

SCHOOL EVENTS



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The yearly Chinese New Year celebrations were held on 24 January in a novel manner. The constraint of the hall being unavailable did not dampen our spirits and we worked around the situation by holding the celebrations in the canteen instead. The Year of the Rat was ushered in with vibrant performances by the Choir members, Band, student musicians and even teachers-turned-singers. The highlight of the celebrations was the Lion Dance, performed by our very own teacher and student, spiced up by the ceremonious appearance of our very own God of Prosperity. The excited cheers of the zealous audience summed up the celebratory mood.



MINISTER'S VISIT

Soon after his appointment, the Minister of Education, Mr Lawrence Wong, visited Bendemeer Secondary School on 16 September this year. In his visit, the Minister joined a few classes to observe how the various lessons have been adapted to ensure that the SMMs are met and at the same time how the lessons continue to be student-centric and effective. He even sportingly tried to do the tasks that the students were carrying out in the Mother Tongue, Humanities and English lessons that he joined in. The Minister had the chance to witness and participate in CCE-infused lessons and ICT-based lessons which required students to carry out authentic tasks. The visit was wrapped up after the Minister's dialogue sessions with staff and students respectively.

NATIONAL DAY CUM SPEECH DAY

National Day and Bendemeer's 43rd Speech and Prize Presentation Day were celebrated on 7 August with a difference. The ceremonial march-in of the state and school flags, the speech by our Principal, Mr Chen Fook Pang, and the reading of the National Day Message by our Vice-Principal, Ms Jeya, were streamed live from the school hall for the students and teachers in the classrooms to view. Everyone also had the opportunity to witness the prize giving ceremony in which students and staff were given recognition for their achievements and contributions to the school. The joyous mood continued in the classrooms as the students and teachers enjoyed the scrumptious bento sets provided and belted present and past national day songs.



SECONDARY ONE ORIENTATION



Our Secondary One students were warmly welcomed into the school with much fervor. They were immersed in the myriad of activities lined up for them right from the start of the first week, be it the sports trials or the performing arts tryouts. The Student Leaders had an array of fun-filled and exciting activities for the students to get accustomed to the new surroundings as well as get to know their peers.



The students participated in several activities such as ice-breaker games and the mass dance in the Orientation Camp which enabled them to build bonds with their classmates and seniors. The highlight of the camp was the kite-flying activity in which the students decorated their kites and worked together to get their kites to soar in the sky.



During the CCA Orientation held on that Saturday morning, students were welcomed yet again with rousing performances and colourful booths set up by the rest of the Bendemeerian family, firmly rooting them to the school and giving them a delightful taste of what life is like in Bendemeer Secondary School.





TEACHER'S DAY

Teachers' Day in Bendemeer is a day dedicated to celebrating our teachers and we weren't going to let the pandemic get in the way of showing appreciation for the teachers. On 3 September, the student leaders came together to plan a programme consisting of song dedications and Kahoot quizzes for the different levels which were streamed live for the viewing pleasure of the students and teachers in the classrooms. In addition, to show their appreciation to their Form and Subject Teachers the students wrote heartfelt notes conveying their wishes for their teachers. The revelry continued with the presentation of a scrumptious lunch for all staff. It was truly a day to thank the teachers for their commitment and devotion.

