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Dear Readers,

This is the last issue of Xinghua Link for the year, and I would like to take the chance to appreciate our staff, parents and parent volunteers, **students** and also community partners who support **our students'** learning and well-being.

Some of us might wonder why I thank the students as well. Allow me to explain.

While we as adult caregivers do as much as we can to help our students, sometimes a very impactful source of help can come from their peers. In order for an engaging lesson to take place, all students in a class must cooperate with the teacher and fellow classmates so that the classroom is conducive for learning. For a school to be a safe and happy place, all students must show respect to one another; be ever ready to help others; and make responsible decisions. Hence for this year, we have been emphasizing and equipping our students to become positive peers to one another, focusing on **Peer Bonding** (building friendships), **Peer Helping** and **Peer Influencing** (role modelling and advocating positive behaviours).

That is the reason behind my appreciation of the students, as each student can contribute to making another person's day an awesome day and making tomorrows even better.

As we move towards the closing of the academic year in 2022, I would like to wish one and all to stay safe and positive throughout the school holidays in November and December before we meet again next year.

Have a great day!

Mr Chew Mun Wai



Looking Back on August 2022

P4 In-House Debate

This year, the English Department organised an Inter-Class Debate Competition for Primary 4 students. The aims were to enhance public speaking skills of the students and teach them to be articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions.

All P4 classes took part in the auditions and thereafter, 4 classes qualified for the semi-finals. On Wednesday, 24 August, the final between 4R2 and 4R6 took place at the AV Room.

The speakers of both classes spoke eloquently on the motion ***“Digital books to replace all physical books in school.”***

The highlight of the event was the question-and-answer round, where members of the audience were given an opportunity to ask questions. Despite a volley of questions being thrown at them, the confident and witty speakers were able to answer aptly. All in all, the session was a display of opinions, thoughts, ideas, and perspectives that definitely enhanced the knowledge and understanding of the motion among all the pupils present in the room.



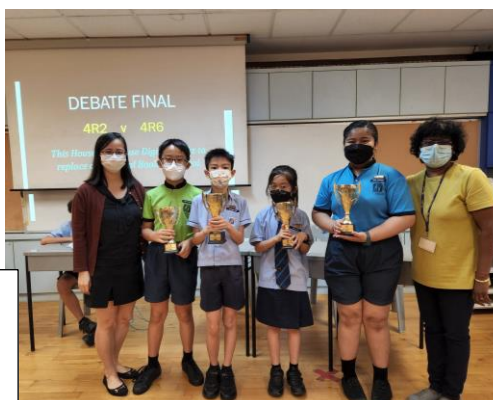
Before the competition, I was nervous as I had to represent my class in front of the judges and audience which was quite pressurising. But then, when it was my turn to speak, it was exciting to be able to share meaningful messages with the audience.

Shezad, 4R2



I enjoyed taking part in this Debate Competition as it gave me a chance to voice my opinion. I knew I would be improving my Oral skills and learn new vocabulary words. Representing my class was a great honour for me.

Fathima, 4R4



Debate is not something you find in your everyday curriculum. As it is something out of the ordinary, I enjoy doing it! My team members did research work together, discussed together, even argued sometimes and that has been so much fun!

Angel Ong, 4R6

Looking Back on August & September 2022

LSM Games Day: An online collaboration between Xinghua Primary School and Jingshan Primary School



"I love the Games Day because I get to play with other friends from Jingshan Primary."

Ahmad Danial, 2A5

"I like the Fractions game because I get to make 1 whole from the unit fractions."

Phoebe Grace Tan, 2A8

To instill the element of fun and joyful learning for the Learning Support for Mathematics (LSM) students, our Mathematics department organised an LSM Games Day for all the P2 LSM students on Friday, 26 August and Friday, 23 September 2022. Xinghua Primary collaborated with Jingshan Primary to co-plan and carry out the events together via Zoom.

The students played four games, namely Kahoot, Matching, Bingo and a board game. The games played revolved around the topics of Whole Numbers, Fractions and Time. All the students had fun putting their Mathematics skills and knowledge to the challenge while also building up their love and confidence in the subject.

The students' response to the Games Day was overwhelmingly positive and encouraging, as evident from the laughter and cheers of students from both schools.

This online Games Day not only brought about joy of learning Mathematics but also saw the collaborative efforts of both schools. The LSM Coordinators and teachers discussed and gleaned new ideas from one another in the design of the various games.



"I had fun playing games with friends from other classes and other schools."

Md Naushad, 2A4

"Now I know that I can learn with friends from other schools too!"

J Tanish, 2A8

Looking Back on September 2022

Teachers' Day Celebration – You are AMAZING!

Xinghua celebrated Teachers' Day on Thursday, 1 September. This occasion was the second school event that was carried out in the school hall since the relaxation of SMM due to COVID. The celebration started with an opening speech by our principal, Mr Chew. There was a string of activities lined up following the speech. There were on-stage live performances by Adam (5R1), Alva Tan (5R2) and a group of girls from various classes. Besides these performances, recorded performances were also shown during the celebration. The Teachers' Day Committee had received very good response from students who had recorded themselves performing at home. These videos were shown in the hall and in the classroom during class bonding time activity. A segment that was loved by all was the live games where students competed against the teachers. Everyone had fun watching a different side of the teachers during the game show.



Teachers with their portrait drawn by Art Club members



Thanking Adam for his performance



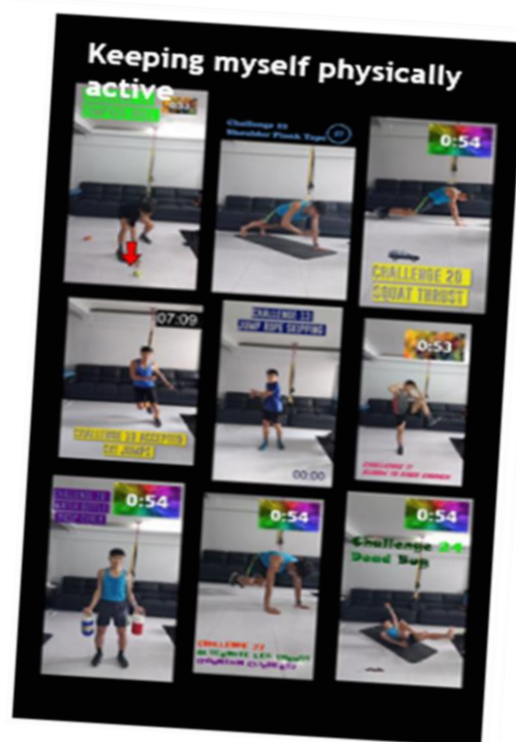
To Teachers with Love!



Looking Back 2022 – Healthy Lifestyle

The Health Talks targeted the importance of a Healthy Lifestyle. Our objective was for the students to take ownership of their own health leading towards a healthy mind in a healthy body or "Mens sana in copore sano", the Latin phrase that is widely used in sporting and educational contexts to express the theory that physical exercise is an important or essential part of mental and psychological well-being. The talks revolved around 4 aspects of health which are Mental Health, Physical Health, Sleep Health and Healthy Diet. The information was an extension of what they had learnt in Physical Health and Fitness lessons. We hope that the students in turn will educate their family members at home. Our teachers and students played their part in the Health Talks. They also shared their daily healthy routines with the school. We hope to see more students coming forward to share their healthy lifestyle with others.

Health Talks this year were implemented based on the survey done last year.



Mr Shao following a healthy lifestyle!



*A Healthy Life
means a Happy Life.
A Happy Life means
a Healthy Life.
Let's be Healthy and
Happy!*

Looking Back on October 2022



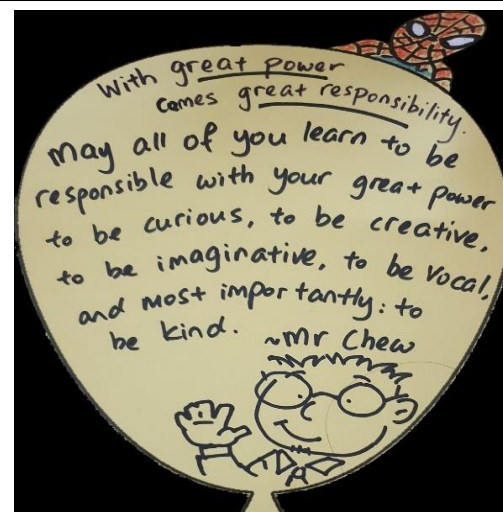
Children's Day Celebration – You are Precious!



On Thursday, 6 October, the morning started with our students walking into school being awed and excited by the colourful balloon decorations to welcome them. Everyone was in such a lively mood to hear song dedications being broadcasted to students from teachers.

Then, our school celebrated Children's Day with a live concert after two years of the COVID *pandemic hiatus*. The children were so thrilled to gather in the hall to see their teachers, a magician and the PSG group put up an awesome performance. They were inspired by the talents and the encouragement given by the performers: never to fear learning new skills.

During the recesses, 9 game stalls and a photo booth were set up for our students to play and have fun. Our teachers also dedicated messages to all our students in cut-out balloons which were pasted on the wall at the mini stage in the canteen. In class, our students received many gifts from the school and their teachers. We would like to let our students know that so much effort had been put in for them because they are treasured and loved by the teachers in Xinghua!



I liked the concert performance the most as I laughed from the start to the end of it and my stomach hurt because I laughed so much.
Andreas, 3H4



Looking Back on October 2022



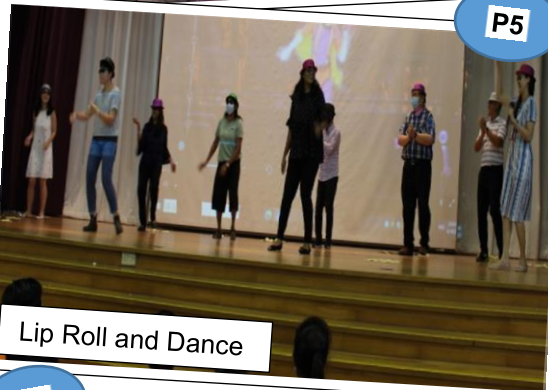
Entertaining our students...

P6

Expectation vs Reality



P5



Lip Roll and Dance

P4



A cappella- 'The Lions Sleeps Tonight!'

PSG



Playing a tune on the Kalimba

It was so fun playing at the game stalls and taking photos with my friends at the photo booth.
Sophia Lim, 3H2

P1



Synchronised as One!

P2



Fashion Show with a Twist!

P3



Symphony of Rojak!



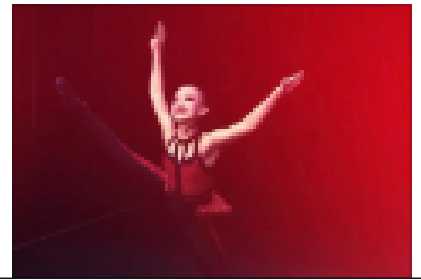
Magic Show



It was the best concert because my teachers performed for us, and I laughed till I cried tears of joy.
Ethan Tan, 1R3

Looking Back on our Achievements

Since Term 2 Week 5, we have resumed more elements of school life including activities which had been suspended or disrupted previously. Despite all the COVID disruptions, our students, teachers, and coaches were highly motivated in preparing our students for National School Games (NSG), Singapore Youth Festival (SYF), community performances, community projects as well as learning journeys. We hope through the gradual resumption of these activities, our students' learning experiences will continue to be enriched as we develop them holistically. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, instructors and coaches for their support and encouragement in our students' participation. Before the end of the year, let us look at our milestone successes and celebrate what our students have achieved over these 6 months.



Alva Ang Jay Tng, 5R4, took part in the Asia Pacific International Arts Festival Preliminary 2021 and came in 3rd in place in the Asia Idol Search 2021.



Outdoor Performances



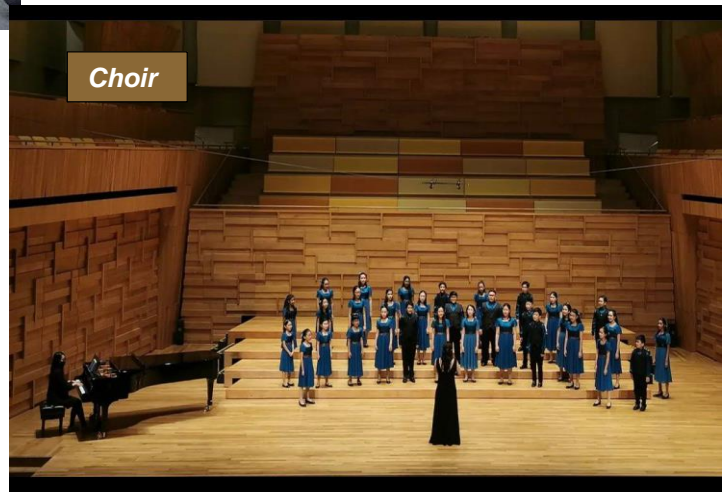
GATEWAY THEATRE

Modern Dance Group



Guzheng Ensemble

Singapore Youth Festival



Choir

Looking Back on our Achievements



2022 Softball National School Games (NSG)
XHPS is the host for Softball matches. Our students playing on home ground.



2022 Volleyball National School Games (NSG)



Collaboration between Art Club and Paya Lebar Community Arts and Culture Club (Passion Arts) learning of Nagomi Art



Display of Nagomi artworks during Paya Lebar Mid-Autumn Reunion Passion Arts Festival 2022 and permanently displayed at Aljunied Community Club

ISAAC CHUA TIAN EN – 5R3

NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 2ND IN PLACE FOR INDIVIDUAL BOYS BLUE



Learning Taekwondo not only strengthens my body and improves my health, it also helps me to develop the ability to pay attention to what is relevant and ignore distractions. Through competitions, I learn that individual ability comes from hard work, patience and dedication too. The support gotten from my friends, coach and family made me overcome my nervousness on the day of competition. I could have been calmer and more aware of the mistakes I made.

I am proud of myself and I have made many people proud of me!



Congratulations: Long Service Award

The following officers have received the **Long Service Award** for their invaluable service to the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Xinghua Primary School, ranging from 5 years to 30 years of service.

Teachers, Thank You for being a valuable member of our diverse and successful team!

MOE AWARD	XINGHUA AWARD
Marina Mariaselvi D/O Thangaya Fazlin Jaya Indra Ra Tenmoli Rashidah Bte Rajah Kavita D/O Baliram Suriana Bte Sulaiman An Bee Ling Lim Tick Kit Neo Yuan Ling Ng Puay Keat Eddie Eddy Nur Azeemah Binte Kadir Moses Shao Lingwei	Karthiyayini d/o Raman Lim Chiek Kuan Chan Bee Foong Wan Choon Huang Lim Peck Kiang Josephine Mohammad Zaki Bin Yusoff Haymalatha Bakthavachalam Magasvari Balamurugan Neo Yuan Ling Norashikin Bte Mohamed Noor Yan Nan Kohilavaani D/O Maniam Koh Cheng Cheok Moo Zhehui Sim Hwee Jian



October & November 2022

Important Dates:

Tuesday	11 Oct 2022	EL EYE Oral (P3 & P4)
Wednesday	12 Oct 2022	MT EYE Oral (P3 & P4)
Thursday	13 Oct 2022	EL EYE Oral (P5)
Friday	14 Oct 2022	MT EYE Oral (P5)
Monday to Thursday	17 Oct to 20 Oct 2022	PSLE Marking Days
Monday	24 Oct 2022	Deepavali Public Holiday
Wednesday	26 Oct 2022	EL Listening Comprehension and Paper 1 EYE (P3-P5)
Thursday	27 Oct 2022	MT Listening Comprehension and Paper 1 EYE (P3-P5)
Monday	31 Oct 2022	Science EYE (P3-P5)
Tuesday	1 Nov 2022	EL Paper 2 EYE (P3-P5)
Wednesday	2 Nov 2022	Mathematics EYE (P3-P5)
Thursday	3 Nov 2022	MT Paper 2 EYE (P3-P5)
Friday	4 Nov 2022	HMT Paper 1 and Paper 2 EYE (P5)
Tuesday	15 Nov 2022	PCTC (P1 to P5)
	19 Nov to Dec 31 2022	Term 4 School Holidays

* EYE (End-Year-Examination)

* Students from Primary 1 to Primary 6 are **NOT** to report to school from Monday, 17 October to Thursday, 20 October 2022 due to PSLE Marking Days.

Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

This month, being the last issue of the Xinghua Link for the year, is an opportune time for me, as the editor, to pause and express my immense gratitude for the unwavering support. Thank you, parents, students, school leaders and colleagues for your invaluable contributions in creating and nurturing the vibrant fabric of Xinghua. A special mention to all those who have dedicated their time in capturing the highlights to give everyone a snapshot of the journey at Xinghua.

2022 is a special year as we smoothly transitioned from the evolving uncertainties which the pandemic brought upon us, but it also demonstrated the resilience of Team Xinghua as we look forward to what awaits us. It has been an extremely reflective time as we recognise that the fortitude of our community is truly inspiring. These unprecedented times have served not only as a reminder of the importance of relationships, compassion, kindness, and strength but that there is always light at the end of the tunnel. Some tunnels might be longer than others but if we keep our heads up and soldier on, brilliance will set upon us.

I hope that you have enjoyed the Xinghua Links just as much as I have in putting them together.

Thank you once again and I wish all of you an exciting November and December.

Warmest regards,
Kanaran Shanta
HOD English Language

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.

