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Principal's Message

acknowledging their strengths, nurturing their potential, and supporting them as they navigate their educational journey. The staff and I firmly believe that by working in partnership with parents, we can truly make a significant difference in each student's life.

#CelebrateEveryChild is a vital aspect of our school's philosophy. It underscores the significance of individual student growth, personal development, and self-esteem. Tampines Primary aims to foster a positive and inclusive atmosphere where every student feels valued and confident. It's not just about academic achievements; it's about nurturing well-rounded, compassionate, and socially aware individuals – the hallmarks of a Tampinesian.

Parents play a crucial role in helping us to celebrate every child. Your involvement and support are invaluable. Here's why:

Encouragement: Your words of encouragement and praise at home can significantly boost your children's self-esteem and motivation. Celebrate their successes, no matter how small, and remind them that their efforts are worthwhile. By participating in the Home Education Award, noting and affirming your children's display of the school values at home not only makes them feel valued, but it also gives their teachers invaluable insights of your children's strengths, helping the teachers to further build their characters. You affirm their growth in the hallmarks survey, and this is used by the school as upstream data to review and improve school programmes.

Communication: We appreciate the open lines of communication with teachers and school staff, your observations, and your concerns. We appreciate your understanding that whilst the teachers work hard to create a nurturing class environment, expected social behaviour in school and at home can be quite different. This helps us understand your children's unique needs and tailor our approach to support them effectively.

Participation: Your attendance at school events and parent-teacher meetings is important to

your children. Your active presence sends a powerful message to your children that education is a shared journey, and their success matters to you.

Homework Support: Your children know that you care when you assist with homework and support them by creating a conducive study environment at home. They look forward to your comments and guidance when they talk about their day in school, their friendships, and their challenges.

The staff and I would like to express our utmost appreciation to our parent volunteers. They have immensely helped Tampines Primary on its journey to become a 'community school of excellence'. Parents contribute to building the community within the school. Through your expertise and by your warm caring presence, parent support group members help to build the enabling environment that defines Tampines Primary. Parent volunteers help the students to learn and enjoy themselves through the reading sessions, the recess programmes, the various Olympics, appreciation of the various mother tongue languages and traditions, SwimSafer, as well as numerous learning journeys. I encourage all parents to join the parent support group. Your time and expertise can contribute to a thriving school community. Many of the programmes highlighted in the newsletter would not have been possible without the support of ardent parent volunteers.

By working together, we can ensure that every child feels celebrated and supported. Let us celebrate their uniqueness, their potential and their growth. By doing so, we are not only shaping their academic future but also nurturing their confidence and character.

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing dedication to Tampines Primary's mission of #KnowEveryChild, #GrowEveryChild and #CelebrateEveryChild in a safe and happy school. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of our students, ensuring they become the best versions of themselves.



As 2023 draws to a close, we are grateful that Tampines Primary School has been recognized for our good practices by the Ministry of Education at the annual Excellence In Action event. We look forward to 2024 as we continue to build a community within our school, helping every child to grow into a caring, committed and connected individual who is able to look beyond self to serve others.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Lay See Neufeld
Principal

P1 & P2 PAL

This semester, our P1 and P2 students experienced outdoor education and appreciation of their surroundings. They created art pieces with materials derived from nature and enjoyed eye-opening walks around the school neighbourhood. Being outdoors regularly in both urban and natural settings helps students become more connected to the environment and the community around them.

P1 students also had the opportunity to learn about different cultural dances and exercise their creativity in performing the dances enthusiastically together. P2 students were introduced to visual arts. The PAL module complements the art lessons in the curriculum and provides the platform for them to extend, reinforce and apply their learning through art projects that were showcased during Aesthetics Week.



Proudly presenting our masterpieces



Happiness can be so simple



Time for our ethnic dance performance



SGEM



The Speak Good English Movement promotes the use of good English among Singaporeans. At TPPS, we continue to raise awareness on the importance of using good English and encourage the use of Standard English, especially in school and for formal situations. Focusing on language appreciation and the use of creative expressions, the SGEM programmes spread over an entire term. The students participated in Spelling Bee competitions and enjoyed an assembly programme put up by our very own teachers. We even came together as a school to read for a good cause in support of the Read for Books charity drive.



The Royal Dance



Did you receive the Royal Invite?



Our very talented teacher-actresses

Spelling Bee

P1 & P2



The young contestants getting ready

P3 & P4



I've got this!



Prize-Giving Ceremony

P5 & P6



Showing their support for their class



Determined to give it their best shot

Our P2 super speller

Kudos to our top 3 P1 Spelling Bee champions

Library Events



Extremely pleased with our choices!

Book Launch

Discovery Cove refreshes its collection of books so that the students frequently have something to look forward to in the library. In our recent Book Launch, students who hit a borrowing goal earned the chance to be invited to the exclusive event and be one of the first few to browse the new books. The library was transformed to welcome the students. From their excited faces, it was no doubt that they had had a great time!



So many books... Which ones do I choose?

Our P6 students took a short break from their morning classes to support this good cause



We are serious about reading

We love to read, especially when it is for a good cause

Read for Books

Organised by the National Library Board, Read for Books is a charity book drive to raise awareness and share the gift of reading with the less privileged. For every 10 people who read for 15 minutes, one book will be donated to selected beneficiaries. It was such a meaningful event that even our teachers and school leaders were happy to join in the fun.



Characters Alive!

After a five-year hiatus, TPPS brought back the much anticipated Characters Alive! to celebrate the joy of reading and everyone's love for the many memorable characters that they grow up reading about. Dressed up as their favourite book characters, students came to school with an extra spring in their steps that day. The school was abuzz with excitement. Dressed up or not, all students and teachers had a whale of a time meeting the different book characters and happily pointing out those they could recognise to their friends. There were princesses, superheroes, villains and of course... Harry Potters and Hermione Grangers! What about you? Who's your favourite book character?



A class full of book characters!



Here are our Hogwarts fans



Can you guess our favourite characters?



Our very own Geronimo and Thea Stilton



Of princesses and... a villain!



Our heroes coming alive!



Our teachers do not want to miss out on the fun as well



AESTHETICS WEEK

Art



A display of students' 2D art pieces



Students showing their appreciation of the 3D artwork



Let's give batik painting a try



Happy with our end products



Encouraging the students to share their reflections

Drama



Engaged participants and audience



Let's see what the audience think about the performance

Music

PI CHORAL SPEAKING



Happily reciting the Happy Poem



Practice makes perfect



Proud to present our poems

Excellence Day



Behind their children in their each and every step



Celebrating their peers' successes with a beautiful ethnic dance



Our masters of ceremonies are ready to kickstart the event



At TPPS, we not only acknowledge the academic excellence of our students, but we also celebrate every child in our school community. The theme for this year is "Rainbow of Achievements" as we believe that each child is a unique and valuable person with their own strengths, talents and potential. Besides celebrating the achievements of the students, their parents should not be forgotten as well.

Our young Tampinesians lovingly penned tribute notes to present to their parents to thank them for being on this journey with them. It was a heartwarming sight to behold and a day that many will remember fondly for a long time.

ST2: Building a Strong Core through Values-based Education

P5 NE SHOW

It was a day of unforgettable moments of unity, vibrant colours and extraordinary performances. From the dazzling mobile displays to igniting the Padang night sky with breathtaking fireworks, the students created unforgettable memories with their teachers and friends as they celebrated our nation's birthday with exhilarating pride. While the students have taken MRT rides on their own before, that chartered train ride they took that day was indeed one that they will remember for a long, long time!



The accompanying teachers who made it possible



In awe of the Red Lions



If you are happy and you know it, take a wefie!



Let's cheer for Singapore!



A different kind of MRT ride... extra fun because of our teachers and friends!



All ready for the show!

Deepavali



Our students dancing gracefully to the music



A wonderful performance by our PSG members



Fashion parade time!

Our Deepavali concert, Joy of Deepavali, was held on 7th November 2023 with the theme being Indian Arts. Arts can be found in every aspect of our lives—from the colours of our costumes, the way our food is presented, our dance forms, our music to even martial arts. The students had the chance to participate in hands-on activities during recess, solving puzzles or drawing Kolam. Many of them were so excited to give henna a try! The highlight was, of course, the concert itself. Students, staff and PSG members all came together to contribute in one way or another, be it as a performer or an engaged audience. What a joyful Deepavali!



What's a celebration without song and dance

NATIONAL DAY



The prefect leaders from TPPS and TPSS working hand in hand



A concert item we are very proud of: The Symphony of Dreams



Our school leaders are dressed for the occasion



Innovation Day

Innovation Day is a platform to showcase the wide variety of student-centric learning activities intended to develop Tampinesians' 21st century competencies in the three domains—effective communication, critical and inventive thinking, and civic literacy and global awareness. This year, we are proud to showcase students' products from Script it Right, Playwriting, I&E CCA, Maker Space, Math Competition, Coding, Sony Creative Science Award and P5 Local Internationalisation Programme. Student leaders were the ones in charge of the various booths, engaging their peers in interesting sharing and discussions.



Welcome to our booths



All excited to share our ideas with our peers



Young scientists at work



Engaged learning in progress

Racial Harmony Day

Racial Harmony Day commemoration at TPPS was a vibrant and enriching experience that brought together students, teachers and Parent Support Group in a spirit of unity and diversity. During recess, students were treated to captivating performances like Silat and Wushu, while the Fusion Mass Dance showcased the beauty of collaboration among different ethnic groups. There were also recess craft booths where students engaged in making rangoli, tanjak and dragon puppets.

Aligned with our National Education Theme for 2023, 'The Arts', each class participated in creating mosaic stools together, promoting teamwork and cooperation. Sing-a-long sessions and RHD dance during assembly brought everyone together in celebrating multiculturalism, and the Community Cafe sessions hosted by NE Ambassadors provided students with rich understanding about the various ethnic races. An assembly play titled 'Best of You' aimed for students to understand and appreciate the little things in life, and reminded us to always be kind and respectful of people from diverse backgrounds.

The RHD commemorative activities fostered an inclusive environment where appreciation and respect for different cultures were celebrated, leaving a lasting impact on the school.



Our very competent team of parent volunteers



Have you met our wushu master?



Our emcees for the concert



Look at our colourful rangolis



Happy with our our dragon puppets



The very talented dancers from Modern Dance CCA



Students and parent volunteers during recess activities

Teachers' Day

Teachers' Day was a joyous occasion at TPPS. The students did everything they could to show their deepest appreciation for their teachers. This year, our student leaders even helmed the classroom segment by being the emcees and running the show in the classrooms so that the teachers could sit back and relax for the day. We also welcomed our alumni back with open arms. They were certainly eager to meet their ex-teachers and celebrate the happy occasion with them.



We love our teachers!



Once a Tampinesian,
always a Tampinesian



The sweetest smile for
the favourite teacher



Prefects helming the
classroom segment



A joyous day for the
students as well

Guess the teacher—the students
have all the right answers!



Children's Day



Having a good time during the Sports Carnival



Having a good time during the Sports Carnival



Oh, what fun we had!



Wonderful performances by our very own teachers

P5 LIP PROGRAMME

Our P5 pupils embarked on the P5 Local-based Internationalisation Programme (LIP), where they had virtual exchanges with overseas counterparts that can provide invaluable opportunities for them to learn with their overseas peers and pick up cross-cultural skills.

The programme was tailor-made such that students could learn specific aspects of the countries, like their food, language and culture, to deepen their experience and gain more knowledge about these countries. Leveraging on the affordances of technology, the students worked together with their overseas friends to discuss and work on a project. How enriching and meaningful is that?



Hands on activity—umbrella making



Sawat dee khrup!



Trying out a Thai snack



Learning some simple Muay Thai

Values-in-Action

Showing Appreciation for Our School Helpers

P1 Project Work was integrated with Values-in-Action (VIA) to provide a platform for our students to show their appreciation to the school cleaners. Students conducted interviews with cleaning aunties to better understand their job scope and the challenges they face in carrying out their duties. Subsequently, they also prepared thank-you cards and presented them to the aunties along with tokens of appreciation. A day was set aside for students to experience cleaning their classrooms, making their entire experience more meaningful.



Tokens of appreciation from us to you!

With our warmest well wishes and heartfelt thanks

Young Agri-Scientist (YAS) Programme

In partnership with the Tampines Town Council and community collaborators, our P4 students enthusiastically embrace the Young Agri-Scientist (YAS) Programme, standing as shining examples of Community Leaders. Selected as sustainability guides, these students, including ECO Champs and VIA Agents, played pivotal roles in leading their peers through the Sustainability@Tampines Park facility. They explored essential sustainability elements such as food waste collection from the community, vertical hydroponic farming and the role of Black Soldier Flies in converting food waste into fertilizer. This hands-on experience reflects the circular, sustainable system they are helping to create, cementing their positions as community leaders who actively advocate for a greener, more sustainable community. Through this collaboration, the students not only gain agricultural insights but also embody the core values of future-readiness, exercising voice and ownership, and showing empathy, solidifying their commitment to making a meaningful impact on our community.



YAS, we can!

Urban Farming



All harvested!



Our pride and joy



Here's our marketing strategy!



Fruit... no, vegetables of our labour

The P5 students took their knowledge to the next level during the Primary 5 Eco-Stewardship VIA Programme. They delved into the practical aspects of growing plants in both soil and hydroponics. In addition, they ventured into the world of vegetable marketing, learning to find their 'unique selling point' and crafting eye-catching posters to promote their produce within the school community.

Adding to the excitement, our P2 students joined the event as potential buyers. These young environmental champions had taken a firm stance against single-use plastics, and they brought along used plastic bottles collected before the September school holidays. In a wonderful synergy of efforts, these bottles were contributed to the school's recycling initiatives in collaboration with Tampines GRC.

The P2s, armed with their plastic bottles, took on the role of judges and voted for the 'best farmers' booth.' It was a thrilling moment as they cast their votes, appreciating the creativity and dedication put into each booth.

The Farmers' Market was not just a marketplace; it was a celebration of sustainability, creativity, and collaboration. Our Primary 5 eco-stewards demonstrated their growth as responsible citizens, environmental advocates, and innovative entrepreneurs.

Post-PSLE Activities

Life did not seem to get less busy for the P6 students after PSLE... in the most fun and exciting way, of course! After all their hard work as they prepared for PSLE, they certainly deserve to let their hair down before they embark on the next leg of their journey in their respective secondary schools. The students valued the time they got to spend with their classmates, bonding over activities like Games Carnival, cup-stacking, learning hip hop dance and going on a learning journey to Singapore Discovery Centre. They even ended their 6-year primary school experience on a high note—Grad Lunch!



A celebration of our 6-year journey in TPPS



Our final learning journey in TPPS



Dancing to our hearts' content



It's harder than it looks!



Would you like to give our self-created game a try?

CCA HIGHLIGHTS NATIONAL SPORTS GAMES

The junior teams consisting of P4 and P5 students participated in the recent National School Games (NSG). While many students were participating in the NSG for the very first time, they gave it their best shot and fought like the champions they are. Well done to these Tampinesians for displaying the school's iREAP values as they proudly represented our school at national level.



Making friends through sports

BASKETBALL

Going through thick and thin together



Strategizing in progress

FOOTBALL

Proud to be part of the team

Watch my dribbling skills



Friendship over competition

Girl power!

FLOORBALL

Junior Olympics



Friendship is more important than winning



The Junior Olympics was conducted in Term 4 where the Prep School students played a variety of sporting activities in a healthy competitive environment, showcasing the skills they had learned during PE lessons. It aims to promote teamwork, positive relationships among peers and the acquisition of the iREAP values.



Giving it our all!



We are happiest when surrounded by friends



The Symphony of Dreams



Behind the scenes



"The Symphony of Dreams" was a captivating showcase of our school's talent and creativity. This event, held on 29 July 2023 at Our Tampines Hub's Festive Plaza, was a collaborative effort between our school and Our Tampines Hub as part of Singapore's National Day celebrations.

The performance brought together students from various performing arts CCAs, including Drama, Guzheng Ensemble, Malay Dance, Indian Dance, Modern Dance and Choir. Through a captivating narrative, it invited the audience to step into a world of dreams, where a group of children embarks on an enchanting musical journey, discovering an ancient musical score embodying the dreams of Singapore's children. The synergy of drama, guzheng melodies, vibrant dance performances, and angelic choral singing showcased the profound influence of art and creativity in shaping Singapore's future.

"The Symphony of Dreams" reminds us of the boundless potential within our youth and emphasizes the importance of collaboration and teamwork in achieving a shared vision. It is a testament to Tampines Primary School's commitment to nurturing talent and fostering personal growth through the performing arts.

SYF 2023 Art Exhibition

30 students from Primary 2 to Primary 6 participated in the Singapore Youth Festival 2023 Art Exhibition this year. They created artwork based on the theme 'Artist and Inspiration'. They were inspired by their encounter with artwork from a curated list. One of the art pieces submitted for Category B was even selected by the curatorial team to be displayed on-site at Stamford Arts Centre. The students' masterpieces can be viewed via the online gallery and the catalogue on the SYF website till May 2024. Do refer to the QR codes at the bottom of the page for more details.

CATEGORY A



The artists and their masterpiece



CATEGORY C



CATEGORY B



Reflecting on how we did as a team



P2 Visual Arts Showcase

The P2 students completed their PAL Visual Arts Module in Term 3 and had a PAL Visual Arts showcase in August during recess. One selected artwork from each class was showcased and the student artists shared their artwork with pride to their peers. An art appreciation activity was also carried out where all students had the chance to show appreciation for the artwork on display and provide constructive comments to their peers.



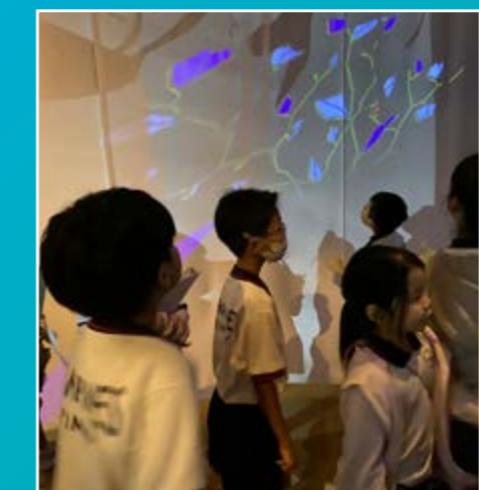
Can't wait to admire their friends' masterpieces



All ready to showcase our work

P4 MUSEUM-BASED LEARNING

The Primary 4 students went on a learning journey to National Gallery. They were given the opportunity to discover and interact with the artwork for the Children's Biennale at the gallery. They also learnt more about the museum and selected pieces of artwork by local artists. On top of learning about art appreciation, they also learnt more about Singapore in the past.



ST4: Developing Engaged, Future Oriented Staff

In-Conversation with Stakeholders

The In-Conversation with Stakeholders (ICS) event on November 4th was a dynamic platform, fostering meaningful discussions and insights within the Tampines Primary School community. Kicking off with spirited performances by our talented Student Leaders, the event resonated with the school cheer and the melodious voices of our student leaders singing "Let's Build Community". The heart of the event was the small group discussions, where stakeholders engaged in thoughtful conversations, exploring ideas and sharing insights on how to enhance the school's commitment to making every student a creator, connector, and contributor, leveraging EdTech as a capability multiplier. ICS 2023 was a collaborative journey, encapsulating the spirit of "One Hope" as the Tampines Primary School community collectively looks towards a future of growth, innovation, and shared successes.

