



NORTHSHORE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FOREWORD

Greetings to our vibrant and ever-growing Northshore family!

It is with immense pleasure and a sense of great anticipation that I extend a warm welcome to all of you to the second newsletter of 2023. This newsletter serves as a window into the heart of our school, offering a glimpse of the exciting happenings in the school.

We firmly believe in the transformative power of education, and this belief fuels our unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering holistic growth. Our dedicated educators have been hard at work, planning exciting lessons and activities to make learning both engaging and enjoyable.

Within the pages of this newsletter, you will discover stories of success, creativity and resilience from our remarkable students. Their achievements in academics, sports, arts, and community engagement exemplify the well-rounded education we strive to provide. These stories serve as a testament to the incredible potential that our students possess and the supportive environment we provide to help them flourish.

Our educators are the heart of our school, and their dedication to nurturing young minds is unwavering. As we celebrate Teachers' Day, we would like to say a big 'thank you' to parents for your kind words of affirmation and encouragement which were posted on our padlet wall .

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our parents for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We value your input and appreciate your partnership in shaping the educational journey of our students. Together, we will continue to nurture a positive and inspiring learning environment that encourages curiosity, creativity, and personal growth. Another big thank you to the group of our parents who have helped us in the execution of some of our school events and deeply grateful to a few of our parents who are EXCO members of our newly established Parent Support Group (PSG) who have planned and coordinated some school activities.

As we move forward together, we remain focused on instilling the school's SMART values and building character in our students. Education is not just about academic excellence; it is about preparing our Northshoreans to be compassionate, empathetic and responsible future-ready citizens of the world.

I was awed by the immersive art experience from my recent visit to the "Now Is Not the Time" exhibition, an exhibition that celebrates the legacy of Mr Lee Kuan Yew through technology, film, music, sculpture, augmented reality and generative art. It is a reminder for us not to rest on our laurels as we make our way to into the future and how technology will play an important role in shaping our future. I hope that our Northshoreans will continue to learn to harness the technological affordances and be able to navigate the future world with the necessary skills and competencies.

In conclusion, I invite you to dive into this newsletter with an eagerness to explore the wonderful world of Northshore Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for a year filled with memorable and enriching experiences!

Warm regards,
Gan Ser Min (Mdm)
Vice-Principal

In 2023, we resumed normal school activities for all Northshoreans where they can once again engage in face-to-face interactions as well as collaborative and interactive activities. Our students were thrilled to participate in a music appreciation session during assembly. The school has also hosted overseas delegates from Vietnam, Tanzania, Nanjing and Langkawi. These visits created opportunities for staff and students to interact and learn about the education systems in other countries.

Nonetheless, we will have to remain vigilant to the lessons that we have learned during the pandemic. We must be committed to maintain a safe environment in the school so that everyone is protected from potential contagious diseases. The importance of practising self-hygiene, consulting the doctor when one is not feeling well and staying at home to recuperate are just some of the good practices we all should adopt. The school will also continue to keep up a high standard of cleanliness, adhering to the necessary precautions and monitoring the evolving situation.

I am always heartened to hear our students sing the school song during our weekly assembly as they sing with great pride and conviction. Indeed, the lyrics are testament to our beliefs - "Each challenge an adventure, to anchor our character. We ride the waves, we steer ahead... Courageous Explorers we are, we always find a way. We learn with passion, dare to dream, serve with all our hearts, Northshoreans!"

Let's work together to shape a safe school environment for our staff and students as we embrace the joy of learning and shared experiences. I look forward to exploring more exciting school activities, without compromising safety, as Northshore Primary School moves into our fourth year in 2024!

Cheers!
Catherine Ong (Mdm)
Vice Principal (Admin)



Racial Harmony Day

In commemoration of Racial Harmony Day, our students and teachers wore their ethnic attire to school. It truly highlighted the vibrant cultural heritage within our school community.

Students had meaningful hands-on learning during the commemoration week. Activities for the Primary 1 and 2 students were held at the library during recess. The Primary 1 students immersed in the sounds of ethnic drums and percussion instruments that tell the story about each local culture's festivity. Our Primary 2 students deepened their knowledge through identifying artefacts in fashion and dance moves of the different races. The Primary 3 students had their hands-on learning during their Social Studies lessons in a classroom specially decorated and fitted with learning stations that enabled authentic experiences. Many students attempted to wrap a Chinese dumpling and learn to wear a 'Samping' for the first time. They also learned practical ways to be ethnically sensitive by knowing what to look out for in food ingredients.

We were heartened to have the support of our parent volunteers who prepared some of the activities and interacted with our students during their recess hands-on learning.

Through the RHD activities and discussions, our students gained a deeper appreciation of cultural diversity. They also learnt to respect the beliefs and practices of the different ethnic cultures in Singapore.

During assembly, we watched a play titled 'Ramanujan and the Mixed-up Washing'. Through the play, we are reminded of the importance of friendship and unity in order to continue building a harmonious and inclusive Singapore.



A journey back to the past - Ramanujan and other dhobis washing clothes along the river



Creating their own kolam drawing using traditional motifs of the Indian community



Learning to read labels and ingredients on food packaging to understand the dietary practices of the different groups of people in our community



One Beat In Harmony! Learning to play traditional drums to appreciate the beauty of our diverse cultural practices



Learning to make a traditional food using bamboo leaves - dumplings!

Open House

We had our Open House on 21 July 2023. Visitors could take a tour of our wonderful facilities and participate in activities that were conducted at the various venues to showcase the various programmes that our school had to offer.

Venues such as the classrooms, library, indoor sports hall, basketball court, PAL rooms, Music rooms, Dance room, Art room and counselling room were open to visitors. At every venue, there were teachers explaining and showing to parents how fun lessons and engaging activities were recreated for students to have a holistic learning experience. Some of our student leaders served as ambassadors and showed the visitors around very proudly.

The open house ended with our principal addressing the visitors, giving them a deeper insight into our school values, culture and programmes. It was a well-received initiative and we hope to showcase more of our school in the years to come.



A great turn-out!

Hosting Visitors from Different Nations

This year, we are privileged to play host to educators and delegates from different countries. Not only were we able to share with our visitors our wonderful school facilities and programmes, we were also able to gain insights into their education system and how learning takes place in their schools. This semester, we hosted delegates from Nanjing Round Table Conference and School Leaders from various Nanjing schools and distinguished guests from Tanzania's President's Office, Ministry Of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation and Teachers' Service Commission. We also saw visitors from the Langkawi District Education Office. We look forward to meeting more educators in the years to come!



Showing the visitors from Nanjing around



Showing our visitors around



Creative Fun



Library Activities



Delegates from Tanzania



Receiving a token of appreciation from the Nanjing visitors



Educators from Langkawi



Hosting Visitors from Tanzania

English Language Week

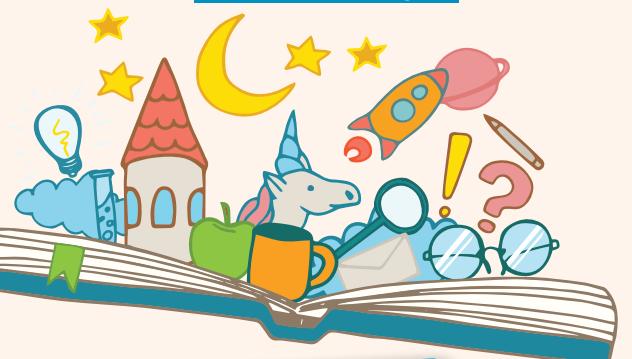
An evil wizard, EverFrankGaHud, casted a spell and turned some of our English teachers and school leaders into storybook characters on 26 July 2023! To break the spell, Northshoreans sought help from Harry Potter and collectively chanted the magic words, 'Stories Come Alive!' Coincidentally, the magic words were also the theme for our English Language (EL) Week this year!

'Stories Come Alive!' was held from 24 to 29 July to promote a love for English Language. Throughout the week, Northshoreans were engaged in recess play activities and assembly programmes to spark the joy of learning the language. The recess game booths put our students' knowledge on vocabulary, sentence structure and word class to the test. Our Primary One and Two students also participated in the Penmanship Contest while some selected Primary Three students took part in the inaugural Spelling Bee Contest. At the end of the week, Ng Shim Hsing Adalyn from 3 Everest was crowned Northshore Primary School's first Spelling Bee!

Northshoreans also had the privilege of listening to National Library Board (NLB)'s librarian, Mdm Nurul, reading "Monsters United" during assembly. United by their true love of reading, the monsters went on different adventures. Like Northshoreans, the monsters epitomise our school visions, 'Passion to Learn' and 'Courage to Explore'. Hopefully, our Northshoreans will have as much to gain as the monsters in their quests for knowledge!



Winners of the Spelling Bee



The Moo-O Awards 2023

The Moo-O Awards is an annual digital storytelling competition for Primary Three students. Organised by Teevers and supported by the Speak Good English Movement, participants use the Moo-O software to record themselves as story characters reading the scripts. It aims to motivate students to read and speak fluently and expressively in English.

This year, three Northshoreans – Natalie Kate Law (3 Dias), Koa Sen Jie Kobe (3 Everest) and Oh Yuu Han Colette (3 Everest) – were shortlisted to represent our school in this competition. The students portrayed the characters of "The Adventure of Mouse Deer" creatively and fluently. They did the school proud by clinching the bronze award! Congratulations to Natalie, Kobe and Colette on winning the award!



Programme for Active Learning – Visual Arts

In an electrifying 9-week adventure, the Primary 1 Northshoreans embarked on a journey through the fascinating world of cars and cartoons. Students delved into a whirlwind of creativity as they learned to harness the magic of colours, shapes, and textures to design and create their very own cars and cartoons. Working in groups, they ignited their imaginative engines to brainstorm, draw and bring their visions to life through exciting design challenges.

Beyond the sketches and prototypes, our young creatives also learnt the art of working together towards a common goal. As the programme raced towards its conclusion, our young Northshoreans not only gained an exhilarating insight into automobile design and animation but also honed life skills that will steer them confidently through the uncharted roads of the future.



Artist @ Work – Singapore Youth Festival 2023

The Singapore Youth Festival Art Exhibition celebrates the artist in every child. It showcases students' creative ideas, personal aspirations and hard work put into artistic expressions. Our team of Primary 2 and Primary 3 Northshoreans submitted two original creations inspired by Wassily Kandinsky's Composition VIII and Tan Zi Xi's Plastic Ocean.

Certificate of Participation

Tangled Tunes

Mixed Media Installation

Artist Statement

Let us sing, dance and play together, there is so much for us to discover.

Let us dream, explore and wonder, a world full of joy and amazing colour.

Student Artists from 2 Bly

Charlotte Chua Ruiqi

Heera Alyssa Vijayaganesh

Helia Seah

Lai Kai Xun Jayden

Natania Joy Lim Zi Yun

Raven Tan Ya Lun

Tada Tan Hiok

Theodora Avril Then Shi En



National Day Celebrations

"Onward as One"

On 8 August 2023, Northshoreans celebrated Singapore's 58th National Birthday through passionate community singing, insightful quizzes and interactive classroom games. For the first time, students from Scouts led in the National Day observance ceremony - as they marched in synchronised footwork and raised the national flag with pride and honour.

Following the observance ceremony, Northshoreans took up the challenge to test their knowledge about historical and contemporary facts about Singapore. This was done through a recollection of Singapore song lyrics in our mass celebration programme. Students understood how Singapore overcame her limitations as a small country by embarking on land reclamation for the nation's development. The concert ended with the melodious voices of our students resonating across the school hall. Each song, reminding us of Singapore's rich heritage and national values that bond us as Singaporeans.

Back in the classroom, Primary 1 and 2 students continued their deep engagement about Singapore through circle time sharing activity that promoted authentic student voice. They also competed in the inter-class Kahoot! quiz with enthusiasm, teamwork and wit. We are proud to say that Northshoreans are keen-eyed observers of things and happenings around their neighbourhood.

As Northshoreans put their heart and soul in all the learning activities, they once again appreciated Singapore's uniqueness, her accomplishments and their own personal reason for their love of Singapore.



Raise our National flag high



Who knows the answer to the quiz?



Marching in of the Singapore Flag



Hmmm,Lets learn more from the next question



Let's get active



Building our homes in the air



Lower Primary Games Day

As part of our National Day celebrations this year, our Primary 1 and 2 Northshoreans celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship and the joy of play. The Lower Primary Games Day brought students together to play, support, and encourage their friends as everyone participated in various games. It fostered a sense of class spirit and teamwork, boosting their confidence and nurturing a lifelong love for physical activity. Additionally, students showcased the fundamental movement skills (FMS) and manipulative skills they learned during physical education lessons, while displaying values of excellence and graciousness.

In addition, our Primary 3 Northshoreans embarked on an exciting journey by taking part in their very first Handball Inter-Class Competition. This remarkable event marked a significant milestone in the school's sports calendar, as students eagerly participated, showcasing their budding talents and competitive spirit. Our students were able to exhibit excellent skills in dribbling, passing, and shooting. The enthusiasm and energy on the field was infectious, with students and teachers alike getting caught up in the exhilaration.

These events not only provide a platform for our Northshoreans to showcase their skills but also encourage them to embrace the values of fair play and camaraderie. As the school looks ahead to future editions to this event, it does so with the hope of continuing to instill a lifelong love for sports and physical activity in students.



All lined up ready to go



Prize-giving (P2)



Handball 3 Armstrong
champions of 2023



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Preparing for event to start



Mdm Gan starting off the
event with the airhorn



Handball Good save
from the goalkeeper



Handball Goal celebration



Jumping high over the hurdles
with both legs



Remembering to tap team mate's
hand before moving off





Listening attentively to our instructor about first aid



Making choices on what to pack for outdoors



Primary 3 Outdoor Education (OE) Day Camp

"The mountains are calling, and I must go!" These are the famous words of Scottish-born American naturalist and mountaineer, John Muir (1838 – 1914). The outdoor enthusiast was fascinated by the outdoors and his passion for nature led him on a life-long quest to protect the environment.

At Northshore Primary School, our Learning for Life Programme (LLP) – Outdoor Education and Caring for our Environment at Northshore (OCE@N) aims to raise young environmentalists through experiential outdoor and sustainability education.

30 August 2023 was an adventurous day for our Primary Three students as they experienced an OE day camp in school. They picked up orienteering skills to navigate the outdoors and risk assessment management. They also learnt to identify potential hazards and ways to reduce the impact of the risks. A first aid course was also incorporated into the day camp to equip our campers with the basic skills of helping the injured. While there were no marshmallows or s'mores roasting over open fires, the outdoor cooking demonstration was still a tantalising experience for our Northshoreans who had not tried preparing food using mess tin and solid fuel.

The day camp ended with 3 Bly being the best performing class! Like John Muir, our Primary Three campers have lived up to the school vision "Courage to Explore" and in time to come, we are certain that our Northshoreans will do their part in caring for our environment and preserving biodiversity.



Assessing risks for outdoor cooking



Outdoor cooking demonstration



Practising first aid on my fellow camper



Navigating various checkpoints in school

Math Week

The annual Math Week, with the objective to imbue the love for the subject in the students, was held in Term 4 Week 1. With the theme, *Numbers Around Us!*, the Mathematics Department teachers were determined to make Mathematics learning fun and get the students to appreciate it through discovering its applications in the 'real-world' context. An array of activities for the *Let's Play Math!* and *Math Day Out!* segments were planned for the students to participate during recess and in Math lessons.

Let's Play Math! consists of a series of specially curated activities for the students to practise what they had learnt during lessons through fun and physical games. In line with this year's theme, *Let's Play Math!* integrated numbers into the various recess games. Besides the engaging recess games, the students also took on the role of Math Detectives and went hunting for Palindrome numbers around the school hall.

Math Day Out! are teacher-designed Mathematics trails for the students to explore how Mathematics is used beyond the classrooms. The students went on a scavenger hunt to complete mathematical tasks based on the clues provided. During the trail, the students also had a lot of fun using technology tools such as Nearpod, AR Makr and Deckle.

This year, while the Primary 1 and 2 students explored the different areas within the school during the trail, the Primary 3 students ventured out to Northshore Plaza. Apart from solving Mathematics problems, the Primary 3 students were given the opportunity to discuss and express their thoughts on social-emotional issues such as inclusivity and diversity.

The Math Week had brought about authentic and joyful learning experiences for the students to learn to solve Mathematical problems. Boomshakalaka!



Aim to throw a beanbag at our answer on the 100-Chart!



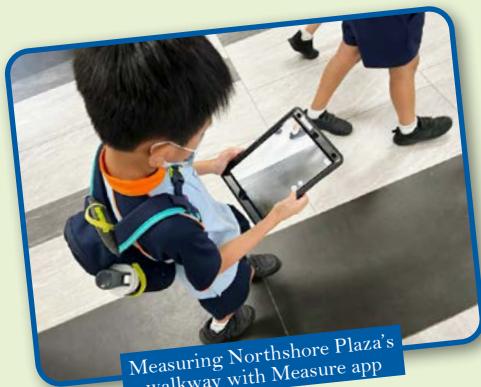
Watch us play Multi-Hopscotch!



We can't wait for our turn to play!



P1 students using AR Makr to build their tiny town.



Measuring Northshore Plaza's walkway with Measure app



How much will four slices of cake cost (P3)



P2 students using a trundle wheel to measure length



We formed a rocket using tangrams! (P1)



Mid-Autumn Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration was held in the evening of 22 September 2023. Prior to the celebration, decorations exhibiting different mooncake flavours were put up and recess activities were planned. Through the activities, our students learnt about the various ingredients found in the different mooncakes.

On the day of the celebration, Primary 1 students returned to school in the evening for a special event. They made their own lanterns and tasted mooncakes, pomelo and tea in their respective classrooms. There were also games stalls set up in the indoor basketball court for students where they could try their hands at making their own mooncake with clay and played traditional games such as riddle guessing and pit-pitching. In addition, they could redeem prizes with the stamps they had collected at the game stalls.

Thereafter, there was a performance in the school hall entitled "The Story of Chang'e and Hou Yi", proudly presented by our school leader and teachers. The joyful atmosphere of the celebration reached its peak with a light-up ceremony where the lamps in the hall were turned off, a moon-shaped lamp was lit up and Chang'e "flew" to the moon. The celebration ended off with a Lantern Parade. Students walked around the school with the lanterns they had made in class. They also took class photos at the respective photo-taking stations.





Children's Day

Children's Day is one of the most eagerly awaited events for our students. Besides receiving their Children's Day gifts, the students were treated to a wonderful concert as part of the celebrations. The whole school gathered in the hall for the concert featuring various items put up by the teachers and community singing of the Children's Day song "Semoga Bahagia". Our Primary 1 teachers showed off their musical talents, while the Primary 2 teachers made rhythm with basketballs. Our sporting Principal, Mrs Lam also joined in the performance. Our students had a good laugh as they played "Who Am I?" led by the Primary 3 teachers and cheered for their friends as some of the students challenged the teachers in a game of Capteh. It was indeed a day of love and joy for the students on that day.



We enjoyed the concert!



Our cool basketball dancers



Challenging the teacher



Let's make rhythm with basketballs



Our Northshore swimmers



Our P1 teachers in action



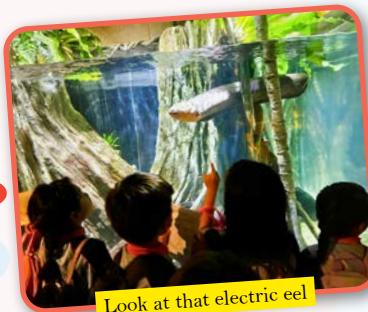
Posing with Kai Kai and Jia Jia

Learning Journeys

As part of our Children's Day celebration, our students went on different learning journeys on 5 October to learn more about the fascinating world of animals and nature.

Primary 1 Learning Journey to Singapore Zoo

The Singapore Zoo is a great place for our Primary 1 students to learn about the behaviour of animals and their dietary requirements. Through this learning journey, our students learnt through first-hand experience, the significance of conservation for endangered animals. Despite the hot weather and lack of shade, our little explorers marched on gamely to explore the different parts of the Zoo. We hope that our trip to the Zoo had inspired our little explorers to have a better appreciation for nature and the importance of protecting our environment.



Look at that electric eel!

Primary 2 Learning Journey to River Wonders

Our Primary 2 students to the River Wonders. Led by their Form Teachers, the students had fun learning about the animals residing in the River of Africa, Mekong River, Giant Panda Forest and Amazon Flooded Forest. Students were fascinated by the sight of the manatees and giant stingrays at the Amazon Flooded Forest. They were also excited to see the electric eel and piranhas for the first time. The highlight of the trip was getting to see the offspring of Kai Kai and Jia Jia, Le Le before he returns to China in November this year.

Primary 3 Learning Journey to Gardens by the Bay

Our Primary 3 students went to Gardens by the Bay. They learnt about how plants adapt to different habitats, the uses of plants to Man and the threats that plants face through climate change as well as habitat destruction.

The students went on a trail in the Flower Dome where they experienced Mongolia's open grasslands through the Chrysanthemum Charm floral display of over 80 varieties of chrysanthemums. They also discovered some exotic plant species as they strolled along the walkways in the Cloud Forest and got up close to the 35-metre indoor waterfall.



Posing in the Flower Dome