

Temasek Connections

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Our Vision

We aspire to be the Vibrant Learning Campus where pupils learn, lead, serve and grow to become future-ready citizens rooted in values.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

We hope you had an enjoyable Children's Day holiday with your family members. Congratulations to our P6 pupils for completing their PSLE successfully. For all our pupils who will be sitting for their end-of-year examinations, all the best to one and all!

TEMASEK IN THE NEWS

Our heartiest congratulations to Miss May O for being a recipient of the President's Award for Teachers 2016. The award recognises excellent teachers for their dedication and hard work in ensuring the holistic development of students. It is certainly a proud and memorable moment for Temasek Primary!

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For the Love of Mathematics



Math teacher and Year Head O Guat Bee has found a more powerful weapon to make her students deliver results – love.



Miss May O receiving the award from the President, Dr Tony Tan.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 3 & KEY ACTIVITIES

Singapore Bids Farewell to Former President S.R.Nathan

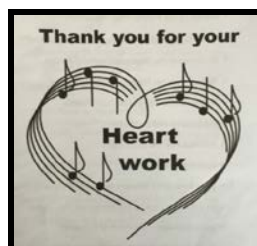
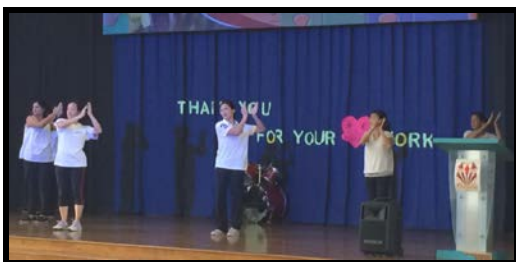


As a mark of respect to Mr S. R. Nathan, the State flag and the school flag were flown at half-mast from 23 August to 26 August. Pupils had the opportunity to reflect and pen their thoughts as a tribute to the late Mr S.R.Nathan. These reflections, coupled with newspaper articles and print-outs of photographs Temasek staff have taken with Mr Nathan, were put up on display boards in the canteen so that these reflections and experiences can be shared. 5 pupils and 5 staff members attended the the Lying-in-State at the Parliament House. They represented the school and Three of our pupils were interviewed by the media and their reflections and sharing were captured and published. The visit was a good opportunity for pupils and staff to appreciate the contributions and sacrifices that Mr S.R. Nathan had made. It is also hoped that these pupils will be inspired to live up to the same ideals.



Teachers' Day Celebration

In celebration of Teachers' Day, the school's Partners Committee and the Parent Connection Committee adopted the theme, "Thank You for your Heart Work". They planned the activities conducted in the classroom and organised the concert. The teachers really appreciated their 'heart' work in making it an enjoyable celebration.



The teachers were really entertained by the different performances.

Theme of Temasek MagicLand: **Learn, Lead, Serve & Grow**
Building Our Tomorrow

Temasek MagicLand, the school's signature bi-annual event is held to celebrate racial harmony, showcase the talents of staff and pupils, as well as allow our parents and the community to learn more about the school's curriculum innovations. It is also aimed at raising funds for President's Challenge, to support our needy pupils and the school's developmental structure and programmes. This year the school celebrated this special event on 5 August 2016 with the members in the school's Parent Connection Committee (PCC) as the Guests-of Honour.



Tree Planting Ceremony --- A tradition started in 2010, continued in 2012 and 2014 and for this year with members of the Parent Connection Committee planting the 4th Tabebuia Rosea tree.



Our PCC Team and Parent Volunteers were actively involved in the setting up of FoodLand and managing various stalls. They also volunteered to oversee the selling of plants and organised interesting activities for the pupils and their parents as part of the fundraising drive. In addition, many parents also donated food items obtained from licensed sources from the various racial/ethnic groups in Singapore. We are grateful to our partners who supported and assisted us to ensure to success of Temasek MagicLand!



Our wonderful partners in action!

National Day Celebrations 2016

This year, the National Day celebrations kick-started with the National Day Drawing Competition on this year's theme of 'Building our Singapore of Tomorrow'. The school received many interesting and very forward-looking submissions from our Temasekians.



'Building our Singapore of Tomorrow' drawing competition – Winning entries from P1 – P6

During this year's MagicLand, we also included a National Day competition element in SingaLand whereby pupils depicted their 'Singapore of Tomorrow' using Lego pieces. Through this activity, we surfaced 10 winners who were acknowledged during the National Day Celebrations.



The celebrations continued on Monday, 8 August 2016, with the National Day Observance Ceremony. The National Day Message by Mr Ng Chee Meng, Acting Minister for (Schools) Education, was delivered by Mr Foo that morning. In his message, he highlighted despite forgetting the challenges faced by our forefathers, they showed us that no matter how uncertain or difficult life may be, we can succeed if we work together as one people. Through the citing of various examples, he then called out to all pupils to think of ways they can make a difference to others – at home, in school and in our community. They have an important role to play in our Singapore story. Together, 'We' will Build our Singapore of Tomorrow – a Singapore we will all be proud of.

To commemorate this day, we had performances by the school's choir and also a segment by Total Vocal. This was followed by the various segments of community singing led by our teachers. The quiz questions and games posed on that day also created opportunities for the pupils to test their knowledge on Singapore and if they actually remembered the lyrics to the popular National Day songs. To share this joyous occasion, we also had residents from the Lions Home with us that morning. They had a memorable time as they sang along to songs like "Chan Mali Chan" during the concert and when they interacted with the P5 and P6 NE Ambassadors throughout that day.



L – R: The National Day Observance Ceremony, our NE Ambassadors waiting to march in and our enthusiastic pupils during the National Day sing-a-long

Residents from the Lions Home joining in our National Day Celebrations

Racial Harmony Day 2016

Commemorated annually on 21 July 2016, Racial Harmony Day (RHD) signifies and reminds our pupils of the importance of racial harmony, respect, empathy and cross-cultural skills. In Temasek Primary, RHD was commemorated on 19 July for the P1 to P4 pupils and on 21 July for the P5 and P6 pupils. On both days, the assembly presentation focused on knowing information about festivals, food and clothing that are unique to each race. P3, P4 and P5 NE Ambassadors also took to the stage and performed the “CIEMO, CIEMO” dance which includes traditional moves from each of the various races in Singapore.



The RHD commemoration on 21 July was also made more memorable for our pupils as they were treated to a performance by both the Malawi and Taiwanese visitors. The Malawi visitors shared about their homeland, Malawi, and the joys and difficulties in the learning of Chinese. They also performed martial arts. The Taiwanese visitors performed a Hakka song, with some of them wearing their traditional aboriginal costumes.



Performances by our Malawi and Taiwan visitors

During recess on 21 July, pupils were encouraged to complete activity sheets to pen down some of the information that they had gathered from the assembly items. At the same time, pupils were encouraged to form a team of 3 or 4 pupils of different races to take a picture together.



The pictures and responses were displayed in front of the Temasek Heritage Gallery.



Visitors to Temasek Primary...

Visit by Taiwan Delegates

On 8 August 2016, the school played host to 27 pupils from 4 elementary schools from Kaohsiung. They were accompanied by 2 principals from 2 schools and 2 HODs from the other 2 schools. The pupils were assigned to the P4 and P5 classes to be immersed in the classrooms and they also had lessons on robotics.



It was definitely a meaningful learning experience for both the Taiwanese pupils and our Temasekian student leaders

Taiwan Immersion Programme

From 21-22 July 2016, a group of pupils and teachers from National University of Tainan Affiliated Primary School came to Temasek Primary for a 2-day immersion programme. They were accompanied by their principal and 6 other teachers.



The pupils, aged between 10 and 12 years old, were attached to the P4 and P5 levels. Each pupil was assigned a Temasek buddy and all of them had a fun-filled 2-day Temasek experience in class. Not only did the Taiwanese students attend our Racial Harmony commemorative event in the hall, they also performed a Taiwanese tribal dance as an introductory item upon their arrival.



On the second day, a customised Robotics lessons was conducted by our ICT HOD, Mdm Marlini, for the Taiwanese pupils and teachers. They enjoyed the lessons tremendously and were envious that we had the expertise and infrastructure to allow every child in Temasek to experience Robotics lessons.

Their Master Teacher, Ms Wen Mei Yu, who is well-known for her teaching and learning pedagogies, also delivered a 90 – minute comprehension lesson for our P5 HCL pupils. Both teachers and pupils gained wonderful insights during the lesson and everyone had a fruitful and meaningful immersion experience.



Our P5 HCL pupils attending an enriching lesson conducted by Ms Wen Mei Yu.

Visitors from Malawi



Our school also hosted visitors from Malawi on 21 July 2016. They performed martial arts during our Racial Harmony Day concert and also conducted a lesson on Chinese poem appreciation and writing for our P5 HCL pupils. During the lesson, they interacted with our pupils and shared with them their experiences in learning Chinese.

P3 Singapore Japanese School Exchange Programme

160 of our Primary Three pupils hosted an equal number of Primary Three pupils from the Singapore Japanese School (Changi Campus) during their visit to Temasek Primary on Tuesday, 12 July 2016. Both pupils from Temasek Primary and the Singapore Japanese School wrote introduction cards and had a chance to meaningfully interact through playing our traditional games of five stones, kuti-kuti, pick-up sticks and chopstick marbles. These games were facilitated by the P6 NE Ambassadors and pupils from Primary 4B. The P3 pupils then collaborated in the mass Art activity which featured the various traditional costumes of the various races.

On Friday, 22 July 2016, the P3 pupils from Primary 3B, 3C, 3D and 3E visited the Singapore Japanese School and had the chance to learn more about the Japanese culture through their interaction with the Japanese pupils when they played various games like “the string game” and paper spinning tops, as well as in the making of “origami”.

This positive interaction between the two schools is clearly captured in the following photographs:



Hari Raya Concert

Our Malay Teachers and pupils put up an entertaining Hari Raya concert during the assembly held on 19 July 2016. The Malay Dance pupils also took the opportunity to perform their CIP by performing at Tao Nan School.



Our Malay pupils performing a dance



Our Malay Dance group performing at Tao Nan School



Mathematics Week

Mathematics Week was held from 13 July to 15 July 2016. The lower primary pupils participated actively and were engaged in the activities held at the 5 stations – Snap, iPad, Match It, Tangram and Sudoku. For the P3-P6 levels, the pupils enjoyed playing the games created by their peers. They, too, enjoyed the learning and had great fun!



Student volunteers assisting at the stations



Collaborative efforts of teachers and parents in engaging the pupils

Science Week

Science Week 2016 was held from 25 July to 29 July. It was a collaborative effort amongst the Science department teachers to design and construct fun and exciting pupil – centered activities to engage our pupils in the learning of Science outside the classroom.

Parent volunteers and PCC members also came forward to engage our P3 to P6 students in fun-filled yet enriching Science activities. According to some of them, it was an opportunity for them to revisit Science concepts. Student participants were engaged and had lots of fun learning Science through the activities. They found the activities engaging and experiments interesting and tried their best in the challenges posed to them.



Science week was also an opportunity for students to lead their peers. Our P4 and P5 student leaders took the lead in conducting some of the activities for their peers.

Science Week also provided a platform for pupils to present their learning to their peers and in turn, enthuse and excite them further about Science. Pupils who took part in the Flying Machine Competition, Sony Toy Competition, Tinkering Workshop and Learning Tapestry Projects shared their work with other students. The peer sharing allowed them to share with other children about their experiences and conceptual learning.



The Edibles Garden

In 2014, Lisianne Chan, Jessie Cheong and Annabelle Tan from Temasek Primary School took part in a competition called “Shop for Your School”. Students were required to come up with a proposal to improve their school or community and create a wish list on how the money would be spent. The three girls came up with the idea to construct a vegetable garden in the school to raise funds for the needy. They won second place with a prize money of \$3000 to make their proposal a reality. With the help of their teachers, a small garden and hydroponics system was set up in the old peacock cage. The girls started to grow edible vegetables to raise funds that were eventually donated to the Lions Home for The Elders.



Our pupils and their teachers working hard together to make the Edibles Garden possible



The girls finally saw the success of their efforts in harvesting the vegetables and proudly presented them to the Lions Home.

Tamil Cultural Fortnight

On 3 June 2016, the Tamil Language department came together to conduct a workshop with the aim of imparting the Indian traditional and cultural values to our pupils. All the pupils had an enriching experience learning how to make flower garlands, Kolam (colourful pattern made on the floor), and usage of banana leaf in Indian culture. They also participated in speech and drama, and proverb recitation through play.



Temasek READS!

In conjunction with National Reading Day on 31 July 2016, our pupils and teachers were immersed in various reading-related activities throughout the week. It was also part of the school's efforts to promote the love for reading among Temasekians!

The Mystery Reader Programme

The Mystery Reader Programme kicked off in the month of July. Every Friday, a mystery reader (parent volunteer) will be stationed at the Reading Room in the canteen during the P1 and P2 recesses to read interesting stories to the pupils. These readers will come dressed up, just like the characters in the book that they are reading. The pupils really had fun listening to the stories shared and answering the quiz questions. With this programme, we hope to encourage more pupils to love reading and to build a positive reading culture in the school.



Books on Wheels

As part of the school's effort to encourage all pupils to read by making books more accessible to them, recommended books from our Media Resource Library were wheeled to the canteen during the level recesses on 31 July 2016.



Read for Books

On 28 July 2016, teachers and students were actively involved in reading during the first 15 minutes of their English lesson. Everyone was reading for a good cause! For every 10 pupils or teachers who read, 1 book would be donated to the children from less-privileged families.



Mass Borrowing for teachers too!



Malay Language Department Sharing and Malay Language Fiesta 2016

On 13 August 2016, a team of teachers from Temasek Primary set up a booth to showcase their Professional Learning Team (PLT) project at the Malay Language Fiesta 2016. The teachers involved were Mdm Khairiah, Mdm Amnah, Mdm Suhaila, Mdm Rudrapathy, Mdm Salha, Mrs Marlini Seah and Ms Nur Ain. The event was held at the event plaza of the National Library and was graced by our Parliamentary Secretary, Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim.



Many visitors to the booth were keen to find out more about the use of LEGO, mainly the StoryStarter, in the teaching and learning of genre writing. Both the teachers and pupils who took part in the sharing session found that it was a great opportunity to share with other teachers, parents and students on the projects being embarked by the school. They were also encouraged by the positive feedback received.



Primary 4 Learning Journey to Kampong Glam

On Tuesday, 23 August 2016, the pupils and form teachers from Primary 4A, 4D and 4E went on a learning journey to Kampong Glam, while the pupils and form teachers from Primary 4B, 4C and 4F went on Thursday, 25 August 2016. Through the heritage tour, P4 pupils were provided with the opportunity to understand and appreciate one of the four major ethnic groups in Singapore, namely the Malays and the Arabs, and the Muslim community. They also learnt about the Malay culture, cuisine and religion, their heritage and the legacy left behind by the Malay settlers in Singapore.



Motivational Talks by Alumni Members

The school collaborated with the Alumni members in organising a special motivational session on 30 June 2016 for the P6 cohort of pupils. We were delighted to have the Maniam brothers (Aaron, Adam and Ashraf), Symone Oei, Kenrick Lam, Jarel Tang and Shuen Ler address and interact with pupils in each of the 7 form classes. Both teachers and pupils gave positive feedback regarding the focus of the motivational talks and the engagement of the Alumni in the P6 classes. The Alumni members also shared that it was an enriching experience to speak and connect with our pupils.



Our P6 pupils listening attentively to the speakers

“I am inspired by Mr Maniam. He mentioned that with determination and having the habit to put in the effort, one is able to achieve his or her goals.” - Azfar, P6C

“Mr Kenrick Lam’s talk was inspiring because he mentioned about setting goals. We also learnt the 3 As - Pay **A**ttention, Do your **A**ssignments and Take **A**ctions. After his talk, I am going to plan which secondary school I want to go to and study hard to achieve my goal.” - Nur Adawiyah Bte Zamberi, P6A

“I find Mr Tang’s talk beneficial as it motivates me to excel in both my PSLE and character. I realised that it is okay to dream big as you never know when your dream may come true one day if you work hard, like in his case. I also learnt some strategies like how to do productive studying by being focused. I was in awe when I heard about his dream to go to Oxford University when he was in Temasek and he actually realised it now. His talk motivated me to work even harder and smarter to realise my potential and to move on to a secondary school that I want to go. I would like to thank Mr Tang for his talk.” - Kho Kai Yi, P6D

Education Career Guidance (ECG) for P5 & P6 Pupils



As part of the school's continued ECG efforts in creating awareness on the different fields of professionals, the school was fortunate to have the kind assistance of one of our SAC members, Ms Sandhya, to connect us with a banker. The speaker provided good insights on what it takes to be a banker and the roles of a banker.

P6 Words of Encouragement by PCC Members



Our PCC members working in synergy

To show their care and support for our P6 graduating pupils while preparing for their PSLE, the Parent Connection Committee (PCC) invited all parents of our P6 pupils as well as our staff to pen their words of encouragement for the pupils on colourful cards. The cards were made available by the members in the PCC. The PCC members helped to display these cards in the school for our pupils' reading and to spur them on to strive for their best.



What a beautiful display of creativity!

P2 to P6 Service Learning

P2 –Team Clean Up

This year, the title for the Primary 2 Service Learning Project was 'Team Clean Up!' The children planned a clean-up roster with different cleaning activities. The goal is to effectively make use of the 5 minutes of clean up time at the end of each day for pupils to do their part to keep the classrooms clean. The list ranges from cleaning up the floor and tables using the handheld broom and dustpan, to emptying the bins and watering the plants, amongst other things. With the roster, the pupils are more aware of what to do each day and get to experience different tasks throughout the week. Most importantly, they understood the purpose of cleaning up their own classrooms and were happy that they could help the cleaning ladies lighten some of their work – load.



P3 – Buddy Clean Workshop & Young Environmentalists

In line with the 'Keep Singapore Clean Movement' in Schools, Temasek Primary School collaborated with NEA and embarked on a capacity – building workshop titled 'Buddy Clean Workshop' as part of the Service Learning programme for the Primary 3 students. The aim of this collaboration was to inculcate positive social values and norms on cleanliness amongst students. The project leveraged on peer influence and feedback to shape behaviour and foster shared ownership and responsibility of common spaces through regular cohort-wide cleaning. The Primary 3 pupils too embarked on a Service Learning Project titled "The Young Environmentalist", where the pupils were involved in a recycling-cum-charity initiative to raise funds for the needy Temasekians. Over a period of 2 weeks, the Primary 3 pupils actively brought old newspapers to school. These newspapers were sold to the rag and bone man on 21 July and the money raised would be used to assist our fellow needy Temasekians. Through this movement, we hope the pupils would develop a sense of responsibility and care for both the environment and the people around us.



P4 –The Food Angels (Assisting Food from the Heart)



For Service Learning this year, the P4 leaders demonstrated the school values of charity and responsibility and put into action Habit 5. They recognised the needs of the less fortunate and collaborated with Food from the Heart by donating non-perishable food items. These food items that the leaders collected were donated to the needy families around Singapore. A total of 1800 families benefited from this project. Through this project, the leaders have also learnt that nobody owes Singapore a living and that we, ourselves, must do our part to help and support one another.

P5 – The Hamper Builders

The Primary Five students prepared hampers for four children's homes this year. The homes are Pertapis Children's Home, Darul Ihsan Orphanage, Jamiyah Children's Home and Ramakrishna Mission. The students donated food items such as Milo, biscuits and instant noodles. They also donated toiletries such as body wash, facial wash, deodorant, combs and hair ties for girls. The students were generous in their donations and worked in groups to wrap the hampers. These beautifully wrapped gift hampers were then donated to the various homes in time for National Day. Some of the students also prepared cards for the residents of these homes. These cards contained their well wishes to the children and hope that the children would have a meaningful National Day. The Primary Five students learnt how to be charitable during this Service Learning Project and realised the importance of giving back to the less fortunate in our community.



P6 - Young Heroes for the Old



Our Primary 6 pupils were engaged in a Service Learning Project to bring cheer to the elderly at Lions Home for the Elders. They donated items such as Milo, instant noodles, milk powder, shampoo, T-shirts and towels. These items had been requested by the Home. Pupils also designed beautiful cards to send their well wishes to the residents of the Home. Using beautiful wrapping papers, the pupils wrapped some recycled boxes to turn them into presentable gift boxes. Some of the donated items were placed into these gift boxes while others were packed into bags. While the service learning project focused on Habit 5 – Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood, pupils also learnt to apply Habit 6 – Synergise, when they worked together in sorting the donated items and packing them into the boxes and bags. Through this service learning project, the Primary 6 pupils also learnt the values of responsibility, respect and charity, and the importance of giving to the less fortunate. The project was also in line with the school's Service Learning Vision – *Nurturing a Generous Generation*.

Values in Action – Aesthetics CCA Groups

The Aesthetics CCA groups (Art Club, Choir, Guitar Club and Dance Club) embarked on a Values In Action (VIA) programme incorporating the appreciation of the arts in Temasek Primary. A group of pupils from each CCA painted murals related to their CCA on the walls. Such a programme will make it meaningful for all pupils as they take ownership for designing and painting the designated wall murals.



Let's Say Thank You – A Project by Ngee Ann Polytechnic

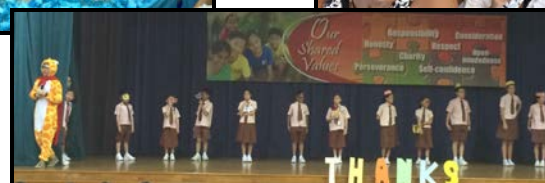
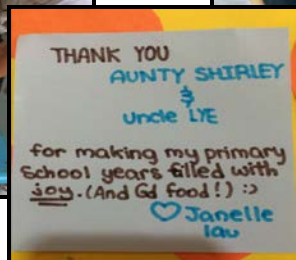


A group of Ngee Ann Polytechnic students called the 'Knighteen Events' collaborated with Temasek Primary School to conduct a Gratitude Project which is aligned with the habit and value of the month (*Consideration and Habit 5 – Seek First To Understand Than To Be Understood*).

The students prepared fun activities that were conducted during the level recesses at the Gratitude Carnival on 27 July 2016. However, pre-carnival activities began the week before. While the project was targeted at the P3 and P4 levels, the Gratitude Carnival and one other activity (*Love Letter*) were conducted for all the levels.

For the *Love Letter* activity, eight "Mail Boxes" were placed in the canteen. The boxes were for each of the canteen stalls. The objective of this activity is to show gratitude to the canteen vendors for always providing food and drinks to our pupils. Although the vendors are part of the Temasek family, many of our pupils often forget to appreciate them. Hence, the need for the activity.

The Gratitude Carnival was a huge success as many of our pupils learnt about the language of gratitude and how they could demonstrate gratitude towards others through meaningful and fun activities that were conducted by the polytechnic students.



AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Tamil Word Game Competition



Tamil Pattimandra Kalai Kazhagam organised a Word Game Competition at Woodlands Library on 6 August 2016 in conjunction with this year's National Day Celebrations 2016. More than 250 pupils from various schools participated in this competition. Our Tamil pupils have made us proud with their following achievements: Nithyasree from 1E won the First Prize and Shafiq from 2C grabbed the Consolation Prize in the P1 and P2 category. Shafrin from 4E won the Second Prize in the P3 and P4 category. The rest of our pupils received Certificates for Participation.



National On-the-Spot Chinese Story-Writing Competition



On 15 August 2016, Annabelle Tan from Primary 6D came in first in the National On-the-Spot Chinese Story-Writing Competition which was organised by Anglican High School, Lianhe Wanbao and Lingzi Media. She received a prize money of \$200, a trophy as well as a certificate of achievement. Well done Annabelle!

