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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing this foreword for the last issue of Xinghua Link for 2021, amidst rising COVID-19 infection numbers and experiencing the changes that come with the nation trying to transit into endemic living with the virus. It has not been an easy year. The past few weeks have also been very trying for everyone – our students, staff and also our students' families.

Some have experienced a lot of inconveniences when someone gets infected or issued with quarantine or isolation orders, thus disrupting their lives and for some, even their livelihoods. And for some, a loved one might be lost.

Yet, in the midst of all these challenges, we still need to steel ourselves to do whatever we can to ride out this crisis. Many of our P6 students who have turned 12 did the responsible thing – went for their vaccinations. So did the staff, whoever was medically eligible.

Students who are not eligible yet (those below 12 years old), did what they had to do – adhering to Safe Management Measures (SMM) to keep the school safe for learning and caring. I must compliment the large majority of our students for keeping to the SMM, although a small group still needs reminders from time to time. The need to wear the right kind of masks the right way, washing of hands and wiping down of equipment and spaces are some of the important daily routines we are doing as part of SMM.

Another very responsible action carried out by many families was keeping the children away from school when the child or someone in the family was not feeling well; displaying flu-like symptoms; or was at risk of possible infection. This ringfencing precaution has helped to keep chances for transmission in school to a very low probability.

Over these past months, many of our children continue to progress in their learning and develop to become kinder and more respectful individuals. I would like to take this opportunity to commend all our Xinghua students for their spirit of excellence and resilience, attending school regularly and doing their best, despite the pandemic and personal difficulties.

After having done and still doing whatever we can do, we can only wait for this thunderstorm of change and challenge to blow over. In the meantime, we just have to keep looking out for one another, so that we can continue to serve one another, especially our students, our sons and daughters who deserve the right to learn, and to be loved and valued.

Because in Xinghua, our hearts are joined as one.

Keep safe and stay strong.

Warmest regards,
Mr Chew Mun Wai

Looking Back at September



On this special day, 2 September 2021, teachers were treated to a unique Virtual Brunch.

The 1st dish was prepared and served specially by our Principal, Mr Chew who read an awesome story titled "The Dot".

This was followed by a variety of "dishes" which included the MOE video tribute to teachers, Teachers' Day card-making activity, online Kahoot games, videos by the Prefects, Diary of Xinghua Teachers' video clip and finally an exciting, "You are the reason" music video for Teachers.

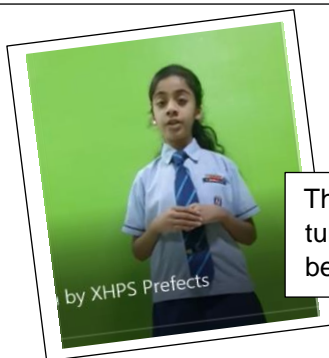
Teachers enjoyed themselves thoroughly and felt so loved by the students. Thank You, boys and girls!



From the Diary of Xinghua teachers, the students were amazed at what their teachers could do besides teaching.



Serenading teachers with a beautiful poem, "A Teacher for All Seasons" and heartfelt gratitude.



Thank you for turning us into better individuals!



Getting the whole school ready for the card-making activity.

Thank you for helping and supporting us when we were in need of help. You have made many sacrifices to assign online work to keep us going. With your explanations, it helped us to understand better.

Tan Chun Kee Javen, 6E1

Xinghua teachers are awesome! I appreciate your effort. Thank you for being patient with us.

Wong Jia En (6E1)



Looking Back ...



Breathe in. Breathe out. Move on.

PRIMARY FOUR RECESS ACTIVITY

Recess is no longer the same for students of Primary Four! The students enjoyed Bingo Games on a weekly basis and were also issued with their very own reusable Bingo Cards. It is an initiative led by one of the teachers in the Student Well-Being Committee.

This recess activity was definitely a hit!



“Due to Covid-19 measures, many students felt a little down, so having this mass game really helped to lift our spirits.

Everyone looks forward to it!”

Jaysine Eng (4R2)

Bingo is much more than just a thrilling and entertaining game! Playing the game of Bingo can bring many positive effects on your mental well-being. It helps you to improve your memory and exercise your brain to boost your cognitive function, both of which have a lasting positive impact. Bingo also promotes healthy socialisation among players while observing SMM.



Addressing Common Misconceptions through Fun & Interesting Videos and Quizzes



In Xinghua, we make learning Science fun! This year, together with our Science Heroes, Atom, Energy and Fauna, we have investigated a few common misconceptions with the students on Student Learning Space (SLS), and we certainly had a blast!



How do we know if it's a fruit or vegetable? Is lady's finger a fruit or vegetable?

Do bigger organisms have bigger cells? Does an adult cat have bigger cells than a kitten?



I love all the episodes of Science Heroes!
It is fun and interesting and I get to learn many interesting Science facts.
I was one of the lucky winners for the quiz in the first episode and I got a prize!

- **Lim Jue Ming (6E1)**

Looking Back ... Co-Curricular Activities

It has indeed been a challenging year to conduct Co-curricular activities (CCAs) for the past one year due to the COVID-19 situation. All in-person CCAs have been suspended and it has been very “tough” to replicate the experience online. Despite the challenges faced, teachers, coaches, instructors together with the HOD reformatted the CCA conducted during curriculum hours.

To minimise intermingling, it was implemented at the class level for students to try different CCAs that they otherwise might not have been exposed to before. Where possible, some CCA training sessions continued to be conducted on live zoom after school.

Although interpersonal dynamics in school has “changed dramatically” due to pandemic-related measures, various CCAs continued to find opportunities to provide learning opportunities for our students’ holistic development.

We are proud to announce the achievements attained at National Level for the year 2021.

Kudos to students and teachers of Xinghua Primary School for embracing the situation and overcoming all difficulties with resilience!

Congratulations to the students listed in the table below for their tremendous effort! Do keep a look out for their work and reflections to be published in the upcoming Yearbook 2021.

CCA	Event	Participants	Award	Description
The Girls' Brigade	Dr Low Guat Tin (LGT) Challenge	Lim Ruey Vern (6E1)	<u>Individual Category</u> Gold Award (National Level)	Poem on “Better Minds, Better Tomorrow”
The Girls' Brigade	Dr Low Guat Tin (LGT) Challenge	Chong Yu Tong (5R4) Nagasubramanian Pavithra (5R4)	<u>Team Category</u> Silver Award (National Level)	Poem on “Better Minds, Better Tomorrow”
Wushu	Wushu Championships 2021 (NSG)	Abby Hu Jiaxuan (6E4)	<u>Individual Category</u> Sportsmanship Award (National Level)	Character in sporting excellence
Art	Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2021 Art Exhibition Category A	Dana Cheung Le En (2A4) Saravanan Ponnnavi (2A4) Sikkum Limbu (2A5) Lee Yu Tong (2A6) Anvita Vinay Rao (2A6)	<u>Team Category</u> Certificate of Recognition (National Level)	Artwork on “Connecting Memories”



Looking Back at October 2021



Children's Day E-Celebration in Xinghua



Greetings on the wall... we love them



Our school had a virtual Children's Day celebration on 7th October 2021. The staff collaborated to put up a virtual concert to show how much they cared for our students. It was so heartening to see our students' smiling and laughing faces as they watched their teachers entertain them. It was a memorable experience for both our students and staff. Here's wishing our students a **Happy Children's Day!**



There are NO Seven Wonders of the World in the Eyes of a Child. There are Seven Million! *Unknown*



Three things I enjoyed about Children's Day Celebration

- I enjoyed listening to Mr Chew's story.
- I enjoyed the teachers' performances.
- I enjoyed the games

Hari Krishna (4R3)



Muhammad Matin (1R8)

Children's Day reflections

Things I enjoyed about today's celebration

1. Virtual cake cutting
2. Game segment
3. Songs dedication

2 new things I learnt:

- To be kind
- To share things & food

Excited This is because I love holidays JOYFUL

Happy Children's Day!!

Important dates in October and November 2021

1. Public / School Holidays

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
18 Oct - 21 Oct	Mon- Thur	PSLE Marking Days	All students are to remain at home.
4 Nov	Thur	Deepavali Public Holiday	All Hindu students will be dismissed at 10.30am on Wed, 3 Nov.
16 Nov & 17 Nov	Tue & Wed	Results Processing Day	All students are to remain at home.
20 Nov - 31 Nov	-	Term 4 School Holidays	Happy Holidays!

2. Revised Calendar for End of Year Examination for Primary 5 Standard/ 5 Foundation

Date	Day	Paper	Remarks
25 October	Monday	EL Paper 1	P5EL/P5FEL
25 October	Monday	EL Listening Comprehension	P5EL/P5FEL
26 October	Tuesday	MTL Paper 1	P5MTL
26 October	Tuesday	MTL Listening Comprehension	P5MTL/P5FMTL
1 November	Monday	Science	P5SC/P5FSC
2 November	Tuesday	EL Paper 2	P5EL/P5FEL
8 November	Monday	Mathematics	P5MA/P5FMA
9 November	Tuesday	MTL Paper 2	P5MTL
9 November	Tuesday	MTL Paper 1	P5FMTL
10 November	Wednesday	HMT Paper 1 & Paper 2	P5HMT

Information is correct at the time of printing.

If you need more information, kindly contact your child's Form Teachers or the General Office at 62889121. You may also email the school at xinghua_ps@schools.gov.sg

Quote of the month...

**"Year's end is
neither an end nor
a beginning but a
going on, with all
the wisdom that
experience can
instill in us."**

Hal Borland

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Covid-19 Safe Management Measures (SMM)

1) Travel Declaration for Year- End Holidays

To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if you intend to travel for the year-end holidays. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s) via Parents' Gateway (PG), latest by 29 October 2021 (Friday). If your child/ward is not travelling during the year-end holidays, no action is required on your side. Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

2) Advisory on Travel Plans and Health Protocol for Students

All students should continue to defer all travel overseas unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH's travel advisory. Please note the following points for consideration if you are making any travel plans for your child/ward.

- a. Students and parents must update the school of their plans to travel to countries/regions approved in the MOH travel advisory (please refer to Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) website [<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg>] for details);
- b. Actual time spent overseas will be limited since travellers need to adhere to Singapore's requirements for entry (e.g. time to serve SHN) as well as travel requirements in the country of travel;
- c. Stay-Home Notice (SHN) may be issued upon return to Singapore and will be chargeable at an SHN Dedicated Facility (refer to official website [<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/sc-pr/requirements-and-process>] for updated list of countries, where individuals would have to serve SHN at dedicated facilities);
- d. Individuals might need to bear the cost of mandatory travel insurance and unsubsidised healthcare for COVID-19 treatment in case of infection upon return, if applicable.
- e. In case of changes in travel restrictions by Singapore or other countries, there is a risk that students may not be able to return in time for the start of the school Term.
- f. International Students (Student's Pass/ Dependent's Pass holders) and their accompanying family members (if eligible) are required to apply for and obtain entry approval from the Safe Travel Office (STO) to re-enter Singapore:
 - Student's Pass (STP) Holders are to obtain approval via the SafeTravel application portal (<https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/STO>) at least two weeks before their intended travel date, and up to five weeks in advance.

- Dependent's Pass (DP) holders are to obtain entry approval from MOM through their parent's/guardian's employer.
 - For new entry applications, travellers should note that entry approvals have been reduced for travellers with a travel history to all higher-risk countries/regions, except for those in Category I and II in the table on this page (<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/stpl/shn-and-swab-summary>)
 - Travellers who are unable to secure their desired period of entry in the SafeTravel application portal are advised to check for new entry periods the following week, or defer their travels until the situation has stabilised.
 - STP holders are advised to check the SafeTravel website (<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/stpl/requirements-and-process>) for the most updated border measures, as well as requirements and processes for entry application. DP holders may check <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/wphl/overview>. If assistance is required, they may also call the SafeTravel Enquiries Helpline at 6812 5555, or write in to <https://go.gov.sg/sto-enquiry>.
- g. Border measures, health protocol and requirements for entry may change over time depending on the public health situation in the respective countries. Please check on these requirements by visiting the SafeTravel website at [<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg>] and the Ministry of Health (MOH) at [<https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19>]

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.

