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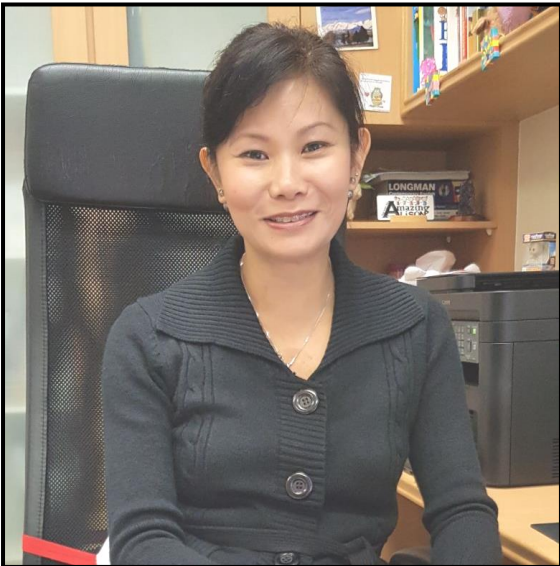
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Our Vision

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...



Temasek Primary was certainly abuzz with activities planned during 'Temasek Starts Right' to kick-start the new school year. The highlight for the three days was welcoming the new cohort of Temasekians to our school. In fact, we are happy to note that our Primary 1 students have settled into the school quickly. Thank you to the parents from the Parent Connection Committee (PCC) and our Primary 2 students who were buddies to our new students.

I began the year with a warm welcome to all teachers and students at our first assembly session with the key message to continue being a vibrant learning campus. The school prides itself on the numerous platforms which seek to develop all Temasekians into responsible and future-ready citizens. Reciting the Temasek Leaders' creed daily, coupled with Steven Covey's '7 Habits of Happy Kids', will spur our students on in

the pursuit of excellence in their learning journey while staying rooted in values. Temasek Primary is proud to have maintained our high academic standards. Thanks to the dedication of our teachers, the rigour of our academic programmes has been enhanced by effective and engaging methodologies and the strong collaboration with parents to bring out the best in our students. Indeed, Temasekians, both past and present, have accomplished much in different areas.

We will continue to aim high, embrace and enjoy all learning experiences in school, and persevere in the face of challenges to be the best that we can be. I would like all Temasekians to continue living out the 7th Habit, Sharpen the Saw – aim high, work hard to achieve these aims and enjoy the sense of achievement that success brings. I am confident that with the tenacity and positive attitude of all students, we will continue to enjoy many fulfilling years and achieve much in our academic and co-curricular domains.

I would like to wish all staff members, students, parents and alumni members a fulfilling and joyful 2018. We look forward to yet another year of enriched learning and growth for our Temasekians in 2018.

Have a great new year ahead!

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Wrapping Up 2017

Our Achievements

Outstanding STEM Teacher Award (OSTA) 2017

Congratulations to Mdm Connie Soon, our Science HOD, for being conferred the Outstanding STEM Teacher Award. The OSTA (STEM) is sponsored by MICRON Foundation and co-organised by Science Teachers Association of Singapore (STAS) and Singapore Association for the Advancement of Science (SAAS). This Award aims to recognise teachers who are role models in the teaching and learning of STEM.



Clean Plate Campaign

Temasek Primary School came in second in the 2017 'Clean Plate Campaign' organised by a local charity in conjunction with World Food Day. It is part of a global movement to reduce food waste and end hunger. On 11 September 2017, volunteers from the organisation 'Food from the Heart' visited the school and observed students as they deposited their plates into bins during recess. An information booth was set up and posters were put up around the school canteen to spread awareness of the problem of food waste, and to convey to students simple ways in which we can all reduce food waste. Our students rose to the challenge and an impressive 91.4% returned clean plates that day, putting our school in second place out of 51 schools that participated in the campaign. It is certainly heartening that our students know the importance of reducing food waste.



Our Achievements

FRIEND OF SINGA (FOS) 2017

Our school's Friend of Singa (FOS) project, led by the CCE Team and a group of student leaders, was selected to be featured in the FOS programme booklet as well as exhibits under the category of 'Most All-Rounded Projects'.



5th Singapore National CoSpace and RoboMaker Challenges

On 9 November 2017, 24 students from the Robotics Club participated in the 5th Singapore National CoSpace and RoboMaker Challenges held at Suntec City. Luke Lai (P5A 2017), Caleb Chua (P5C 2017) and Benjamin Lee (P5A 2017) made the school proud by coming in 3rd in the CoSpace Grand Prix Challenge.



SEC-StarHub School Green Awards (SGA)

On 8 November 2017, Temasek Primary School received the School Green Awards – Lotus Award from the Singapore Environment Council. School Green Awards (SGA) is an environmental programme which serves as a platform for students to develop and showcase their environmental efforts. Having an overall score of 95% and above in the assessment, Temasek Primary School was awarded the Lotus Award.



Speech Day 2017

Young talents took to the stage for the inaugural Speech Day Musical on Friday, 17 November 2017. More than 70 performers from the school's choir, guitar ensemble, taekwondo team, International and Malay dance groups, and the ukulele group dazzled an audience of 500 at the Temasek Primary School Hall. The musical was conceptualised and organised by the Aesthetics and Physical Education departments.

The hour-long musical, 'Follow Your Dreams', is based on the book 'Sing to the Dawn' by Minfong Ho. It follows the journey of Michelle whose dream was to win the scholarship to attend the Sports and Arts Academy. When her dream came true, she had to win over her friends and convince her parents to allow her to follow her dream.

Mr Darajit Daud, Vice Chairman of the School Advisory Committee (SAC) and the guest of honour at the event, our students and our invited guests were impressed with the musical talents of the performers.



Cultural Immersion Programme to Taiwan

On 21 November 2017, 29 Primary Five students and 6 teachers went on a 5-day, 4-night Cultural Immersion Programme to Taipei, Taiwan. The students and teachers had the opportunity to attend lessons at Jian Kang Elementary School on the mornings of three of the days and visit places of interest in the afternoon.

Understanding the lessons during the school experience posed a challenge to many of our students as they were conducted in Mandarin, other than the lessons on English Language. Fortunately, their Taiwanese buddies were very helpful and tried their best to explain and translate the lessons for them. Our students really enjoyed the Physical Education lesson on tug-of-war. It was so interesting that even our teachers who were observers joined in the fun.

Another lesson which thoroughly engaged the group was the ceramics class where everyone experimented with clay. Some students even had the chance to try their hand at a potter's wheel. The masterpieces will be delivered to our school when the students and staff from Jian Kang Elementary School visit us in January 2018.

On the last day of the school experience, our students participated in the school's Sports Day rehearsal. They formed teams with their buddies and competed in a relay race.

To promote our students' understanding of Chinese history and culture, the group visited the National Palace Museum, Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall and the Heritage and Culture Education Centre of Taipei City. As Taiwan is one of the world leaders in recycling, the group also visited the Tzu Chi Recycling and Educational Centre where our students learnt not just the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) but the 5Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair and Refuse). They also helped the elderly volunteers to sort waste paper according to print to minimise environmental pollution during the recycling process.



With the principal and staff of Jian Kang Elementary School



Helping out at the Tzu Chi Recycling and Educational Centre



Bidding farewell to buddies on the last day of the school experience

Reflections on the Cultural Immersion Programme to Taiwan



The Taiwanese students have very good eyesight and many of them do not wear spectacles. They spend long hours in school but they do not complain.

After this trip, I have begun to treasure our environment more. I will try my best to encourage my friends to be environmentally-friendly and not cause harm to our planet. I have also learnt to be independent and solve problems on my own instead of constantly asking others for help. I must take care of myself and my friends.
~ Kate Lau (P5A 2017)

My first impression of Taiwan was that the Taiwanese are very kind and they take good care of their guests. Taiwan is also very clean and there are hardly any rubbish bins along the walkway.

The Taiwanese students study with enthusiasm and they volunteer to answer every question that their teacher asks. I can learn this good attitude from them.
~ Jennessa Goh (P5B 2017)

Taiwan is much cleaner than Singapore and I noticed that there are no rubbish bins on the streets. I was shocked to note that there are no cleaners in the school and the students have to clean their classrooms, the staff room and toilets on their own. Learning from them, we can be more proactive and clean up our classrooms on our own. We can also participate more actively in class.

~ Yuan Wenxi (P5C 2017)

Parents and Partners Appreciation Lunch

On 14 November 2017, the school hosted an appreciation lunch for our school parents and partners to exercise gratitude to them for collaborating and supporting the school in the holistic development of our students. A picture montage of our parents and partners in action was screened, followed by a sumptuous buffet spread for our esteemed guests. It was indeed a meaningful session whereby the school leaders and staff had the opportunity to mingle with and express our appreciation to our school parents and partners who had continuously been together with us in our joy of learning.



Celebration of Character and Excellence

The Celebration of Character and Excellence Lunch took place on 9 November 2017. It is an annual event organised by the school to celebrate our students' success in CCA and to affirm them for displaying exemplary character and leadership during competitions, CCA sessions, while performing duties and for serving as prefects. We were very blessed to have Miss Yusrina (our former teaching staff) with us to share her journey up Mount Everest. She shared about the challenges she faced and how she overcame them, and how she eventually achieved her dream. It was an inspiring and enriching sharing as she experienced dangerous encounters and difficult terrain that she needed to overcome during her journey to Mt Everest. She also shared how one can achieve his or her dreams and goals by staying focused and setting intermediate goals, and working towards the final goal.



Flea Market

To encourage an entrepreneurial spirit and promote the school's core value of charity, our Primary 6 students were involved in a Flea Market Project which culminated in the Flea Market Sale on 9 November 2017.

The project was intended to raise students' awareness of the different needs of society and to challenge them to use their creativity and marketing skills to re-package recyclable and donated items for sale. Our students put their marketing skills to the test as they tried their best to sell their wares. Together with their teachers, the students were engaged in an after-sales discussion which allowed them to surface their ideas and suggestions on how the proceeds from the sale could be used to meet the social needs of society.

The school would like to thank all teachers, students and their parents for supporting this worthy cause.



Key Happenings In 2018 Thus Far

Temasek Starts Right

Welcoming the Primary 1 students

The 2018 Primary 1 students were warmly welcomed to the school at a mass assembly on the first day of the term. There was much excitement and enthusiasm on the faces of the little ones.



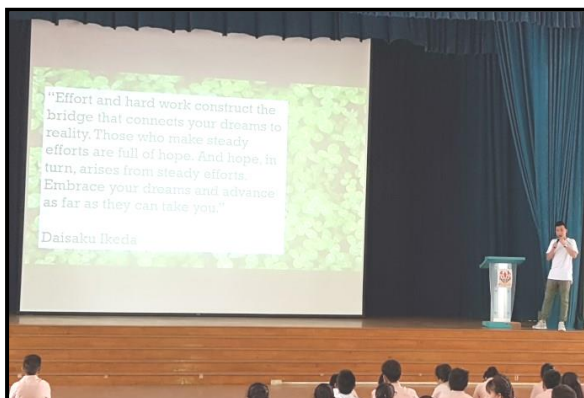
Tinkle Friend Assembly Talk by Singapore Children's Society – Make New Friends

As part of Temasek Starts Right, an engaging and meaningful talk was organised in collaboration with the Singapore Children's Society. It was aimed at educating our lower primary students on the importance of friendship and the strategies to adopt to make new friends. The talk also included a segment on the roles and responsibilities of good friends. Our students listened attentively to the speaker and participated actively during the quiz segment.



Motivational Talk by Mr Douglas Ng – The Fishball Story

The upper primary students were engaged in an interesting and inspiring motivational talk by Mr Douglas Ng, a hawkerpreneur. One of his messages in his hawkerpreneurship story is about touching the lives of others and the importance of having sound values such as determination and perseverance to achieve one's goals in life. The session was also held in alignment with the school's Education and Career Guidance (ECG) approach in inviting speakers from different fields of work.



Primary 1 Roving Carnival

On 3 and 4 January 2018, the Primary 1 students were introduced to a healthy start with the HPB Roving Carnival. The carnival is a one-stop “playground” with tactile and interactive exhibits specially developed to raise awareness about the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. Topics such as nutrition, physical activity, sleep and mental well-being, myopia prevention, oral health, and childhood injury prevention were highlighted.

During the carnival, students learned about proper hand washing techniques, the correct method of brushing their teeth and also how to select healthy food. Our students had fun participating in the various interactive activities and learning how to lead a healthy lifestyle.



P1 Orientation – Parents Rendering Assistance In The School Canteen

The school is appreciative of the efforts of the Parent Connection Committee (PCC) members in working collaboratively with the staff of the school during the P1 Orientation. The PCC members engaged other parent volunteers in managing and overseeing the well-being of our Primary 1 students in the canteen during the first week of this term.



Parents' Meeting

The school organised the Parents' Meeting on 19 January 2018 to provide parents with the opportunity to get to know the school principal and their children's form teachers better. It was also a platform for parents to be informed of the school's expectations and to gather insights on the school's curriculum and co-curriculum.



Going Green

In a bid to go green, all future publications of Temasek Connections will be made available on our school website
<http://temasekpri.moe.edu.sg/communication/temasek-connections>.

