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Dear Parents / Guardians

With effect from 26 April 2022, most Covid-19 curbs, including group size limits and safe distancing have been lifted as Singapore treats COVID-19 as endemic, although the virus should not be taken lightly as a common flu yet. (source: <https://www.ncid.sg/News-Events/News/Pages/ask-ST-If-Singapore-treats-Covid-19-as-endemic-can-we-view-it-like-the-common-flu.aspx>)

As a result of the latest series of easing measures, the school has also reviewed its Safe Management Measures (SMM) and introduced the necessary changes to enhance students' schooling and learning experiences. For example, with the removal of the safe distancing measure, classroom desks can now be arranged in clusters of pairs or fours so that students can participate in more group discussions and collaborative learning. Unstructured Play has also been reintroduced during recesses so that the children can rest and relax, and also interact with their friends through play.

While we welcome all these changes, we want to make the necessary adjustments responsibly and prudently. With more freedom to move about and interact, we stress to our children about personal and social responsibility. The removal of most COVID-19 curbs does not mean that children should stop washing of hands and wearing of masks indoors. Most of our students are very well aware and they are doing their best to keep themselves and others safe.

Learning continues for the students, of course. And as we enter into May, our P4 and P6 students have already gotten a taste of sitting for their Mid-Year Examinations (MYE). This will be the last year for MYE for P4 and P6. Some students look forward to the removal of MYE while others are worried, concerned that they might not have the chance to check their level of proficiency in the respective academic subjects. The school is carrying its review of its assessment plans and will continue to engage parents so that they can be assured that the rigour of learning is maintained despite the change.

Indeed change is the only constant. In every situation of change, there are challenges, as well as opportunities. What will keep us thriving is our resilience and relationship. We need to continue to converse, even on matters that are not most comfortable, so that we can understand one another better and also forge better relationships to face the challenges ahead. We look forward to having more parent volunteers join the Parents Support Group (PSG); to be our partners in making Xinghua Primary School a caring and enabling community that welcomes all learners.

Wishing all to stay safe and be healthy always!

Thank you.

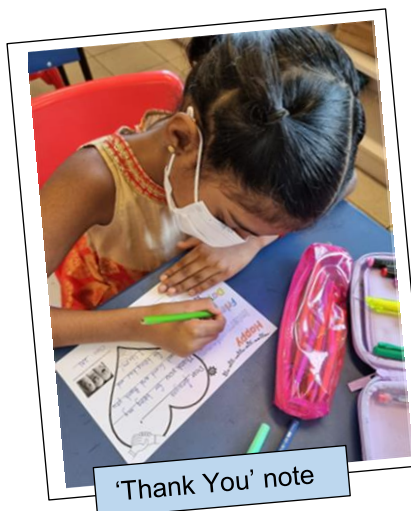
Warmest regards
Mr Chew Mun Wai
Principal

Looking Back on April 2022



Xinghua celebrated **International Friendship Day (IFD)** on 4 April. Many students were spotted coming to school in their ethnic costumes! The celebration began with a short introduction on the importance of IFD and what it means to Singapore. This year, the spotlight was on the contributions of the Gurkhas. Thereafter, there was a fun quiz and reflective sharing on the culture and traditions by some of our international students and parents. In addition, the lower primary students expressed their appreciation of their international friends and vice versa, through notes and post-its. The upper primary students wrote letters to the Gurkhas thanking them for their service and sacrifice. These letters were compiled and sent to the Gurkha Contingent.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration a success!



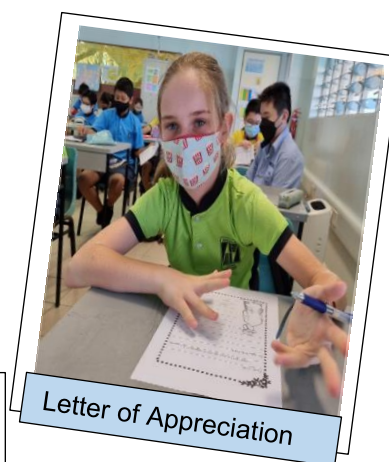
'Thank You' note



Notes to friends



Greetings to all!



Letter of Appreciation

Looking Back on April 2022



The school celebrated **Hari Raya Puasa** on 25 April 2022. In anticipation of the arrival of Hari Raya Puasa, festive decorations were placed around the school compound to create a festive atmosphere. This year's Hari Raya Puasa celebrations started off with a reading of a story, "Hafiz and the Raya Recipes" by our Principal, Mr Chew. The celebrations continued in the classrooms where teachers and students were engaged in viewing videos, participating in quizzes and classroom activities such as paper weaving, making 'duit raya' and colouring. The students with the best entry had the chance to walk away with a 'dompet ketupat' filled with goodies. They were also entertained with Hari Raya greetings by the teachers and a finale performance by our Xinghua Malay students. There was also a demonstration of 'samping' dressing by the P6 students. To end the celebration, our Parent Support Group set up booths to do art and craft activities for our students.

I liked the videos of the traditional Malay food and snacks and the traditional Malay costumes. I learnt much about the Malay culture.
~ Ethan, 2A4

I think this year's Hari Raya was great! Mr Chew's story telling was very interesting. The recess activities were really fun. I decorated the cut-out of the mosque. Although I do not celebrate Hari Raya, it was a fun day to remember.
~ Ningwa, 4R1

I think the Hari Raya celebration was marvellous. Firstly, the story book was interesting. The Hari Raya video was very informative. I came to know that the traditional head gear is known as 'songkok'. The celebration was a memorable one.
~ Ng Wan Ji, 4R1



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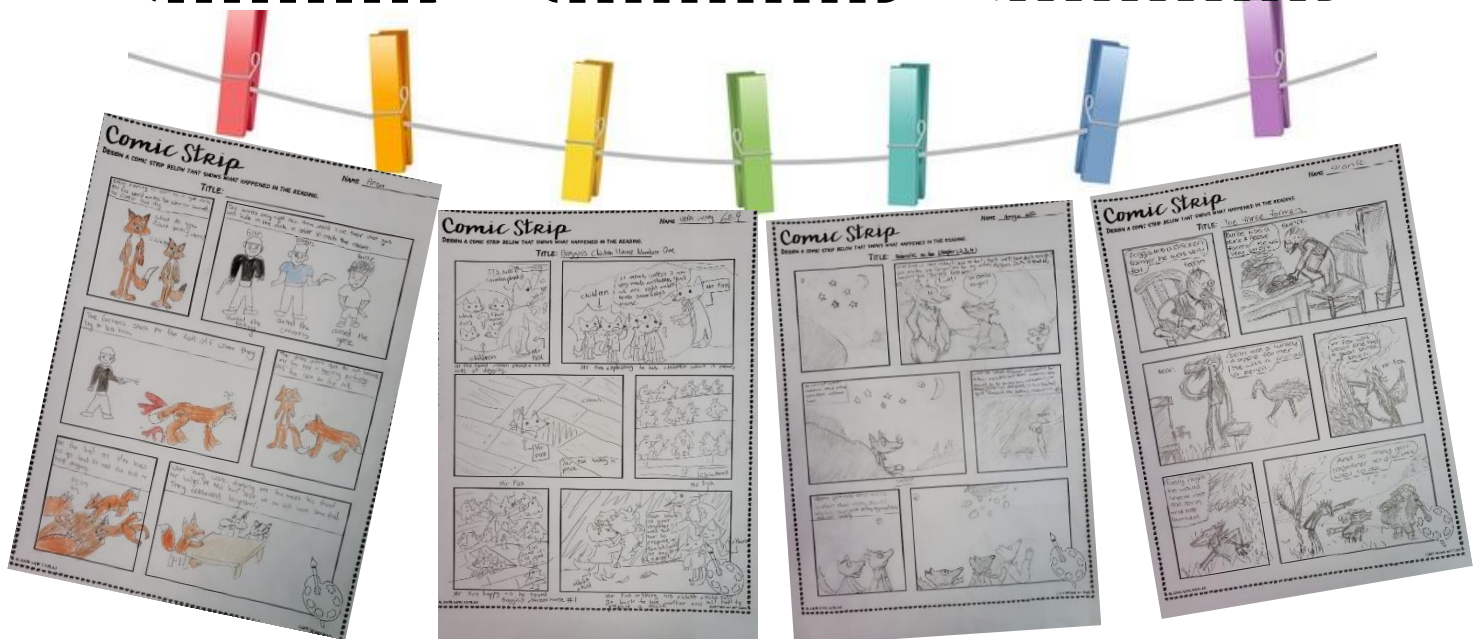
P6 Book Exposure

Our P6 students delved deep into reading the book titled, ***The Fantastic Mr Fox***. What problems did Mr Fox encounter? How did the characters react? How did they respond? These exercises strengthen the children's empathy as well as writing skills. The students will revisit the story with their teachers to discuss other elements of story writing, such as characterisation and plot development.

Story discussion & analysis

Brainstorming for alternative solutions

Presenting a snippet in the form of a comic strip



It was pretty enjoyable as drawing out the story helped me to visualise the actual scene they were in. I also got to work with my classmates so it was a bonding experience. - Shiwen, 6E1

The activity was fun as I could draw out the different characters. I drew them based on how the book described them. - Nyla, 6E4

It was fun and enjoyable as we were able to draw out the scenes from the book like a little comic! - Yukmi, 6E2



Looking Back on April 2022



e-Tamil Language Learning Festival 2022 was organised by Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre for all P5 students in Singapore. Xinghua Primary School enrolled all P5 students to this learning platform to raise their awareness of the Indian traditions and customs. Students learnt to bring **Stories Alive** through Drama, create Tamil Village handicrafts and be a Radio DJ in a creative manner. Students participated enthusiastically and learnt many useful techniques in craft creation and presentation skills. They were excited to learn from Vasantham TV stars and OLI 96.8 DJs. This TLLF 2022 gave all students an opportunity to share and experience learning in a fun way.



I had a lot of fun at the Tamil Language Learning Festival. Not only did I learn new things, I also got the chance to meet many Tamil students from other schools. We read famous stories, dubbed videos, made handicrafts and learned how to be a radio presenter. Personally, my favourite activity was the making of handicrafts. We were given clay to make traditional village dolls and coconut leaves to make a basket. By the end of the entire session, I had created so many memories with my Mother Tongue classmates and teacher. We learned so many things together. I felt very happy and fortunate to be a part of this learning journey. I hope there will be more events like this so that I can learn many more new things.

- Rithika, 5R4

The Tamil Language Learning Festival was a very useful event. There were mainly 4 activities conducted at the festival. They were basket weaving using coconut leaves, clay doll making, drama characterisation and radio presentation. I learnt many useful tips from radio presentation and drama characterisation. The clay doll making and basket weaving were enjoyable and interesting. My favourite among all was the basket weaving. I had a very pleasant experience at the TLLF. I hope to take part in this Festival again next year.

- Subasri, 5R2



I learnt many useful things at the Tamil Language Learning Festival. I had so much fun learning to bring a story alive through dramatization. It was interesting to listen to other students who shared their responses. I also learnt to make handicrafts. I made a village doll and a basket too. I really enjoyed this festival! It was a good experience for me.

- Viruthambika M, 5R4



May, June & July 2022

PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Vesak Day	Monday, 16 May 2022
School Holidays	Saturday, 28 May to Sunday, 26 June 2022
Youth Day School Holiday	Monday, 04 July 2022
Hari Raya Haji	Monday, 11 July 2022

P1 REGISTRATION: PHASE 1 ELIGIBILITY

Phase 1 is for a child who has a sibling currently studying in the school. The child to be registered must be a **Singapore Citizen (SC) / Singapore Permanent Resident (PR)** and be born between **2 January 2016 and 1 January 2017 (both dates inclusive)**. Parents may refer to the MOE website at go.gov.sg/P1reg for updates on the 2022 P1 Registration exercise.

PARENTS GATEWAY (PG)

Currently the take-up rate for PG stands at 97%. PG is a one-stop portal that strengthens school-home partnership to support our children in their education journey. The app allows parents to get access to the school's announcements and consent forms.

We would like to invite parents who have yet to sign up to download the free Parents Gateway mobile app on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) and perform a simple one-time onboarding process.

UPDATES ON SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

1. What should my child do when a household member is confirmed to be a COVID-19 case / issued Stay-Home Notice (SHN)? [UPDATED]

In living with COVID-19, the emphasis is on social responsibility. Please ensure your child follow the necessary precautions under Protocol 3; his/her daily test result is negative and is well before attending school.

2. What measures are eased in schools?

In line with the further easing of community measures, the following adjustments are implemented from Tuesday, 26 April 2022:

- No group size and safe distancing requirements for school activities including recess;
- All students will be able to participate in activities regardless of their vaccination status;
- No capacity limit for school events; and
- TraceTogether-only SafeEntry check-ins in schools are no longer required.

3. What precautionary measures will continue?

These include the following:

Screening

- School staff will carry out daily general screening of students' well-being.
- Students who are unwell with flu-like symptoms, are required to stay away from school. They should seek medical attention if needed and be tested for COVID-19, if required.

Hygiene

- Frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces and daily disinfection of premises.
- Students will continue to practise frequent hand-washing throughout the school day and wipe down of tables and shared equipment after use.

Mask wearing

- Mask wearing is required indoors as a default.
- Unmasking indoors is only allowed for Physical Education, sports, singing, wind instrument playing, choral recitation, speech & drama, dancing and specific groups of students in language/literacy lessons.

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.

