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Message from the Vice-Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Collaboration. Teamwork. Partnerships.

As I reflect on the work done in school during the past two months, several partnerships stood out that convince me of the immense value of collaboration amongst stakeholders. It is with deep appreciation and respect that I am citing them here:

Recently, with an hour before dismissal time, a student felt unwell and exhibited flu-like symptoms. Her parent, when contacted, informed us that she would not be able to fetch the child home, at least for the next few hours. As we knew that the student takes the school bus, we informed the **school bus driver** of her condition and that she would not be able to join the other children on the bus. When he heard that the parent had real difficulty fetching the child, he offered to send the other children home first, then make a second trip back to school to fetch the unwell child home! His thoughtfulness gave a safe solution out of the situation. His kindness touched all of us, including the parent!

Every morning, we will see a student (who has a moderate degree of physical handicap) alight very slowly from his school bus. He will then make his way, very carefully and slowly, to the canteen and then to his classroom. During recess, he negotiates the steps, again slowly but surely. How does he do it? With the help of a fellow classmate, who is so dependable and has become his buddy helper!

Our Swimsafer sessions have been running week after week, with tremendous support from our **Parent Support Group (PSG)**. For every session and trip to the swimming venue, the school has to ensure at least 2 adults are present with each class. Given our manpower constraints to meet these requirements, we approached our PSG. Despite the small number of parent volunteers, our PSG responded and rallied the parents within Safe Management Measures (SMM). As a result, many of our parents took turns to chaperone and supervise the children, ensuring the safe conduct of every trip and session.

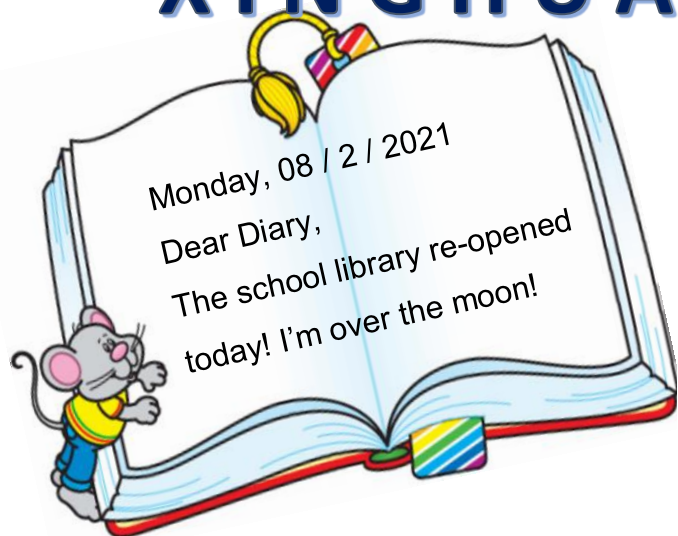
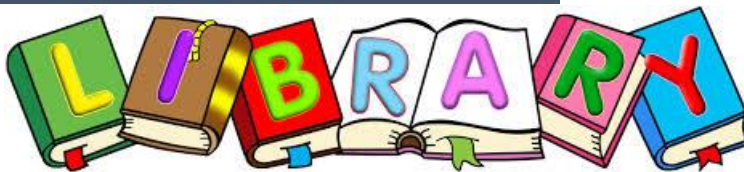
These stakeholders illustrate that when parents, staff, students and other stakeholders joined hands, we can produce solutions, come up with creative ways of doing things and thrive. The banner below in our school's main quadrangle reminds us of the value of helping one another.

Warmest regards,
Mdm Goh Lian Choo



Looking Back at February 2021

XINGHUA



Re-opening of the Xinghua Library

The school library re-opened this month with the aim of increasing our students' access to a wider variety of books. Emphasising safe distancing measures, English and Mother Tongue teachers take turns bringing their students to the library during curriculum time on an odd and even week system. The students are enjoying their visits to the library very much indeed!



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Reading is the key to success

Looking Back at February 2021



TOTAL DEFENCE DAY (TDD)

Our school commemorated Total Defence Day on 8 February 2021. The theme was "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". The programme began with a brief introduction on the six pillars of Total Defence. This was followed by a special invite for the students to meet a fighter pilot, Captain Teo, from RSAF via Google Meet. Captain Teo shared on the role RSAF plays in keeping Singapore safe. This was followed by a Question & Answer session whereby a few students had a chance to field their questions to the pilot. At the end of the Google Meet, many were inspired by his sharing that they in turn aspired to keep Singapore strong together. To round off the commemoration, a class quiz was conducted to reinforce the message that everybody has a part to play in Total Defence. Indeed, it was a special day felt by all!

To show appreciation for RSAF airmen and women, the Upper Primary students wrote letters of encouragement while the Lower Primary wrote notes or made and decorated paper aeroplanes with encouraging words! These were sent to the airbases in Singapore and were featured in RSAF media platforms!



Primary 1 and 2 students focusing on writing their Notes of Appreciation.

I enjoyed playing the Snake and Ladder Game. I also enjoyed talking to the pilot through Zoom.
Adeline Goh, 2A2



I enjoyed myself. I saw a real pilot. I like his fighter jet.
Ethan 1R4



Giresh Gunasekaran 5R4 said, "I felt happy and proud that RSAF received my letter and even read it out in their video. On Total Defence Day, I learnt that RSAF protects our skies and they receive training from all over the world, including USA."



I like Total Defence Day. The army and pilots protect everyone even though we do not know one another.
Charissa Lau 4R1

Looking Back at February 2021

Chinese New Year celebrations 2021

Xinghua celebrated Chinese New Year on 11 February 2021. We began the day learning more about the traditions and mythology in relation to the festival. Students then got the chance to participate in class quizzes and even got busy on craft work to commemorate the festival. Look at how much we all enjoyed the day!



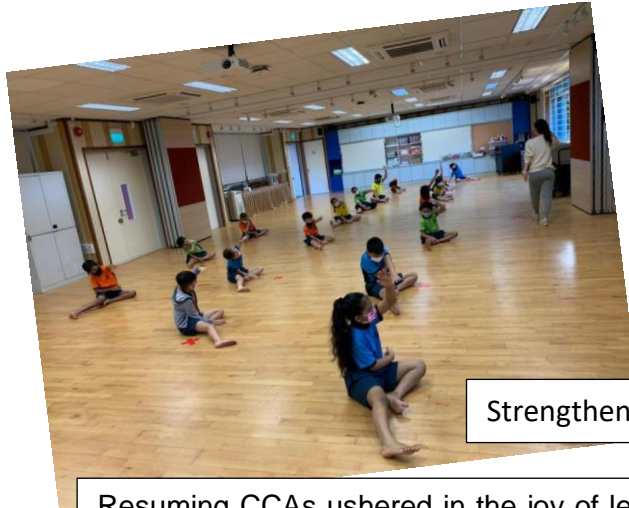
Xinghua's very own 'God of Fortune' making the rounds!

Even though my family does not celebrate Chinese New Year, I'm glad to put on my gold and red shirt and celebrate with my friends! –Nitika, 3H4



Looking Back at February 2021

Co-curricular Activities (CCAs) Resuming CCAs in stages



Strengthening class bonding



Resuming CCAs ushered in the joy of learning and interacting among students without compromising on the safety and wellbeing of students. Our students look forward to experience both the indoor and outdoor activities although it is class-based instead of cross-level groupings. The students are extremely excited to go for it as it gives them an opportunity to try out different CCAs and learn something new every week as a class. The children indeed have fun and we are delighted to hear their laughter and see the smiles on their faces again.



I like the new format of weekly CCA as we get to learn about all the other CCAs in school.

Sreevarshiny Karthikeyan (5R3)



Looking Back... the joy of sharing



Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) are really an extension of formal learning experiences. However, due to the COVID-19 and because we still have to continue with safety measures and minimise intermingling, we were unable to choose our own CCAs in school like before. Now, our teachers assign the CCAs that we are attending and we do it as a whole class. By doing this, though we have to go along with what is given, we also get to attend different CCAs and till now, I have enjoyed the Choir CCA though it is not my selected CCA.

My class (6E3) attended the choir CCA two weeks ago. Our session was in the music room. Filled with excitement, I anticipated what the teacher would teach us on that day. While waiting for the instructor to come in, I had a good time discussing about the upcoming CCAs.

The instructor walked in after a two-minute wait. She had dark-black hair and was wearing a-line skirt which fitted her nicely around the waist. After the greetings, she gave us an introduction to choir. Then, she let us watch a video. It was a band from Africa. All of us were very engrossed in the song. Then, the teacher played another song and this time the band was from Singapore. The song was Humpty Dumpty and it was fantastic too.

After that, the teacher showed us some types of melodies and lyrics. Then she even told us to come up with our own songs. However hard I racked my brain, I could not come up with even one. Finally, the choir lesson ended and we said goodbye to the teacher. We left as a class to continue with our next lesson.

I really got very interested in the Choir CCA and I am now thinking if I should join the Choir group.

Hu Chenxuan (6E3)



On Total Defence Day, my class enjoyed the virtual interview with a RSAF pilot as well as playing the online 'Snake and Ladder' game. We also assembled cut-out fighter planes to play with. Then, we did a 'Thank You' note to the RSAF for protecting Singapore skies so that we could all sleep peacefully at night. We were very excited when we saw our 'Thank You' notes in the video that the RSAF unit did to feature what all of us wrote to them.

Simone Rai, 2A5



Looking Back... the joy of sharing

Classmates

Classmates of mine are

Loud

And working hard.

Some are absent

Some are not.

My classmates are

Always

There for me.

Everyone is excited for

School!

Syaza Kayra Rizqin Bte Rozaidi

Acrostic Poems

Teachers

Teach students everyday

Energetic

Always hardworking

Care for students

Help students

Enjoy teaching

Respect students

Support students in their learning

Rajisha Rianna D/O Sagayaraja

Class of 3H2

Rabbit

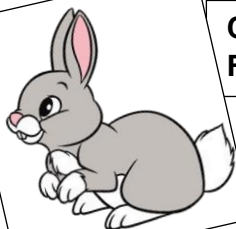
Cute, fluffy

Playing, eating, sleeping

Someone to play with

Bunny

Katelyn Chan



Cinquains: Five - line poem

Heroes

Kick, punch

Suited, flying, stretching

Save the world and universe

saviours

Siow Wayler



Quote of the month

If you want to
change the world,
pick up your pen
and write.

MARTIN LUTHER

Tasty and sweet,
for my little teeth.

It can be blue or maybe pink,

but sprinkles does the trick.

My birthday cake was yummy,

it was made by my mummy.

Daniel Luis (3H3)

March 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Sports Challenge Week

Xinghua will be having its annual sports event in Week 10, on Thursday 11 March 2021 for Lower Primary and Friday, 12 March 2021 for Upper Primary during curriculum hours. The theme “**2021 Funathon**” hopes to put students through a series of fun and creative challenges to have a positive mindset to help them grow physically, cognitively and emotionally!

2. March School Holidays

Term 1 ends on Friday, 12 March 2021. The school holidays will be from Saturday, 13 March 2021 to Sunday, 21 March 2021. Students will report to school on Monday, 22 March 2021. There will not be any activity during the holidays unless notified. We wish all pupils a restful March holiday.

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.

Thank you.

