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Message from the Vice-Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As our nation moves into the preparatory stage and then transits cautiously towards a COVID-19 resilient nation, schools will certainly move in tandem with all the necessary safe management measures. This will mean that schools will continue to exercise high level of vigilance, be ready to adjust measures at short notice **and to communicate quickly and promptly with parents**. As such, having all parents and guardians come onboard Parents Gateway (PG), a secure and centralized digital platform for school-parents communications, is extremely crucial for schools.

The use of PG enables everyone to be informed about important announcements at the click of a button and parents can access these messages easily since they are sent to their mobile phones. PG also enables MOE HQ to reach out to parents directly for any HQ related communications. Teachers will also be able to send information on programmes and activities to parents and at the same time, PG allows parents to perform administrative functions such as providing consent for your children to participate in school activities, declare travel plans etc. Hence, may I appeal to parents and guardians who have not yet come onboard PG to do so. Kindly download the 'Parents Gateway' app through your App Store (for iPhones) or Play Store (for Android phones) and leverage on this secure platform for school-parents communications. For guidance on how to install the app or resolve technical issues, please see this MOE link: <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/faq>.

Thank you and keep well!

Warmest regards,
Mdm Goh Lian Choo

Let's stay connected!

New Functions in Parent's Gateway

01 Book a meeting slot seamlessly
View available meeting slots and book at your convenience during the booking window

02 Photo Gallery
Browse through photos uploaded by the school on your mobile device

Engaging parents of Y2021 Primary One cohort
From 9 Oct onwards, existing parents will be able to view their Y2021 Primary One child's details in PG, together with their other children studying in MOE

*To enjoy these new features, parents will need to upgrade to the latest version of the PG app, available on AppStores from 9 Oct 2020 onwards.

Looking Back at August 2021

Xinghua Primary Celebrated the Nation's 56th Birthday on 5th August 2021



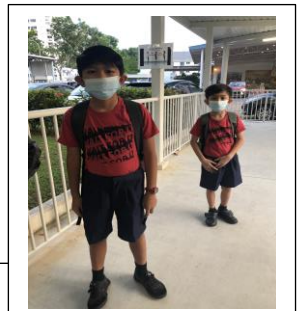
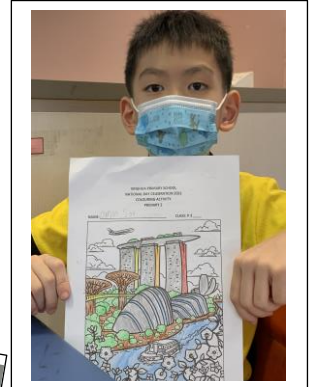
XHPS celebrated the Nation's 56th Birthday with a whole suite of videos and class activities. The students listened to National Day songs on videos and participated in a 'Guess the Lyrics' activity in class. There was also a specially curated video on 'Celebrating National Day in XHPS for the past few years' to reminisce how Xinghua Primary used to celebrate National Day during Pre-Covid times. In addition to a pre-recorded Observance Ceremony, students also got their hearts pumping harder when they did the GASG (GetActive! Singapore) workout in class, a reminder to always keep themselves active through dance fitness, no matter where they are.



Students also got to know more about Singapore through identifying important landmarks and learning about their history. This activity inculcated in our students a sense of belonging and pride for our nation for having come so far to achieve what we have today.



The lower primary students proceeded to do a colouring activity on the Singapore landmarks. The upper primary students kept themselves busy by writing appreciative and encouraging messages to friends and the unseen heroes in our school; our Operational Managers (OMs), OSOs, cleaners and office staff. It is with this hope that the words of encouragement can inspire them and at the same time rejuvenate their day amid Covid-19. The day ended on a high note when every student received an eco-friendly cutlery set, a move to encourage students to reduce environmental damage. It was a joyous occasion for everyone!



My class was in high spirit when we did the dance workout. I also enjoyed the 'Guess the Lyrics' and 'Guess the Landmarks' activities! My house got the highest points!

Sam Zi Ying 6E3

Today, we watched a lot of videos and did a fun quiz. I learnt that Singapore was once part of Malaysia. I also learnt about the different landmarks in Singapore. I feel really happy that we got to celebrate National Day.

Evan Chee 3H5



Looking Back at August 2021



Books on Wheels

The school embarks on the Books on Wheels project, involving the P1-P4 levels, to promote the joy of reading. It aims to develop students' passion for reading and give them greater accessibility to a wide range of age-appropriate books of different genres within the class. Each level has two sets of titles for the year which the respective classes will exchange. Students will also be encouraged to share about the books they have read through book reviews or book talk. It is hoped that through the project, students will become avid readers with creative thinking and broadened minds.



I feel very happy about the books because I usually read thick books and these books are thick ones. My favourite book is 'The Silver Arrow' because it is interesting.

Ritika 4R1



I like the books because they are interesting. There are many different kinds of books such as 'Sparkly New Friends' which I enjoy reading.

Varshna 1R6



I like the book 'My Secret Bully' because it is interesting and filled with emotions. I like the part of the story when Monica stood up for herself by talking to her bully. The moral of the story is to be strong and never give up when we face hard times.

Yahvi 2R6



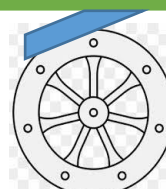
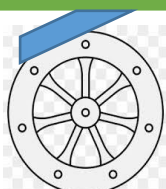
I am excited about the new books. They look cool! My favourite book is 'Minecraft One'. I like it as there are many adventures to explore in the book.

Paris 4R1



"Today a Reader, tomorrow a Leader."

Margaret Fuller



Looking Back ...

Malay Language Enrichment Activity (Primary 3 and 4)

Selected P3 and P4 students took part in a Malay Language Enrichment Activity. This activity is conducted to increase the students' confidence in the use of Malay Language and to encourage the use of the Malay language as a form of creative expression.

Digital Comic Creation

The P4 students took part in the 'Digital Comic Creation' activity where they were able to produce their own comic-based story on Malay Folklores such as 'Sang Nila Utama' and 'Badang', using anime-like features in the comic. Participants find it interesting and fun that they were able to make their own story line and use the non-conventional comic characters.



This activity made me more interested to read up about other Malay Folklores. They have such interesting stories to tell!

Muhamad Adam 4R4



This workshop is fun because I can see my characters come alive with the animations and colourful characters.

Nur Sarah Alysha 4R1

Digital Vlogging in Malay

The P3 students took part in the 'Digital Vlogging in Malay' activity where they were able to create a virtual blog (Vlog) about their special place of interest. They also had a chance to experience and have a feel of how it is like to be a 'You-tuber' as they had to come up with the content of their vlog themselves. They were also able to use the 'green-screen' effect to create special background effects.



I like to make my own script and choose where I want to be, as my background. This is very exciting!

Ryan Adrian 3H4

I am so happy to see myself presenting with my favourite place as my background.

Anisah Zahra 3H1

Important dates in September and October 2021

1. Public / School Holidays

Teachers' Day	Friday	3 September 2021
September School Holidays	Saturday - Sunday	4 September 2021 – 12 September 2021
Children's Day School Holiday	Friday	8 October 2021

2. PSLE Written Examinations for P6 & Semestral Assessment II for Primary 3, 4 & 5

PSLE Listening Comprehension	Friday	17 September 2021
PSLE EL Paper 1 & 2	Thursday	30 September 2021
PSLE Math Paper 1 & 2	Friday	1 October 2021
PSLE MT Paper 1 & 2	Monday	4 October 2021
PSLE Science	Tuesday	5 October 2021
PSLE HMT Paper 1 & 2	Wednesday	6 October 2021
Semestral Assessment II - Oral Exam		
EL Oral - P3 & P4	Tuesday	12 October 2021
MT Oral - P3 & P4	Wednesday	13 October 2021
EL Oral - P5	Thursday	14 October 2021
MT Oral - P5	Friday	15 October 2021

Quote of the month...

Perfection is not attainable,
but if we chase perfection we can catch
excellence.

Vince Lombardi



ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Updates on Covid-19 SMM

MOVING TOWARDS A MORE TARGETED AND SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE

1. In order to keep schools safe while ensuring our students can continue learning without disruption, the Ministry of Education (MOE) will adopt a more sustainable, risk-based targeted approach towards school cases. Our nation, including schools, will need to learn to live with COVID-19 as an endemic disease.

2. With a clearer understanding of the COVID-19 situation based on empirical evidence and how our measures have been effective in managing the COVID-19 situation in schools, MOE will make careful adjustments to ensure our schools continue to be kept safe, and for learning to continue with a broader range of school activities to gradually resume, in tandem with the push towards a COVID-19 resilient nation.

Minimising disruptions in schools

3. Since early August, we have moved towards a more targeted approach which impacts a more targeted group of students. Where possible, schools will no longer place entire levels on Home-Based Learning (HBL) as a default when there is a COVID-19 infection case, but focus on placing close contacts and students from the same classes or CCA groups under LOA or QO instead. This approach will allow the rest of the students and teachers in the level and school to continue with classes in school and minimise disruption, while safeguarding their health and safety. Placing more classes or levels on HBL remains an option should there be a risk of transmission beyond close contacts. Our schools will also continue to monitor the health of students and staff more closely as an additional precaution.

Enhanced testing for staff in schools, tuition and enrichment centres and student care centres

4. From 1 October 2021, the new 'Vaccinate or Regular Test' (VoRT) regime (earlier announced by the MTF) will apply to all MOE staff as public sector employees. MOE will also extend its coverage of the VoRT regime to all categories of staff who are not Government employees and who have regular contact with students aged 12 and below, including in settings that are outside of school such as tuition and enrichment centres and student care centres, as well as school bus drivers and attendants. Under the VoRT regime, staff who are not yet fully vaccinated, unvaccinated or medically ineligible for the vaccination will be tested twice a week.

5. As part of the national Fast and Easy Testing (FET) regime, a smaller group of staff will also have to be regularly tested, even if they are vaccinated, due to their involvement in higher-risk activities. This will include contract cleaners and school canteen operators, as well as PE teachers who conduct mask-off activities as part of PE lessons in our schools. From 3 September 2021, it will also include cleaners in tuition and enrichment centres that cater to students aged 12 and below.

Feedback from Parents

As partners in education, we value your feedback and suggestions to make the school a more conducive learning environment for our children. Please feel free to give us your feedback via the QR Code below. It will give you access to our digital form to pen down some of your thoughts, compliments or comments for the school.

