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## *Message from the Vice Principal*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the implementation of the various precautionary measures against COVID-19, I have seen how staff, pupils and school contractors responded so positively to what needs to be done and taking the measures in their stride. I would like to cite several examples. Many staff willingly adjusted their usual morning routines so they can arrive in school earlier - to carry out visual checks on pupils who come very early and monitor their temperature. Our pupils too, have shown resilience as they have to adopt personal hygiene habits and practise social responsibility. They adapt to these routines well, including the twice daily temperature-taking. Our service providers including the bus drivers, maintenance workers and CCA coaches etc, dutifully adhered to visitor control procedures and additional safety routines.

It is clear that topmost on everyone's mind is the well-being of pupils and all must work together to ensure there is minimum disruption to learning.

I would like to thank all parents for your support and understanding. You have helped us to foster in the pupils the importance of self-care and well-being of others. I am sure, with your continuous support and guidance, our pupils will be able to deepen their learning through these experiences and emerge stronger in character.



Faithfully taking my temperature



Washing our hands clean  
has become a routine for us

Warmest regards,

*Mdm Goh Lian Choo*

# Looking Back at February 2020

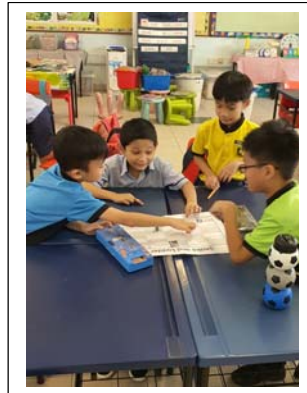
## TOTAL DEFENCE DAY

On Monday, 17 February 2020, our school commemorated Total Defence Day (TDD). The theme was 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong'. We want to encourage our pupils to put Total Defence into action in their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people. With relation to the current situation of the COVID-19 outbreak, pupils were informed of how they could play their parts through Social and Psychological Defence, which are two of the six pillars of Total Defence.

Our pupils were engaged in a variety of activities such as games, writing appreciation notes, role play and a digital quiz during their CCE periods. All these created an engaging and meaningful Total Defence Day experience for our pupils throughout the week.



Pupils engaged in a 'Snake and Ladder' game



Primary Six pupils are playing the SG Unite Game with their peers

I enjoyed the colouring of the 'Soaper 5' poster as I could use my imagination and creativity to come up with an interesting slogan. The poster helped me to remember to wash my hands frequently and only use a mask when I am unwell.

Guok Si Qi, 5R4



I liked the videos as I learnt more about Total Defence Day. The 'Soaper 5' poster reminded me of how I can practice personal hygiene in school and at home. I was happy to see my poster on display at the canteen and I was proud of my work.

Goh Ai Shyuen, 2A3

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 1. March School Holidays

Term 1 ends on 13 March 2020. The school holidays will be from 14 March to 22 March. There will not be any activity during the holidays unless notified. We wish all pupils a restful March holiday.

### 2. Parents Gateway (PG)

Currently the take up rate for PG stands at 80% and as such we would like to invite more parents to come onboard. This app is designed for parents to allow closer engagement with the school and also to receive information from the school. There will no longer be a need to fret over giving consent on hard copies as the app allows you to do so online.

To tap on the functions of the app fully, we would like to get all parents to come onboard the Parents Gateway.

We appeal to all parents who have downloaded the app to remain login so as to continue receiving alerts on future notifications.

*(Please refer to attached Annex A for a step-by-step guide.)*

### 3. Use of School Smart Cards (SSC) for concessionary Travel- Primary Students only

The cards will be distributed to students sometime in April. Upon receiving the card, parents are advised to check that the photos and details are printed correctly.

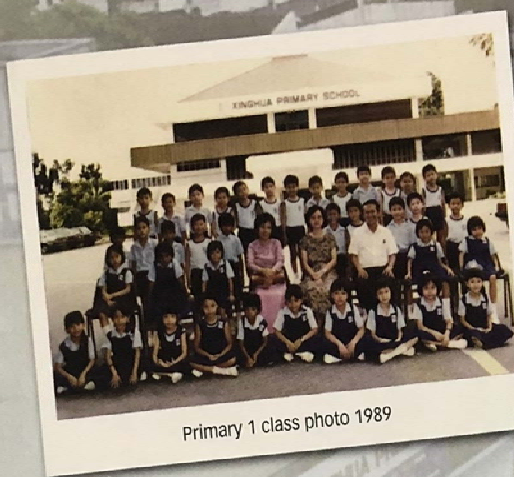
To start using the SSC for concessionary travel, students are required to activate the card at the TransitLink Ticket Offices/TransitLink Concession Card Replacement Offices/Passenger Services Centres (PSCs) located in the MRT Stations/Bus Interchanges by toping-up the value for the card. In support of the national initiative to steer commuters towards adopting e-payments in transit ticketing, top up at Passenger Services Centre (PSC) has ceased. However, PSCs will continue to assist in the activation of concession card for MOE students. To avoid being turned away, students are advised to inform the PSC staff that they would like to activate their concession card. The minimum top-up value is \$5.

### 4. Working Together to Prevent Dengue

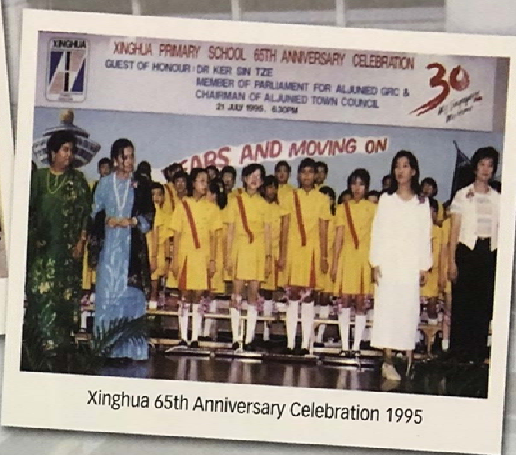
The school has stepped up efforts to detect and destroy potential breeding sites. Our school cleaners, in addition to their daily cleaning routines, have been briefed to be on the look-out for potential breeding grounds and to remove disposed receptacles that may contain stagnant water. Our pest control contractors have also been tasked to intensify inspections and 'search and destroy' efforts. Our staff are also assisting to look out for potential mosquito breeding grounds and ensure proper housekeeping too. We will be going through the 5-step Mozzie Wipeout with pupils to remind them of things each one of us can do. We hope that they will stay vigilant and play their part in keeping the dengue situation under control.



# Our Heritage



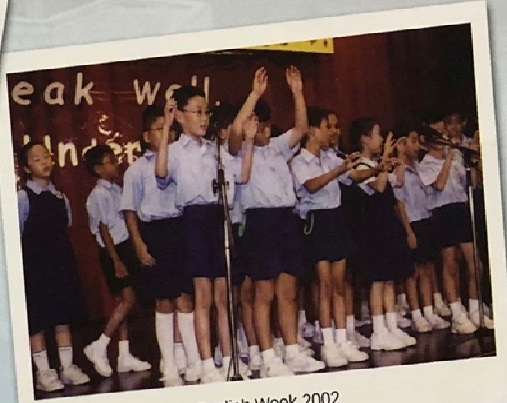
Primary 1 class photo 1989



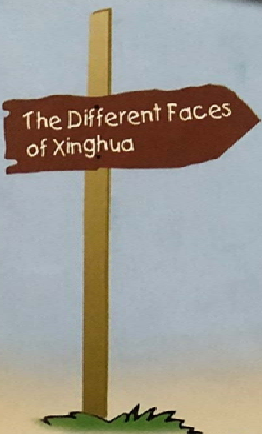
Xinghua 65th Anniversary Celebration 1995



Commemoration of the first Racial Harmony Day 1997



English Week 2002



Fund Raising Walkathon 2003

1975

Opening of new school building at Lim Tua Tow Road

1986

Relocated to present premises and adopted Hanyu Pinyin name Xinghua Primary

1989

Became a two-session school with 1500 pupils

1994

School's vision and mission statements crafted

2003

Charlton School merged with Xinghua Primary



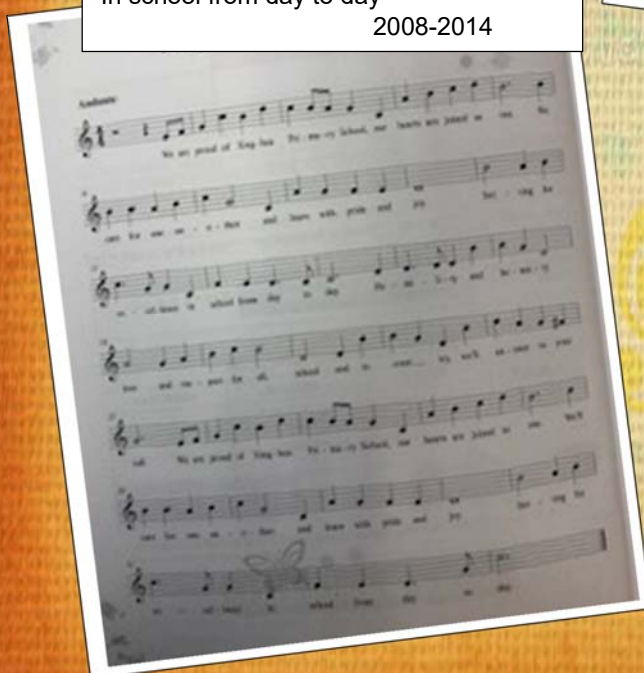
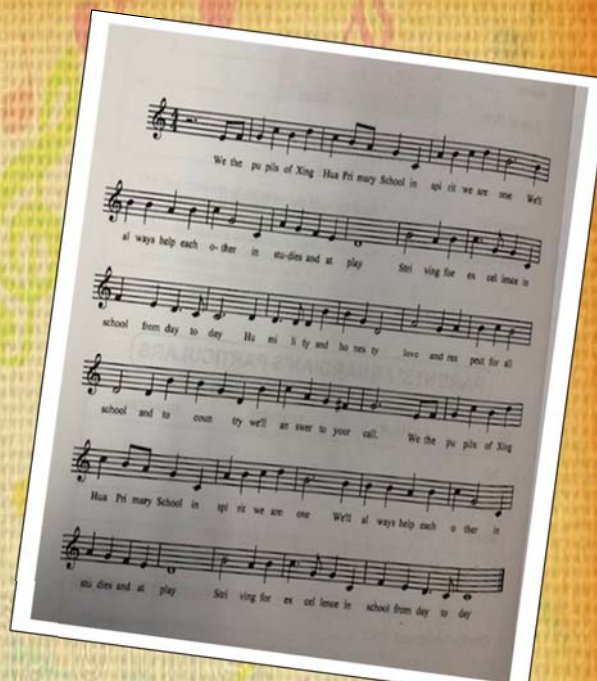
## Our School Songs

We the pupils of Xinghua Primary School  
In spirit we are one  
We'll always help each other  
In studies and at play  
Striving for excellence  
In school from day to day

Humility and honesty  
Love and Respect for all  
School and to country  
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2008-2014



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2015 – To date



## ***Quote of the month***

"When we learn how to become resilient, we learn how to embrace the beautifully broad spectrum of the human experience."

Jaeda Dewlt

**A resilient tree bends to the elements-- strength in adaptability**

### **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 pen down some thoughts, compliments or comments for the school.

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