



# The PEPS Newsletter **ASPIRE**

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## Every Parent a Supportive Partner

Semester 2 has been as exciting a time of learning and growth for all in Princess Elizabeth. We continue to leverage the quality relationships established with various stakeholders, in particular, our parents. Working with parents has been a joy in itself as the shared vision of seeing the children engaged in school brought us closer to see all possibilities. Over the years, the school has cultivated a strong positive relationship with parents through enhanced communication and active engagement.

Our parents are informed of school matters through parent notification; the school website as well as the effective use of the school diary as a two-way communication means between parents and teachers. Many parents have expressed their appreciation of the direct contact they are able to make with teachers of their children. With these various communication platforms, we are able to work together to support them.

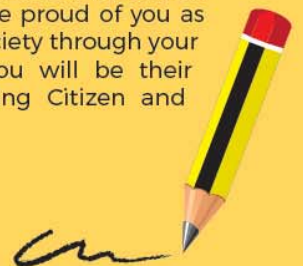
A special appreciation is dedicated to the parent volunteers who respond to our call for assistance in various forms - be it in the form of daily recess duty to help with safety in the school canteen and playing areas or in accompanying the students on learning journeys. Increasingly, more parents are lending their support in the children's learning as they create, carry out and engage them in interesting, fun and exciting hands-on activities. We are most grateful to the parents who spend hours preparing science experiments, art and craft creative works as well as cultural activities that bring our communities together at various school events.

At PEPS, staff also enjoy the friendship of our parent volunteers. Galvanised by our ever-ready 3PIE members (Princess Parents as Partners in Education), we were again treated with a food spread fit for a wedding in a classroom that was transformed by the talented parents. It was amazing to see our parents upcycle plastic cups into lampshades and CD Rom disks into candle holders on tables decorated with frills and scallops from plastic sheets. The paper egg trays that were painted and put together as backdrop for a makeshift photo-taking stage was simply awesome!

Thank you parents and with the bond we have cultivated, our students - your children, will only be more proud of you as you show them the way to give back to society through your active engagement and volunteerism. You will be their model to be the Engaged Learner, Caring Citizen and Steadfast Leader they each aspire to be.

Enjoy this issue of ASPIRE!!

Mdm Moliah Hashim  
Principal



**Ambition • Self-discipline • Perseverance • Integrity • Respect • Empathy**



## STRATEGIC THRUST 1: STUDENTS, OUR FOCUS



Lower primary students participating in engaging classroom reading activities

P3 students forming words using scrabble tiles

### JOY OF LEARNING @ EL FORTNIGHT FROM 10 JULY TO 21 JULY 2017

In line with the National Reading Movement, the focus for EL Fortnight this year was on building a positive and sustainable reading culture. Activities were conducted to encourage our students to read more, read widely and read together.



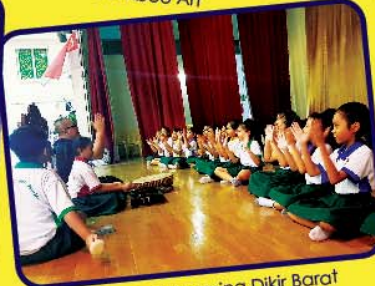
Our very own clay models



Presenting the fruits of our labour - Bamboo Art



Students displaying their Chinese knots



P3 students learning Dikir Barat

### PROJECT WORK @ PEPS FOR THE PRIMARY 3, 4 & 5 STUDENTS



Dear friends, lend me your ears.....



Collaboration and teamwork in action



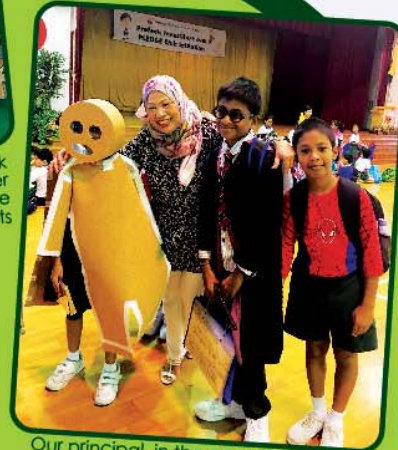
Students working on their Book Creator for their Project Work.



Video recording of book characters to have a deeper understanding of the character traits



Our Parent Volunteers and Staff heightening students' awareness of the various book characters



Our principal, in the company of the well-liked Gingerbread Man, Harry Potter and Spiderman

### CHARACTERS ALIVE DAY ON 17 JULY 2017

In preparation for Characters Alive Day this year, we have embedded Maker Education. Our parent volunteers and students used recycled materials to create costumes and props for their book characters and to deepen their understanding of the various book characters. Positive Education was reinforced through the identification of the values exhibited by the book characters. Through cosplay, students' curiosity was piqued and were motivated to read books of various genres.



Student assuming the role of the book character for the hot seating activity



Ketupat weaving session for the P5 students



Students getting acquainted with the great Indian poets

### JOY OF LEARNING @ MOTHER TONGUE FORTNIGHT

The students were thoroughly engaged in the cultural activities planned for them during the MT fortnight, which helped them reconnect with their heritage.



## STRATEGIC THRUST 1: STUDENTS, OUR FOCUS



Guest of Honour, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, visited our booth and posed with the student ambassadors

Our Cyber Wellness Ambassadors did the school proud by sharing the commendable student-led efforts in promoting Cyber Wellness in school at the Inaugural Cyber Wellness Student Ambassadors Summit.



Making connection with what they learnt in the classroom



Seeing is believing

### NATIONAL PINTAR KATA APP COMPETITION 2017 - MALAY LANGUAGE



From left to right: The five students who took part in the Pintar Kata App Competition are Nur Diyanah (5E), Rostaidah (5S), Marsya Sarah (5R), Siti Quraisha (5A) and Ilhan Haaziq (5P).

On the 26 July 2017, five Primary 5 students represented the school in a National Pintar Kata App (Smart in Vocabulary) Competition organised by the Malay Language Centre of Singapore. During the competition, students explored an App and expanded their vocabulary learning in a fun and engaging way. The event attracted more than 280 participants from 61 primary schools and our student, Marsya Sarah (5R), came in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

### P6 LEARNING JOURNEY TO THE SUNGEI BULOH WETLAND RESERVE

This outdoor learning experience provided an authentic and deep experiential learning. It brought to life what the students had learnt about the mangrove habitat. Students used their five senses and made wonderful discoveries for themselves.



Students who took part in the quiz session are delighted to be surrounded by the animal characters in the show.



Teachers and students enjoyed the cultural performance - Panda Pandail by Teater Kami.

### HARI RAYA CELEBRATION 2017

The Malay Department organised a Hari Raya Aidilfitri Concert on 12 July 2017. Other than students from all levels, teachers from various racial groups also contributed to the success of the concert. Our Parent Support Group and students from Dali Experimental School also put up a performance each. Everyone had a memorable time at the concert.



Students from the Malay Dance CCA group dance to a Hari Raya song.



Captivating performance by our student guests from Dali Experimental School



The concert item put up by our 3PIE members was a showstopper



Finale performance by participants



Children on a food tasting trail

### CULTURAL PERFORMANCE FOR PRIMARY 3 STUDENTS - MALAY LANGUAGE

(MLLPC) in March this year. The students had a remarkable time interacting with the animal characters in the show through singing and learning moral values through the storyline in the performance.

### STARRY, STARRY LANTERN PARADE @BT BATOK CSC (5 OCT 2017)

The primary one students, parents and teachers celebrated the Mid-Autumn festival at Bt Batok CSC. Joining us for the fun-filled night were the elderly from Bukit Batok Home for Aged. The highlights of the night were the lantern parade and the traditional food carts. Thank you Bt Batok CSC for hosting this annual event! The students will have fond memories of that starry, starry night.



Chang'e, Goddess of the Moon and her pet rabbit



Our delighted winner receiving her lucky draw prize from our vice-principal, Mr Roy Lee



## STRATEGIC THRUST 1: STUDENTS, OUR FOCUS

### NE SHOW 2017 - #ONENATIONTOGETHER



Students waved enthusiastically as the helicopter carried the national flag over the Marina Bay Floating Platform.



On 2 July 2017, our cohort of Primary 5 students attended the NE Show at the Marina Bay Floating Platform. The theme of this year's NDP is #OneNationTogether. It aims to unite everyone regardless of their background and stand together against challenges and uncertainties to build a brighter future. 2017 also marks 50 years of National Service. During the NE Show, tributes were paid to the generations of Singaporeans who had defended our peace and security. Our students were also treated to a multi-media thematic show of song and dance extravaganza. The NE Show opened our students' eyes to our nation's past and aspirations for the future of the country.



Lights! Cameras! Boom! The night sky was lit up by the brilliant fireworks display. The satisfied smiles on the students' faces say it all - You should have been here!



A whole-of-government response to a simulated terrorist attack



Eager students assembled in the hall for the puppet show



Picture perfect! Students in their traditional best

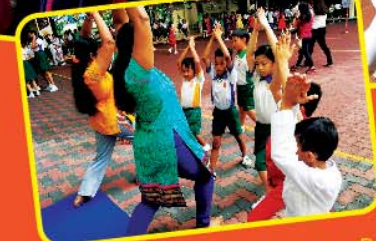


Our teacher-crooners sang a medley of NE songs to the enthralled crowd. A proud moment for all as our Singapore flag was being brought in. The eager faces dressed in red celebrated National Day with pride and zest.

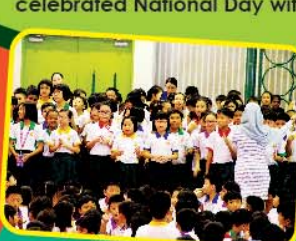


### LET'S CELEBRATE!

Racial Harmony Day was commemorated amid much fanfare in PEPS. Teachers, students and parent volunteers had an activity-packed day to celebrate the richness of our racial diversity.



Crowd-pullers at Racial Harmony Day as students made a beeline for the various booths set up by our teachers and Parent Support Group, which ranged from yoga and wushu sessions to henna for the mostly female crowd.



Body percussion from our lively P3 students



Cup rhythms from the P5 students

### LOWER PRIMARY GAMES DAY / CHILDREN'S DAY

The PEPS students had a whale of a time on 5 October. The lower primary students had their Games Day where they saw the basketball court being transformed into a merry playground filled with bouncy castles, game stations and laughter. Next up, they had their interclass races where the primary ones savoured their first taste of sportsmanship and victory.



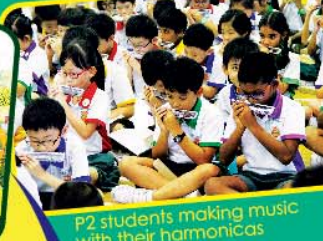
Our P2 athletes raring to go



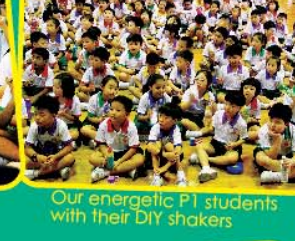
Carnival Day for the students as they enjoyed the games set up by HPB-Active SG



Proud moments for the young athletes of Primary 1F



P2 students making music with their harmonicas



Our energetic P1 students with their DIY shakers

Music filled the air on ECAP DAY (27 Sep 2017). Our students came together and made music with their shakers, harmonicas, body percussion, recorders and more. A truly amazing sight as the musician in each and everyone of our children. Well done children and a salute to our music teachers.



Student beating the bass drum



## STRATEGIC THRUST 1: STUDENTS, OUR FOCUS



Graceful teachers swaying to the beat of the rhythm



Guest performers from Eden School taught us to Reach for the Stars



Our talented Ukelele performers



Circus tricks in motion



Teacher-cleaners vying for their Cleanest Class titles

Happiness knows no boundaries when the students were treated to a concert performance put up by their teachers and friends. From self-styled cleaning gurus to sharks and marvel heroes, from crooners to musicians and circus performers, talents ruled this Children's Day!



Students were fascinated by the job scope of a manager in the printing company



A head start for our future entrepreneurs

### MAKING THE 'RIGHT CHOICE' ON CAREERS DAY 2017

In collaboration with 3PIE and the alumni, PEPS held her inaugural Careers Day on 12 October 2017, followed by a Careers Exhibition the following day. On Careers Day, teachers and students were dressed up in different professions. Parent volunteers and P6 students set up booths to share about professions in different industries. The highlight of the day was the booth set up by the pet groomer who brought many pets such as cats, hamsters, parrots and rabbits.



Pet groomers with their brightly coloured customers



Our teachers and students as medical professionals, vet, uniformed personnels, chef, dancers and entrepreneurs

## 2017 NATIONAL INDIAN MUSIC COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL



Fourth from left: Advait Srinivasan, from P5I

Advait Srinivasan, from Primary 5I was awarded the Second Prize for Tabla Junior Category. A warm round of applause for Advait on his outstanding performance during the competition.



### KUDOS TO OUR RESILIENT YOUNG ATHLETES AND TEACHERS

Our very own Maruthasala Moorthy Jaishna of Pr 3S, came in first in the 60m Dash for Girls (7 to 12 years old) at the Haw Par National Youth Para Athletics. Jaishna exemplifies resilience and self-discipline in her determination to overcome the challenges thrown her way to achieve her goals.



2017 SPSSC Floorball Junior Boys Division 2nd Runner-up



2017 SPSSC Floorball Junior Girls Division 1st Runner-up

## STRATEGIC THRUST 2: STAFF OUR ENABLERS, TEACHERS OUR KEY

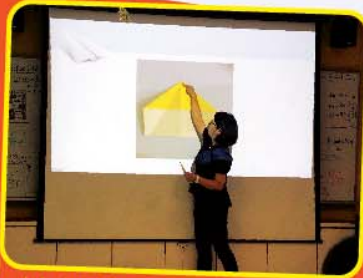
### LEARNING FESTIVAL @PEPS

Learning festival Part I focuses on the use of ICT in Teaching and Learning. Teachers had hands-on sessions to try out the different avenues to learn how to use ICT tools in their lessons to support teaching. On top of that, our teachers also learnt from the Cyber Wellness Coordinators tips on how to guide students on Cyber Wellness and how we can work together with parents to gate-keep these influences on our students that determine the values they ultimately develop.





## STRATEGIC THRUST 2: STAFF OUR ENABLERS, TEACHERS OUR KEY



Infusing Origami in Ratio, Angles and Nets



### ENGAGED@ LEARNING FESTIVAL II

Learning Festival Part II kicked off amid much excitement as Teachers turned students to share their research findings and knowledge, all with the sole intent to better engage our students.



Hands-on session on Student Learning Space



Participants using FAST Kits to show their response



Getting ready for the presentation at the congress



A visit to an elementary school in Japan with 2 high school students as translators and an Irish educator

### THE FOURTH WORLD CONGRESS ON EXTENSIVE READING

Mdm Moliah and Ms Chin Sau Lai were invited to present our school's reading programme at the Fourth World Congress on Extensive Reading held in Tokyo, Japan from 3 August to 7 August 2017. They gained insights into the implementation of extensive reading from the different educators who taught English Language as a second language.

### SHARING OF READING PROGRAMME AT NLB

Ms Chin shared our school's reading programme on 28 and 29 August 2017 at the annual NLB Information Session for Schools. Library coordinators networked and explored innovative approaches to promote reading.



Sharing of our school's reading programme with the primary and secondary school library coordinators at NLB Pod

Besides St Luke's, teachers also volunteered with the public libraries. They assisted with cataloguing and reviewing the books, and organised story-telling sessions to engage the young readers. Another group of teachers reached out to the seniors at Lions Befrienders @ Queenstown, engaging them in an afternoon of games, craft works and birthday celebrations.



Our principal receiving the symbolic painting which depicts two persons, "Young and old, facing the future with hope, from each his best" from Mr Kevin Lee of St Luke's Hospital



The sound of music from our Teacher-song-birds brought joy to the patients

### VALUES IN ACTION@PEPS

Over the years, our school's students and teachers have volunteered at St Luke's Hospital, engaging patients through songs and activities. The 2016 Primary 6 graduating cohort organised a fund-raising activity and St Luke's hospital was one of the chosen beneficiaries. Our Principal, Mdm Moliah, presented the funds raised to Mr Kevin Lee, corporate communications lead of St Luke's Hospital on 14 September 2017. In appreciation, the hospital presented a painting by volunteer artist Ms Yong Yean Ching to the school.



An engaging session with Dr Willy and his students

### COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (NIE)

In line with MOE's direction that the NIE faculty should work towards building a closer link between theory and practice in our teaching, NIE lecturer, Dr Willy Renandya Ardian, organised a visit for his students to learn about our reading programme on 17 October 2017. The main objective is for his students to learn how theories can be translated and transformed into practice in schools.



## STRATEGIC THRUST 2: STAFF OUR ENABLERS, TEACHERS OUR KEY

### HAPPY TEACHERS' DAY



It was double the joy for our teachers this Teachers' Day. On 25 August, they were treated to a delicious high-tea at Tiffany Café and Restaurant. The teachers had a wonderful afternoon, bonding with one another over a wide array of tantalizing finger food and desserts. Over tea, birthday gifts and MOE long service awards were presented to our colleagues.



Our talented 3PIE members dazzled us with their creativity in organising the annual Teachers' Day potluck lunch (24 Aug 2017). The school's PAL rooms were transformed into an elegant ballroom. After enjoying the wonderful lunch, a cake was presented to the teachers by the 3PIE members. We truly appreciate the effort put in by our dedicated 3PIE Parent in making this year's Teachers' Day a meaningful and amazing one for us.



Primary 2A students welcoming the visitors with a broad smile

Well-trained student leaders leading the visitors on a guided tour of our NE Gallery.



The school welcomed a group of international educator leaders who was in National Institute of Educators (NIE) for the Leaders in Education Programme International (LEPI) programme. Apart from international delegates, there were also participants from Singapore for the programme who are commandants from the military institutions of SAF and school directors of the polytechnics.

### LEADERS IN EDUCATION PROGRAMME INTERNATIONAL @PEPS



A group photo with teachers and Principal of DES, Mr Xu Xiansu

### HOSTING STUDENTS FROM DALI EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL

Cementing our long-established ties, we played host to the Principal, 4 teachers and 40 students from the Dali Experimental School (DES). The Dali students had meaningful interactions with our students and had a taste of the diverse cultural offerings that were uniquely Singapore.

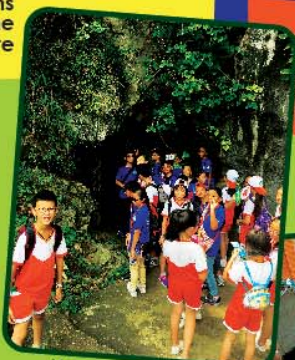


### EAS DAY ORGANISED BY W7 CLUSTER

Our Executive and Administrative Staff went on a Learning Journey organised by the W7 Cluster. They had a fruitful time networking and sharing best practices with one another. They also visited Media Corp and Google's office in Singapore.



Lessons at Dali Experimental School



Young explorers at Seven-Star Cave



Bringing the art of henna to our overseas friends

### INTERNATIONALISATION PROGRAMME TO FOSHAN, CHINA

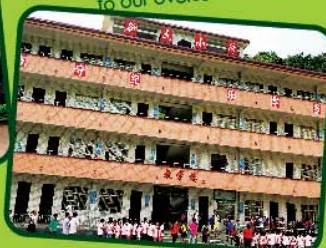
From 29 May to 3 June, 32 students and 5 teachers went on an enriching learning experience to Foshan, China. The learning experience not only exposed students to the culture and history of Foshan, it also provided meaningful interactions with students from two local schools in China.



Having fun skipping outdoors



Soaking in the sights and sounds of the famous Baiyun Mountain



Xin Min Pr School welcomes the students of PEPS and Dali Experimental School



## STRATEGIC THRUST 2: STAFF OUR ENABLERS, TEACHERS OUR KEY

### NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We welcome our vice-principal and four new staff members who have joined the school in 2017.



Our Vice-Principal, Mr Roy Lee, says it from the heart.....

Thank you for welcoming me to the PEPS Family. Like my colleagues, I share the belief that every child is gifted in his / her own way. As such, we need to help them discover their potential and passion, so as to bring out the best in them. It takes a whole community to raise a child. Together with our dedicated teachers and passionate partners, we will continue to cultivate the necessary dispositions, skills and competencies for our students to be engaged learners, caring citizens and steadfast leaders.



Ms Kerk Rui Qi Yvonne  
Mother Tongue Teacher



Ms Ng Jie Xin  
Mother Tongue Teacher



Mdm Hartini Bte Mohamad  
Executive & Admin Staff



Mdm Nilam Musfirah Binte  
Mohamed Amin  
AED (LBS)

### PEPS BIDS FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO MS VERONICA



Ms Veronica Cecilia  
Nathan  
School Counsellor

## STRATEGIC THRUST 3: SYSTEMS, OUR LEVERS



### FAMILY MATTERS@SCHOOL PARENTING WORKSHOPS

The series of six evidence-based parenting workshops on 'Common Sense Parenting' have been enriching and informative. Focusing on parenting skills, the workshops engaged parents with hands-on activities on problem-solving, decision-making and preventive teaching. P2 Ping Pong Telematch Father-Child Bonding

Activity and P4 Canvas Pencil Case Painting Father-Child Bonding Activity focused on strengthening family ties.



Senior Alumni Members gathered and mingled on a Saturday morning (20 May 2017) over a sumptuous breakfast made with love by each and every alumnus.



The ex-students came together on a Saturday morning (14 October 2017) for a morning game or two at the basketball court and soccer field - the corners of the school where they built several fond memories during play when they were students in the school.



Junior Alumni Members come together on Teacher's Day (30 August 2017) to express their gratitude to the teachers who have nurtured them to who they are today. Certainly heartening to see how the alumni members put into action the Chinese idiom, "饮水思源".



From left to Right: Our 3PIE parents had as much fun as the students during the Hari Raya and Teachers' Day concerts.

### 3PIE PARENTS' CONNECT

Our 3PIE members put up a spectacular Hari Raya concert item, which proved a hit with the young audience. The performers not only danced but interacted with the eager students. The Teachers' Day lunch was another memorable event hosted by our parents. The Arabian nights themed decor and lavish spread were deeply appreciated by the teachers. Parents also spent time labouring behind the scene, decorating the venue and cooking up a storm which rivalled that of a Michelin star eatery. Thank you, 3PIE members!



Fruits of our 3PIE  
members' labour.



Our 'VOW' team of interior  
designers and chefs



3PIE parents  
celebrating Deepavali

Celebrating Hari Raya together in our cozy Raffles Room.



Our supportive parents, elegantly coiffed during Racial Harmony Day, and dressed in vibrant hues for their Characters Alive Day outing.