

In Touch - Term 4 2018

Zhonghua Primary School – 12 September 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians

What a whirlwind three-quarters of a year it has been! From the start of the year till now, the Zhonghua Community has progressed at a fast (sometimes breathless) speed in bringing change and improvement to our school programmes. But we believe it cannot just be change for change's sake. For us, the ultimate value of the changes we are making is when we are able to help our children achieve (or at least progress towards) the Desired Outcomes of a Zhonghuarian: **Self-directed Learners** who can also communicate effectively and learn well collaboratively; **Creative Thinkers** who are reflective yet respectful of everybody's ideas, and finally **Responsible and Caring Leaders** who will positively impact those around them.

We have invested time, funding and effort in bringing key changes in 2018 which we hope have benefitted the Zhonghua Community. The changes can be categorised under 4 areas (our Strategic Thrusts);

ST1: Fostering the Joy of Learning and Entrepreneurial Dare: Our teachers now use the Student Learning Space resources to plan lessons for Active Learning with the central theme of making our pupils question, think and reflect so that they enjoy the learning. We have also created Unstructured Play Time where our pupils learn to make choices and decisions, enhancing their creativity and spirit of dare to try new challenges. In addition, we have restructured our ICT Enrichment programme to promote the spirit of tinkering and making to encourage our pupils to become thinkers and designers.

ST2: Strengthening the Singapore Spirit: We have re-packaged our Co-Curricular Programmes to allow for better coherence in the learning of values and in character development. Learning journeys, Camps and Outdoor Education activities now contain synergised elements of Environmental Education, Leadership Development and Character & Citizenship Education with our pupils doing an over-arching reflection at the end of the programmes to help them consolidate their overall learning of values.

ST3: Valuing Staff Innovation and Engagement: To help our teachers hone their skills in Design Thinking (DT) and become better designers of teaching and learning approaches, we have promoted the use of DT Processes and used Coyote Fund to help fund small-scale grounds up innovation among the various level teams of teachers.

ST4: Engaging and Collaborating with partners in Education: To align with our effort in promoting a culture of tinkering and making among our pupils, we have extended workshops incorporating use of Micro:bits to parents as well.

These are the new changes on top of our existing programmes and effort. We hope to continue to be nimble and responsive to the needs of the Zhonghua Community so that we can all move in tandem towards preparing our children for their future. Thank you.

Rostinah Mohamad Said
Principal

Administration Information for Parents

<p>Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) Facilities Upgrading @ ZPS</p>	<p>Our PERI construction and upgrading works have been completed with the receipt of the “Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP). The newly completed facilities have been handed over to school, after rectification works of the minor faults observed. The rooms are being furnished and released for T&L and CCA use.</p>
<p>Extension of the Rear Playground Area (via a Slab-Over Project)</p>	<p>The works have been largely completed with the handover to school scheduled some time between end-October to mid-November 2018. Do note that the school rear gate will remain closed till further notice.</p>

A) ST1: Fostering the Joy of Learning and Entrepreneurial Dare

<p>EL Enrichment Programme for P3</p>	<p>A group of P3 pupils participated in the Poetry Appreciation Programme in Term 3. Our aim was to help pupils develop good language skills through fun and engaging activities. A total of 5 sessions were conducted for the programme.</p>
<p>P1 and P2 Speech and Drama Programme</p>	<p>The Speech and Drama Programme aims to develop pupils’ oracy skills and provide them with a platform for confidence-building. This year, social and emotional competencies such as self-management and social awareness have also been incorporated into the program. Pupils have been participating enthusiastically in the various joyful activities and are building the skills and confidence needed to present in front of an audience. At the end of the programme, pupils will be performing a musical on stage during the ZPS Shining Stars scheduled on Thursday 8 Nov 2018. Parents / guardians are cordially invited to watch the performance.</p>
<p>Science Performance Tasks</p> <p>-P3 Sail-Boat Making</p> <p>-P4 Fun with Shadows</p>	<p>The performance tasks in Term 3 were planned to provide opportunities for pupils to express their understanding of scientific concepts and processes in a fun and creative way:</p> <p>The task was to design and build a sail-boat that was able to move on water without sinking using concepts they have learnt in the chapter ‘Materials’. Pupils had to decide on what materials to use for the different parts of the boat based on their physical properties.</p> <p>After learning about shadow formation in Science lessons, the pupils had to compose stories for a shadow play. During the art lessons, pupils created cut-outs to make silhouettes for the characters of the story. In Term 4, with the silhouettes created,</p>

<p>-P5 Planning an Investigation on Seed Dispersal</p>	<p>the pupils will be presenting their stories using shadow play to demonstrate their creativity and their understanding of the concepts on light.</p> <p>The P5 pupils were provided with an experience mirroring how scientists think and what they do in a decision-making process. They had to plan an investigation on Seed Dispersal which involves formulating a hypothesis, designing a fair investigation as well as carrying out the experiment.</p>
<p>Fun With Maths Activities</p> <p>-P2 Fun with Mathematics</p> <p>-P4 Fun with Mathematics</p> <p>-P5 Fun with Mathematics</p>	<p>The Maths Department organized a series of after-school activities in Term 2 and 3 for the various levels to inject fun and creativity and to promote the joy of learning Maths.</p> <p>On 31 July and 2 August 2018, our P2 pupils used the concepts and skills learnt from the topic of Money to play various roles as the cashier and customers in a shop. They had a lot of fun deciding on what to buy and how to use the “cash” to pay for their purchases.</p> <p>Organised on 16 July and 30 July 2018, pupils made cup-cakes and applied their knowledge of fractions, mixed numbers and decimals when they measured the ingredients to roll out their cupcakes. In teams, they had great fun preparing and savouring their cupcakes.</p> <p>Pupils had fun learning the topic of Ratio on 21-23 May 2018. Collaboratively, the pupils concocted the best sweet drink using different ratios of syrup to water. Through this activity, the pupils enjoyed applying concepts of ratio they had learned.</p>
<p>Sharing on Trip for International Experience to China</p>	<p>16 of our Primary 5 pupils embarked on a fruitful immersion trip to Shanghai and Suzhou in May 2018. The group visited Paddington Bilingual School in Shanghai and Xing Yang Primary School in Suzhou and visited historical sites in both Shanghai and Suzhou including ‘The Yu Garden’, ‘Suzhou Silk Museum’, ‘The Tiger Hill’, ‘Hanshan Temple’.</p> <p>Upon their return to Singapore, the pupils did a deep reflection of their experience and shared what they had learned with the school during a pre-assembly programme in August. Among other things, the pupils shared that they had developed global awareness and cross-cultural skills. They also developed resilience, confidence and a sense of responsibility as well as a sense of rootedness to Singapore.</p>
<p>Mother Tongue Language Fortnight</p>	<p>In term 3, The Mother Tongue Department organised MTL Fortnight for P1 to P6 pupils. Pupils were exposed to a wide range of fun and enjoyable Mother Tongue Language and Cultural activities during these two eventful weeks.</p>

	<p>The MTL Fortnight activities provided authentic opportunities for pupils to use their MTL in a fun and joyful learning environment and to appreciate the culture behind the language. Pupils participated in the activities actively and enthusiastically.</p>
<p>P5 and P6 Digital Making Enrichment Programme</p>	<p>In line with our Smart Nation efforts to transform Singapore through technology, we are preparing our P5 and P6 pupils to be digitally literate in an increasingly robotics-driven society through this ICT enrichment programme scheduled in Term 4.</p> <p>Presented with mini-digital projects or problems P5 pupils will learn to code their Micro:bit using block-based program and plan solutions to the problem. This develops computational thinking and provides opportunities for our students to experiment and iterate. The process of experimentation is important to foster digital creativity and innovation in our students.</p> <p>The P6 pupils who have already gone through the micro:bit learning experience last year, would work in teams to demonstrate how their creative digital artefacts work in a Digi-Fiesta to be attended by pupils from other levels in November.</p>

Recognition for Pupils

<p>National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS) 2018</p>	<p>The National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS), organised by NUS High School, is an annual event that sets out to generate greater interest in Mathematics among pupils in primary schools and sharpening their problem-solving skills.</p> <p>We congratulate the following pupils who certainly did the school proud by displaying Resilience and Diligence during the Olympiad.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of Award</th> <th>Recipients</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gold</td> <td>Li JiaYi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bronze</td> <td>Abhinav Chitikela Lee Cong Yun Li YangNa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Honourable Mention</td> <td>Boon Jun Sen Chen Tingyu Lin Jia Xuan Ong Jing Wei Shruti Sardar</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type of Award	Recipients	Gold	Li JiaYi	Bronze	Abhinav Chitikela Lee Cong Yun Li YangNa	Honourable Mention	Boon Jun Sen Chen Tingyu Lin Jia Xuan Ong Jing Wei Shruti Sardar
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<p>Singapore Youth Science Fair</p>	<p>Our school submitted 2 projects by our P5 pupils for the Singapore Youth Science Fair 2018 and both projects were awarded the Distinction Award. Congratulations!</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 338 1410 562"> <thead> <tr> <th>Project Title</th> <th>Participants</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>What type of solvent is best suited to remove pen stain?</td> <td>Shruti Sardar, Jakob Yeo, Loo Mum Chye and Mahi Arya</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The race to find the most effective shampoo</td> <td>Yi Yangna, Advait Chidabaram Abhinav Chitikela and Lam Kai Ying</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Project Title	Participants	What type of solvent is best suited to remove pen stain?	Shruti Sardar, Jakob Yeo, Loo Mum Chye and Mahi Arya	The race to find the most effective shampoo	Yi Yangna, Advait Chidabaram Abhinav Chitikela and Lam Kai Ying															
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<p>Primary School Debate Open</p> <p>- 21 July 2018 - 4 August 2018</p>	<p>Our school sent a team of P5 pupils for the Debate Open. The pupils gained a wealth of experience through their participation.</p> <p><u>Certificate of Participation:</u> Loo Mun Chye Shah Yug Ankurbhai Selvam Raja Tejal Evangelene Rai Thalamuthu Disha Gopika</p>																					
<p>Super Zonal Scrabble Competition</p> <p>- 25 August 2018</p>	<p>Our school sent 4 teams for the competition. The pupils enjoyed the experience and learned to work well together.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1081 1410 1216"> <thead> <tr> <th>Results</th> <th>Participants</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4th Placing</td> <td>Cham Ke Hui, Yasmin Heyu and Felicia Haerine Darmawan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Best Player in ZPS Award</td> <td>Tanio Kurea</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The other participants were: Lee Cong Yun, Lin Jia Xuan, Lim Xuan Hui, Ho Guo Kai, Kyan, Piyush Bachhas, Ea Quan Zhou, Sambhavya Gurung and Koh Qi Zhi</p>	Results	Participants	4 th Placing	Cham Ke Hui, Yasmin Heyu and Felicia Haerine Darmawan	Best Player in ZPS Award	Tanio Kurea															
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<p>SINDA Sustained Improvement Awards</p>	<p>The following pupils were awarded the Sustained Improvement Awards by SINDA for showing improvement in their final year examinations compared to their mid-year examinations in subjects enrolled in SINDA Project 'Teach' Programme 2017. Congratulations to these pupils:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1608 1385 2018"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Student</th> <th>Level</th> <th>Subject(s) shown Improvement</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pandidurai Sanjay Guru</td> <td>P4</td> <td>Science</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sachin Parssad S/O Rajendra Parsad</td> <td>P4</td> <td>Science</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sharanya D/O Kunasegaran</td> <td>P4</td> <td>Science</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shahnaz Thahniya Binte Abdul Aziz</td> <td>P5</td> <td>Math and Science</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thangalakshmi D/O Nedumaran</td> <td>P5</td> <td>Math and Science</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eric Roshan S/O Suresh David</td> <td>P5</td> <td>Math and Science</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Student	Level	Subject(s) shown Improvement	Pandidurai Sanjay Guru	P4	Science	Sachin Parssad S/O Rajendra Parsad	P4	Science	Sharanya D/O Kunasegaran	P4	Science	Shahnaz Thahniya Binte Abdul Aziz	P5	Math and Science	Thangalakshmi D/O Nedumaran	P5	Math and Science	Eric Roshan S/O Suresh David	P5	Math and Science
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Top MRL Borrowers (May to August)	Congratulations to the following pupils for being the top borrowers for the month of May to August.		
	<u>Top Borrower for the Month of May</u>		
	Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3
	Tan Jian Feng Timothy	Loo Kai Jia Rayden	Low Jia Yu
	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
	Ng Shi Hui	Koh Ying Hui, Bernice	Yong Zi San Brandon
	<u>Top Borrower for the Month of July</u>		
	Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3
	Felicia Pang Xin Hui	Parneeta Sidhu	Haziq Qusyairi Bin Mohamed Faiza Aldric Neo Le Jun Pang Shi Rong
	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
Rosy Pun	Anna Okawa	Tanushree Muralidaran	
<u>Top Borrower for the Month of August</u>			
Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3	
Kerin Lau	Loo Kai Jia Ryden	Haziq Qusyairi Bin Mohamed Faiza	
Primary 4	Primary 5		
Loo Xuan Zheng	Li Jie		
To all other pupils; Continue to love reading and borrow books from the MRL.			

B) ST2: Strengthening the Singapore Spirit

Environmental Education (LLP)

Community In Bloom (CIB) Award	<p>As part of our effort to promote the greening of our school and to highlight the message on caring for the environment, our school participated in the biennial Community In Bloom (CIB) Awards this year. The CIB Awards recognises and rewards the creativity and hard work put in by Singapore gardening groups. There are four achievement bands for this award, namely, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. The judging process took into consideration the quality and upkeep of the school's eco-garden, as well as promotion of gardening among the community. The judging took place on 6 April 2018.</p> <p>We are glad to inform that ZPS was awarded the Gold Banding.</p>
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Physical Education / CCA / Outdoor Education

Sports Carnival Day	This year's Sports Carnival Day was held on 12 July at the Serangoon Stadium. The day started with the 1.1km ZPS Fitness walk by our P3 to P6 pupils to the stadium. We then had the march-past by the various houses followed by the opening of the carnival by the school leaders. Our pupils worked well in their house teams and gave their very best in both track and field events, demonstrating the values of resilience and harmony. This time round, the weather was very good. We completed the events with the new Combined Relay Event and the Parents' and Teachers' Race. Red House again emerged as the Overall Champion House!
Lower & Upper Primary Mass Workout (Term 4)	This term, we partnered yet again with the Health Promotion Board to bring in another form of workout called "Cardio Kickboxing" to our Upper primary pupils in the hope of allowing the pupils to experience the many different contemporary workouts and to motivate them to exercise regularly. The pupils had a great time working out to their favourite pop songs for greater fitness and mental health during the 40 minutes session. Next up in term 4, back by popular demand, will be another round of KpopX Fitness for both the Lower and Upper Primary Pupils!
Multi-Games CCA	To promote greater interaction and opportunity for participation in varied sports CCA among the pupils, the School embarked on a new CCA programme called the Multi-Games CCA held in Semester 2. Pupils in non-competitive sports CCA and clubs were channelled into this programme. They had the opportunity to choose from the 3 CCAs - Football, Badminton and Basketball. The School engaged specialized coaches to train the pupils. This programme ran for 11 weeks and at the end of the 11 weeks session, the pupils will participate in an Internal Friendly Multi - Games Competition among their peers. This Internal competition will be held on 18 and 25 of September during CCA days followed by a Prize Presentation on the last day.

Pupil Leadership

Prefects Investiture	The Prefects Investiture was held on 31 July 2018 to appoint prefects for the year of service August 2018 to July 2019. The investiture symbolises the handing over of duties and responsibilities from the current to the new EXCO Committee of the Prefectorial Board. Mdm Rostinah gave out the ties and commissioned our newly appointed head and assistant head prefects, heads of committees as well as the junior and senior prefects. P6 prefects were also given recognition for their contributions as pupil leaders to the school for the past years. The ceremony ended with a speech by Mahi Arya, the new Head
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	Prefect, and the prefects pledging their commitment to their roles and responsibilities as prefects of the school.
Teachers' Day Celebration	The school celebrated Teachers' Day on 30 Aug 2018 with a concert conceptualised by the P5 prefects. The theme chosen by the prefects was "Teachers, You're Our Heroes and Guiding Angels". During the concert, teachers were treated to a video, games and a series of song and dance performances by our P4 and P5 pupils. They were also each presented with an angel bookmark made by the P5 prefects. The celebration ended with the singing of the song "A Tribute to Our Teachers" and a loud "Happy Teachers' Day" greeting from the pupils.

Pupil Development and Management

Emergency Exercise	The school conducted the second Emergency Evacuation Exercise for the year on 3 Aug 2018. The exercise aims to familiarise staff and pupil with their roles and the safety procedures during any emergency. For this exercise, members of the school practised lockdown in the classrooms followed by evacuation to a safe assembly area during the simulated presence of an intruder. After the exercise, teachers conducted a debrief session with pupils to consolidate the learning from the exercise.
P6 Post-PSLE Programme	<p>At Zhonghua Primary School, we place equal importance on working hard and playing hard. The P6 pupils, having worked hard for the PSLE, will get to enjoy a variety of activities that have been specially planned for them after the PSLE.</p> <p>Activities planned have been designed to promote the joy of learning and entrepreneurial dare as well as to build character and strengthen the Singapore Spirit. We also hope to promote the development of the Desired Outcomes of a Zhonghuanian. The programme will include Aesthetics activities like music and dance, ICT projects like Coding and Digi-FIESTA, and a financial literacy programme. In addition, P6 pupils will gain insightful information at the Secondary School Fair that we have organised to help them make a more informed decision when making their secondary school selection. They will also get to participate in a Trip for International Experience to Malacca as part of our efforts to educate them about appreciating and learning more about Singapore's closest neighbour, Malaysia.</p> <p>All in all, the Primary 6 pupils can look forward to an exciting term after their PSLE!</p>

Character and Citizenship Education (CCE)

Hari Raya Celebration	<p>The school celebrated Hari Raya Aidilfitri on 3 Jul 2018. A concert was held where pupils learned more about Malay culture through a <i>silat</i> (Malay self-defence art) performance and video clip portraying the significance and special practices carried out by the Muslims during the celebration. To add merriment to the festivities, pupils were also treated to a song and dance segment during the concert.</p> <p>Pupils also enjoyed hands-on sessions during their recesses (on 3 & 4 July) where they had the opportunity to make colourful <i>bunga manggar</i> (a decorative ornament in Malay functions), <i>hari raya</i> cards and a traditional biscuit called <i>kuih semperit</i> (a flower-shaped biscuit). The enthusiastic pupils definitely enjoyed themselves and learned more about Malay culture.</p>
Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day	<p>Racial Harmony Commemoration Day was held on 17 Jul 2018. It was a day to remind us of the importance in maintaining racial harmony since the break out of riots in 1964. This year, our CCE and Aesthetic department collaborated to bring out a week-long fun and meaningful activities that resonated well with the theme "Diversity is Our Strength". Pupils had the opportunity to experience the different cultural games with pupils from other ethnic groups as well as learning more about the ethnic musical instruments during assembly programme.</p>
P5 NE Show	<p>P5 NE Show held on 14 Jul 2018 at The Float @ Marina is an annual privilege for the primary 5 pupils. This year's theme "We Are Singapore" brings about the meaning of Singapore's identity in the current era. The pupils enjoyed themselves very much with the line-up of events that were put up during the NE Show.</p> <p>Prior to the NE Show, P5 pupils had a pre-engagement activity that allowed them to appreciate the significance of various components of the National Day celebrations through using an application in the iPad for the Augmented Reality (AR) component.</p>
School National Day Celebration	<p>On Wednesday, 8th Aug 2018, we celebrated Singapore's 53rd birthday in the school hall with the theme "We Are Singapore". The whole school including invited guests came for the celebration donning costumes of our national colours; red and white. It was heartening to see a sea of red and white on that morning.</p> <p>The commemoration started with the observance ceremony that was helmed by the parade commander, Mr Chan Jian Yi. The celebration continued with a dance performance by Primary 1 Diligence and a series of activities that helped to surface good values we hope to see in Singaporeans. National Day songs that are close to our hearts were also sung with pride and gusto.</p>

Aesthetics

Arts and Cultural Presentation Grant: National Day Performance (Indian Dance)

Zhonghua Primary Indian Dance (CCA) was awarded the Arts and Cultural Presentation Grant to showcase the art of Bharatanatyam to the public, creating an avenue to inform them of this dance form. The showcase is a 2-way collaboration between pupils from the Indian Dance CCA of Zhonghua Primary together with Indian Dance CCA pupils of Whitley Secondary School. Through this collaboration, our Indian Dancers got the valuable opportunity to learn from their older counterparts. The team finally performed at Pek Kio CC National Day Observance Ceremony 2018 in front of 850 guests. The Guest of Honour for the event was Mr Melvin Yong (MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC). The Indian Dancers received great appreciation from the crowd for their sterling performance.

Recognition for Pupils

Model Pupils of the Month

The school gave recognition to pupils who have shown exemplary behaviour and positive attitude in May and July during the Monthly Model Pupil Award presentation. These pupils were awarded certificates at the school assembly as an affirmation of their demonstrations of school values.

Model Pupils of the Month of May

Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3
Eddlynn Adlina Shainavi Zhang Zhiyi Loh Rui Ying	Aden Lim Jung Kiong Kwok Si Tung Suhani Gurung Garren Tan	Zhang Ying Xuan Shi Xiao Yi Shri Joey Teng Hui Shan Jovin Yeo Su Ting
Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
Debbie Lee En Ni Pavithra Gurung Mansi Mumendhanan Govindaraj Keerthika Tay Kai Rui Ashton	Lee Cong Yun Leow Wen Ze Felicia Pang Rui En Tan Zhan Yi Shireen Natalia Simrah	Samuel Soon Bharathiraj Shridulla Gagan Kian Clariece Kee Isabel Wang

Model Pupil for the Month of July

Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3
Kwok Si Win Jonas Pan Yu Zhe Prajusha Pal Jonas Ang	Chong Yong Yi Samual Gurung Muhammad Daniel Samyok Hang Subba	Hui Qi Hom Supriya Subba Palaniappan Monish Saluna Pun Lim Zhe Kai, Daryl
Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
Joel Toh Yong En Watthanayonkit Chan Govindaraj Suchitra Rosy Pun Low Yu Cheng Terry Muhammad Hafiz	Li Jie Khadijah Shifa Yameena Neo Wei Lum Ishan Wanem Nur Izzati Bte Salam	Mohana Priya Nur Sabrina Tey Sheng Ren Prakriti Rai Nur Iffah

Cleanest Classroom Awards

To help cultivate good habits for life, our pupils participate in the daily cleaning of their classrooms to help them learn about personal and social responsibility, and to work with their classmates as a team. To affirm their efforts, the school gives out the 'Cleanest Classroom Award' on a monthly basis.

Cleanest Classroom Award for the Month of May

Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3
1 Discipline 1 Integrity	2 Discipline	3 Discipline
Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
4 Diligence 4 Respect	5 Respect	6 Diligence

Cleanest Classroom Award for the Month of July

Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3
1 Discipline	2 Integrity 2 Respect	3 Diligence 3 Discipline
Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
4 Integrity 4 Respect	5 Respect 5 Care	6 Diligence 6 Discipline

C) ST3: Valuing Staff Innovation and Engagement**Staff Learning and Development****Strategic Planning Workshops**

As our earlier strategic plan had reached its end-of-cycle recently, our entire school executive committee is currently attending a series of strategic planning workshops to chart our direction ahead for the next few years. Our new strategic plan will not be just taking cues from the latest shifts in our national educational landscape, but also considering our internal strengths and opportunities for growth. We are currently in the final phase of our development, and will be sharing our learning with our key stakeholders in time for our planning for 2019.

EDULAB PE Project (at Hong Kong Conference)

After getting valuable feedback from their participation at ICTLT, our EduLab Project team will now showcase their project at the Asia Pacific Physical Education Conference (APPEC) 2018 in Hong Kong from 16 to 21 November 2018. The team also plans to share their project with 2 other local or international schools at Hong Kong. We wish the team all the best and hope to be able to provide similar opportunities to other teachers in the future

The Edulab Project team comprises of:
Mr Nelson Chong, Mr Ravindran, Mdm Farhanah, Mr Tang Qisheng and Mr Abdul Mutalib.

<p>5th International Conference (TLCSL)</p>	<p>Our school supports staff who are keen to present at local and international Conferences. One teacher will be presenting a project entitled “Enhancing Comprehension and Analytical Skills through Fairy Tales for P2 pupils” at the 5th International Conference on the Teaching and Learning of Chinese as Second Language at Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre on 12 and 13 Sept 2018. This is a good opportunity to showcase our joyful teaching strategy and pedagogy to the local and international educators.</p> <p>We wish our teacher all the best: Miss Leong Shi Ern</p>
<p>Social Studies Study Trip with Social Studies Primary (SSP) Unit, MOE</p>	<p>One of our teachers participated in a study trip organised by Social Studies Primary (SSP) Unit, MOE to Central Thailand from 2 to 5 September 2018, It was an enriching and a fruitful trip that gave great insights on the cultural heritage and strengthened the SSP teachers’ understanding about the historical concepts of change and continuity through historical sites in Thailand. With the knowledge gained, teacher participants will develop a Digital Learning Resource (DLR) package for Primary 6 students based on the topic of ancient kingdoms of Southeast Asia.</p> <p>Our teacher who gained from this experience: Ms Rozianah Rosli</p>
<p>Cluster Deep Learning School-Based Project Team</p>	<p>Our school set up a project team that worked and learned alongside other S6 cluster schools to explore Deep Learning with ICT in lesson design. The strategic intent for the team are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to be familiar with the use of the Active Learning Processes – activating learning, promoting thinking and discussion, monitoring & feedback and facilitating demonstration of learning • to be part of a community of critical inquiry and learning • to create/fine-tune teaching and learning resources with ICT tools to promote deep learning <p>The team members are: Mdm Rindaherlina Thamrin, Mr Peck Yong Xiang, Mdm Rafidawati and Mr Nelson Chong</p>
<p>Coyote cum Design Thinking Projects 2018</p>	<p>Our teachers put on their Design Thinking “caps” during their weekly level R&R discussions and worked on projects to address issues pertaining to their levels. At the end of Term 3, they successfully prototyped 9 worthwhile projects below. These projects are funded by the MOE Coyote Fund which encourages grounds-up small-scale innovations among staff. Well done!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Making Music with Magnetic Notation (Music Dept) 2) Improving Teacher-Student Relationship (P6 Team) 3) Up in ARMS! EL Writing Project (P3 Team) 4) Quiet Time Activity Corner (P1 Team) 5) Enhancing Student Engagement via Reflection (P5 Team) 6) Are You Ready? – A Tool for Self-Regulation (P4 Team) 7) Improving CL Word Recognition (CL Team) 8) READ: A Project to Promote the Joy of Reading (P2 Team) 9) Promoting the Joy of Reading (ML and TL Team)

Upcoming ICAN Symposium	<p>An ICAN Symposium will be held on 8 November 2018 at Keming Primary School. Our Cluster Math Mentor, will be sharing on S6 ICAN Cluster project: Train the Trainer & Adopt a School Model, with 3 other colleagues from S6 cluster. This sharing is on how the project has equipped teachers with a repertoire of strategies to support low progress learners as well as to develop them to become ICAN Champions in their respective schools.</p> <p>Cluster Maths Mentor Mrs Sharon Seah</p>
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Staff Wellbeing

Teachers' Day Dinner	<p>On 30 Aug 2018, the teachers and staff of Zhonghua Primary school celebrated Teachers' Day with a sumptuous dinner hosted by our School Advisory Committee. The celebration was held at Hotel Grand Mercure Singapore Roxy.</p> <p>Our Staff Welfare Committee came out with a theme for the evening - "Singapore Rojak" and ran the show with much entertainment and laughter. All were invited to come in our own ethnic costume to reflect the Singapore Spirit. The non-teaching staff also assisted in the logistics preparation for the evening. Everyone had a wonderful time celebrating together as one big Zhonghua family!</p>
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Staff Recognition

National Day Awards 2018	<p>The Singapore National Day Awards are a means of recognising various forms of merit and service to Singapore. We congratulate the following staff who received the Long Service Medal 2018. Mrs Joyce Tan</p>
MOE Outstanding Innovator Award 2018	<p>The Outstanding Innovator Award seeks to recognise passionate individuals who are key influencers of continual improvement and drives innovations in their workplace. We congratulate the following staff who received the Award: Mr Nelson Chong</p>
Farewell to Outgoing Teachers	<p>We put on record our heartfelt thanks for the contribution of the following teacher who left the school in August to pursue a degree at NIE and wish him all the best for the future: Mr Chan Jian Yi</p>
Welcome to our New Staff	<p>We warmly welcome the following staff who have joined ZPS this term and look forward to having her in Team Zhonghua: Miss Zhao Tingyan</p>

Congratulations and Best Wishes	<p>We congratulate the following staff on the arrival of their newborn babies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mdm Chloe Pang - Mdm Hsu Hui Chien - Mdm Pan Dini <p>We wish the following staff all the best as they await for the arrival of their newborn babies in Term 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mdm Priya - Mdm Suriana
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D) ST4: Engaging and Collaborating with Partners in Education

Partnership with Parents

School Open House	<p>Yet again our school pulled off another successful Open House on 7 July. We extended an invitation to pupils, parents and teachers from several kindergartens in our neighbourhood. A total of 110 K2 pupils and their teachers spent their Saturday morning with us. Most of their parents were present too.</p> <p>Our visitors visited various stations to know more about the learning experiences that Zhonghua Primary provides for her pupils. The stations were eco-garden experience, immersion programme sharing, PAL programme sharing, ICT sharing, Unstructured Play experience and a games carnival.</p> <p>Most importantly, this year, our pupil presenters, and not teachers, hosted the parents at the various stations. This gives our pupil presenters an opportunity to share about their experiences, build their confidence in communication and help to cultivate in them a stronger sense of belonging to the school.</p>
Parent-Child Bonding Activities	<p>Mother–Child bonding activity: Floral Arrangement Mothers and their children had a hands workshop on 28 July 2018 where they learned to express their emotions and well wishes to each other through floral arrangement and found a way to naturally express their sense of caring and love to others.</p> <p>Father–Child Programme for P4 to P6 on 15 Sept 2018 The activity held under the banner of Family Matters@Schools will consist of 2 sessions. <u>Part 1: Parent workshop: Revising your Parenting Style to understand the psyche of the child.</u> In this workshop, you would observe different parenting styles and discover ways to learn how to listen to your adolescent / teen in ways that promote respectful two-way communication and help to build relationship between you and your child.</p>

	<p><u>Part 2: Construct and program a vacuum desktop cleaner using micro:bits.</u></p> <p>Date : 15 September 2018 Time : 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Target Group : Parents of P4 – P6 pupils</p> <p>Capacity: Limited to 30 pairs of Father and Child on a first come and first served basis according to time logs of online registration.</p>
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Partnership with ZEST (Parent Volunteer Group)

<p>ZEST Appreciation Lunch Cum Dialogue Session with School Leaders - 29 June 2018</p>	<p>ZEST members were treated to a buffet lunch to show our appreciation for their support. The lunch also gave an opportunity for the members to engage with the School Leaders.</p> <p>The school would like to thank the ZEST members for their support for the following events in 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hari Raya Recess Activities - P4 VIA - Visit to St Luke’s Eldercare Centre - Open House - House Practices - Sports Carnival Day - Racial Harmony Cum ZARTS Week - Tea Appreciation Learning Journey to Tea Chapter Chinese Tea Shop - CPES (Chinese Drama @ Xinmin Secondary Theatre) - P3 SwimSafer Programme (on-going) <p>In addition we also thank parents who have assisted in the various level outdoor education learning journeys.</p>
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Partnership with School Advisory Committee (SAC)

<p>Sponsorship of Multi-Games CCA Competition</p>	<p>To promote the holistic development of our pupils, our SAC members strongly supported the school’s recommendation to involve more pupils in sports and games. They have kindly sponsored the trophies to be given out at the competition to be held on 18 and 25 of September after the training.</p>
<p>Boat Excursion for Staff</p>	<p>Our SAC Chairman and the committee members are very supportive of the wellbeing of school staff. On 22 Jun 2018, the Chairman organised a boat excursion off Sentosa for our staff as a token of appreciation for their hard work. More than 25 staff participated and it was indeed a wonderful and relaxing experience to enjoy the beautiful Singapore seascape and the scenery from the CBD.</p>

	Our Chairman is planning another similar excursion in term 4 so that more staff would be able to join in the fun.
Hosting of Teachers' Day Dinner	On 30 Aug 2018, the School Advisory Committee hosted our teachers and staff to the Teachers' Day Dinner at the Hotel Grand Mercure Singapore Roxy. The SAC had generously sponsored the sumptuous 8-course dinner as well as lucky draw gifts. All the teachers and staff together with the SAC members had an enjoyable time celebrating Teachers' Day 2018 together. The school would like to express our appreciation and thanks to our SAC Committee for their continuous and generous support.
National Day Award	Congratulations to our SAC Vice-Chairman Mr See Siang Chai for being conferred the 2018 National Day Public Service Medal (Pingat Bakti Masyarakat). We at ZPS share this joy with Mr See and thank him for his contributions to the nation.

Partnership with Educational Partners & Community

English Enrichment cum Social-Emotional Skills Development Programme with Bartley Care Community Services (BCCS).	The primary aim of the programme is to cultivate a love of reading and build confidence in the use of English. After nine sessions of reading stories in July, we incorporated eight fun sessions using LEGO Build Me Emotions sets in August. The purpose of the LEGO social-emotions skills development programme aims to build and strengthen social and emotional resilience in our pupils. Twenty P1 and P2 pupils identified for this after-school programme that runs on Monday to Wednesday will re-join the programme in Term 4. The Reading cum LEGO social-emotion skills development programme is supported by trained volunteers from the Bartley Care Community Services (BCCS).
Visit by students from Swaziland (MTL Fortnight)	In term 3, as part of the MTL Fortnight, our school worked with Singapore ACC Care Centre to organise a visit by special guests from Swaziland, Africa under the "Love Chinese, Inspire Life" programme. The four boys from Africa who spoke fluent Mandarin joined our P3 classes for a paper cutting lesson. They then put up a wonderful tribal performance for our P4 and P5 Chinese Language pupils. Through knowing the hardship experienced by the Africa students, we hope our students would treasure what they have and be encouraged to excel in whatever they pursue. We also hope that our pupils would be inspired by the visitors good command of Chinese language and be further enthused to learn Chinese language.

<p>SINDA 'TEACH' Programme 2018</p>	<p>Zhonghua Primary has been partnering with SINDA for Project Teach Programme since 2011. This year, selected P4 and P5 Indian pupils are attending SINDA's 'Project TEACH' Programme. This programme offers customised tuition classes for Mathematics and Science. It is conducted in school after curriculum hours twice a week.</p> <p>SINDA will also be awarding the SINDA Sustained Improvement Awards to our deserving pupils.</p>
<p>Food From The Heart (FFTH) I CAN Award</p>	<p>The primary objective of 'I CAN Award' is to motivate pupils under FFTH to strive for their highest potential and inculcate in them the 'I CAN' spirit when encountering various obstacles in life.</p> <p>We are pleased to inform that the following three pupils under FFTH have been awarded the 'I CAN Award' this year:</p> <p>4RT Nur Nadirah Andreesha Binte Nur Hisam Muddin 5RP Tan Yi Xuan 6RT Nursakinah Binte Zailudin</p>

**Zhonghua Primary School - Calendar of Events
2018 Term 4**

Date		Description
Fri	14 Sept	PSLE: Listening Comprehension (P1 to P5 pupils need not attend school)
Wed Tue	19 Sept to 25 Sept	Health Screening for all pupils (P1 to P6)
Thur	27 Sept	PSLE: English Paper 1 and 2 (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Fri	28 Sept	PSLE: Mathematics paper 1 and 2 (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Mon	1 Oct	PSLE: Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and 2 (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Mon	1 Oct	SA2: P3 Oral
Tue	2 Oct	PSLE: Science (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Tue	2 Oct	SA2: P4 Oral
Wed	3 Oct	PSLE: Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and 2 (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Thur	4 Oct	Children's Day Celebration in school (Children can come in their celebration attire. Normal school hours)
Fri	5 Oct	School Holiday - Children's Day
Mon & Tue	8 & 9 Oct	SA2: P5 Oral
Wed	10 Oct	SA2: English Paper 1
Thur	11 Oct	SA2: Mother Tongue Language Paper 1
Fri	12 Oct	SA2: P5 Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1
Mon to Thur	15 to 18 Oct	School Holiday – PSLE Marking Days (All Pupils need not attend school. Home-based learning for P1 to P5 will be administered).
Mon	22 Oct	SA2: English – Listening Comprehension Mother Tongue Language – Listening Comprehension
Thur	25 Oct	SA2: P5 Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 2 P2 Oral
Group A: Mon & Tue Group B: Wed & Thu	29 & 30 Oct 31 Oct & 1 Nov	P6 Overseas Trip to Malacca (2-Days 1-Night) Details will be provided nearer the date

Date		Description
Mon	29 Oct	SA2: English Paper 2
Tue	30 Oct	SA2: Mathematics
Wed	31 Oct	SA2: Mother Tongue Language Paper 2
Thur	1 Nov	SA2: Science P1 Oral
Fri	2 Nov	P6 Graduation Night (P6 pupils only report at 5.00 pm. Normal school hours for other levels)
Tue	6 Nov	Public Holiday - Deepavali
Thur	8 Nov	P1 & P2: Shining Stars Speech and Drama Presentation (P1 and P2 pupils only report at 1.00 pm. Normal school hours for other levels)
Fri	9 Nov	Mark Processing Day (All pupils need not attend school)
Thur	15 Nov	Promotion Day
Fri	16 Nov	CCA Appreciation Cum Prize Giving Day (morning) (Only pupils who are prize recipients/performers need to come to school) P1/2019 Orientation (afternoon)
Mon	19 Nov	Start of Term 4 School Holiday

Notes to Parents/Guardians:

1. The information given in the calendar is correct at the time of printing. Should there be any changes to the dates above, a letter will be issued to inform parents of the changes.
2. Parents are kindly reminded not to take their children out of school during term time including the days after SA1 and SA2. This is to ensure that your children will benefit from the whole term programme that has been planned for them.
3. Should there be any CCA or remedial lessons and other school activities which are carried out during the school holidays, parents will be informed of such arrangement in advance. The school will also ensure that pupils are given protected time to rest and enjoy the holidays with their families.