



# TAMPINES

# Pulse

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## Principal's Message

As we continue our 2024 journey in #celebratingeverychild, we are proud of how Tampines Primary has been building the value of 'excellence' in every student. We view excellence as essential for personal growth and success and we believe it is supported by the values of teamwork and appreciation.

### The Importance of Teamwork

Teamwork at Tampines Primary goes beyond simply working together. It's about combining strengths, respecting differences and supporting one another to achieve shared goals. Collaborative group work is integral to daily classroom activities. Students are assigned specific roles such as leader, time manager and presenter, ensuring everyone plays an active part. This approach not only fosters teamwork but also encourages peer support, both academically and socially.

During PAL lessons and CCAs, team-building exercises reinforce the significance of every team member's role. Events like the Senior and Junior Olympics help students develop skills in teamwork and sportsmanship. These are not just athletic competitions but opportunities for students to build bonds, character and mutual respect.

Our teachers model teamwork in their interactions, demonstrating how collaboration and respect can lead to success and encouraging students to do the same in their relationships.



### Fostering Appreciation

Appreciation is a simple but powerful way to create a positive environment. We actively promote this through our #celebratingeverychild initiative by encouraging students to recognise and celebrate each other's efforts. Peer reflection and self-reflection during lessons help students appreciate their growth in areas such as academics, friendships and personal development.

Students are also encouraged to express gratitude regularly. Each morning, they joyfully greet each other and staff and at the end of lessons, they thank their teachers. This practice helps students see the positives in every situation and builds a supportive community.

Our Values-in-Action project has seen P1 students showing appreciation for our canteen staff through thank-you notes, while our I&E (Innovation & Enterprise) monitors have demonstrated care for seniors at St Luke's Eldercare Centre, fostering intergenerational connections. These simple gestures remind us of the importance of empathy in strengthening our school community.

In addition, our Community Theatre production 'The Invisible Backpack' sparked meaningful conversations about mental health and anti-bullying. Through this performance, our students highlighted the emotional burdens their friends may carry, inspiring care and understanding in our daily interactions.

### Parents' Role

At Tampines Primary, we are grateful to parents who model teamwork and appreciation at home. By discussing their children's experiences at school and reinforcing these values in everyday life, they help deepen their children's understanding of teamwork and gratitude.

This issue of Tampines Pulse showcases how students have embraced teamwork and appreciation through various school events. We thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students develop these essential values for their holistic growth.

With deep appreciation,  
**Mrs Lay See Neufeld**  
Principal

# EDUFUN RECESS



**ST1**  
Nurturing Every  
Student through  
Quality Teaching  
and Learning

Students had a blast with EduFun Recess Games, tackling a vocabulary quiz on Blooket and vying for Doubloons in Pirates' Voyage. The school buzzed with excitement as they tested their word skills against peers. Learning became a thrilling adventure! We're grateful to the Parents Support Group for their invaluable assistance with the programme.



# P1 Learning Journey to Zoo



In May 2024, Primary 1 students enjoyed their first learning journey at Singapore Zoo. This trip combined animal exploration with integrated Math and English lessons, making learning fun. The children were excited and curious, discovering new things throughout the day. It was a memorable experience filled with discovery and enjoyment at the zoo.

## P2 MATH COMPETITION

Primary 2 students had a blast at the Monster Lab Math Competition.

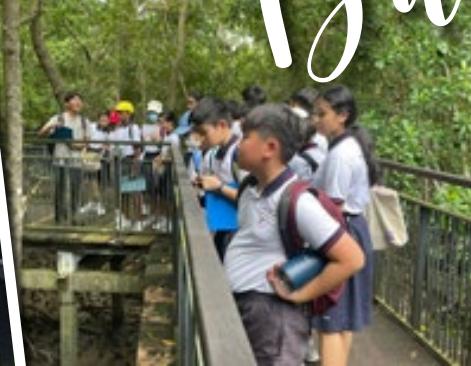
They tackled challenges in teams, cracking codes and helping monsters. It was impressive to see their teamwork and creativity in problem-solving. From counting monster legs to solving puzzles, our young mathematicians showcased their skills.

They enjoyed themselves while learning a lot.

Well done, everyone!



# P6 Sungei Buloh



Primary 6 students visited Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve for hands-on science learning. They encountered diverse wildlife, including lizards, bats, crabs and the famous crocodile. Students were captivated by the varied plant life and unique mangrove habitat. This experience enhanced their understanding of plant and animal adaptations, fostering deeper interest in environmental science.

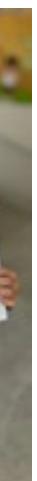




# SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH MOVEMENT(SGEM)



Get ready to speak up and speak well! We're excited to launch our Speak Good English Movement 2024, starting with a talk by local writer Mr Chen Jun Hua! Our lively recess activities had everyone buzzing with excitement over two fun-filled days. Plus, our P5 classroom turned into a radio studio, where students became radio DJs and football commentators! Stay tuned for more updates as we work together to speak good English confidently!

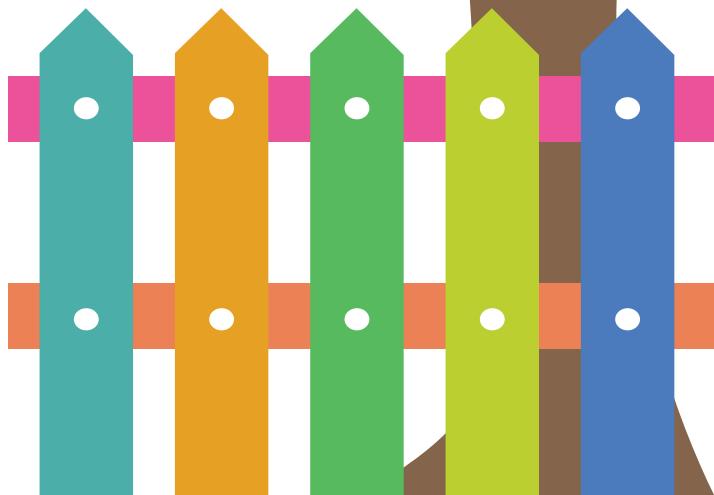




**ST2**  
Building a Strong  
Core through  
Values-based  
Education

## Racial Harmony Day

Our NE Ambassadors shone a spotlight on the importance of Racial Harmony Day at the NE Community Cafe. We delighted in singing in different languages and took part in an energetic mass dance led by the Modern Dance CCA. The assembly programme, 'The Race,' told the story of three animal friends who discovered the true value of unity and supporting each other, even when tricked into competing. During recess, students explored Chinese, Arabic and Tamil calligraphy, in line with the NE 2024 theme of 'Language.' Let's celebrate our diverse community and stand together as one!





# NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

Our National Day concert with MK@TPPS celebrated Singapore's cultural diversity under the 2024 theme "Together, As One United People". The event featured SYF Arts Presentations from various CCAs, a National Day sing-along and a mass dance. We also held a successful Observance Ceremony with Tampines Secondary School, including a march past reviewed by school leaders. It was a vibrant celebration of our nation's unity and resilience.





## P5 National Education Show

What a wonderful day of unity and celebration at the NE Show! Our Primary 5 students enjoyed an unforgettable experience with amazing aerial displays, impressive marching contingents, lively performances, and spectacular fireworks. As we celebrated our nation's birthday, we sang, danced, cheered and made memories that will last a lifetime. It was a fantastic day to remember, showing how we come together as one united people!



# Teacher's Day

Our Teachers' Day celebration was truly unforgettable! Modern Dance CCA performed to Grease tunes, while student emcees guided the programme. Primary 1 students touched hearts with a song. Fun games brought students and teachers together. Many alumni returned to reconnect with former teachers, sharing memories and appreciation. These reunions underscored the enduring bonds formed between educators and their pupils.



# Children's Day

We had an amazing Children's Day celebration!

The class parties were full of excitement with gifts and yummy snacks. Our talented teachers got everyone laughing with their fun dances and skits during the concert. The classroom games kept everyone on their toes, but the highlight was definitely the sing-along to Semoga Bahagia – a Children's Day must! A big thank you to everyone who supported our donation appeal to help the less fortunate.

Together, we make a difference!





# Deepavali

Our school buzzed with excitement during Deepavali celebrations. Students enjoyed Rangoli and Kolam activities led by the Parent Support Group. The highlight was a concert featuring self-choreographed Indian dance performances by our CCA students. The event concluded with a festive sing-along. These celebrations fostered cultural understanding and united our school community in the spirit of the Festival of Lights. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who celebrated with us!



## Hosting of International Students



Tampines Primary hosted students from Anuban Chiangmai School, Thailand. The day began with a Racial Harmony Dance by P5 students and a Thai cultural dance. Students bonded over games, including traditional Thai ones, amidst laughter and joy. Gift exchanges symbolised new friendships. This Local-based Internationalisation Programme broadened our P5 students' global perspectives. Thanks for the memorable visit, Anuban School!





## P4 Young Agri-Scientist (YAS) Programme

Our P4 students, as Community Leaders in the Young Agri-Scientist Programme, guided peers through Sustainability @Tampines Park. As ECO Champs and VIA Agents, they explored practices like food waste collection, vertical hydroponic farming and Black Soldier Flies turning waste into fertiliser. This hands-on experience taught sustainability while showcasing their leadership skills. The programme highlights their commitment to building a greener, more caring community for all.



## Values-in-Action (P5) Urban Farming

P5 students participated in the Eco-Stewardship VIA Programme, learning soil and hydroponic plant cultivation. They created posters to promote their veggies, with P2 students as buyers trading used plastic bottles. The highlight was P5 students visiting Agape Village, harvesting vegetables for elderly Toa Payoh residents and performing for them. This initiative fostered environmental awareness, collaboration and community engagement among our students.





Our Innovation & Enterprise monitors are engaged in a leadership programme focusing on design thinking and social innovation. They tackle real-life problems using empathy, critical thinking and creativity. Through hands-on activities, students build confidence, resilience and enhance communication and teamwork skills. Recently, they visited St Luke's Eldercare Centre, engaging seniors in craft activities, fostering creativity and intergenerational connections.

## I&E Leadership Programme



# P5 Camp

Our Primary 5 students enjoyed an adventurous time at Changi Coast Adventure Centre! They took on challenges like abseiling, rock climbing and ziplining, which helped them discover more about themselves while building confidence and resilience. The camp also featured team-building games, a cosy mini campfire and a night walk, bringing everyone closer and teaching the importance of teamwork. It was a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and create lasting memories, all guided by the MOE Outdoor Adventure Educators.

**ST3**  
Achieving  
Aesthetics and  
Physical  
Excellence





# Junior Olympics 2024



The Primary 1 and 2 students had their Junior Olympics on 17 and 18 September 2024. It was a fun and exciting event designed for students to develop their physical abilities while fostering a spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship. At this level, the focus is on participation, learning basic motor skills and introducing students to the joy of sports in a friendly and supportive environment. The Junior Olympics for Primary 1 is all about enjoying the experience, learning new skills and building confidence through sports!





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# Senior Olympics 2024

Primary 3 to 6 students had a brilliant time at the TPPS Senior Olympics! It was a great chance for them to showcase their PE skills while strengthening friendships. The day was full of fun, friendly competition and encouragement as everyone cheered each other on. Beyond the excitement, the event aimed to instil values like sportsmanship, teamwork and perseverance. It was wonderful to see our students embracing these qualities, appreciating each other's efforts and celebrating their shared achievements.



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## P4 Museum-Based learning Journey

In Term 3, our Primary 4 students embarked on a learning journey to the National Gallery, Singapore. The museum provided an authentic setting for an enriching experience, where they delved into local artworks and learned about Singapore's past through the art pieces. It was a fascinating and educational trip that brought history and creativity together in a meaningful way. The students gained valuable insights into the rich artistic heritage of Singapore and the stories behind the captivating artworks, making the trip both enlightening and inspiring.



# Aesthetics Week

Aesthetics Week is back, and our students had an exciting time exploring the arts through various activities. The Art-Meets-Music assembly and recess programmes allowed them to express music through colour and movement. Another highlight was the school-based art exhibition, showcasing incredible artworks by students from Primary 1 to 6. It's been wonderful to see their imagination and creativity come to life!



# COMMUNITY THEATRE



We're excited to share the success of our Community Theatre production, *The Invisible Backpack*, presented by Tampines Primary's Drama Club, *Theatrics in Action*. This original play explored themes of friendship, mental health and bullying, showing how everyone carries an 'invisible backpack' of worries, fears and hopes.

Our young actors gave an evening performance for parents and teachers, where their maturity and empathy shone on stage, sparking important conversations about understanding and supporting each other.

