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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Xinghua Primary School, we strongly encourage parents and guardians to ensure that their child attends school regularly and arrives on time. In Xinghua, we firmly believe that for a child to reach his/her full educational achievement and take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered, a high level of school attendance is essential. The routines children develop around attendance and punctuality at school are key for high attainment, confidence with peers and teachers as well as future aspirations.

During the first week of school, rules and regulations on attendance and punctuality were clearly communicated to students through discipline talks at the various levels. Teachers then followed up with the students to create class rules, which included punctuality.

It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school. Students should learn to move away from giving excuses like sleeping late at night, cannot find uniform, missing the public transport, when they are late.

The following are some tips for arriving on time for school and class:

- Have a fixed time to go to bed and get out of bed.
- Ensure homework is completed and school bag packed the night before.
- Have the school uniform and school shoes ready.
- Leave the house early for school.

A student who is punctual signals to teachers and peers that he/she is dependable and can be entrusted with responsibility. We strongly encourage Xinghua students to start the day right by showing up for school **on time, every time**, neatly and properly attired. This will ensure that they have the time to settle down in class in order to set the tone for successful learning to take place.

We seek the help of parents to ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time. Together we can make a difference in our children's lives.

Warmest regards,
Mr Rodney Naurana
Subject Head / Discipline

Looking Back on February 2022



Welcome to our School Library!

Reading is a basic building block for learning. To promote a reading culture among students, every class has been scheduled to visit the school library for a period every week.

Books are meant to be shared, loved on, and enjoyed. The following are some rules that every reader should follow when borrowing books:

- Students may borrow up to four books each time with their EZ-Link card.
- Return the book(s) in a timely manner. Books borrowed are due two weeks from checkout.
- Fines are not charged for overdue books. Students' borrowing privileges will be restored once the books are returned.
- For every book lost or damaged, the student will have to replace the book lost or damaged.

Let us be responsible users of the library books and space!



Looking Back on February 2022



Xinghua commemorated Total Defence Day (TDD) on 14 and 15 February. The theme **"Together We Keep Singapore Strong"** is maintained to encourage students to play a greater role in Total Defence and to highlight the different ways they can contribute.



I learnt more about the six pillars of defence. I enjoyed doing the class activities and the quiz at the canteen. What I liked most was the video clip on "A day in the life of a firefighter". It showed me what it is like to be a firefighter.

Mohd Adrian, 4R6



The card game was so exciting to play! The rules were not difficult to learn. It was about how to prevent potential dangers Singapore could face. I did not realise Singapore is facing so many threats. I found this game so useful.

Tan Yun Xi, 6E1

I learnt why Total Defence Day is on 15 February. I also learnt that SAF, SCDF and Singapore Police Force are the three important uniformed services by watching the video clip shown in the canteen during recess.

Mandy Chooi, 3H1

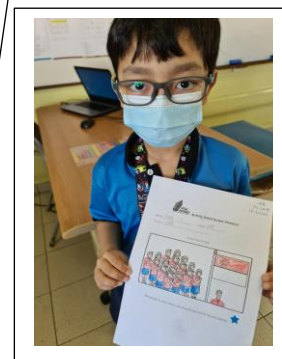


Students were engaged in TDD activities and lessons on both days to learn Total Defence messages, including SGSecure messages on safety and emergency preparedness.

The SG Unite! Card Game was introduced in 2017 as part of the TDD Primary 6 cohort activity. This year, our P6 students played the 2.4 version. They explored the different threats and challenges Singapore faces through the game, and were invited to create on the blank card in the deck, a possible scenario that Singapore may face.

On 15 February, TDD 2022 Video Message from Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen, was played.

Through the commemoration of Total Defence Day, we hope that the students better understand Total Defence, and put Total Defence in action in their everyday lives.



CONGRATULATIONS

In **September 2021**, two of our students represented the school in the Let's Write: Singapore Creative Story Writing Competition for Primary Students organized by Chou Sing Chu Foundation. The competition provided a platform for them to undertake creative writing in Chinese; encouraging them to think in Chinese and create their own children's stories.

We are proud to share that Ng Yee Shan and Song Chengxi who are currently in 6E2 won the Gold Award in the upper primary category. Chengxi incorporated the school core values into his creation of a responsible individual and how he contributed to protect the environment. Yee Shan's story was based on the theme of sharing, encouraging readers to be caring and compassionate.

We look forward to seeing more students coming forward to create their own stories in their Mother Tongue Languages.



March & April 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

March School Holidays

Saturday, 12 March 2022 - Sunday, 20 March 2022

*Students will report to school on Monday, 21 March 2022

*There will not be any activity during the holidays unless notified.

International Friendship Day (IFD)

Monday, 4 April 2022

TRAVEL DURING MARCH 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 only if he/she intends to travel** for the holidays. Kindly make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents Gateway (PG), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit. Only one parent is required to declare. **If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s).**

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required** on your side. Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

FEEDBACK ON ROAD SAFETY

The Traffic Police have received feedback that there are vehicles parked or stopped along Hougang Avenue 1 to drop off and/or pick up students. The Traffic Police share their concerns over road safety and smaller or vulnerable road users like children. We appeal to parents to **drive into the school via the main gate** to drop off and/or pick up your children safely. You may also choose to use the **carpark behind the school**. There are ample parking lots and a zebra crossing that is linked directly to the school, which is safer for your children to cross. Please see picture below.



We seek your co-operation to observe traffic rules at all times and to adhere to the school's safety instructions so as to make the roads around the school safe for your children.

REVISIONS TO STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIME

Since the pandemic, we have **staggered the dismissal of students in order to minimise intermingling and reduce congestion at exit points**. We have observed that our students have been moving briskly and in an orderly manner to their exit points. At the same time, they have generally adhered well to the safe management measures.

As such, we will be streamlining staggered dismissal timings. The revised staggered dismissal times are as follows and will take effect from **Monday, 21 March** when school resumes in Term 2:

P1	1.10pm		P4	1.30pm
P2	1.20pm		P5 & P6	1.35pm
P3	1.25pm			

Important:

- Students taking school bus transport will be dismissed at 1.20 p.m.
- Students in Student Care Centres (SCCs) will be dismissed with their respective levels.

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.

