

Tampines Primary School Newsletter 2023 | ISSUE 1

## Vice-Principals' Messages



Coming from a secondary school, the posting to Tampines Primary School as its Vice-Principal (Administration) on 15 December 2022 allows me to embark on a learning journey at a whole new level.

Having served the Singapore Armed Forces for many years, followed

by a switch in service to a secondary school and now to our school, I have the privilege of engaging youths serving National Service, to teenagers in secondary school, and now to primary school and kindergarten children. I have seen how our youths can shoulder responsibilities and be leaders in the Army, how our teenagers learn to choose the right values with newfound freedom and finally, how equipping and growing our children with the right values and competencies in kindergarten and primary school would make a great difference to them as they progress in life.

After one semester, I count myself blessed to serve in this school. I share our school's vision to grow every child entrusted to us and I find great joy to see every child coming through the school gates in the morning. Every smile and greeting by the children entering the school reminds me how important it is for our school to be a happy and secure place where they can learn and grow.

To maintain the school as a safe and secure environment where students can play freely and experience the joy of learning, we are constantly reviewing and enhancing our safety and security systems. In the most recent Parent Support Group (PSG) meeting, I am happy that the members provided feedback on the effectiveness of our school security systems. Their understanding and support not only made them important partners to enhance our safety and security, but also in our endeavours to create a positive and nurturing place for all our students.

I have the good fortune to learn from the current team of experienced school leaders and inherited a committed admin team who is effective in supporting our school. I look forward to partnering all parents to help us grow Tampinesians of good character and strong values whom we will all be proud of.

Yours sincerely, Mr Edmund Tin



It is my privilege to be posted to Tampines Primary School as a Vice-Principal since 15 December 2022 and I am grateful to be in the School Leadership team together with Mrs Lay See Neufeld, Mrs Zahira Mohamad Sedik and Mr Edmund Tin.

I resonate with our school's focus of "Know Every Child", "Grow Every Child" and

"Celebrate Every Child". Knowing, Growing and Celebrating the individual is fundamental in education as we understand and appreciate the uniqueness of each child as they grow and learn through our school's educational experience.

Our iREAP Values, articulated as Integrity – our Foundation, Resilience – our Spirit, Excellence – our attitude, Adaptability – our capability and Passion – our drive, continue to guide our Tampinesians to remain curious, learn and develop skills to connect ideas and construct knowledge for their continual development.

Platforms such as the recent TPPS Superstars 2023 showcased our students' passion where participants demonstrate their creativity, effort, and talents in the Performing Arts. This same event also teaches our students in the audience to appreciate the performances with proper audience etiquette. Learning these skills and attitudes are important in growing our Tampinesians in carrying themselves well for their future in society. Our curriculum will continue to develop critical and creative thinking, civic literacy, global awareness and cross-cultural skills as well as communication and collaborative skills, to position our Tampinesians in good stead to navigate the new world. The advancement of artificial intelligence and global developments present numerous possibilities and opportunities for our Tampinesians to embrace the growth mindset. I hope that they will continue to grow as community leaders to make a difference in their own sphere of influence even after they graduate. Additionally, our strong partnership with community partners continues to provide our Tampinesians a unique educational experience at TPPS.

I look forward to working with our committed team of teachers and staff in providing an enriching learning experience for our Tampinesians to realise our school's Vision and Mission.

Yours sincerely, Ms Charmaine Ariken

### P1 Orientation (First Week of School)

The school warmly welcomed the 2023 Primary 1 cohort on 2 January this year. The first week of school was filled with activities that included a familiarisation tour of the school and the recess buddy programme. In class, students were given opportunities to share about themselves, get to know one another and be part of the process of building a positive classroom culture.

Wishing all Primary 1 students a wonderful and memorable experience in TPPS!



TPPS, here we come!



Our first morning assembly



Thank you, buddies!



Friendship in the making



Let's learn and play together!





Yay! It's recess time



Through the Programme for Active Learning (PAL), Primary 1 and 2 students get to enjoy active, hands-on and meaningful learning experiences involving drama, and sports and games, amongst others. PAL contributes to the development of soft skills such as the ability to demonstrate self and social awareness, communicate clearly and cooperate with others.





Mirroring our friends



Practice makes perfect







I choose you!





Laugh and play as we learn

# MATH GARNIVAL

With the aim to promote the joy of learning and cultivate a positive attitude towards the learning of Mathematics, the Math Department planned an array of activities for our Primary 1 and 2 students for Math Carnival. The Primary 1 Math Superheroes earned or spent their 'Pocket Money' in a Math Challenge while the Primary 2 young Maths Explorers had a race into space while solving Maths questions. It is certainly heartwarming to see our young learners experiencing the joy of learning through participating in the activities.



Colourful shapes made by our creative young minds

Learning turn-taking as we play



Roll the dice!



Whose turn is it?

# **3** Storytelling



Guess the letter



Many ways to make an 'O'

Me, me, me!



Using our bodies to create a scene

Working with one another

Listening attentively

### P3 VIA-SS Learning Journey to Singapore Mobility Gallery



Finding out about the future of our transport system



Learning about our transport system







Let's take a train to somewhere fun

# ICT Structured Programme



Excited to be learning something new





# MT FORTNIGHT

Mother Tongue Language Fortnight (MTL Fortnight) aims to create an immersive learning experience for students to better understand and develop a lifelong interest in their Mother Tongue languages and cultures. This year, our school organized a variety of activities for MTL Fortnight, which took place from 10 April to 21 April. It provided the students with opportunities to make use of and show appreciation for their Mother Tongue languages in various interesting settings.

Chinese



Proud to be doing our poetry recitation as a class



Showcasing our masterpieces



Hmm... What design should I create for my cloth art?





Playing the traditional game "Throwing Pot"

#### Malay



Do you know any Malay traditional games?



Lower primary students enjoying a Dikir Barat performance



Learning more about the Malay traditional costumes



Giving thoranam tying a try



Trying our hands at oil lamp painting

Working intently on the kolam

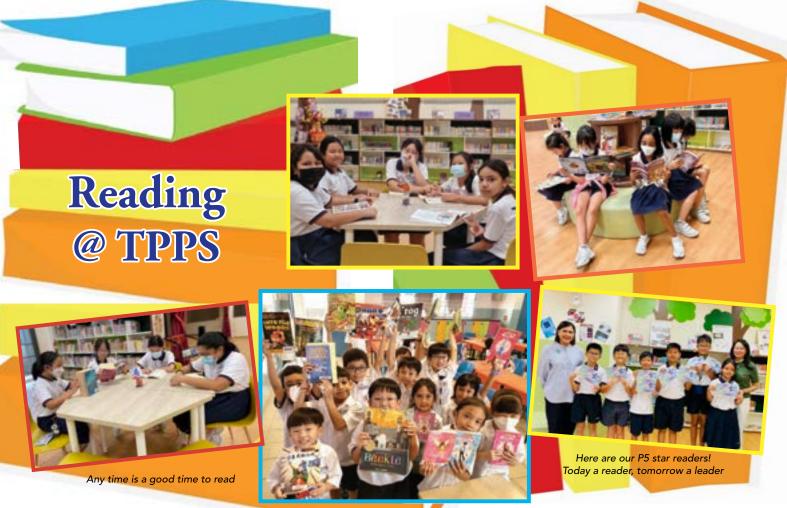


Playing a game of 'Goat and Tiger'



We all had great fun together!

#### 6 Tampines PULSE



#### There is no friend as loyal as a book

### **P5-6 DEBATE PROGRAMME**

Earlier this year, selected Primary 5 and 6 students attended the Debate and Oratorical Workshop, and for the very first time, 5 of our Primary 6 students embarked on their competitive debating journey. They worked very closely together as a team to put together their arguments, giving one another pointers and encouragement along the way. With the full support of their parents and after months of training, the students were off to give the competition their best shot in spite of the extremely challenging odds. We are immensely proud that the students have shown the true spirits of a Tampinesian through their hard work and positive attitude.



Let me explain...

Presenting arguments

Role-playing to bring forth the concept of making rebuttals



Helping one another put up their arguments



Working hard to prepare for the competition



It's competition day!



With the ever supportive parents

# Social Studies Learning Journey

After a long hiatus from physical learning journeys, our students were ecstatic to embark on new adventures with their friends. Through field-based learning, students contextualise their learning experience in an authentic real-world setting. It also motivates and sustains their interest in the subject matter as students learn to explore, construct new knowledge and make connections to the topics they learn during Social Studies lessons. This enables our learners to be engaged in multi-sensory learning as they experience hands-on exploration in a focused area of study.

### P1 Jacob Ballas Children's Garden

Our Primary 1 students went on a field-based learning journey to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden in March. The main aim of the learning journey was to inculcate in the students the importance of showing care for the community and the environment. It was the first learning journey experience for them since joining TPPS. They had so much fun exploring the garden with their newfound friends!



Is the bridge shaky?



I smell curry!

A waterfall experience



Can't wait for the outdoor adventure!

### P2

#### National Orchid Garden

As part of Social Studies learning experience, Primary 2 students went on a trip to National Orchid Garden in early March. Through the field-based learning journey, students understand that national symbols form part of our national identity. They learned to appreciate nature and the need to care for the environment. Everyone was grateful for the good weather!





Exploring a mysterious cave





around us



Surrounded by flora







Finding out more about the traditional costumes



intricately designed door!



We love going on learning journeys





Slow down and smell the roses... marigold!



Trying out hand signs

#### **P6** Asian Civilisations Museum





Eager to examine the artefacts



Listening intently to the Museum Educator ST2: Building a Strong Core through Values-based Education

### (VIA) Say No to Single Use Plastic

'Say "No" to Single-use Plastic on Tuesdays' is a CCE-VIA initiative that was rolled out in January. It is in line with global trend and our national effort in reducing the harmful effects excessive consumption of of single-use plastics on the overall ecological balance and our general health. It is a whole-school approach proudly championed by our Primary 2 students. Their voices and good work are showcased via their drawings, jingles and slogans, which serve to remind their peers to say no to single-use plastic.







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Students from 2 Love students with the jingle they created as a class

### TOTAL DEFENCE DAY

We commemorated Total Defence Day on 15th February, guided by the theme "Together We Keep Singapore Strong", which focuses on the many ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives. To bring the theme alive for the students, we had our signature schoolbased Community Cafe, 'The Art' craft work, community sing-along, as well as N.E.mation video screening. Students also learned first-aid skills and shared their learning on the reflection board during recess. The day was made special by SG Secure as the officers from the Tampines Police Post gave an early morning assembly talk.



We are stronger together!



Presenting our Wayang Kulit craft work!



Some of the many exciting morning assembly programmes

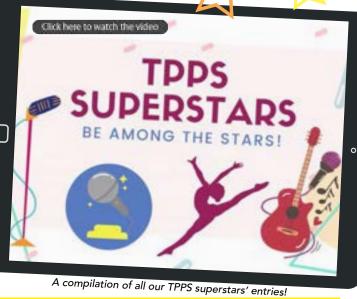


P6 NE Ambassadors imparting first aid skills during TDD recess programme





forward to every year. It is a platform that encourages creativity and confidence among our students, and acknowledges their effort and talents. It also provides an opportunity for students to embrace and appreciate diversity through the performing arts, and practise being gracious audience. We received a total of 130 entries across 4 categories and had a great time celebrating the students' many talents. Well fore. Tampinesians!





Congratulations to our champion performers!



**TPPS** has got talents!

# Chanese New Year,

It was with great fanfare as Tampines Primary School ushered in the Year of Rabbit. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the concert items, which included the Guzheng Performance, the much anticipated Lion Dance, a Sing-Along session and a mass dance led by our in-house dancers from the Modern Dance CCA. There were many classroom activities lined up for the students as well. It sure was a bustling day!





Dancers posing for a picture before their performance on stage



Students from the Modern Dance CCA leading the mass dance





Tampinesians playing musical instruments



Doing our part to help amidst the festivities



The highlight has got to be... the Lion Dance performance!



Hari Raya Duasa

Our Principal, Mrs Neufeld, opened the very exciting Hari Raya concert with the ceremonial gong. It is certainly heartening to see our talented students perform a variety of concert items like Dikir Barat, Silat and Malay Dance. During recess, the festivities continued and students soaked in the mood by participating in activities like ketupat weaving and tasting the different types of delicious Kuih Raya.

Enjoying the concert thoroughly



Fashion parade by teachers and students





Our graceful Malay dancers swaying to the music



Our emcees kick-starting the concert



Mrs Neufeld and staff dressed beautifully in Malay ethnic clothes



Getting ready backstage

### **Adopt-a-Planter Programme**

Adopt-a-Planter Programme is back this year! After the renovation of our Eco-garden in 2022, our P5 students took the lead and kickstarted the gardening by carefully clearing the weeds in the planters before sowing the seeds of the plants they chose. The appointed Eco-Champions of the classes also water the plants regularly to ensure they are growing well. This programme is in alignment with their P5 Science curriculum, providing them with an authentic and in-depth understanding about plant systems. Through this meaningful programme, students are able to connect with the curriculum better, and also demonstrate care and concern for nature.





Getting the seedlings ready



Making time to water the plants



This is how we ensure our seedlings receive sufficient water

# **STUDENT LEADERS INVESTITURE**



## EARTH WEEK



Planting the Magnolia Champaca (L.) Figlar tree in commemoration of Earth Day



Mission accomplished!



The Brownies cheering everyone on



## TREE PLANTING

The 2nd Annual Joint Tree-Planting Activity took place on Friday, 21st April 2023. It was held in conjunction with Earth Day and marked the continued collaboration between Tampines Primary and Tampines Secondary as community schools supporting each other on Eco-stewardship programmes. The annual tree planting event is also part of our commitment to the OneMillionTrees movement launched in April 2020 by National Parks. There were student performances by both schools and the unveiling of two art installations with the theme, 'sustainability'. With collective effort from students of both schools, used bottle caps were collected to create art installations of the respective schools' logos. These two art installations are symbolic pledges by both schools to reduce plastic waste.



Collaborative effort for a good cause



Let's pledge to say no to plastic

# INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

TPPS commemorated International Friendship Day (IFD) on 18 April 2023 with the theme 'Singapore in Asia'. The TPPS Community Cafe, a song-dedication platform hosted by NE Ambassadors, is something our students always

look forward to. They also take part in sing-along in multi-national languages, and recess programmes such as the Friendship Band Making and Friendship Bench Photo Booth.





Nothing is too difficult when you are with a friend



Our very own TPPS Community Cafe is open for business!



Bonded by friendship



In conjunction with Earth Day, TPPS incorporated the idea of 'Friends for a Better Ecological World' through an inter-class competition where recycled materials were used to dress up their own ASEAN



Have you made your friendship band?

mascot. Through the many vibrant and meaningful programmes, Tampinesians recognise and celebrate the diverse and colourful culture of Asia and nurture the spirit of friendship and collaboration among their peers.

#### ST3: Achieving Aesthetics & Physical Excellence

## CCA HIGHLIGHTS NATIONAL SPORTS GAMES

#### BASKETBALL



All ready for the match

A proud moment for our Senior Boys Team

#### FOOTBALL



It's game time



A team photo before the match

#### FLOORBALL

Crowned as the "underdogs" for this year's National School Games (NSG) Senior Division, the Floorball Boys and Girls teams were proud to clinch the 2nd and 4th place respectively at national level. With great tenacity and teamwork, the school team players showed their opponents that Tampines Primary was ready to take them on. Congratulations to both teams!



Congratulations, Senior Boys!

We're better together!



Our Primary 5 students participated in the residential Ministry of Education Cohort Camp Programme from 13th to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This is part of the National Outdoor Adventure Education Masterplan which MOE has put in place to strengthen the holistic development of all our students. The programme seeks to develop ruggedness, resilience, and build cohesion amongst our students. By using the outdoors as the 'classroom' for learning and development, the camp offered students a unique opportunity to work together in small teams to overcome various outdoor challenges such as the high elements and nature journeys.

For the first time since 2019, our Primary 5 students had the experience of camping at the Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre for 3 days 2 nights. It has been a wonderful experience for the teachers and students as they forged closer teacher-student relationships and demonstrated our school iREAP values.



### P4 & P6 NAPFA



Stretch as much as you can!



This is how you do it!





Having a whale of a time!



Yay! Always camera ready





Say cheese!

# **Sports Education Programme**

The Sports Education Programme (SEP) aims to advocate the importance of sports education to encourage sports participation in schools and provide sporting opportunities for the young. The SEP also promotes the development of skills and sports knowledge in students, with a focus on building team spirit and character. In Tampines Primary School, students from Primary 2 to 6 learn different sports and activities like Mini-Trampoline, Archery Tag, Handball, Tchoukball and Kin-ball. These activities are carefully selected with the aim to introduce a sport or a sporting lifestyle to the students. Through this, they will know that sports is fun and easy to do.

#### P3 – Archery Tag



#### P5 - Tchoukball

