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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from everyone at Pei Tong Primary School (PTPS)!

It has been five months since I joined the PTPS family and it has been an enjoyable and fulfilling time getting to know the staff, students and being able to chat with some of you. The students have been a great joy and at PTPS, we believe that,

- ♥ every child can learn,
- ♥ every child has his/her own potential and is talented in his/her own special ways and
- ♥ every child deserves equal opportunity to learn and grow to his/her fullest potential.

For students to learn well, it is important that they first enjoy coming to school. Secondly, to motivate them in their learning, they must find the lessons and tasks assigned meaningful. Thirdly, they must enjoy positive relationships with their peers.

Hence, we will continue to work in making the school a second home to our students, providing a total curriculum that allows the students to enjoy a quality holistic learning experience.

I am confident that with your support and together with my team of committed staff, PTPS will continue to be a place where children will feel loved, find joy in learning and be grounded on values.

I look forward to having more opportunities to meet up and chat with you. Do feel free to drop me an email if you have any concerns on school matters or compliments that you would like to share. Any words of encouragement will go a long way in encouraging my staff to continue to do their best for our students.

Warmest regards,

*Mrs Ng-Teo Sock Hua*



## Primary One

### Making Sandwich



Aligned to the STELLAR Big Book 'The Hungry Giant', the P1 students were given the opportunity to make a sandwich. The hands-on experience allowed the students to have a chance to enjoy authentic learning prior to writing a class-dictated story, introducing them to a procedural text which is commonly seen in recipes. It was an exciting and enriching experience for the students! See them beaming with smiles!

## Primary Two

### A butterfly is born



In order to make learning come alive, the p2 students went to the Science Centre for an enrichment lesson that is tied to the STELLAR Big Book 'A Butterfly is Born'. The students learnt about life cycles of various insects and they were shown specimens of preserved insects.

## Primary Three

### Learning Journey to Kin Yan Agricultural Farm



Primary 3 students went on a learning journey to the Kin Yan Agricultural Farm as part of their Social Studies curriculum. They were shown the modern organic farming methods for several plants and fungi and had the chance to try fresh organic wheatgrass drinks. Students were each given a wheatgrass growing kit.



## Primary four



## Road Safety Programme



P4 students attended the Road Safety Programme held at the Road Safety Community Park. In a fun and interactive way, students role-played as pedestrians, motorists, road marshalls and cyclists whereby they observed good road safety practices such as raising hands while crossing the zebra crossing, practising kerb drills before crossing the road etc.

## Primary five



## Camp Resilience



Primary 5 students went on a 3D2N camp held at Yishun SAFRA on the first week of Term 2. The P5 Resilience Camp aims to help students develop the 21st Century Competencies – to be independent, self-directed and confident individuals and to imbue in them the importance of resilience and teamwork. Students experienced high element activities such as rock climbing, abseiling and canopy walk together with other interesting team building activities such as archery tag and treasure hunt. The camp ended on a high note whereby students presented their group performance and cheers during the campfire night.

## Primary Six



In conjunction with Community Lunch 2017, the P6 students contributed wholeheartedly and extensively to the event as part of their Values-In-Action (VIA) programme. Everyone helped out in various ways - from making greeting cards and lanterns, looking into logistics and to the ushering of the senior citizens. Many students expressed that it was a great and meaningful way to show appreciation to the senior citizens.



## Community Lunch

On 11 February, over 260 senior citizens from St. Andrew's Cathedral Home for the Aged, Lions Befrienders Club, Caregiving Welfare Association, Jamiyah Nursing Home, Ayer Rajah Community Club, Concern and Care and the Orange Valley Home were invited to the school's 22nd Annual Community Lunch. The afternoon of feasting and cheer was graced by Guest-of-Honour, Dr Tan Wu Meng, Advisor to Jurong GRC Grassroots Organisation, Clementi. The happy beneficiaries were feted with musical performances, games, a sumptuous lunch and a rousing toss of yusheng to celebrate the festive occasion. They were also presented with red packets and goody bags of daily necessities. These were made possible with generous contributions from the student population, parents and the School Advisory Committee as a tribute to the seniors who have helped to build our nation.



## Prefects & CCE Ambassadors Investiture Ceremony 2017



On 25 April, the whole school witnessed the handing over of the leadership helm from the Primary 6 to the Primary 5 EXCO team. The inaugural handover was symbolically commemorated when our principal, Mrs Ng, pinned the Head Prefect badge on the blazer of the new Head Prefect. The school would like to thank the former Prefects EXCO for their endearing effort and selfless service during their tenure. We would also like to wish the new Prefect EXCO all the best. May all the prefects to lead by example and serve with pride during their leadership term. Carpe Diem!

## Sports Carnival

The day had finally arrived! The P4 to P6 students had trained hard during their PE lessons for the past few months to prepare for the Annual Sports Carnival. The P4 pupils played hard against one another in the soccer matches at the Integrated Sports Hall. The canteen was transformed into a floorball area where the P5 pupils played enthusiastically, with each class vying to win as many games as possible. The P6 pupils had their volleyball matches in the Multi-Purpose Hall. The pupils and the teachers were in high spirits as they cheered loudly for their friends in the courts! The following is the overall level placing:

P4 - 1st: Responsibility 2; 2nd: Responsibility 4; 3rd: Responsibility 3

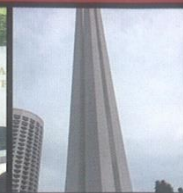
P5 - 1st: Resilience 6; 2nd: Resilience 4; 3rd: Resilience 2

P6 - 1st: Excellence 2; 2nd: Excellence 3; 3rd: Excellence 4.





## TDD War Memorial Service



Our P5 CCE ambassadors attended the War Memorial Service held at the War Memorial Park on 15 February 2017 to commemorate Total Defence Day. During the service, members from the SAF Veterans' League and representatives from the #NeverAgainSG movement shared with students some of the lessons learnt from the war. Our student leaders were also reminded of the importance of Total Defence and that when all of us play our parts, we can and will keep Singapore safe, strong, secure and sovereign.

## Total Defence Day



This year, the theme for Total Defence Day (TDD) is 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong'. Pei Tong Primary School commemorated Total Defence Day on 15 Feb 2017. As part of the commemoration, the school planned a myriad of activities in line with this year's theme. During recess, students were taught how to do basic first aid by our CCE ambassadors. We also invited the Singapore Police Force to speak to the students about crime prevention. During the Form Teacher Guidance Period, form teachers revisited the 5 pillars of Total Defence with the class. During the assembly, students were taught how to keep themselves safe when faced with a terrorist attack.

## International Friendship Day



Pei Tong celebrated International Friendship Day on 7 April. The theme is on ASEAN as 2017 coincides with ASEAN's 50th anniversary. During recess, the students deepened their understanding of the cultures and languages of our ASEAN neighbours through augmented reality using iPads. They also tried out various traditional games from the different ASEAN countries. Students were invited to write reflections about how they could be better friends. The celebration culminated with an assembly programme in which students learnt about the history, challenges and aspirations of ASEAN.



# Science Week

Science Active Recess was held from 27 March to 31 March during the recesses. Engaging and interactive activities were carried out by our teachers. External vendors were also roped in to set up stations like:

## LAB ON WHEELS



Students from the upper primary cohort went on board the IDA Lab on Wheels to learn more about technology and media. Students were exposed to basic programming concepts and they were able to apply their understanding of angles into the programming.

## WATER ANALYSIS



This activity aims to educate students about the importance of water conservation. Through an interactive hands-on activity in which students performed various simple water analysis tests to identify "unknown" water samples, they got to differentiate between salt and fresh water. They also understood how water is being purified with chlorine to remove bacteria.

## CATAPULT PING-PONG LAUNCHER



Students launched table tennis balls into a basket using a catapult. With different grades of launchers producing different trajectories and forces, students learnt about conversion of potential energy to kinetic energy and the ballistic trajectory of a projectile.



This is a craft station in which students construct their own "levitating superhero" using magnets and a string to float a sticker of their favourite superhero in a jar.

## THE ATTRACTION

## Art Buzz the ART gallery



The Art Gallery welcomed its last visitors before making way for the school's PERI Upgrading. Our P2 students had an enjoyable lesson on Museum Etiquette and Art Discussion. They viewed a variety of creative artworks in different forms created by their fellow budding artists. Following that, the students wrote a fan message to the artist of the artwork which inspired them the most. Keep a lookout for more artworks in exciting new spaces around the school!

## Happenings @ PT Library

The school library is abuzz with activities on Wednesdays! There are storytelling sessions by teachers during each recess and student volunteers also take the lead to share their favourite reads with their peers.

We have also kickstarted Book Recommendations whereby teachers, School Reading Ambassadors and members of the Literary Club recommend books which are interesting and appropriate for the different levels. These books are showcased during pre-assembly.

Our library has undergone a facelift in Term 2. It is now featured with a brand new mini stage and a sound system. We hope you are excited about the new library. It is opening in Term 3!





# Achievements

## BADMINTON



Our Junior Girls advanced into the National School Games Badminton Championships 2017 after attaining the 4th position in the South Zone Championships. The girls put up a good fight and gave their best in the games.

## BASKETBALL



Our Boys and Girls Basketball Teams had a fruitful season. While the Junior Girls and Senior Boys were edged out marginally by their opponents in the first round of competition, our Junior Boys managed to qualify for the second round, emerging as top 8 of South Zone Primary Schools! May we come back stronger next year!

## RUGBY



Our Rugby boys participated in Singapore Rugby Union Mini Rugby Championships during the March holidays. Our senior team received the Bowl Plate award. In addition, our senior and junior team participated in Singapore Primary Schools Zonal Rugby Tournament and came in 3rd runner-up. Both teams qualified for Singapore Primary Schools National Rugby Tournament. Our senior team put their best foot forward and showed resilience throughout the tournament. They clinched the overall 7th position.

## CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY



5 students were selected to compete in the National Calligraphy Competition organised by Hongwen School. There were more than 200 students competing for 59 prizes. Our students won 3 consolation prizes.

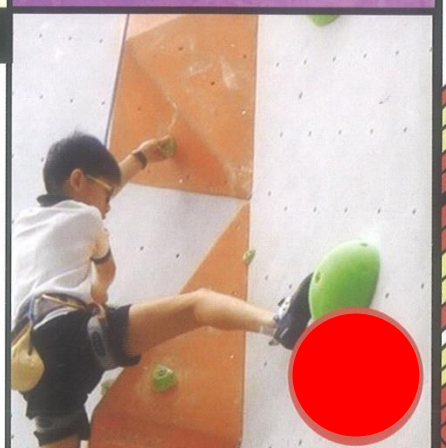


## MOO - O AWARDS

Moo-O Awards is a National Children Digital Story Reading Competition for Primary 3 students. As a team, these students participated and did the school proud by clinching the Gold Award. The judges were impressed with their performance as they brought the various characters and story alive. Great job!

## EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Two of our students did our school proud at the National School Games Championships 2017 in their respective sports! attained top 3 for 3 out of the 4 categories that she had competed in for Woman's Artistic Gymnastics, Junior Elite Division. Meanwhile, clinched first position for both the Top Rope and Boulder Challenge in Sport Climbing. Congratulations to our athletes!





## Congrats Promotees



Joining the promotees in the above picture are Mrs Ng-Teo Sock Hua and Mrs Heng Gay Lee.

From top left to right : Mr Yusri Bin Mafuz , Ms Nurdiyana Bte Mohamed Yusof , Miss Chang Hao Yi Diana , Miss Amanda Kan and Miss Khoo Juliet.

From bottom left to right : Mr Vicknesh Rajamohan, Mdm Quek Ting Hui , Miss Siti Syakilla Bte Muhammad , Miss Anna Kwok Wing Chiu and Miss Monareka. (not in the picture : Mdm Fiza)

## Welcome to Pei Tong family

## Bundles of Joy



**Mr Kumaran**



**Mrs Marilyn Kumar**



**Miss Shalini**



**Mr Ramesh's princess,  
Eshaalayka Ramesh**