

Prefects Investiture 2017

The school's annual Prefects Investiture was conducted on 2 March 2017. It was a simple ceremony in which the P5 and P6 prefects were officially appointed to serve in the Prefect Council. Our Head Prefect, Dana Kow, from Primary 6C, led the prefects in taking the prefects' pledge. Our principal, Mr Francis Foo, gave an address to remind the prefects of the significance of their contributions as they assumed the role of prefects in the council. He encouraged them to persevere and learn as much as they can as they embarked on the journey of leadership in the school. He also appealed to the rest of the student population to give their support to the prefects by according them due respect and obedience so that together, they can make the school a great and safe place for learning and play. The P2 to P4 junior prefects also received their appointment letters through their level CCE (Student Leadership) teachers.



Our pupils, our pride!

Mother Tongue (MT) Fortnight

The Mother Tongue (MT) Fortnight programme was launched by MOE to create a conducive environment in the learning and usage of the MT languages. It enables the pupils to explore the language with the cultural based knowledge that encourages their appreciation of the language. With that objective in mind, the MT department had a variety of activities planned and executed for the pupils in the last week of Term 1 and the first week of Term 2. These language activities aimed to provide more opportunities for the pupils to use their Mother Tongue language both inside and beyond classroom.

The Chinese Language department planned exciting games and activities for our pupils during their recesses. Besides playing a giant board game and bowling, our pupils also had the chance to pit against their peers in an online quiz, Quizizz, which is designed based on the stories the pupils had read during the first week of the Mother Tongue Fortnight. Quizizz is a multi-player online quiz system that provides a real-time view of the progress and result of each player. The excitement of pitting against one another attracted many pupils to participate in the quiz.



Our pupils enjoying the Chinese Language games conducted in the canteen



Attempting Quizizz



Picture Book Reading Session

The Chinese Language pupils also had the opportunity to create their own board games with their peers and through the activity, learn about different virtues and the use of the Chinese Language.



Pleased with their own creations of board games

This year, the Mother Tongue department also worked with both the Science and National Education departments to provide opportunities for pupils to learn more about Earth Hour and Singapore's first Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew in their Mother Tongue languages.



Pupils threw the bean bag into the box with the correct information about the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew.



Pupils transformed into 'Earth Warriors' and knocked off harmful things that were destructive to Mother Earth.

The Malay Language department started the Mother Tongue Fortnight with a 'dikir barat' workshop for the P6 pupils. During this workshop, pupils learnt the elements, terms and roles of members in a 'dikir barat' performance. The P5 pupils learnt about the history behind the famous dish, Nasi Ambeng, and how it was served traditionally. The lower primary pupils were given the opportunity to play traditional Malay games at game stations set up in the canteen during their MT lessons. The non-Malay pupils were also able to take part in the games during their respective recesses. P2 Malay Language pupils were also introduced to legends such as Tanggah and Badang. They read the stories together and watched videos of the legends during their MT lessons. The P1 pupils had the chance to taste traditional Malay kuih. The food tasting session was conducted during their respective MT lessons.

"I enjoyed playing the traditional games with my friends. My favourites were the congkak and batu serembat. Through these games, I was able to interact with my friends and bond as a class."
 - Misha Arianna, P4C



Students having fun playing the Malay traditional games



Pupils performing 'dikir barat'

“The dikir barat session was really fun and interesting. It was an entertaining, lively and energetic lesson. We also learnt something new about the Malay culture. We enjoyed being involved in the performance.”

- Raizan & Ahmad Danial, P6A

The Tamil Camp, organised by the Tamil Language department as part of Mother Tongue Fortnight, was a huge success! With an objective of educating our pupils on the rich history of Tamil art forms, there was no lack of excitement, enthusiasm and energy from start to finish. In line with the United Nations’ declaration of International Yoga Day observed globally to promote health, peace and harmony, Temasek Tamil Camp introduced its first Yoga session to our P3 to P6 pupils. The Yoga instructor, Miss Rita, put the pupils through a robust session of muscle strengthening, toning and flexibility exercises and postures. After the Yoga session, our pupils settled down to learn about an ancient form of musical storytelling called ‘Villu Paatu’ or ‘Bow Song’. It was interesting both for teachers and pupils to learn how our ancestors used the bow, an ancient weapon, as a musical instrument by attaching bells to it to entertain themselves whilst out on hunting trips. ‘Bommalaatam’ or Indian puppetry was a huge hit with the pupils as they thoroughly enjoyed the string-controlled puppet performance. Pupils tried their hand at puppetry by pairing up to enact a scenario based on proverbs given to them and that activity surfaced some hidden talents. With minimal instructions, some pairs stole the show with superb voice-overs and characterisation!

The Karagaatam or Pot Dance put everything the pupils had learnt thus far to the test. As if balancing a pot on the head was not challenging enough, the pupils learnt how traditional performing artists of this dying art form had to dance to folk songs – undisputably an act which required both mental and physical concentration, and determination. Through this activity, our pupils learnt the important virtues of respect, humility and patience.



Speech and Drama session for lower primary students



Our pupils playing traditional indoor games

Lunch time, during which our pupils had a ‘Banana Leaf meal’, was an educational and informative hour for them too. Our Tamil pupils learnt about how and why the banana leaf is traditionally used in meals. Teachers had the opportunity to point out how the Banana Leaf meal experience was tied in with ‘green’ initiatives such as Saving Gaia and Clean & Green Singapore as no plastic or styrofoam materials are used. The day ended on a sweet note when the pupils were treated to a quick ‘Ghee Ball Making’ session where they learnt how to make the simple sweet traditional dessert. It was definitely an enriching and gratifying day for all the teachers and pupils who participated in the Tamil camp.

Happenings in Term 2

English Festival 2017

The English Festival, which was held from 28 March to 30 March 2017, gave us the opportunity to celebrate the talents of our pupils in both oral and written communication. In line with the English language department's goal to develop our pupils to be future global citizens who are articulate and effective users of the English Language, a line-up of fun and exciting classroom and recess activities were planned for our pupils over the three days.



3D Book Cover Design competition

Kudos to our pupils who put in great effort to create these masterpieces!

Pupils from P1 to P6 participated enthusiastically in both pre-assembly and recess performances. Their peers and teachers were treated to entertaining performances such as skits, storytelling, 'Stage IT', 'Babble and Speak', tongue twisters and poetry recitation. We had a whopping 162 pupils who took part in the performances over the three days!



Our talented Temasekians in action!

In addition to the recess performances, pupils also played games like Boggle and Vocabific!, and they also tried their hand at creating acrostic poems and haikus. Classroom activities such as 'Words to Story' and 'Freeze Frame' provided additional platforms for creative writing and drama.



Lower primary pupils colouring bookmarks



Our pupils having fun playing the board game 'Vocabific!' during recess



P3 pupils engaged in the activity 'Words to Story' during their English lesson.

The English Language department also organised our very own Kids' Lit Quiz Challenge where our pupils worked in teams and pitted their wits against one another to answer questions about literature ranging from classics to comics and contemporary novels.



Pupils participating in the Kids' Lit Quiz Challenge

The P1 and P2 pupils enjoyed a Reader's Theatre performance on Roald Dahl's 'The Enormous Crocodile' put up by their teachers.

Reflections...

I really enjoyed the English Festival. The performances were great! I particularly liked the Stage IT performances put up by my friends. I was also given the chance to read a poem during recess. I enjoyed playing fun games like 'Vocabific!' during recess too.

- Lynette Cheong, P3D

Temasek Resilience Run 2017

As part of the SOAR programme, the Temasek Resilience Run was held at Bedok Reservoir Park on Friday, 24 March 2017 for the P4 to P6 pupils. One of the main objectives of the event is to promote a healthy and active lifestyle, as well as the value of resilience among our pupils. In addition to the run, a games carnival was carried out in school for the pupils to enjoy themselves and bond as a class.

Teachers and pupils in action at Bedok Reservoir Park



Stretching before the run



Final instructions before the start



Keeping pace with Mr Foo



Walking back after the run



Class bonding time



Picnic @ Bedok

Teachers and pupils in action @ the Games Carnival in school



Having fun together



Synergising



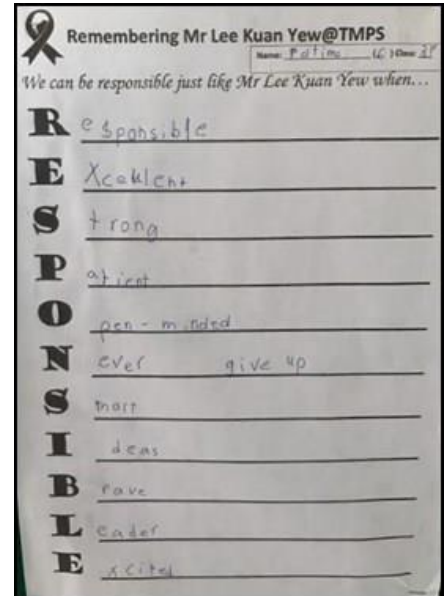
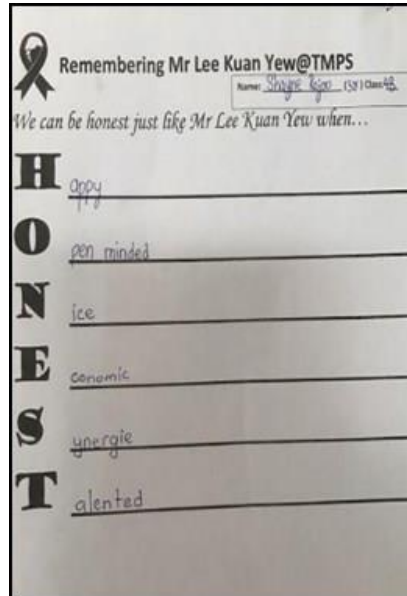
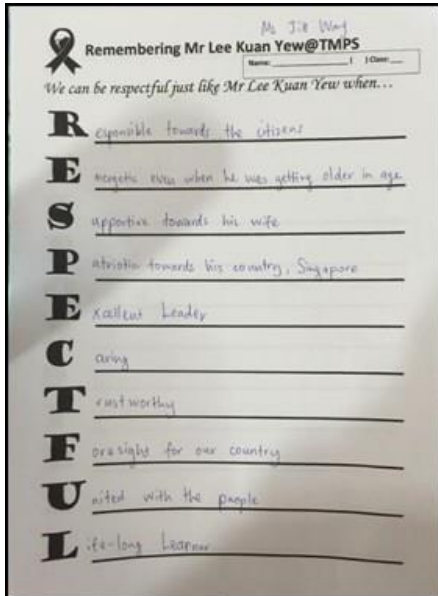
Helping each other



All smiles!

Remembering Mr Lee Kuan Yew two years on ...

During the assembly sharing on 23 March 2017, pupils and staff were reminded of our past – how the nation had united as one and how we had risen against the odds to enjoy the present achievements. As a school, we took cognisance of the virtues that we can draw from our former Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew – respectfulness, responsibility and honesty, and also the nation’s development under his leadership. During the recesses, some pupils and staff took some time to reflect on these virtues.



Achievements

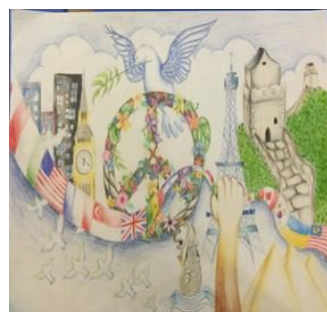
Lions Club of Singapore Nanyang Peace Poster Competition

Our pupils participated in the Lions Club of Singapore Nanyang Peace Poster Contest 2016 / 2017. This art contest aims to encourage young people around the world to express their vision of peace. The following pupils have done the school proud by emerging as the first prize, second prize and consolation prize winners:

- 1st Prize (\$500): Priyanka Khandelwal (P6D/2017)
- 2nd Prize (\$300): Hannah Lim Yun Xi (P6B/2017)
- Consolation (Certificate): Anabelle Yee (P6C/2017)



Priyanka Khandelwal



Hannah Lim Yun Xi



Anabelle Yee



Hannah and teachers from Temasek at the Prize Presentation Ceremony

Temasek CoSpace Challenge 2017

Temasek Primary School collaborated with the Robotics and Maker Academy of Singapore Polytechnic to organise Temasek CoSpace Challenge 2017 on 8 February and 10 February 2017. Temasek CoSpace Challenge 2017 is a robotics event that uses the CoSpace platform, which consists of a virtual robot and simulator, to allow users to programme robots in the 3D virtual reality world. It is designed to integrate infocommunication technology, digital game-based learning and educational robotics to interest, excite and engage the younger generation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and programming.



There was a total of 60 participants from 5 local primary schools and 1 Taiwan elementary school. On 8 February, the participants were trained on how to configure the virtual robot via the CoSpace platform to accomplish tasks linked to the Mathematics syllabus on the 8-point compass.

On 10 February, the participants applied what they had learnt by competing with one another in challenges such as navigating their virtual robots in a simulated MRT route.



The Temasek CoSpace Challenge 2017 was indeed a very meaningful event as it enabled our pupils to hone their computational and critical thinking skills through integrating virtual robotics into the Mathematics syllabus in a fun way.

Singapore Sports School Netball Tournament

On 26 February 2017, the school netball team took part in the Singapore Sports School Netball Tournament in preparation for the upcoming East Zone Netball Championships. The Singapore Sports School had organised the event to allow the girls to be exposed to the game before setting foot on the competition. They played against many schools from all over Singapore and gained valuable experiences. Through the experience, the girls have become more motivated to do well for the upcoming championships.



National First Aid Championship

On 24 February 2017, a team of 11 pupils from our school participated in the National First Aid Championship for primary schools. The competition aimed to raise awareness of the importance and relevance of first aid among youths. Teams of students between the ages of 10 and 16 pitted their skills against one another. They performed basic first aid, from dressing simple wounds to tying arm slings with a bandage. Our students were well-trained and they used the first aid skills they had acquired during their CCA to complete a challenging theory and practical test. They treated four 'casualties' with various injuries on their heads, arms, noses and legs. They were awarded silver for this championship and they have definitely done us proud.



RoboCup Singapore Open 2017

From 23 March to 25 March 2017, a total of 31 Temasekians from the Robotics Club participated in the RoboCup Singapore Open 2017. The Temasekians showed perseverance throughout the competition and managed to excel in the following categories:

- CoSpace Grand Prix, Primary – 1st place
- CoSpace Grand Prix, Primary – 2nd place
- RoboCupJunior CoSpace Rescue, Primary – 3rd place



The 31 Temasekians participating in Robocup Singapore

1st in CoSpace Grand Prix, Primary



2nd in CoSpace Grand Prix, Primary



3rd in CoSpace Grand Prix, Primary

Term 2 Calendar of Events

Date	Events / Programmes	Level
25 April	Leaders Day	P1 – P2
26 April	Leaders Day	P3 – P4
26 April	SA1 MTL Listening Comprehension	P3 – P6
27 April	Leaders Day	P5 – P6
27 April	SA1 EL Paper 1	P3 – P6
28 April	SA1 EL Paper 1	P3 – P6
28 April	English Holistic Assessment	P1
1 May	Labour Day (Public Holiday)	All
2 May	English Holistic Assessment	P2
3 May	SA1 EL Paper 2 and Listening Comprehension	P3 – P6
4 May	SA1 MTL Paper 2	P3 – P6
4 May	Mathematics Holistic Assessment	P2
5 May	SA1 Science	P3 – P6
5 May	Mathematics Holistic Assessment	P1
8 May	SA1 Mathematics	P3 – P6
9 May	Mother Tongue Holistic Assessment	P1 & P2
10 May	Vesak Day (School Holiday)	All
12 May	English Holistic Assessment	P1 & P2
15 May	Mathematics Holistic Assessment	P1
17 – 23 May	Learning Tapestry	P1 & P2
25 May (PM) – 26 May (Full day)	Pupil-Parent-Teacher (PPT) Conference	All

- Habit of the month (March): **Put First Things First**
- Habit of the month (April): **Think Win Win**
- Habit of the month (May): **Seek First to Understand then to Be Understood**



Look out for the next issue of
Temasek Connections for more
updates on our pupils' achievements!

