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Message from the Principal

Resilience And Kindness

By the time of writing, we are drawing closer to the middle of 2021. This was meant to be a year when the world becomes more successful in overcoming the COVID-19 virus but alas, progress has not been as quick and impactful as we would have wanted. What this means is we just have to continue to do our very best to be resilient and flexible in adapting to sudden changes; and also to be more proactive in being kind to others because more people may be hurting from the fallout of the pandemic.

During this period of uncertainty and stress, we, including the children, need Resilience and Kindness. While we need Resilience to press on and not give up, Kindness is the much-needed nutrition we need to grow Resilience. However, it is also not always easy to show Kindness to others, especially when we are going through stressful experiences. Hence, we also need Resilience as a muscle to keep us going to perform acts of Kindness. I will share a story to illustrate the importance of being Kind to one another.

There was a farmer who grew excellent quality corn. Every year he won the award for the best-grown corn. One year, a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned that the farmer actually shared his seeds, which are used for growing high quality corn, with his neighbours who are farmers too.

"How can you afford to share your best seeds with your neighbours? Won't you be worried that your neighbours are going to compete with you in the competition every year?" the reporter asked.

The farmer then calmly replied, "Don't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. It's the pollen that affects the quality of the corn when the flowers are pollinated and eventually parts of the flowers develop into fruits."

"If I want to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow corn," the farmer concluded.

What I learnt from this story is if you want to live a life of Resilience, supported and nourished by Kindness, you need to share Kindness with others. When others receive Kindness, they will in turn be strengthened in their Resilience to overcome their challenges and difficulties, choosing to do good and be caring, showing Kindness to you. Thus, Kindness shall return to you even though you have given Kindness away to others.

I hope that this little message from the story encourages and inspires you to be Kind, knowing that the Kindness you give, will return to you and give you strength to persevere and be Resilient.

Thank you.

Mr Chew Mun Wai



Looking Back at April 2021

P5 Adventure Day Camp

The P5 Adventure Camp was conducted at MOE Labrador Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre. Students went through a variety of learning experiences, which included activities such as knots and lashing, catapult building, archery tag and team building games. Through these activities, students learnt the importance of communication, staying resilient and embracing differences as they overcome the challenges as a team. There were also opportunities for students to apply their outdoor education knowledge and navigation skills learnt during PE, in activities such as map creation.



My favourite activity was archery tag because it was something new to me. At first, I was not good at it. After a few rounds of practice, I started to get better and managed to shoot the targets down.

What made it even more enjoyable was that my friends and I got to play together at the campsite. During the camp, I learnt some new skills such as tying knots and pitching a tent. I also learnt how to communicate and work with my friends better during the process.

Rekshyen, 5R3



My favourite part about the camp is the archery tag. It was an enjoyable game. At the end of the game, I learnt that teamwork is very important.

One of my teammates needed more help with the bow, as it was heavy. It slowed the whole team down but we kept trying and shot at least six cones down.

Janani, 5R2



I liked tent pitching because I had never pitched a tent before. So, if I ever go camping with my family, I can show them how to do it.

I learnt about teamwork and that we have to work together as a team if we want to accomplish something.

Nyla Eldriana, 5R4

I liked the team building games with my friends because I got to know more about my friends.

I have learnt how to tie some basic knots and how to work together with my friends.

Ahnand, 5R1

Looking Back at April 2021



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY 2021 SINGAPORE IN THE WORLD

The school commemorated International Friendship Day (IFD) on Monday, 05 April 2021. The theme for this year was 'Singapore in the World'. IFD aims to inculcate in our pupils the importance of mutual respect and understanding to maintain social cohesion in our multi-cultural society.



Mr Ardi, Mrs Soh and Mr Chew with our models from India, Nepal and Poland.

During the week, pupils were presented with tokens, watched a drama online performed by Drama Centre, wrote song dedications to their friends and even saw their teachers dressed in various international costumes!

What a week for the pupils!



Mrs Bala and Miss Abigail sharing some information with the pupils about various countries in the world.



Our pupils were definitely happy with the tokens they received!



Mr Ardi, Mr Richard and Mdm Goh in their international costumes!



Can you guess the other teachers dressed in their international costumes?



Looking Back at April 2021

Flipgrid

Joy of Learning Online



In Xinghua, we want our students to enjoy learning. Hence, the students are given opportunities to try out different online learning platforms such as Flipgrid, Padlet and Google Classroom as additional tools for their learning. Koobits is another platform used widely in school for the learning of Mathematics. Our students look forward to solving the daily challenge questions to earn points for themselves and their classes. They also like to challenge their friends through Peer Challenge.



Champion Class for P1 – 1 Responsibility 6

Theresa Goh – 4R1
Top Brain for P4 level – Term 1
(Xinghua and Singapore schools)



I find Koobits fun as I get to challenge my friends from my class or other classes and earn points for myself.

Kamatchinathan Manish – 2A1

I like to try the Daily Challenge questions in Koobits. It has enhanced my interest in Mathematics and it helps to improve my understanding of the Math concepts. I strongly believe that what you do daily matters more than what you do once in a while.

Quote of the month

"If you want to teach people a new way of thinking, don't bother trying to teach them. Instead, give them a tool, the use of which will lead to new ways of thinking."

R. Buckminster Fuller

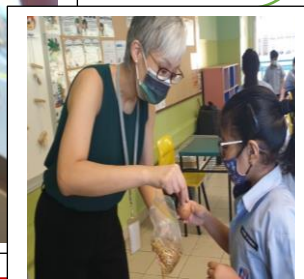
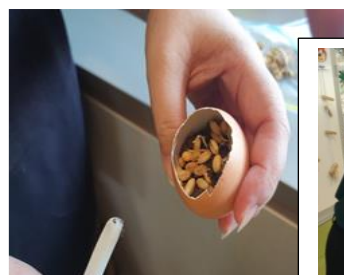
Looking Back at April 2021

Earth Day

Our school commemorated Earth Day on Monday, 19 April 2021 together with 192 countries around the world. This year, we hope to promote sustainability through the practice of 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The Green Club members prepared videos featuring pupils and staff of Xinghua doing their individual part to save our limited resources namely, energy, food and water. The pupils also participated in quizzes and Green activities, like growing wheat seeds in eggshells. We observed Earth Hour from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm with all the lights in the school switched off. Everyone in the school enjoyed learning without the lights on, knowing that they were doing their part to save energy.



Pupils had a great time growing seeds in eggshells. This activity aims to encourage growing their own plant at home.



We enjoyed the activities planned for us during Earth Day. We planted seeds in eggshells. I learnt that we can also grow our own plants at home! I appreciate the hard work the Green Club members have put in to prepare this activity for us.

Nathaniel Leong from 4R1



Miss Catherine Lim demonstrating the way to make Magic Cleaner using citrus fruit peels with Mr Chew giving a thumbs up.



Quiz Time!

I am glad that we can educate the students on the 3Rs through the videos that we have prepared. We put in a lot of effort, but when I knew that my fellow classmates had learnt how to save and protect the environment, I felt it was worth the effort.

Liu Lele, Green Club member, from 6E1



Supporting Earth Hour

May 2021

1. Public Holidays

Hari Raya Puasa	Thursday	13 May 2021
Vesak Day	Wednesday	26 May 2021

June Holidays

Saturday, 29 May 2021 to Sunday, 27 June 2021

2. Semestral Assessment 1

Written Examination

Science	Primary 4 & 6	Monday	10 May 2021
English Language (Paper 2)	Primary 4 & 6	Tuesday	11 May 2021
Mathematics	Primary 4 & 6	Monday	17 May 2021
Mother Tongue (Paper 2)	Primary 4 & 6	Tuesday	18 May 2021
Higher Mother Tongue (Papers 1 & 2)	Primary 6	Wednesday	19 May 2021

The school wishes to congratulate the following staff for:

Congratulations!

(a) their promotion to the next grade:

- Mr Mohammad Zaki Bin Yusoff
- Mr Mohd Mahdi Marican
- Miss Siti Nadia Binte Kamar
- Miss Chia Yilin Eileen
- Miss Fatin Nabihah Binte Mohd Senor
- Mdm Kohila-Vaani D/O Maniam
- Mr Muhammad Nizam Bin Mustafa
- Mdm Sim Hwee Jian
- Mr Lim Hong Sheng Paul
- Mdm Shashita D/O Ramesh Kumar
- Mr Firdaus Bin Ismail
- Mdm Kwan Yang Rui

(b) receiving the MOE Long Service Award

- Mdm Sim Hwee Jian
- Mdm Elana Tan Pei-ying
- Mdm Toh Jia Wen
- Miss Chia Yilin Eileen
- Miss Fatin Nabihah
- Mdm Cheong Wai Yin
- Mdm Hartini Bte Mohamed Yusof
- Mdm Lee Huixian
- Mr Lim Yi Bin
- Mdm Chee Mui Choo
- Mdm Koh Cheng Cheok
- Mdm Lim Mei Ling
- Mr Murali Krishnan
- Miss Lim Lay Yian
- Mr Muhammad Nizam Bin Mustafa

(c) being appointed as Senior Allied Educator (Learning and Behavioural Support)

- Mdm Thaahirah Binte Abu Bakar



ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Updates on COVID-19 Matters

As part of the nationwide contact tracing efforts, **TraceTogether-Only** SafeEntry (TT-only SE) will be implemented on 17 May 2021 across all schools.

Students will not be required to scan their TT tokens to enter schools. Nevertheless, we require students to bring their tokens to school daily. As such, we request parents to remind your child/ward to have his/her **TT token** with him/her whenever they are outside the home. For replacement of faulty or lost tokens, parents can proceed to the nearest Community Club for a replacement or contact the TraceTogether hotline (6973 6511) for assistance.

Thank you, parents, for your support in this nationwide effort to keep our schools and Singapore safe.

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 placed within the link. It will give you access to our digital form to pen down some of your thoughts, compliments or comments for the school.

