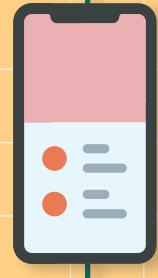
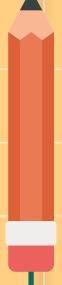


Newsletter 2020

FERN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



STRONGER TOGETHER



Respect . Responsibility . Resilience . Integrity . Care . Harmony

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

2020 will be a year that is remembered as one when our country (and indeed, the rest of the world) experienced her greatest challenge. COVID-19 struck and caused upheavals to many lives. We are into Phase 2 of re-opening and people are getting used to new routines such as the wearing of masks, use of Trace Together App, observing safe distancing measures and so on. As we look back, we cannot help but marvel at the tenacity and unity displayed by our people as we support one another to weather the storm.

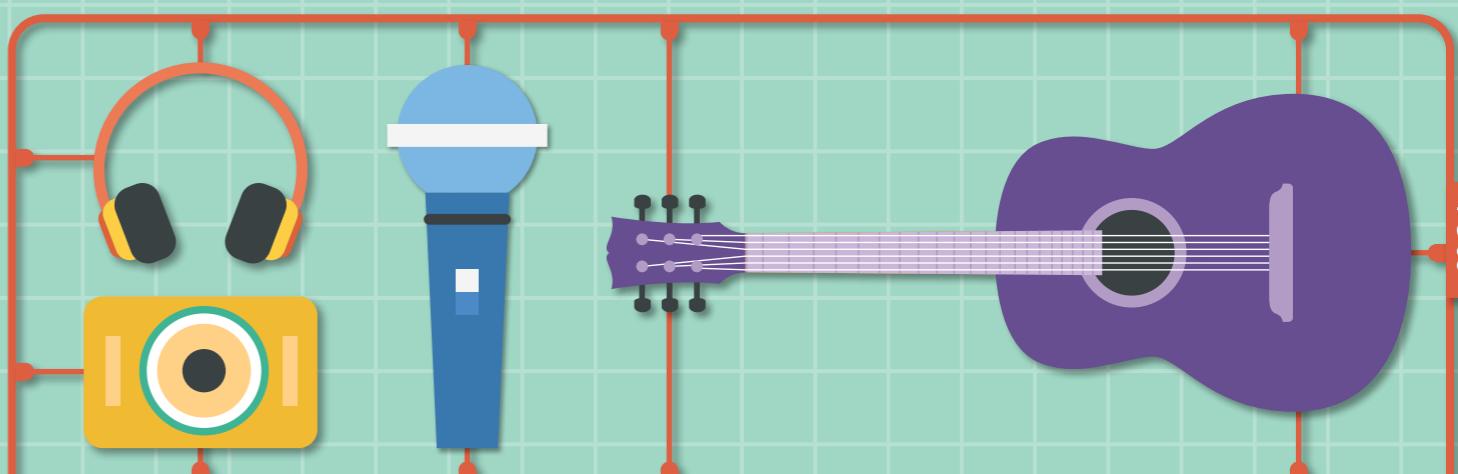
Schools are constantly guided by the Ministry of Education to put in place Safe Management Measures to ensure a safe environment for our children. We carried out Home-Based Learning (HBL) during the Circuit Breaker period. With Safe Management Measures such as staggered recesses and dismissals, stepped-up cleaning and wipe-down routines in place, we managed to welcome our children back to school so learning is not adversely disrupted, and parents are able to return to work with peace of mind.

I am proud to say that my teaching and non-teaching staff have risen to the occasion during the trying times. As the situation was quickly evolving in the initial months, frequent changes to plans just communicated have had to change as the COVID task force took guidance from World Health Organization and early lessons from other countries. My staff has shown great courage and resilience over the past few months, learning new skills to quickly apply to their areas of work and coping with increased workload. We are also very grateful for Parents' support and cooperation during Circuit Breaker period when you were at hand to guide the children in HBL using resources posted by the teachers via the Student Learning Space (SLS), and for your trust in us by sending your children back to school after Circuit Breaker. You have also been patient and understanding in following through with the Safe Management Measures implemented by the school. Last but not least, our children have also demonstrated the school values of respect, responsibility, resilience, integrity, care and harmony. This can be seen through the photo collage in the ensuing pages of the newsletter.

There is still much work ahead of us during this crisis period but we can certainly overcome the odds and scale greater heights if we continue to work together, support and cheer one another on!

Happy reading!

Mrs May Tang
Principal



FERN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL SONG

Composed by: Jake Goh Lyrics by: Jake Goh & Staff of FGPS (2019)



Practising one last round before the actual recording.



Taking cues and learning from the experts.



Beaming with joy after a fun-filled recording experience!

We are the seedlings
With potential for growth
Together here in Fern Green
A place we call our home

For we are taught to give it our best
To be kind and to learn with zest
Our school is the garden
Where our wings can unfold

Chorus:
We are bright
We are bold
Our Fern Green spirit won't grow old
Serve with pride
Serve with joy
Bringing glory to our school

Learning is joyful and we will never ever stop
We are bright
We are bold
Fern Green Primary School

(Repeat Chorus)

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(Repeat Verse)

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COVID-19 SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

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Safe Management Measures in place where our students observe safe distancing when queuing up for food and eating at the class-assigned tables and benches.



Performing wipe-down after his meal.



Staff observing safe distancing in the lift.

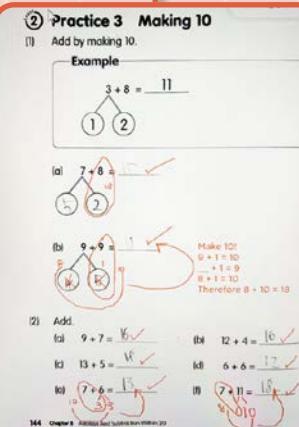


Staff, canteen vendors and contract cleaners observing safe distancing during temperature taking and SafeEntry Check-in at the General Office.

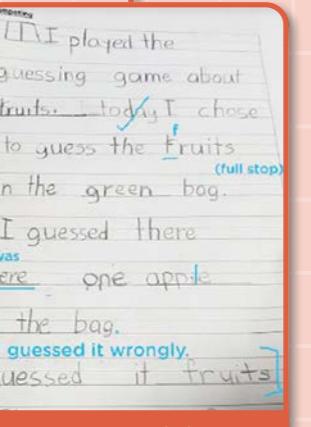


Our students taking their temperature outside the classroom.

HOME-BASED LEARNING



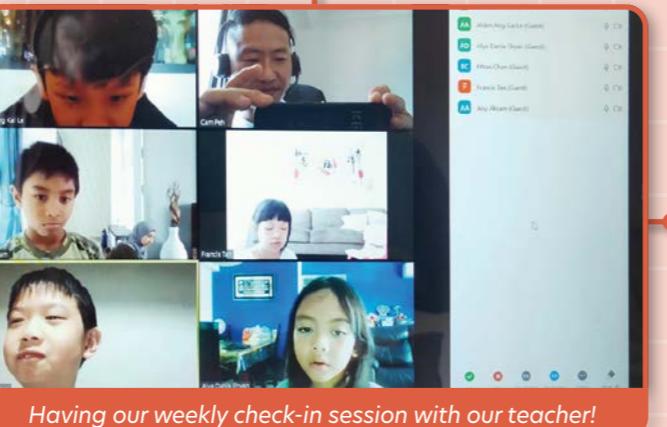
Teachers explored using online tools to assess students' work.



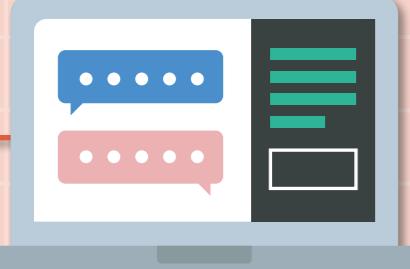
Learning English was made easy with practices submitted and marked digitally.



Students and teachers were happy to meet each other through Zoom during the Circuit Breaker.



Having our weekly check-in session with our teacher!



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASSROOM READING CORNERS



Reading is in itself a reward but we definitely like our reading rewards too!



Our classroom reading corner is a place for us to select the storybooks we want to read.

STORIES ALIVE

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Teachers busy preparing for a digital Stories Alive session for students!



INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING



We cannot wait to put our wind socks to the test!



Showing off our beautifully decorated lanterns.

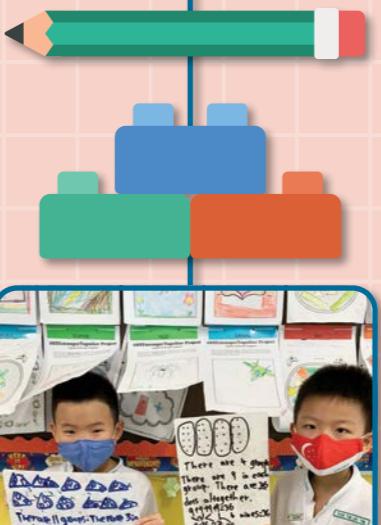


Displaying our wind socks outside our classroom.

MATHEMATICS



Students show that they can divide the link cubes equally into five groups with the use of manipulatives.



Primary 1 students brainstorming for solutions during Problem-Based Learning.



Primary 1 students working together as a group to make patterns using shape cut-outs.

PG 05

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE FORTNIGHT

The annual Mother Tongue Language (MTL) fortnight provides a platform for students to actively learn their MTL and the associated culture to experience MTL as a 'living language'. During this fortnight, students across all levels were provided authentic opportunities to engage in activities such as craft work and language games.



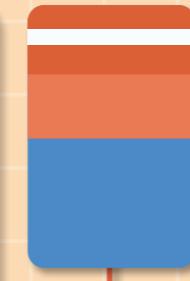
Students learnt ancient poems and created the images projected in the poems.



Primary 1 students learnt how to write their names using the Jawi script.



Students learnt about the tradition behind drawing a Rangoli.



APPLIED LEARNING PROGRAMME: FGPS MAKER EDUCATION

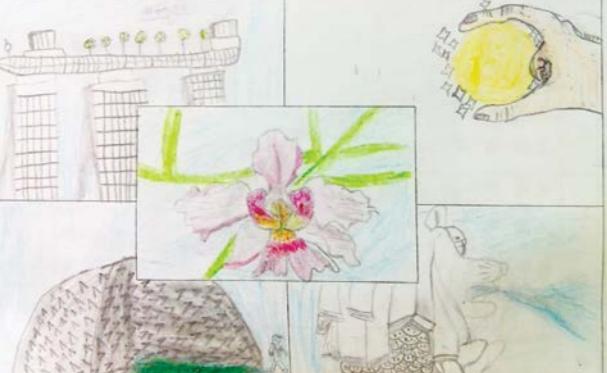
To enhance students' learning, the MTL department incorporated "making" into the curriculum. Primary 3 students used recycled containers to plant green beans. By taking care of their green bean seedlings, students learnt the values of care, respect and responsibility. In addition, students also learnt the names of the various parts of a plant in their Mother Tongue.



Take a look! My green bean plant is growing well!



请同学们为新加坡设计一张明信片，并说一说你的设计。



Students used what they learnt to make postcards.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The celebration of festivals is one of the ways students learn to appreciate the diverse cultures in Singapore. This year, students were able to learn about the Chinese culture through fun hands-on activities like paper-cutting, Chinese knots tying, calligraphy and dumpling making. In addition, there was a demonstration of Chinese biscuits making.



Parent volunteers explained the steps of making 'tangyuan', a type of dumpling before students had their hands-on experience.



Students learnt paper-cutting with the help of our parent volunteers.



Students wrote the Chinese character '吉' with a calligraphy brush.

PE, ART & MUSIC

OLYMPIC DAY @ FGPS 2020 (TOGETHER AS ONE)

The theme for this year's Olympic Day was 'Together As One'. COVID-19 may have caused disruption to our daily lives, but we will stand united with our family and friends, be responsible, observe Safe Management Measures and practise good hygiene to weather the storm together.

The Olympic values of Respect, Excellence and Friendship remind us to always be nice, show empathy and recognise that every individual person is unique in his or her own ways. The world will be a better place if it is an inclusive one and no one is left behind.

In this year's edition of the Olympic Day, Primary 3 students had an opportunity to experience games that are modeled after the Paralympic Games.



Students having a swinging good time with their homemade sports equipment.



Students taking the Olympic Oath during the Opening Ceremony.



Students participating in activities at the various game stations.

CLASS-BASED PE & HEALTH PROGRAMME

On 12 August 2020, the PE department organised a class-based assembly programme on "Sleep & Exercise". The videos created awareness of the importance of sleep and exercise. After the video discussions in the first segment, students were encouraged to dance to the video prepared by the PE teachers. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves during the dance segment and many joined in to dance with their PE teachers.



Students enjoying the session with a fun workout with their PE teachers!

P3 UKULELE

P3 students learnt the basics of ukulele playing which is an important developmental process as a budding musician here in FGPS. Strumming to backing tracks of popular music, students acquired the fundamentals of chord fingerings, chord transitions and strumming patterns.



Listening intently as we learn about the ukulele.



Looking like professional musicians with the ukulele in our hands!

PE, ART & MUSIC

ARTS EXPOSURE PROGRAMME

In August, students from across the levels were exposed to beats and grooves through our Arts Exposure Programme. Unlike previous years where students were able to watch a live performance and interact with the performers, students watched a pre-recorded video of the performance and tried out the rhythm and dance moves in their classrooms.



Students watching intently and following the guided dance steps in the video.



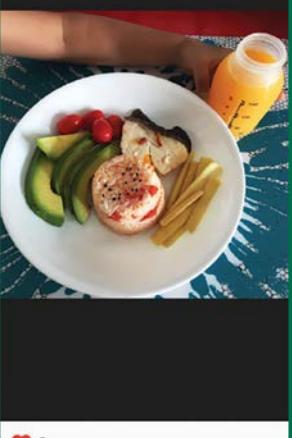
Students dancing along to the performers in the video and enjoying themselves.



FOOD X ART PROGRAMME

The Food x Art programme was introduced during the Circuit Breaker period. Students and parents worked together to come up with creative ways to plate their food using the 4 food groups of 'My Healthy Plate'. The objective of the programme was to enhance both students' and parents' awareness of their food choices during meal times, as well as to develop family bonding during the trying period. Students enjoyed the programme and continued to share photographs of their food until school reopened in Term 3.

Anonymous 5mo
Healthy meals made with mama's love
By Yuzanna P2D



Anonymous 5mo
Little Kitten Under Sunny Day by : Annabelle Yee 1R3
#Avocado #Egg #Rice
#Broccoli #ChickenNuggets
#Carrot #Cucumber #Cherry
#Healthy #Nutrients #Meal



Anonymous 5mo
My Rainbow Peacock
Jovelle Chen -1 Gratitude-



Anonymous 5mo
"Chicken rice"
I ate my homemade "chicken rice". It is very delicious 😊
By Cayden Kwan
2 Gratitude



ECCA



Practising our expressions for Drama through Zoom.



Stretching together through the digital world.



Live CCA streaming in session.

CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

TTSH (TAN TOCK SENG HOSPITAL) HONG BAO DONATION PROJECT

During Lunar New Year this year, our school supported TTSH Community Fund by participating in the TTSH Hong Bao Donation Project. Through the project, we aimed to inculcate the value of care in our students. Students also learnt to empathise with destitute, poor elderly citizens who had difficulty paying for their medical bills. Students designed their own red packets in class and were encouraged to donate any amount they wished by placing the money into the hand-made red packets. Staff and parents also showed their support by making donations.



Our Principal, Mrs Tang, handing over the Donation Box to the TTSH Representative, Ms Juliana Yeo.



Our students showing care for the environment by creating their upcycled mask holders.



Students posing with the Hong Baos which they coloured.

UPCYCLING MASK HOLDER PROJECT

Efforts towards environment conservation did not stop even during the Circuit Breaker period. The school worked with a vendor to implement the Upcycling Mask Holder Project during the school holidays from 4 May to 3 June. The Home-Based Learning package was delivered through the Student Learning Space and students received certificates for their completed projects.

Through this project, students learnt the importance of conserving our resources and how they can turn seemingly useless everyday items into useful artefacts.

CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

This year's National Day Celebration marks the 55th anniversary of our independence. The theme "Together A Stronger Singapore" is a rallying call to Singaporeans to play our part to push forward and determine Singapore's future, despite the difficulties and crises we may face.



Covid-19 situation did not dampen the students' enthusiasm to celebrate our nation's birthday.



To Singapore with love.



Merlion craftwork by P1 students.



A P2 student having a go at top spinning.



Telok Ayer Virtual Tour for students.

RACIAL HARMONY DAY

Racial Harmony Day fell on 22 July 2020 this year. As this was during a school holiday, the school commemorated Racial Harmony Day on 15 July 2020. The theme this year was "Multicultural Singapore". As Singapore progresses and we continue to shape our multicultural identity, we must strengthen the collective identity of Singaporeans.

MAKER EDUCATION

P1 ENRICHMENT MODULE: BOTTLE CAP KEYCHAIN

During the September holidays, P1 students were involved in an upcycling project where they made keychains using recycled bottle caps. The module, which incorporates environmental awareness elements, allowed students to learn the importance of reducing waste in their daily lives.



I even drew my own design!

P2 ENRICHMENT MODULE: LED CARDMAKING

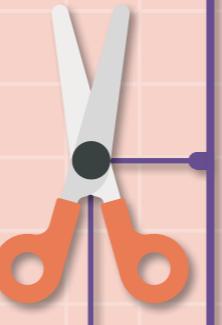
P2 students engaged in an exciting LED cardmaking activity that combined art and technology, bridging them to the enriching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education ahead. They showed great creativity and had a great time making their cards.



Look at my firefly collection!



The LED project was so much fun!



STAFF WELL-BEING ACTIVITIES

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY



Dressed as superheroes for the day!



Proud to represent our everyday superheroes.



Fern and Flora in matching outfits!



Our appreciation to our non-teaching colleagues.



Hero hunters scavenging on Zoom.

STAFF AWARDS

MOE SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD (MSEA)

The MOE Service Excellence Award (MSEA) recognises MOE staff who are passionate in their service delivery, consistently serve internal and external customers with C.A.R.E. (Courtesy, Accessibility, Responsiveness and Effectiveness), and inspire their colleagues to do likewise.



Miss Low Siew Teng



Mdm Sabiah Binte Abdul Hyoom

THE CARING TEACHER AWARDS (CTA) 2020

The Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) started in 1996 and is organised biennially by NIE, with the support from ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and the Ministry of Education. It aims to celebrate school teachers who exemplify the values of caring, sharing and concern for the academic, moral, social, emotional and mental welfare of their students.

Our heartiest congratulations to our awardees!



Mdm Tan Sue Ling Kimmy



Mrs Chow Szu San



Mrs Chua Pei Yee

THE COMMENDATION MEDAL (PINGAT KEPUJIAN)

The Commendation Medal is a National Day Award that honours commendable performance, competence and devotion to duty. The school congratulates Mr Peh Joe-Han Camillus for being conferred the National Day Award 2020, The Commendation Medal.



Mr Peh Joe-Han Camillus



Mrs Mandy Yin Mei Doll



Ms Brammi Ragupathy





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