



# XINGHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In line with the national easing of community Safe Management Measures (SMMs), our school has resumed more elements of school life to enrich the learning experiences and better support the long-term holistic development and well-being of our students.

Resumed activities include unstructured play during recess, conduct of CCAs and enrichment programmes in person by instructors. National School Games and Singapore Youth Festival (Arts Presentation) will also be taking place. CCAs and learning journeys held at external venues will also resume, subject to external venue's Safe Management Measures (SMMs) and Vaccination Differentiated SMMs (VDS) requirements.

Safeguarding the health and well-being of our students is our collective responsibility. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, teachers and students will continue to adhere to appropriate SMMs, and practise good personal hygiene such as frequent hand washing, before handling food or eating, after going to the toilet, or after they have coughed or sneezed. It also includes keeping common areas clean by wiping down surfaces where necessary. Lessons will continue to be conducted in well-ventilated venues, such as non-air-conditioned classrooms with fans switched on and windows opened, where possible.

We would like to seek your continuous support for the following SMMs to ensure the safety and well-being of our staff and students:

1. Students who are unwell should stay at home and seek medical treatment.
2. Students should test ART negative each day if they are on Health Risk Notice (HRN) before entering the school.
3. Students are required to bring a TT token that is in working condition to school.
4. Students must wear masks properly, covering both their nose and mouth, when they are in school.

We thank you for your strong support and cooperation with us in ensuring that Xinghua remains a safe and conducive environment for all our staff and students.

Warmest regards,

*Mdm Goh Lian Choo*  
*Vice Principal (Administration)*

# Looking Back on March 2022



## House Meeting 1



On Tuesday, 8 March 2022, we had our first House Meeting. The theme for this House Meeting was 'Bonding'. Students were given opportunities to foster friendships with one another based on shared feelings, interests or experiences. Through the activities conducted, students connected with their classmates and got to know their House members better!



### House Score Boards & Avatars Design

Students felt a sense of belonging as they identified with their House and House members within their classes. They took pride in designing their House boards together!



### Tallest and Strongest Tower Challenge

This challenge promoted team work through problem solving. Students had fun and they learnt to communicate with their team members. Students also learnt and understood that it is all right to fail. What matters most is that they tried again and did not give up!





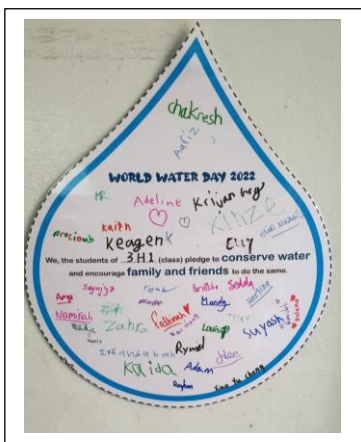
## Looking Back on March 2022

Xinhua celebrated **WORLD WATER DAY** on Tuesday, 22 March 2022, together with the rest of the world. It focuses on the importance of freshwater.

This year's campaign rallies everyone to play his/her part in **making every drop count.**

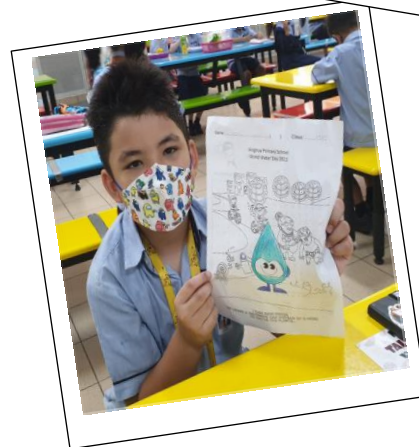
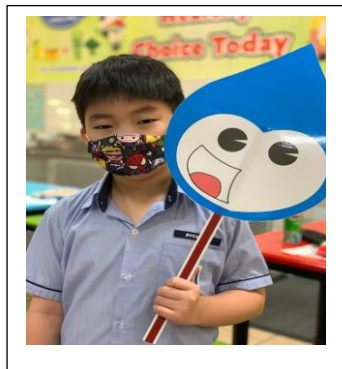
Through various activities, we hope to raise students' awareness that

- Every drop counts.
- Water is a precious and scarce resource for Singapore, and our water supply remains vulnerable to factors such as climate change.
- Everyone has a part to play to safeguard our water future by reducing water wastage, making small changes to our daily habits and using water wisely.



*Activities planned included:*

- Poster design on saving water
- Watching videos that commemorate World Water Day
- Writing a pledge on how to conserve water



# April & May 2022

## **NEW STAFF**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Angel Goh, an English and Mathematics teacher, to the Xinghua family.

## **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND MID-YEAR EXAMINATION DATES**

### ***PUBLIC HOLIDAYS***

Good Friday	Fri 15 Apr 2022
Labour Day	Mon 2 May 2022
Hari Raya Puasa	Tue 3 May 2022

### ***MID-YEAR EXAMINATION (P4 & P6 ONLY)***

English Language - Oral	Thu 28 Apr 2022
Mother Tongue Languages - Oral	Fri 29 Apr 2022
EL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	Thu 5 May 2022
MT Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	Fri 6 May 2022
Science	Mon 9 May 2022
Mathematics	Tue 10 May 2022
English Language - Paper 2	Wed 11 May 2022
Mother Tongue Languages - Paper 2	Thu 12 May 2022
Higher Mother Tongue Languages - Paper 1 & 2 ( <b>P6 only</b> )	Fri 13 May 2022

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - FIRE DRILL FOR P1 & P2 STUDENTS**

As part of emergency preparedness, our school will be conducting a fire evacuation drill for the P1 and P2 students on **Wed, 13 Apr, from 8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.** within school premises. This drill is an important safety practice as it helps the students to fully grasp the escape routes and the instructions they must follow when confronted with a fire or other emergencies at school.

## **POSITIVE DISCIPLINE**

In Xinghua, discipline goes beyond ensuring behavioural compliance in students according to school rules and regulations. We believe in promoting positive student behaviour in support of learning and growth through the teaching of values and skills, as well as timely reinforcement through corrective guidance to address students' misbehavior. **Discipline is about developing self-discipline and good character in our students**, and equipping them with the necessary social and emotional skills to behave thoughtfully and be responsible and

respectful individuals. The school views discipline as an important pre-requisite to learning and we would like to see our students exercise greater self-control and self-discipline in and out of school. As educators, we teach our children to take responsibility for their own actions by making the right choices.

We believe that parents play a crucial role in influencing their children's behavior. The goal of discipline is to teach acceptable behaviour in the child by setting limits and instilling self-control. Discipline needs to take place in an atmosphere of calm and love in order to be effective. Parents with a strong love bond with their children have a great influence on the way the children behave. Positive discipline aims to lead children in the right direction, and it lets parents view discipline as an instructive tool that teaches right and wrong.

The following are a few suggestions on how to practise positive discipline:

1. Speak calmly and softly: When we raise our voice, our children will soon learn to tune us out or ignore us. In reality, the softer we speak, the louder they hear us. Explain to your child that you always have his/her interest at heart.
2. Be a good role model: When you are angry, cool down before dealing with the situation. By walking away and discussing the issue later when we are calm, we effectively role-model self-discipline to the children.
3. Do not embarrass your child when disciplining him/her: This means not shouting, threatening or humiliating a child in public or in front of his/her siblings. It will cause the child to feel ashamed and unloved.
4. Catch your child doing good: Children prefer positive attention like hugs or praises. When you praise your child for doing his/her homework before play, you will see more of that positive behaviour.
5. Be consistent: Stick to your guidelines without backing down. Otherwise, children will think they can bend the rules whenever they like. Tell your child that his/her behaviour is not appropriate and give clear instructions on what you would like him/her to do instead.

If we think positively of our children, and communicate that, then they will more likely live up to that image. Our children will also feel valued and loved.

When parents use positive discipline with love and firm guidance, children will grow up with good character traits that last a lifetime. Children can also make better decisions and respond to stressful situations in ways that can show positive outcomes.

### **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 and/or suggestions via the QR Code. It will give you access to our digital form to pen your thoughts, compliments or comments for the school.

Thank you.

