

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 PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



As we begin a new year, many people would have made resolutions to “do better” in the coming year. Among the resolutions, I wonder how many would have asked for the virtue of patience? We live in an “instant” society that has got used to having things done or given to us quickly, whether for example it is our food, entertainment or news. We get it so quickly that sometimes we forget that this isn't true of everything, especially of things that are of value or need to stand the test of time. Patience, like a muscle, becomes underdeveloped with the lack of practice. The famous Italian artist and sculptor Michelangelo, who took 4 years to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, said, “Genius is external patience”.

About 170 years ago, another person also discovered the value of patience. An engineer by the name of Charles Ellet wanted to build a bridge across the Niagara River, which is a raging flow of water connected to the Niagara Falls. One of the problems was “How to stretch the first cable across the raging river?” If a boat tried to cross the river, it would be swept over the Falls, as many an impatient builder would have learnt.

Ellet thought of an idea – he offered a \$5 prize for the first child who could fly a kite across the river. When other engineers heard of his idea, they laughed at Ellet! How was this going to help build the bridge? But Ellet had the last laugh. A boy named Homan Walsh succeeded in flying his kite across the river. Behind Ellet's idea was a simple solution that relied on patience. Once the kite string was stretched across the river, he tied it to a thin cable and pulled that over. This in turn was then tied to a stronger cable to be pulled over. So, cable by stronger cable, the first real cable needed for the bridge was stretched across the river. In 1848, Ellet built the first suspension bridge across the 240-metre width of the river.

Charles Ellet certainly practised many of the Habits. He was proactive in looking for other solutions when the obvious ones did not work. He clearly had an end in mind and knew the first thing he had to do. He sought a win-win solution with children by turning his own challenge into a fun competition for them. If the other engineers had sought first to understand Ellet's idea, they might have been more helpful than critical of him. Certainly it required the synergy of many different workers to build the

bridge once the first cable was laid. However, underlying the exercise of the Habits was the conscious practice of patience throughout. You can't build the bridge without waiting for the first cable to be laid. You can't lay the cable without the slow tedious process of pulling other thinner cables in succession. If you do it too quickly or with the wrong cable, you might snap the line and have to start all over again. You can't have the kite line across the river without patiently waiting for someone wanting to do it. You can't solve your problem if you are not prepared to go through various ideas and work on them until one appears feasible. That will take time and patience.

So it is too if we want to help our children grow holistically and build their own bridge of character. We have to teach them to be patient with themselves and others, and we also need to exercise patience ourselves. Sometimes we may want the boat to cross the difficulty, but it is really the kite we need, because what we or they want for themselves is not always what they need. This poem by an unknown author reminds us of that:

"I asked for Strength
And God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.
I asked for Wisdom
And God gave me Problems to solve.
I asked for Prosperity
And God gave me Brain and Brawn to work.
I asked for Courage
And God gave me Fears to overcome.
I asked for Love
And God gave me Troubled People to help.
I asked for Favour
And God gave me Opportunities.
I got nothing I wanted.
But I received everything I needed."

Patience is truly genius.

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year ahead!

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Wrapping Up 2016

Speech Day 2016

18 November 2016 was not just another day in Temasek Primary School. It marked a significant milestone in the history of the school, as the school celebrated its 36th year since founding and the achievements and contributions of those who were privileged to be a part of this remarkable event.

With over 800 pupils, parents and staff present at Speech Day 2016, the school was filled with an enthusiastic crowd eager to begin the morning's events. We were also honoured to have Mr Aaron Maniam, a member of the School Advisory Committee and an alumni of the school, as our guest of honour for the event. Parents, teachers and pupils came together as one extended Temasek family.



Our guest of honour, Mr Aaron Maniam, gracing the event

Pupils and teachers were recognised for their achievements and contributions on this special day. The concert, our very own Sci-Fi play on "Body Exchange" created and directed by the Science department, as well as performances by our talented pupils and members of the Malay Dance Club, International Dance Club, Choir and Guitar Club, certainly captivated the audience.



Our dedicated staff and pupils who synergised to make the event a success!



Pupils, parents and guests gathered at the school quadrangle for a lunch reception to mark the end of this joyous occasion. Speech Day 2016 was indeed a significant event in Temasek Primary that honoured the good work and excellence that our pupils and staff have fostered over the course of the year.

Primary 6 Celebratory Lunch

A celebratory lunch was organised for all P6 pupils on Thursday, 17 November at Orchard Concorde Hotel. The lunch marked the celebration of their learning and experiences in Temasek Primary School and also provided them with a platform to practise social skills in a formal setting.

Upon arrival at the hotel, the pupils took class photographs and played table games. The event kicked off with our principal, Mr Francis Foo, giving his speech. This was followed by a farewell speech by the Head Prefect, Annabelle Tan, on behalf of the P6 cohort. A sumptuous buffet spread was served for lunch. Pupils were surprised to see their teachers, together with the school leaders, serving them at the buffet counters.



Friendships renewed and beautiful memories created...

The highlights of the event were the Mr & Miss Temasek Pageant 2016 as well as performances by the finalists of 'Temasek's Got Talent'. Pupils also watched a video which captured their learning and experiences over their six years in Temasek Primary School. The event ended with all pupils and staff singing the school song and tidying up their tables to the tune of the familiar 'Team Up Clean Up' song.

Everyone had a good time at the celebratory lunch, so much so that many had requested for a longer duration for the event. They also enjoyed the food and appreciated their teachers taking the time and effort to plan the many interesting programmes for them.

Leaders Day Closure

Leaders Day Closure fell on 15 November and 16 November 2016. The CE / 7 Habits team synergised with the PE department to provide a platform for the pupils to practise the 7 Habits and the school's 8 core values through team-bonding games.



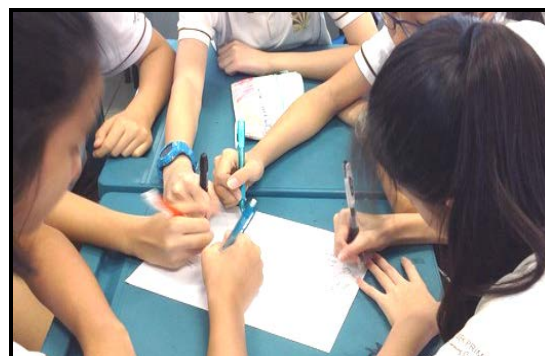
Our pupils working together to achieve a common goal

Classes were scheduled such that they were engaged in either fun classroom activities such as performing a skit and dramatisation of the Habits and Values or Leader For Life games.



Towards the end of the day, pupils were engaged in reflecting on the year's Leader for Life CCE programme using 'Chalk Talk' before assembling in the hall for the final closure. Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each class walked up the stage proudly with their class banners. These banners were then collected and put up around the hall.

Pupils completing a reflection activity using the thinking routine 'chalk talk'



Partners Appreciation Lunch



Temasek Partners Appreciation Lunch on 14 November 2016 saw a gathering of more than 50 partners and staff of Temasek Primary School. It was a luncheon held in appreciation of the partners' collaboration and services rendered to the school. A video montage comprising activities involving our partners was played to showcase the various partnership collaborative projects for the year. Mr Francis Foo, our principal, presented certificates of appreciation to our partners which included members of the Parent Connection Committee (PCC), parent volunteers, coaches, instructors and other external partners. The guests were also treated to a sumptuous lunch. The lunch created an opportunity for the Temasek staff and their respective partners to interact in an informal setting.

A talk by Mr Nicholas Lim, Psychologist and Chairman of the Youth Division of the Media Literacy Council, on "Parenting in this Digital World and Raising Resilient Kids" was extremely well received by parents who attended it. Valuable tips and strategies on educating children on the use of technology, especially when technology has become very much a part of our lives, were shared. In addition, practical points and approaches on how to help children face unfamiliar or tough situations and strive to find good solutions were discussed. To quote the mother of Fam Yu Hang from P3B, "... there is more work to be done in the next 30 years of a child's life!"

Support Staff Appreciation Day

To show our appreciation for the contributions and commitment of our support staff, a simple assembly was organised on 7 November 2016 to honour our group of unsung heroes as well as to create awareness among our pupils of the different roles our support staff play in contributing towards the success of the school and their learning.

During the assembly, Mr Foo presented our support staff with gift bags and handicrafts which were made by the P6 pupils during the WOW programme. The gift bags were packed by a group of students from the different classes representing the P6 cohort. Pupils were also introduced to the support staff as we invited them on stage to receive the tokens of appreciation.



Our P6 leaders packing the gift bags for our support staff during their WOW programme

Celebration of Character and Excellence Lunch

The Celebration of Character and Excellence lunch was held on Thursday, 10 November 2016. This annual event recognises our pupils' accomplishments in their respective fields, especially those who have been outstanding in their contributions in areas such as leadership and character.



We were most delighted to have Mr Derek Wong, a shuttler who has represented Singapore in 3 Olympics including the recent Rio Olympics 2016, as our guest of honour. He gave an inspiring talk about the importance of character and values during training and competing, emphasising that hard work, discipline and perseverance are all necessary to achieve one's goal and dreams. It was evident that Mr Wong had left a lasting impression on the pupils from the expressions on their faces as they listened attentively to his stories.

One of the highlights of the lunch was the presentation of the SOAR Award by Mr Derek Wong to the deserving pupils. The SOAR Award was established to recognise pupils who have demonstrated exemplary character (values and habits) in their respective CCAs. Out of the 18 nominees, 3 pupils were selected to receive the award. The 3 pupils were Hannah Lim (P6B) from the Art Club, Shermain Ng (P6C) from the Guitar Ensemble and Cheryl Pua (P6E) from the Track & Field team.



At the end of the celebration lunch, our pupils were given the opportunity to get up close and personal with Mr Derek Wong. He took photos, shared more interesting insights and also gave his autographs to the delighted pupils who queued patiently for their turn.

Deepavali Celebrations



Deepavali is the Festival of Lights. As part of the celebrations, our Tamil pupils and our P1 NTIL pupils presented various items such as songs, a skit and dance performances during a concert at the school's assembly. This concert performance gave an insight into the rich traditional and cultural values of the Hindu community and also the significance of Deepavali.



Rich Learning Experiences

IDA Lab on Wheels

Last November, we had two buses parked at the Eco-garden. The buses are called 'IDA Lab on Wheels' and is a collaboration between MOE and industry partners to seed pupils' interest and excite them to study technology. It also complements the school's efforts in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. The two buses house technology that is fun to learn, authentic and engaging for our pupils. For two days, our P5 pupils and teachers had fun coding with Minecraft while on board the bus.



Primary 1 Learning Journey – Arts Science Museum

On 15 November, the P1 pupils went to the Arts Science Museum as an extension to their Programme for Active Learning (PAL) module on Visual Arts. Featuring 16 digital installations, including some created especially for Future World, the exhibition took our pupils on an exciting journey of discovery through four key narratives – Nature, Town, Park and Space.



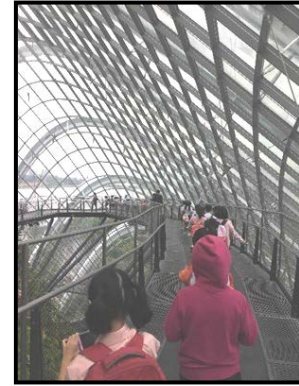
Primary 2 Learning Journey – Science Centre

As part of the post-exam activities, our P2 pupils embarked on a learning journey to the Science Centre on 4 November 2016. The Form Teachers, assisted by parent volunteers, led the pupils through the different learning experiences of Hall A to Hall F. They enjoyed the hands-on sessions and gained insights about world climate changes as well as interesting innovations. The colourful and vibrant exhibits definitely made their trip a memorable one!



Primary 2 Learning Journey – Gardens by the Bay

Our P2 pupils visited the two conservatories at Gardens by the Bay, the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest on 14 November 2016 as part of their PAL Outdoor Learning module. They learnt to appreciate the diverse flora that can be found around the world and how they adapt to their surroundings. They realised the importance of conservation and the journey also enhanced their social-emotional learning via meaningful interactions with their peers and teachers.



We are going to the zoo, zoo, zoo...

On 2 November, our cohort of P1 and P2 Malay language pupils went to the Singapore Zoo for a learning journey. This is an annual Malay language programme for lower primary pupils which aims to increase pupils' awareness about wildlife conservation and protecting the environment. The programme is also in line with the "Arif Budiman" vision which the school adopts – a learned person who contributes to society.

The Malay language department was pleased to have two of our ex-Temasekians come and help out during the learning journey. Both Irfan Rozaimi and Aliyy Uraidhy Mattar, class of 2015 pupils, were our volunteer photographer and first aider for the day.



Primary 1 Orientation

The P1 Orientation was held on 11 November 2016. The parents and pupils of the 2017 P1 cohort were welcomed by the staff, Parent Connection Committee members and prefects of the school. The little ones were entertained by our talented pupils who had participated in Talent Fiesta and the pupils from P2H.

The event was well received by the parents and this was made possible with much support and assistance from the EAS team, the ICT Team, key personnel as well as all the teachers, PCC members and prefects assigned to take care of the young pupils.



Our PCC members



Parents of the 2017 P1 pupils



Bright-eyed 2017 P1 pupils



Kion Chew from P2C mesmerising the audience with her piano performance



Pupils from P2H performing a choral reading



Interaction with pupils in the classroom

Bedok Methodist Church Kindergarten Visit

60 kindergarten pupils from the Bedok Methodist Church Kindergarten visited Temasek Primary on Friday, 4 November 2016. They were hosted by members from the National Education and Science committees as well as pupil leaders from P5, P5 NE Ambassadors and P4 Science leaders. Our pupils were on-task and assisted in leading the kindergarten pupils to the various venues in the school. They also displayed leadership skills and patience in guiding the younger ones for the various activities planned throughout the day. The high-fives and smiles from the little ones as they set off from Temasek Primary at the end of the day, was a testament to the enjoyable time they had that day!



Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Seminar 2016

The school organised its annual ECG Seminar for our P6 cohort of pupils from 1 November to 3 November. It was aimed at engaging our pupils to widen their knowledge and perspectives by being aware of the secondary education opportunities and being informed of the different fields of careers.

2016 was the inaugural year where we attempted to incorporate '**Entrepreneurial Dare**' and instil the '**Joy of Learning**' by involving our pupils in interesting learning journeys to organisations so that they embrace lifelong learning and have the opportunity to learn new things.

We are grateful to our SAC, Alumni and PCC members who provided good support and assistance in engaging speakers and working with organisations for our pupils to visit. The secondary schools shared information on their schools' programmes, expectations, learning opportunities and experiences. They also distributed information booklets about their schools.



Distinguished speakers sharing about their career paths



The secondary schools' principals, teachers and students speaking to our pupils and engaging them





Our pupils at SGS Testing & Control Services Singapore



"I was impressed by the personnel from SGS. One of them mentioned that he wanted to be a doctor at first but as he grew older, he realised that a doctor helps the sick, so he decided to work at SGS to prevent people from being sick as SGS helps to check the safety and hygiene of everything."

- Song Joonhyuk P6E

"I find the trip fun and enjoyable as we had activities to experiment with and we were allowed to handle some of the equipment used by the different professionals. I am now aware of the criteria needed for the jobs at SGS."

- Reuvel Lim P6E



Our pupils at NTU Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering faculty

"We went to the Robotics Research Centre and the Innovation Lab. I was really surprised by what the robots could do. In the Innovation Lab, we saw solar-powered vehicles and I was amazed by a car which had 3-D printed parts."

- Ngiam Tee Lim P6E



"I'm very impressed with how NTU's Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (MAE) faculty develops its students in state-of-the-art robotics skills. Through the visit to MAE, I had the chance to witness some of the amazing machines created by the students studying there. These machines range from the autonomous boat, the 3D printed energy-efficient sports car, to the solar-powered vehicle that travelled across the whole of Australia from South to North! Our Temasekians were very impressed with many of the achievements MAE has accomplished and they asked many intriguing questions during the tour. I'm sure this visit to MAE has motivated some students to aspire to be engineers in the future."

- Mr Lim Wu Yi

Our pupils at the Hives...



"The learning journey to the Hive was indeed not wasted. I learnt that though Singapore may be a small country, our technology is so advanced. I was fascinated at how advanced technology is in Singapore. The new technology certainly helps us a lot. At this place, we were introduced to some innovative designs - the computer-controlled wheelchair, a walking stick with features like the Global Positioning System and has the ability to detect falls through trigger alarms, an iPad connected to a phone which allows pupils to connect and interact with the teacher about lessons should they be absent from school. This trip is truly an eye-opener for us."

- Ng Jie Lyn & Ng Jie Qi P6E



Our pupils at A*Star



*"The trip to Fusionopolis and Biopolis has given our P6 pupils an eye-opening experience in discovering A*STAR's multidisciplinary research capabilities. Through this learning journey, our pupils learned about the various Science, Engineering and Biomedical technological advancements and gained insights into the next generation technologies that will benefit mankind."*

- Mdm Connie Soon

Learning Journey to Stratasys

STEM Inc collaborated with a world-leading 3D printing company, Stratasys, to pilot a series of 3D Design and Printing workshops for students. Our pupils were invited on board this programme incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) with the objective of enthusing them to be our scientists and engineers of the future by exposing them to the latest technology used by industries to solve real-world problems.



We also had another group of pupils who visited LTA and here are reflections from two of the pupils about the visit:

"I learned that we should protect our environment and use public transport more often. Fewer cars also means less pollution. My favourite part of the journey was the challenge where we had to make choices based on a story. Every choice had a positive and negative effect. We also had to work in teams to build a 'bus' from the materials provided."

- Erina Tjin P6E

"I noticed that they have specific goals and that there are different roles played by the staff in LTA and how they worked together to ensure safety and convenience for people. I also learnt that we must take more of the public transport than use cars."

- Song Joonhyuk P6E

Primary 6 Flea Market

As part of the **WOW** (Winners Over Whiners) Programme, the P6 pupils and their teachers worked together to organise a flea market. The main objectives of the Flea Market were to raise funds for needy children and to encourage entrepreneurial skills and collaboration among our P6 pupils.

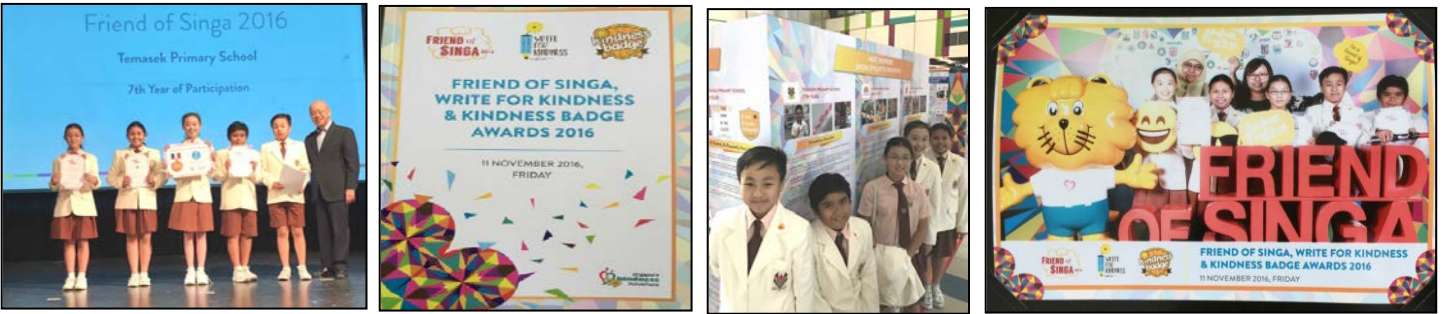


Our pupils put their entrepreneurial skills to the test as they tried their best to sell their wares to their fellow schoolmates. At the end of the 3.5-hour sale, their hard work helped to raise \$6278.50.

Friend of SINGA 2016

Our school participated in the Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM) Friend of SINGA programme with their project “Temasekians Pass It On!” conceptualised by our 8 pupil ambassadors and their teachers, Ms Vivian Chong, Mdm Tracy Huang and Mdm Fatimah. The project was recognised as one of the Most Inspiring Social Etiquette Initiatives by schools. Their project details are featured in the SKM Book, ‘Friend of SINGA, Write for Kindness Badge Awards 2016’.

Our appreciation to our pupil ambassadors and their teachers for taking the effort to put in place meaningful activities aimed at inspiring graciousness among Temasekians.



The 4th Singapore National CoSpace and RoboMaker Challenges

For the fourth year, Temasek Primary Robotics Club members participated in the Singapore National CoSpace and RoboMaker Challenges organised by the Robotics and Maker Academy (RMA) of Singapore Polytechnic. A total of 35 pupils represented our school in the competition that was held from 11 – 12 November 2016. It was an enriching experience for every one of our pupils.

This year, the RMA presented two special awards, the Robotics Maker Academy Teacher Award and the Robotics Maker Academy Pioneer School Award. The teacher award is presented to teachers for their exceptional contributions in implementing and promoting the RMA programme and the pioneer school award recognises schools for their significant contributions to the RMA programmes and its initiatives.



Temasek Primary School is one of the schools to be awarded the RMA Pioneer School Award. We are also proud to have Mrs Marlini Seah receiving the RMA Teacher Award. Congratulations to our school and Mrs Seah!

Cultural Immersion to Hong Kong



On 22 November 2016, 29 of our P5 students, led by 6 teachers, went for a 4-day cultural immersion programme to learn about the heritage and culture in Hong Kong. This is the first time the PE department collaborated with the Mother Tongue department and student leaders from various CCA groups were also selected to join the immersion programme.

The students visited the Peak and Hong Kong Museum of History to understand more of the heritage and culture of Hong Kong. They also visited Wanchai Environmental Resource Centre and Ocean Park Marine Mammal Breeding and Research Centre to gain a deeper understanding of the efforts made by the people of Hong Kong in environmental conservation.

The students also visited two Hong Kong schools and had memorable school experiences with their Hong Kong buddies. Besides attending ICT lessons on 3D model design in Leo Tung-hai LEE Primary School, they also went on a mobile learning trail to learn more about the eco-garden in Ho Shun Primary School which is well known for its efforts in environmentally-friendly facilities. Our Temasekians also staged a marvellous dance performance for our hosting schools.



Having a friendly match with their buddies



Gift exchange with their buddies

Reflections by our pupils...

"I got a chance to find out how difficult life was like in the olden days and I learned to appreciate the comforts we enjoy in Singapore."

Lau Jing-kai Ansel, 5C

"It is very interesting that we can use QR codes to learn more about the usage of plants in Ho Shun Primary School. It will be great if our school can have such learning opportunities where we can learn about the importance of conserving plants."

Chloe Goh Yen Lu, 5E

What's New in 2017

TEMASEK STARTS RIGHT

As a new school year begins, teachers and pupils renew relationships after the holidays, see new faces and establish expectations, rules and routines for the year. The first week of school saw both the form teachers and pupils getting to know one another, practise listening skills and discussing the values and habits that will shape their learning community. The programme also sets the climate of the classroom by building positive Teacher-Student-Relationship (TSR) and Student-Student-Relationship (SSR), which would further foster a positive and cooperative working environment for teachers and pupils.

First week of school for the Primary 1s



The P1 pupils had an activity-filled first week of school. Besides playing fun get-to-know-you games in class, they also went on the Temasek Trail and visited some special rooms like the library and computer labs. The P2 pupils displayed their leadership qualities when they buddied up with the P1 pupils during recess. The new pupils were well taken care of by their P2 Peer Leaders who showed them how to buy food and accompanied them throughout the week's recesses.



We are grateful to our Parent Connection Committee members and the parent volunteers for taking the lead to ensure our P1 pupils are familiar with the routines in the school canteen. They also interacted with the little ones and took good care of them.



Members of our Parent Connection Committee in action!

Primary 1 Roving Carnival

The P1 pupils were introduced to a healthy start with the Health Promotion Board (HPB) Roving Carnival. It is a one-stop “playground” with tactile and interactive exhibits specially developed for children to raise their awareness of the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. The pupils were engaged in simple activities such as storytelling and a puppet show. Our pupils were also introduced to health topics such as nutrition, physical activity, myopia prevention, hygiene, mental wellness and oral health. The pupils attended a Hygiene Wellness talk, a skit designed to teach children the 8 steps towards hand washing, personal hygiene and good hygiene practices. The dental talk also taught the pupils the importance of taking good care of their teeth.



Not forgetting the Primary 2s to Primary 6s...

Reflections by our teachers and pupils...

“The P2 pupils were full of excitement upon seeing their classmates after the long break. They were all familiar with one another as they have moved up from P1 together, thus there was a lot of chatter and laughter as they caught up with one another. The activities conducted were focused on building new and existing friendships among themselves as they discover new things about one another.”

The videos and hands-on activities enabled the children to have a better understanding of the school values as they went through the lessons. One of their favourite activities was the Tower Game, in which they learnt that trust takes time to build but only seconds to destroy.”

– Mdm Tracy Huang



Pupils engaged in playing the Tower Game



Primary 2 pupils synergising to create a class quilt



“Temasek Starts Right allows teachers to start on the right footing with their class. They take the time and effort to get to know their pupils. The programme also allows pupils to get to know their peers as they come from various classes. The activities outlined in the lesson plans provide ample opportunities for the teacher to bond with the pupils. The pupils get to see the teacher as a warm and caring person rather than just a person who delivers knowledge to them. Through the activities, the pupils are able to see that the teacher is also a human being who has likes, dislikes and feelings. The teachers care for them and their well-being. A teacher is not only concerned about academic grades but also the emotional well-being of each child. The first 4 days sets the tone for the pupils to build a healthy and strong relationship with their form teachers. Once the teacher-student relationship is strong, the level of cooperation and teamwork within the class will be very high. By not ‘jumping’ into the curriculum, we are sending the signal to the children that we value their emotional well-being.”

– Mrs Reavathiy Kumar



Pupils engaged in team-bonding games



Working in groups to design the class banner

“I was very excited on the first day of school. I would be having a new teacher and classmates. I was happy to know that we were not starting any lessons yet. Instead, we would just be doing activities that can help us get to know one another.”

– Aysha Binte Farouq P3D

“I was very shy on the first day of school. However, I realised that you just need to be kind and confident to make new friends. The activities we did on the first few days of Temasek Starts Right were very fun and challenging.”

– Aaron P4D

“When I finally went to school, I found out that I had been promoted to P3C. Many of my friends were not with me. I was feeling a little sad but I was also happy because I could make new friends. The best thing about the first week of school is that although there are no lessons and homework, I get to learn more about my friends.”

– Aishah Dunne P3C

“I felt a bundle of emotions like happiness, fear and sadness when I reported to school on 3 Jan. I was happy to see my friends but nervous to know who my form teacher would be. I enjoyed the activities planned by my teachers. We had the opportunity to introduce ourselves to our friends and the biggest challenge was to act out my likes. My friends had a good time laughing at how silly I looked. Another activity I enjoyed was designing the banner. We had to synergise and brainstorm on designs for our class banner. I am happy because I was given the chance to colour the letterings on the banner.”

– Sharlene Liew P4E

New faces in Temasek Primary

We are pleased to introduce the following new staff who have joined the Temasek family:



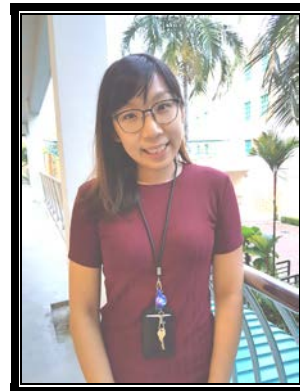
Ms Teo Sook Lin
Vice Principal (Education)

On Ms Teo's interests...

"I travel whenever I can during the holidays. Travelling allows me to experience new cultures and environments, widening my perspective about life in the process. When travelling with friends and family, it creates fond memories of the times we spent together and strengthens the bonds. I always return home with a sense of gratitude and a better appreciation of Singapore."



Ms Rachael Tan
English Department



Miss Lin Yi Jen
Mother Tongue
Department



Ms Atiqah
Trainee, AED Learning
and Behavioural Support

A facelift for some of our facilities



During the Nov/Dec 2016 school holidays, the school carried out several physical improvements to some of our facilities. The objective of these improvements is to provide a more conducive environment for users of the facilities.



Titled '**16 pieces**', this display can be used to showcase both teachers' and pupils' creativity and artistic talents.



Display cabinets

Upgraded level 1 and 2 students' toilets



Anti-slip flak coating for floor



New light fitting



Vanity top



New water closet

Road Safety Matters

Our school seeks the cooperation of parents and guardians of pupils coming to and leaving the school. This is especially important as young children may not have the skills required to use the roads properly. Our children need to be educated on road safety rules.

The road safety policies of the school are as follows:

1. Reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.
2. Cooperate with traffic marshals to ensure overall safety and smooth traffic flow.
3. Let your child alight only at the designated drop-off point.
4. Be advised not to violate traffic rules by driving recklessly or making illegal manoeuvres such as turning into the school from the outer lane(s) of the road.
5. Do not honk indiscriminately.
6. Remind your child to alight from the car as quickly as possible.
7. Reinforce correct road safety behaviour such as using the pedestrian crossing, and not jaywalking or using a mobile phone while crossing the road.
8. Remind your children to practise the kerb drill before crossing –“look right, look left, look right again, ensure all vehicles have stopped, raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly”.

New enhanced security measures

The school requests all parents and/or visitors to register at the security guard post near the parents waiting area before entering the school compound. Depending on the purpose of your visit, you may be directed by a school personnel to the respective locations in the school.

- For purchase of uniform – New sales booth near security guard post
- For purchase of books – Bookstore in the canteen
- Fetching your child or if you have an appointment with a teacher – General Office

New sales booth
near the security
guard post



Finance Matters

Pupils with financial difficulties may apply for financial assistance through the following schemes:

1. MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (MOE FAS)

To qualify for financial assistance, the pupil must be a Singapore Citizen and satisfy one of the following:

- Gross household monthly income not exceeding \$2,500.00
- Per capita income of the household is \$625.00 or below.
(Per capita income is derived from the monthly gross household income divided by the no. of members in the household.)

Benefits:

- * 100% waiver of Standard Miscellaneous fees (\$6.50)
- * Free Textbooks and School Attire
- * School Meals Programme

2. Financial Assistance Scheme by the School Advisory Committee

This is given to pupils who fail to qualify for the MOE FAS. The nature of this assistance varies. It could range from the provision of free textbooks, or assistance in payment of fees or school-related expenditure.

How to Apply

Application forms can be obtained from the General Office.

Term 1 Calendar of Events

Date	Events / Programmes	Level
24 Jan	Leaders Day	P1 – P2
25 Jan	Leaders Day	P3 – P4
26 Jan	Leaders Day	P5 – P6
27 Jan	Chinese New Celebrations (School)	All levels
30 Jan	Chinese New Year (Public Holiday)	All levels
31 Jan	Chinese New Year (School Holiday)	All levels
6 – 10 Feb	Taiwan School Immersion	P5
13 – 15 Feb	P5 Camp	P5
15 Feb	Total Defence Day	All levels
18 Feb	Temasek Primary Parents Symposium	All levels
20 Feb – 3 Mar	Talent Fiesta	All levels
23 Feb – 1 Mar	P6 Common Test	P6
28 Feb / 2 Mar	P5 NE Learning Journey to Little India	P5
3 Mar – 8 Mar	P3 Learning Tapestry	P3
6 Mar – 10 Mar	MT Fortnight	All levels
7 Mar / 9 Mar	P4 NE Learning Journey to Kampong Glam	P4
9 Mar – 10 Mar	P5 Learning Tapestry	P5

- Habit of the month (January): **Be Proactive**
- Habit of the month (February): **Begin with the End in Mind**
- Habit of the month (March): **Put First Things First**

