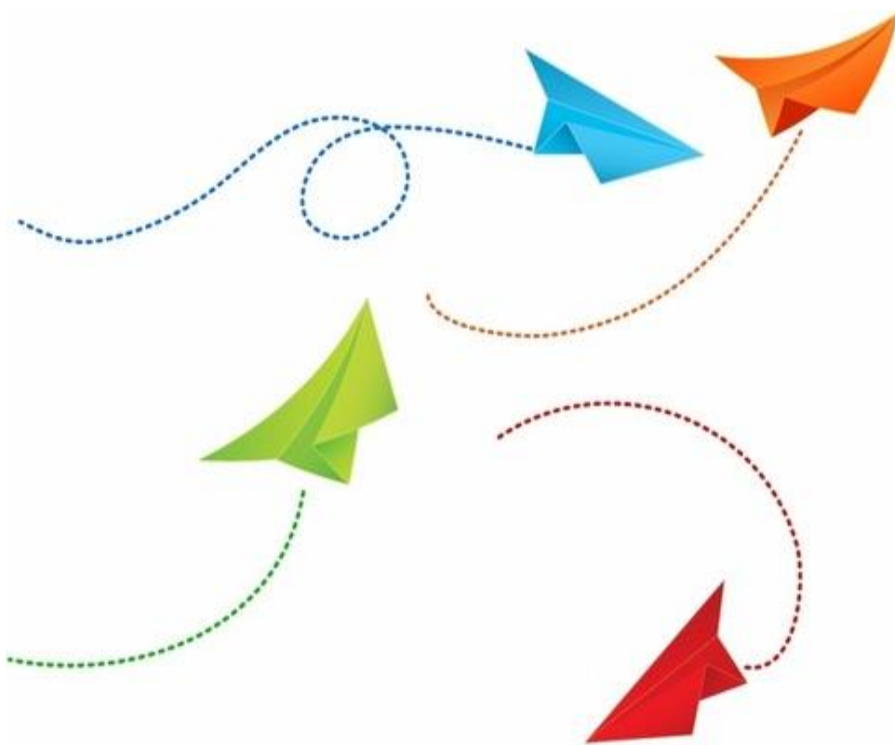
To come back to Earth, they had to prepare their rocket fuel according to the composition guidelines. "If we calculate the volume of chemicals wrongly, we cannot get the right colour of the fuel," said Lim Jia Yi, Primary 5B.

Primary 5 Level

Aim High to Soar!

Excitement filled the air as our Primary 1 pupils eagerly boarded the bus to make their way to Singapore Discovery Centre (SDC). In Term 3, these pupils were given an opportunity to make connections to their learning by visiting the special exhibit “We’re SG” in SDC to tie to the theme, “Celebrations!”. In line with our X³ Learning Years Programme, the trip aimed to excite our pupils as we celebrated being Singaporeans.

Pupils were given time to explore with interactive exhibits to appreciate Singapore’s progress and celebrate our nation’s successes. Prior to the learning journey, pupils had the opportunity to make their own paper planes while applying concepts such as measuring the distance travelled by their paper planes using non-standard units and comparing the different measurements. The highlight was when the pupils competed with their classmates to see whose plane could fly the furthest. The champions then got to celebrate their success by flying their handmade paper planes in one of the exhibits in SDC.



Overall, our pupils had tremendous fun learning and playing in the SDC. According to Chun Yu Zhe from Primary 1F, “In order for my plane to fly far, I need to aim high and throw it hard into the air.” Indeed, may all our Primary 1 pupils continue to aim high as they continue their learning years in Xingnan.

Primary 1 Level

Meaningful Partnerships



North, South, East, West, Sport Games are the Best!

“We will, we will rock you! Rock you!”

the spectators cheered for their favourite teams. Xingnan Sports Invitational Challenge invited basketball, football and volleyball teams from other schools

to take part in a 1-day friendly competition on the second day of our Sports Camp. The players were given opportunity to spar with one another to hone their skills. Meaningful partnerships were forged among schools through this sports learning experience.

PE/ CCA & Aesthetics Department

Food from the Heart

“Please finish your food on the plate,” advised a Primary 2 pupil who was encouraging her classmates to reduce food waste. The ‘Clean Plate’ Campaign at Xingnan Primary was organised in support of World Food Day which falls on 16 October. Pupils learnt about making choices over meal sizes and ways to cut down food waste through informative sharing by the Environment Club and Food from the Heart (FFTH).

Volunteers from FFTH encouraged Xingnanians to finish their food during their recesses. As our pupils showed their clean plates eagerly to the volunteers, they walked away with a token and sticker printed, “I did it”, to reinforce their role in reducing food wastage.

Environmental Club





With Love from our Kidneys

“Hey, the NKF bus is here again! Let's board it during recess!” a

Primary 2 pupil invited his friend in Primary 3.

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Health Education bus partnered Xingnan Primary School to continue raising awareness of the importance of taking good care of one's kidneys and exercising preventive measures among our pupils.

The interactive exhibits facilitated pupils' understanding of kidney disease and its preventive measures in an engaging way. Primary 4 and 5 classes were scheduled to visit the bus while others had the opportunities to visit it during recess. Our pupils picked up valuable knowledge and had a better understanding of the function of the kidneys.

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