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Message from the Head Prefect

Dear Parents, Teachers and fellow Xinghuarians,

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to be given the opportunity to be the Head Prefect of Xinghua for Year 2021. I am really excited to be able to pen down some of my thoughts in this issue of Xinghua Link.

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." - Martin Luther King Jr.



The above quote taught me about perseverance. We can only gain and enjoy success when we go on. No matter what happens, we have to keep moving forward. Everyone has gone through the feeling of giving up, but what sets you apart is whether you give up easily or you strive on. Being in my last and most important year of primary school, I realised that I have to be willing to try my best and make the best out of every single day I have.

Last year, all of us faced multiple difficulties. These included online learning and having to adhere to Safe Management Measures (SMMs). Even though these obstacles hindered the norms, we did not give up and continued to strive on. Teachers brought us through step-by-step on how to use the various online platforms. To conduct experiments, teachers also conducted mini experiments in class so that we could better understand complex concepts through these observations. These were all possible with perseverance. I believe that many of us were deeply inspired by these actions and greatly appreciated them.

Whenever you face any challenges, another huge pillar of support, which you can turn to, would be your classmates. All of us in my class constantly encourage one another and we can always ask questions freely if there is anything we are unsure about. Thank you, friends!

To end off, do remember to always persevere and stay positive no matter what the circumstance. All the best!

Warmest regards,
Ammar Aqil (6E3)

Looking Back at March 2021

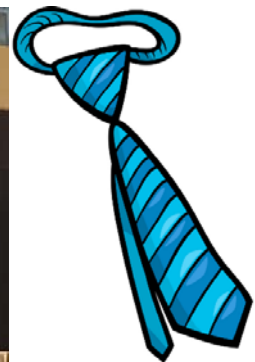
Prefects' Investiture

The Prefects' Investiture took place on Monday, 1 March 2021, with a total of 68 prefects from Primary 4 to 6. With Safe Management Measures in place, the prefects gathered in the hall for this ceremony to be officially invested as prefects of Year 2021.



Special live streaming and video compilation

The ceremony started with a video compiled by the prefects, followed by a live streaming of the presentation of badges to EXCO members and recitation of the prefects' pledge.



**To Lead,
Serve &
Inspire**

It was a great experience for me during the Prefects' Investiture as well as the Head Prefect Election. It was not easy to come this far and I feel proud of my friend, Ammar Aqil and myself. My experiences in Prefectorial Board have developed me into a better person and a leader.

T. Abarajithaa (6E3) – Vice Head Prefect, 2021



Looking Back at March 2021

Values-in-Action (VIA): Friend of Singa (FOS)



This year, our students embarked on a kindness adventure to spread kindness in school and at home through special missions given to them throughout the year. This is the Friend of Singa (FOS) project, which is a project in partnership with Singapore Kindness Movement.

In Term 1, each student was given a mission card. They were tasked to have a friendly chat with their friends to find out the meaning of their friends' names and why there are different parts to their names. From this activity, students not only bonded with their friends but also learnt that our names reflect who we are and where we come from. Once the students had completed the mission cards, they posted their submissions in the Kindness Mailbox placed in school. For the first mission, there were over 200 submissions.

During the March holidays, students were on a kindness mission too. Their mission was to write an appreciation letter to their classmates who have been supportive and helpful to them since school reopened and the mission was very successful.



**With kindness, we can make life better
for everyone!
Let's show kindness anytime, anywhere and
with everyone!**



Looking Back at March 2021

FunAthon 2021

To mark the end of Term 1, the school held its first FunAthon (a marathon day of fun activities) over 2 days on Thursday, 11 March 2021 and Friday, 12 March 2021. In place of the yearly Sports Carnival, FunAthon was packed with a day of physical and mental challenges. Not only were there inter-house sports and games, there were also Science experiments and Maths puzzles for students to complete. Students were not only playing various sports, but also seen creating catapults, paper aeroplanes, preventing an egg from cracking, and creating their own Maths puzzles. The theme of the FunAthon: **Move It, Crack It, Grow It!**, was selected to encapsulate the various challenges that students experienced throughout the day. Along the way, students also applied important values such as perseverance and respect for others.

It was great to once again see the smiles and excitement on students' faces and we are sure that this event will be a memorable experience in the midst of these challenging times.



We had to roll the ball into the box, but I didn't manage to. However, I kept trying and I finally did it! I felt so happy!

Lee Zhe Yi (1R1)



I loved the Math Challenge because we got to use our creativity to design our own Maths riddles. Also, for the Science Challenge, we actually put what we have learned into practice.

Sarah Natalie Chua (5R3)

Looking Back at March 2021

Exploring Chinatown: P4 Social Studies Virtual Tour



At the end of Term 1, the P4s were enthralled by a virtual tour to Chinatown. With a click of the mouse they entered the streets of Chinatown. As they moved along, they listened to a narration and at certain junctures, out popped some questions. When they answered them, they collected a reward. This was pulsating and kept them glued to the screen. Students were thrilled by this experience as they could find out more about the early settlers and their impact on our nation's progress in a game format.

This was a new way we got our students to enjoy learning about the past and, at the same time explore the heritage of Singapore.



This virtual tour is enriching and educational as I learnt about the historical and cultural past of Chinatown.
Joyce Chen (4R1)



I learned that people travelled by junk to come to Singapore and that we need to remove our shoes when entering places of worship.
Xiang Fu (4R3)



Quote of the month

"Learning is MORE effective when it is ACTIVE rather than a passive process."
Kurt Lewin

Looking Forward



Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Art Exhibition

Since 1966, the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) has been an annual event organised by the Ministry of Education for the following objectives:

- to support nation-building and develop cultural awareness and appreciation through aesthetics education;
- to serve as a platform for the development of character, 21st Century competencies and social emotional learning through the arts;
- to encourage mass participation in arts Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) in schools where students enjoy the arts as CCA members or as audience members at performances and exhibitions; and
- to celebrate youth vitality through the showcasing of diverse artistic talents and creativity.

The 2021 Art exhibition theme is '**Artist and Technology**'.

Technology has advanced and disrupted our lives. This exhibition aims to highlight the artists' role in utilizing technology (past, present and future) to explore and express their views on how technology has shaped our lives.

This year, 3 groups of students will be representing Xinghua in the respective SYF categories (Category A- P2, Category B- P3, Category C- P5).



Our young artists are in the midst of brainstorming, exploring and creating. So, do give them your support and stay tuned to see their final masterpieces!

April 2021

SCHOOL EVENTS

1. Public Holidays

Labour Day Saturday 1 May 2021

2. Semestral Assessment 1

Oral Examination (Within Curriculum Time)

Thursday, 29 April 2021	Primary 4 & 6	English Language
Friday, 30 April 2021	Primary 4 & 6	Mother Tongue (CL, ML & TL)

Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension

Thursday, 6 May 2021	Primary 4 & 6	English Language
Friday, 7 May 2021	Primary 4 & 6	Mother Tongue (CL, ML & TL)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Important reminders on COVID-19

We are grateful to all parents who have worked closely with school to ring-fence staff and students against the virus threat. We will need the continued cooperation of all parents to **inform the school** if you have adult household members (18 years old and above) who are unwell or are on **Home Quarantine Order (HQO)/Stay-Home Notice (SHN)/Leave of Absence (LOA)**. All of us play a part in ensuring the safety and well-being of our loved ones, our society and ourselves.

1. Under what circumstances will my child be placed on LOA?

Students will be placed on LOA:

- when they are in close contact with confirmed cases but are not placed on (HQO); or
- if members in their household are serving the HQO at their place of residence; or
- if members in their household have returned from overseas AND are serving their ICA-issued SHN at their place of residence

2. Under what circumstances will my child be placed on Approved Absence (AA)?

Students in school can be placed on AA when they are staying in the same household as adults (18 years and above) with flu-like symptoms, for the duration of the unwell individual's medical leave or until the adult is informed of a negative COVID-19 swab result.

(* Please contact the school if further clarification is needed.)

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.

