



# BUZZ @ Valour



## Principal's Address

*Dear*

Parents and Guardians

I hope this newsletter finds you well and healthy! It has been a difficult and unprecedented time but as we band together, we will get through it and emerge stronger. As it is, the staff and I have also learnt new skills in this new situation.

This is Valour Primary School's first newsletter! We certainly have had many firsts this year! Our first batch of students, first batch of staff, first day in another school campus, first day in our own school campus and the list goes on.

We hope that these newsletters will keep you abreast of what is happening in the school and what your children experience in school. We certainly hope that you will enjoy reading them. Do let us know if you have suggestions on how the newsletters could be improved or if you would like to volunteer your services for the publication of the newsletters. You can write to our School Staff Developer, Ms Chua Mei Ling, at [chua\\_mei\\_ling\\_a@moe.edu.sg](mailto:chua_mei_ling_a@moe.edu.sg).

Do stay well and we are so glad to have the children back with us! I am sure you need some time for yourself too. 😊



# Primary 1 Orientation 2019

We welcomed our first Primary 1 cohort on 30 December 2019. There were engaging classroom activities and a school tour for the students, while parents attended a briefing on primary school life.





## First Steps

Our first Primary 1 cohort started their journey in Valour Primary School (VPS) on 2 January 2020. Students were introduced to primary school life via the First Steps programme. The programme also acquainted students with safety and school rules, as well as essential school routines such as arrival, recess and dismissal procedures.



## Chinese New Year Celebration

Both the primary section and kindergarten section joined Punggol Cove Primary School and MK@Punggol Cove on 24 January 2020 in celebration of Chinese New Year (CNY). The students learnt about more about CNY through engaging classroom activities and were treated to a magic umbrella show and lion dance performance during the concert in the hall.



# Total Defence Day

We commemorated Total Defence Day on 14 February 2020. It was a timely reminder for our students to play their part as COVID-19 threatened to disrupt our daily lives. Students were taught the dangers of COVID-19 and how they should play their part by protecting themselves so that they can protect others. They were also given the opportunity to thank the frontliners for working tirelessly during this critical period for our safety and security.



# International Friendship Day

We commemorated International Friendship Day in the week of 6 to 9 April 2020. Students learnt the importance of working closely with neighbouring countries, especially ASEAN countries. They were also introduced to traditional games such as kite-flying, sepak takraw and the top during recess. To further emphasize the importance of working together, the students wrote to a ‘friend’ in a neighbouring country as part of their Home-based Learning activity. They shared good practices to adopt during the COVID-19 crisis, including wearing a mask, washing of hands and staying at home during the circuit breaker and lockdowns.



## We Are Home!

To commemorate our first day in our own school campus, the school organised a mini carnival for the students on 13 March 2020. Students were treated to exciting games, delicious food and a fun photo booth. They also explored the various school facilities such as their classrooms, library, hall and canteen.









## Healthy Lifestyle Week

We had our first Healthy Lifestyle Week too! Students were engaged in low intensity and fun activities like fitness dancing, boxing and exercises in the Indoor Sports Hall during recess. They were excited and participated enthusiastically.

## Home-based Learning

Full home-based learning (FHBL) kicked in on 8 April 2020. During the FHBL period, we continued to provide instruction and support for our students. The Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS) platform became an important platform for learning. Online class meetings were also held to check on the well-being of students and to allow them to meet up with their teachers and classmates. Students who needed one on one assistance were not left out too!

