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# What's Up @ ASSUMPTION

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# Mother Tongue Fortnight 2019

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The Mother Tongue Fortnight is back! It is an event that is part of our AssumptionKnights' tradition, which never fails to provide us with creative and refreshing content every year. With this year being no exception, the organisers of the Mother Tongue Fortnight events worked hard to bring the unique "Storytelling Workshop" to our school. This workshop was specifically selected to help us discover our own style of storytelling.

Acting out a story may sound easy but it actually requires a lot of preparation and teamwork. In order to tell a good story, we have to be both creative and enthusiastic. Our storytelling trainer, Teacher Wu, started off by having us play a mini ice breaker game to assess our standard of Chinese and encourage us to think outside of the box. She began with the easiest level, instructing us to strike a pose with a keyword that was given. We had a great deal of fun thinking of different poses to stand out from the others. We quickly levelled up and got to the advanced level. This was when it started to get a little challenging. The trainer told us to "look anywhere as long as you don't see a person in front of you". We were also told that one particular primary school class that she taught was able to think of more than ten ways to complete the task. We were determined to break that record upon hearing that and began thinking of several ways such as looking at our phone, lying face down, closing our eyes, etcetera. The game soon ended with us breaking that record while smiling from ear to ear.



The second activity we had was acting out a scene from a play. We were told to get into groups of four and began discussing how we should act it out to capture the interest of the audience. Many of the groups had their own unique ideas, which made the entire class burst into laughter. Though it was tough for some students who were slightly shy and reserved, they still came out of their comfort zone and tried their best. It was a new and refreshing experience. These were just some of the many games we played throughout the 10-hour long workshop.

Though we had fun, we also learnt that nothing is impossible unless we restrict ourselves. Being creative was just a matter of choosing whether we want to use our brain. Lastly, I would like to take this chance to thank the two trainers for their hard work and for making this workshop a memorable one.

**OUR MOTHER TONGUE,  
OUR VOICE.  
USE IT, DON'T LOSE IT.**

# OUTWARD Bound Singapore (OBS) Camp For Secondary 3 Students

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The first day of OBS began with us gathering excitedly in the seminar room with our backpacks as instructions and notebooks were handed out. The room was abuzz with chatter as we took our leave for the camp in Pulau Ubin on large buses. Once we arrived at the Punggol Jetty, we walked on planks and wet grass to reach a temporary tentage, where the OBS instructors met us and we bade farewell to our teachers and our freedom for 5 whole days. We were divided into random groups with students from other schools, namely St Joseph's Institution and Ping Yi Secondary.

The first day of OBS was rather uneventful as we simply engaged in ice breaker activities for the whole day, and finished it off with an outdoor cooking. After a long day, even the simple food tasted amazing.







Day 3 and 4 saw us engaging in water activities like kayaking and row boating. Some of us hopped onto inflatable row boats and rowed 3km to Sengkang Stadium. It was one of the most fun and exciting activities of the whole camp, as it required careful teamwork and coordination. We also took part in a kick-biking activity where we cycled all the way from Sengkang Stadium to Pasir Ris Park, after which we partook in many interesting activities. Finally, when we reached the OBS reception at Punggol, our instructors told us that we had cycled a total of 30km! It was indeed a proud moment for all of us.

On our last night, our instructors cooked us a hearty meal, which was very touching. On the last morning, it was a bittersweet time for us as we had to say goodbye to our teammates whom we had gotten to know and appreciate over the 5 days. For me, the highlight of the whole trip was receiving my OBS certificate, and knowing that I have made new friendships that would last a lifetime.





# HAPPY Broadcast - PICK OF THE MONTH



I am happy because I found that lessons this week were not too difficult to manage!

- Chandra from Class 2/5

What made you happy? Is there something you were grateful for? Think about it because you may just be selected as the Pick of the Month!  
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