

In Touch - Term 2 2017

Zhonghua Primary School – 22 March 2017

Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hope this newsletter reaches you in good health and positive spirit. Term 1 has quickly passed and we are now ready to start Term 2 with zest and enthusiasm to build the Learner, Thinker and Leader in our children.

Many of you would have caught the Committee of Supplies (COS) 2017 debate on Education from the various media and may be asking how the announcements would impact your children for now and for the future. Primarily, the announcements seek to encourage us to move away from a narrow definition of success based on academic results alone and to accept that success can come in different forms and in different domains. There are many paths and new possibilities in our education system for our children at the ITE, Polytechnics and Universities and there is now enhanced access to opportunities for them. Our children need to be well-guided to make informed education and career choices befitting the needs of the future economy.

These recommendations are indeed good food for thought for all schools as we look into how our key programmes and initiatives will support this movement to “ready” our pupils for the future.

Importantly, schools acknowledge that we cannot do this alone. We also need to ask ourselves how we can better team up with parents to affirm our children’s different strengths and interests in school and at home and help them to make informed education and career choices. Also of importance when we talk about holistic development is to remember that our children’s values and character remain core and at the centre of all that we do.

We look forward to a fruitful Term 2 at Zhonghua Primary, bringing the joy of learning and a sense of entrepreneurial dare in our programme for the children and helping to strengthen the Singapore Spirit in them.

We also look forward to working with all parents and guardians. It was good to have so many of you at our Parent-Teacher Conference in Term 1 and being able to work together with you to help our children in their development. Should there be any further concerns or clarification needed on your part, do approach us. Our doors are always open for you, our partners.

Thank you and regards.

Mdm Rostinah Md Said

Principal

Administration Information for Parents

<p>Updates on Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) Upgrading</p>	<p>The upgrading works in the classrooms have been completed. What remains is the completion of the two-storey extension building and some common use facilities like the Media Resource Library, Staff Rooms and special purpose rooms.</p>
<p>Emergency Phone Message Relay / Contact Tracing Exercise</p>	<p>ZPS conducts this exercise annually to update and test out the effectiveness of our system. On the morning of Saturday, 11 February 2017, the exercise was activated at 11.00 am by our Principal. Staff were contacted through the established chain and the system was found to be expedient and effective in contacting staff in times of emergencies. A similar exercise and contact details check will be conducted for pupils in Term 2.</p>
<p>Fire and Evacuation Exercise 1 / 2017</p>	<p>As part of emergency preparedness, all schools are required to conduct two emergency evacuation exercises each year. Our school evacuation plans were adjusted/refined and briefed to staff and students before we conducted the 1/2017 exercise on 17 February 2017 (Total Defence Day). Our staff and students responded swiftly and appropriately to make the exercise a success.</p>
<p>Revised System to Confirm with Parents/Guardians about Pupils' Absence from School</p>	<p>With effect from Term 2, if a pupil is absent on a given day, an SMS will be sent out by our General Office (GO) staff by 9.45 am, to notify parents of the pupil's absence. Parents are requested to update GO (Tel: 6283 5413) on the reason for the child's absence and provide a letter of explanation and/or a medical certificate when the pupil returns to school. If a pupil is in school, but for some reason(s) the pupil's presence was not captured and the SMS is sent out to parents, please notify GO immediately and we will immediately verify and confirm the pupils' status.</p>
<p>Annual School-Based Health Screening In Primary Schools for all Pupils</p>	<p>The School Health Service will be visiting our school to conduct the Annual Health Screening for all our pupils from Thursday 11 May 2017 to Mon 22 May 2017. Form teachers will be collecting health booklets and immunization certificates from the pupils of P1 and P5 during the first week of May 2016. All international students must bring copies of their immunization certificates from their home countries. Pupils who have lost their health booklet or those who do not have one can purchase a copy from our school bookshop @\$1.50 each.</p>
<p>School Breakfast and Lunch Scheme for FAS pupils</p>	<p>FAS pupils are provided with complimentary breakfasts/ recess meals and lunch on all 5 weekdays. They are strongly encouraged to make use of this arrangement to</p>

	ensure they have proper diet in school. We would like to urge parents/guardians to remind your child/wards who are under the MOE/FAS scheme to bring their MOE Concession Cards to redeem the breakfasts/recess meals and lunches at the school canteen on every school day.
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A) ST1: Fostering the Joy of Learning and Entrepreneurial Dare

Curricular innovation

Making Science Thinking Visible for P3 and P4 with the help of ICT	Similar to our efforts in 2016, we make Science learning fun by providing experiential learning and infusion of ICT in our lessons. Our pupils are encouraged to construct deeper understanding of Science concepts through making good observations, asking good questions and sharing their thinking aloud. We are working on this curriculum innovation with a team from the National Institute of Education.
Improving Confidence and Achievement in Numeracy (ICAN) Project	The ICAN Project aims to raise the confidence and improve Mathematics achievement of low progress learners through the ICAN intervention framework. Teachers involved in the project adopt the ICAN principles in their lesson planning and intervention strategies with the aim of helping the pupils to learn better, experience the joy of learning Mathematics, continue to persevere in their learning and believe that they can do better.
P3 Mobile Learning Trail at the Zoo	This trail harnessed the affordances of wireless mobile technologies and engaged our pupils as self-directed and collaborative learners. Our pupils were able to apply what they have learnt during their Science lessons on the characteristics of animals through guiding questions on their mobile devices and this helped to strengthen their observation, thinking and collaborative skills.
Primary 4 Mathematics Games Day	As part of our drive to bring about the joy of learning in Mathematics and to enhance our pupils' grasp of mathematical concepts and skills, a Mathematics Games Day was organised on 6 March 2017. We aimed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •develop pupils' positive attitude towards Mathematics •explore various applications of Mathematics in game play • promote collaborative learning through fun and challenging activities The pupils had great fun applying the mathematical concepts at the various game stations.

Curricular Enrichment

EL Enrichment Programmes for P3 to P6	<p>In our effort to promote the joy of learning the English Language, we organised special EL Enrichment Programmes for all P3 to P6 pupils in Term 1. A total of 8 sessions were conducted for each of the following programmes:</p> <p>P3 – Readers’ Theatre P4 – Storytelling P5 – Using Drama as a Springboard to Writing P6 – Literature Alive! (Short Story)</p> <p>Our aim was to help pupils develop good language skills through fun and engaging activities.</p>
Promotion of Reading at ZPS	<p>Friday is a day that we celebrate reading at Zhonghua Primary! To cultivate a love for reading in our pupils, we have planned for the following outreach programmes with the hope that our pupils would be motivated to start, develop an interest in, or get excited about reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Mobile Library – Every Friday during recess.2) Sharing the Joy of Reading @ ZPS – Every week, an English Language teacher would share an activity to promote the joy of reading. In Term 1, the teachers shared poems, classics, books written by Adeline Yen Mah and Minfong Ho, information on authors like Roald Dahl and Charles Dickens as well as “local” books written by our very own ZPS pupils. Pupils were also given information on where they can read free books online and were encouraged to borrow E-books from the National Library Board (NLB).
P4 LJ to Gardens by the Bay	<p>This LJ aims to create more awareness among our pupils on the importance of protecting our natural environment. Our pupils learnt to recognise that plant parts have unique functions, understood why some plants develop special features and also learned the differences between flowering and non-flowering plants. Most importantly, they learnt how to appreciate the diversity of plants and importance of plants in our environment.</p>

Recognition for Participation in External Academic Activities

Activity	Date	Name of participants	Remarks
RHB-The Straits Times National Spelling Championship 2017 (NSC).	Saturday, 11 March 2017	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advait Chidambaram (4DL) 2. Kuan Jing Ming Aloysius (4DL) 3. Kuan Jing Long Zachary (5DL) 4. Siddharth Chitikela (5DL) 5. Ang Hong Anh (6DS) 6. Goh Ching Wen, Jolyn (6DL) 7. Nadiah Binte Mohamed Musthafah(6DL) 8. Nirrthika Sugath (6DL) 9. Prajvin Gupta (6DL) 10. Rafee Sarwat Iqbal (6DL) 	Pending results
Wits & Words: Inter-school Debate Championship	Round 1: Saturday, 4 March 2017 Round 2: Saturday, 13 March 2017	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eddula Jyotsna Reddy (6DL) 2. Chloe (6DL) 3. Goh Ching Wen, Jolyn (6DL) 4. Rafee Sarwat Iqbal (6DL) 5. Manusa Rai (6DL) 6. Sherwyn Peck (6DL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won Round 1 & 2 • Best speaker for Round 1 & 2 - Eddula Jyotsna Reddy (6DL)
National Tamil Spelling Bee Competition	Preliminary rounds have been completed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anvitha (5DL) 2. Thanusree (5DL), 3. Subiksha (5DL) 4. Priyanka (5DS) 	We have advanced to the Finals which will be on 25 March 2017.

B) ST2: Strengthening the Singapore Spirit

Physical Education / CCA / Outdoor Education

National School Games Opening ceremony & Oath-Taking	The school commemorated the Opening Ceremony of the National School Games, with a simple assembly programme. Our student representative, Ra Hari of Primary 6 Diligence who is from Volleyball CCA led our sports athletes and teachers-in-charge from the various sports CCAs in the Athlete's Oath. The oath is a solemn promise that every athlete makes to play fairly and obey all rules in true sportsmanship in the Zonal & National Competitions.
P2 Outdoor Learning Experience to Gardens By The Bay Date: 28/02/17 (Tuesday)	This activity aimed to allow our P2 pupils to learn and practice basic orienteering skills as well as strengthen bonds within the class. The activity concept was similar to an amazing race where classes had to travel to stations located at Gardens by the Bay and complete the given task. Students were expected to collaborate to complete the tasks given before they could move on to their next location. Stations featured team building games, environmental awareness activities, obstacle course challenge and aquatic experience.

Pupil Management and Pupil Leadership

Highlight of Important School Rules	The school has established rules to inculcate good habits, values and discipline in our pupils. The detailed school rules and regulations can be found in the Pupil's Diary. Please ensure that your child/ward adheres to the school rules highlighted below:
Leaving School During Lunch Break	For safety reasons, pupils must not leave the school premises after school curriculum hours while waiting for the start of the afternoon activity such as remedial and enrichment classes or CCA. Parents/guardians who wish to provide home-cooked food to their children/wards are strongly encouraged to hand over the food to their children/wards at the side gate (Beside security guard post). Should pupils be required to return home during the lunch break, parents/guardians are required seek permission from the school in writing. This is to ensure all pupils are accounted for and are safe.
Bringing of Relevant Materials for Learning	Pupils are expected to bring only the relevant materials such as textbooks and worksheets as required by the teachers for learning in school. Personal belongings which are not required for learning should not be brought to school. These include card games, toys, pets and electronic devices such as mobile phones, cameras, MP3 players and handheld games. This prevents distraction from school activities and minimise loss/misplacement of such items.
Wrongful Use of Social Media	We aim to build our pupils to be responsible digital learners and advocates that they practise the following three Cyber Wellness principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect self and others - Be safe and responsible - Be a positive peer influence. Pupils are strongly encouraged to respect the privacy of others and be courteous online. They are not allowed to record photos, videos, audios, etc. within the school or during learning journeys or upload media content portraying any aspect of the school on to social media except when authorised by staff member as a part of curriculum or special projects.

Environment Education (Learning for Life Programme)

iLight Marina Bay 2017's key light installation	Pupils from PEAK Club and Art Club as well as the GEM monitors collaborated and built one of the key light installations that was featured at the launch of the iLight Marina Bay 2017 festival. 11 schools participated in iLight 2017 and were acknowledged with our school names reflected on a plaque standing next to the piece of art
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	<p>installation on 3 March 2017. Through this participation, pupils learned how recycled materials can be reused and upcycled to create aesthetically beautiful works that can be enjoyed by many. They pledged to do their part for the environment and by making decisions to lead a greener way of life, they demonstrate the Singapore spirit to inspire others in the community to co-exist harmoniously and cohesively with mother nature.</p>
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Character and Citizenship Education (CCE)

<p>Chinese New Year Celebrations</p>	<p>In January, the school had an enjoyable Chinese New Year Celebration as we sent off the year of Monkey and welcomed the year of Rooster. 26th of January: CNY-related recess activities such as mandarin orange-making, lantern-making, calligraphy, origami and also photo booth. 27th January: All pupils were involved in making greeting cards for their loved ones. Thereafter, we kicked off the CNY concert, starting with a fun quiz session on Chinese New year customs and traditions and followed by a hilarious skit by the “Monkey God” & Rooster. The lion dance performance was next, followed by the blessings from the “God of Wealth” as he gave away sweets to our pupils as a symbolic gesture of bestowing good luck. Our CCA Chinese Dance members also performed before the concert ended with the whole school joining in in the sing-along-session led by our very own talented Choir members. It was indeed an enjoyable occasion for all at Zhonghua Primary School.</p>
<p>TDD Commemoration 2017</p>	<p>On Wed 15 Feb 2017, the school commemorated Total Defence Day. Our pupils watched a skit during assembly on SG Secure performed by our very own teachers. Pupils were told to play a part in defending Singapore through these three tag lines; Stay Alert, Stay United and Stay Strong. Lessons on Total Defence were also conducted during Character & Citizenship Education (CCE) and Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) period. In addition, our school collaborated with Serangoon Neighbourhood Police Centre to allow pupils to experience the life of a police officer.</p>
<p>Keep Singapore Clean Movement and Classroom Cleanliness</p>	<p>In support of the Keep Singapore Clean Movement, daily classroom cleaning became routine since January 2016. This is another platform for our pupils to practise our school values – Responsibility & Care. All classes came up with their own duty roster. Pupils were also told that cleaning of classrooms can be carried at any time of the school day. The school is also conducting the ‘Cleanest Classroom Award’ on a monthly basis.</p>

P4 Road safety Park Traffic Games 2017	Our Primary 4 pupils visited the Road Safety Park at East Coast Park to learn more about road safety in a simulated environment on Fri 10 Feb 2017. They were taught about road safety precautions they should take and the importance of obeying traffic rules. The pupils were given an opportunity to play the roles of a road marshal, cyclist, driver or a pedestrian. Our pupils became more aware about road safety and how they can play a part by practicing the correct road safety rules.
P4 Values-In-Action (VIA) – Fun Hour @ St Luke’s Eldercare (Serangoon)	In Term 1, the Primary 4 pupils visited our community partner – St Luke’s Eldercare (Serangoon). It is a yearly affair for our pupils to connect to the elderly through meaningful and fun activities, whilst living out our school values (Care, Respect and Harmony). Together, the pupils and teachers planned activities with the aim of engaging the elderly, and also brought along some essential items donated by the school.

Pupil Recognition

Model Pupils of the Month	<p>Each month, the form teacher of every class, in consultation with the subject teachers, identifies the model pupil for the class using a rubrics based on the school values. Pupils’ attitude towards learning in the academic areas as well as the non-academic areas such as CCA, learning journeys and Values-In-Action activities is also taken into consideration. The school celebrates the achievement of the selected pupils by giving out certificates during the Monthly Model Pupil Award presentation ceremony. Photograph of each awardee is displayed outside the classroom and at the Learning Hub as a form of recognition. Through the Monthly Model Pupil Award, the school hopes to motivate all pupils to demonstrate the school values and be a Learner, Thinker, Leader.</p> <p>Model Pupil Awardees for January</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="564 1547 1445 2042"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="564 1547 858 1581">Primary 1</th> <th data-bbox="863 1547 1157 1581">Primary 2</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1547 1445 1581">Primary 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="564 1588 858 1823"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chong Yong Yi - Kwok Si Tung - Muhammad Daniel Aqasyah - Goh Hui Ting </td> <td data-bbox="863 1588 1157 1823"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emerson Siaw - Cheah Jia En - Chinwala Tasheen Afzal - Isabel Chong - Jayden Loh - Baskara Raman Ragavi </td> <td data-bbox="1161 1588 1445 1823"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Debbie Lee - Jarron Tan - Xanthus Liew - Baskara Raman Pavithra - Sharanya d/o Kunasegaran - Balqis Joekarnine </td> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="564 1830 858 1863">Primary 4</th> <th data-bbox="863 1830 1157 1863">Primary 5</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1830 1445 1863">Primary 6</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="564 1870 858 2042"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mahi Arya - Lim Yu - Fiona Teo - Mohd Erfan Rayyern - Siti Mariana Jamari - Putri Mayang Sari </td> <td data-bbox="863 1870 1157 2042"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jechaele Soo - Lee En Qi - Safin Pun - Pavin Saengthong - Shirlyn Koh </td> <td data-bbox="1161 1870 1445 2042"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jolyn Goh - Song Sieun - Fleur Lim - Jamarcus Lim - Nurshakira Mohd Din </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chong Yong Yi - Kwok Si Tung - Muhammad Daniel Aqasyah - Goh Hui Ting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emerson Siaw - Cheah Jia En - Chinwala Tasheen Afzal - Isabel Chong - Jayden Loh - Baskara Raman Ragavi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Debbie Lee - Jarron Tan - Xanthus Liew - Baskara Raman Pavithra - Sharanya d/o Kunasegaran - Balqis Joekarnine 	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mahi Arya - Lim Yu - Fiona Teo - Mohd Erfan Rayyern - Siti Mariana Jamari - Putri Mayang Sari 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jechaele Soo - Lee En Qi - Safin Pun - Pavin Saengthong - Shirlyn Koh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jolyn Goh - Song Sieun - Fleur Lim - Jamarcus Lim - Nurshakira Mohd Din
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Model Pupil Awardees for February			
Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3	
- Md Firman Bin Md Noorkamal - Selvam Raja- Gautham Keshav - Dhandayuthapani Prathiksha - Saif Baig Amin	- Merrylyn Limbu - Angelina Tjia - Sim Yi Cheng - Chen Si Jia - Pandiyan Sethu Madhava - Nur Nabil Aniq	- Geethanraj Jayachandran - Jean Rhiannon Batac Bacsal - Kyler Cheng - Mumendhanan Mathivanan - Jaedon Koh - Nur Nadiarah Andreasha	
Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6	
- Corvus Tang - Lee Boon Hsuan - Shernonn Tan - S Deepikashani - Neo Wei Lum - Simrah d/o Mohamed Siddiq	- Song Yoonseo - Kalaiselvan Niranjana - Sok Liza - Tan Xie Wei - Tina d/o Siva Kumar	- Shashwat Janardhanan - Viswanadham Satya Harshita - Cecilia Ng - Marsya Batrisyia - Nurshakira Mohd Din	
Cleanest Classroom Award	<p>The 'Cleanest Classroom Award' is given out on a monthly basis to select the cleanest class in each level. Rubrics were used to assess the class based on cleanliness and neatness.</p> <p>Winning class representatives were each presented on stage with a certificate which they could display on their class notice boards as a mark of recognition. Congratulations to the monthly class winners from the various levels!</p>		

Recognition for Participation in External Sports Activities

2017 South Zone Volleyball Championships Results

Zhonghua volleyball junior and senior girls' teams did our school proud by winning top 4 positions in the South Zone Volleyball Championship. The volleyball players' relentless trainings and "never say die" attitude contributed to their achievements.

The junior and senior boys' teams tried their best but did not manage to get to the top 4 positions in the Zonal competition.

Junior Boys (12)

1. Bryan Khoo Zhi Ren
2. Loh Kai Xuan
3. Tan Le Bin (Captain)
4. Graynesh Iwaram
5. Mingso Limbu (Vice Captain)
6. Andrew Khoo Zhi Cheng
7. Leow Wen Ze
8. Piyush Bachhas
9. Yip Jun On Ethan
10. Mohd Erfan Rayyern B Mohd Raihan

Junior Girls (12)

1. Jechaele Soo Ming Le
2. Jodie Yap Wing Yan
3. Moe Kyisin Khant
4. Charmaine Toh Jia En (Captain)
5. Chloe Tay Wei Xuan
6. Guo Luoqian
7. Jhenuel Rinoah Batac Bacsal
8. Nur Syarafina Bte Abd Rahman (Vice-Captain)
9. Clariece Kee Wyn Xuan
10. Mettu Deepal Reddy

11. Tan Zhan Yi	11. Trinh Evhanna Cristel Suy Man
12. Neo Wei Lum	12. Arielle Kristen Mak

Senior Boys (10)

Senior Girls (12)

1. Sherwyn Peck	1. Ayn Zuhaira Binte Zaman Din
2. Li Jiaxin (Vice Captain)	2. Diane Lee En Qi
3. Kandasamy Yashwanth	3. Nyein Su Thar
4. Darren Wee Xun Cong	4. Ra Hari (Vice Captain)
5. Ng Jun Ming	5. Sharlene Goh Jia Wen (Captain)
6. Zhang Zixuan (Captain)	6. Carizma Gurung
7. Edric Lee Rui Jun	7. Nadja Kim Schmidt
8. Pratik Gurung	8. Cecilia Ng Gui Fang
9. Voon Jia Hao	9. Mamata Ale
10. Bibesh Rai	10. Susam Magar
	11. Chen Sihan
	12. Isabel Wang Qian Wen

Sportsmanship Awards were also awarded to volleyball players who best exemplified the attributes of character, integrity and sportsmanship. The awards were given to:

Ayn Zuhaira Binte Zaman Din	Darren Wee Xun Cong
Diane Lee En Qi	Zhang Zixuan
Nyein Su Thar	Charmaine Toh Jia En
Ra Hari	Nur Syarafina Binte Abdul Rahman
Sharlene Goh Jia Wen	Mingso Limbu
Carizma Gurung	Leow Wen Ze
Nadja Kim Schmidt	

The senior and junior girls' teams qualified for the National Inter-Primary Schools Volleyball Championships and will compete against the other top 4 schools from the different zones. The girls are training hard and learning the values of diligence and resilience. We wish the players all the best!

South Zone SPSSC Inter-School Football Championships 2017

Our junior and senior football school teams participated in the above-mentioned tournament. The Senior Team did well in the first round but fell short in making it to the second round of the tournament. The junior team has yet to complete the first round but are on-course to proceed to the second round which will commence in term 2.

School Team Players

2017 Junior Team Players

Samuel Soon
Siddharth Chitikela
Manish Gurung
Safin Pun
Prakrit Tamang
Anmol Gurung
Pratik Pun
Law Zheng Yang
Gagan Kian
Anish Kapoor
Abhinav Chitikela

2017 Senior Team Players

Navien Prasad
Lee Jia Le
Zenden Koh
Jung Yoochan
Yeo Kai Bin
Nirajan Gurung
Trikshyan Limbu
Rafee Sarwat
Dominic Pang
Izzul Irfan
Govindasamy Darvin

Dirain Eswaran
Ayush Thapa
Muhd Syaliqin
Irfan Amani
Lim Bhen Chong

Kreesan Eswaran
Eugene Teo
Aaron Samekhan
Rikal Tumrok
Li Tianqi

Sepak Takraw

The school's Sepak Takraw team consisting of both the Junior and Senior boys represented ZPS in the National Inter-School Sepak Takraw Competition 2017. They certainly did the school proud by displaying Resilience, Discipline, Teamwork and Sportsmanship throughout the entire competition. Although both the Junior and Senior boys did not manage to go through to the next stage of the competition, the pupils felt that they had indeed benefitted from the great experience.

Junior Boys	Senior Boys
Jean Matthew Calaguas Marfil	Hairul Irfan Bin Samad
Idraki Rafdi Bin Mohd Arzad	Lim Zheng Qing
Koh Jin Zhuang Jaedon	Danial Harith Bin Yazid
Muhd Azree Bin Eday Junaidy	Iskandar Bin Joekarnine
Muhd Hafiz Bin Muhd Irman	Badrulmeinudeen Mohd Faisal Rahman
Danneth Neo Zhi Yuan	Shashwat Janardhanan
Eric Roshan S/O Suresh David	Nakkul S/O Prabhu
Muhd Fais Bin Mohamed Latiff	Akil Nakhaie Bin Dickie
Wong Kian Hui	Tony Tan He Chang
Muhd Rosazli Bin Mohd Rozzali	Khaja Fakrudeen Yehya Ayyash
Ryan Ilhan Bin Mohammad Harisman	
Benzon Anthony John Carillo	

C) ST3: Building Staff Innovation and Engagement

Staff Learning and Development

<p>Making the Invisible Visible in Science (MIVIS) Project 2017</p>	<p>The P4 Science teachers continued with MIVIS project in collaboration with Teck Ghee Primary School and the National Institute of Education to redesign the lesson packages on the topic of Heat to ensure instructional effectiveness and deep learning by pupils.</p> <p>The teachers learned to leverage on ICT tools such as Nearpod, Applets, Video-based tools and Google Apps to make scientific concepts and phenomenon visible as well as to surface thinking and alternative conceptions. The aim is to help every pupil be empowered to ask questions and share their thoughts.</p> <p>The teachers' practices are again sharpened with each iteration and through each reflection when they refine their lessons for scaling to other classes and levels.</p>
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<p>Development of MIVIS Mentoring Toolkit</p>	<p>To build sustainability in delivering active learning, it is important that experienced teachers should be able to mentor the new teachers on board the project.</p> <p>Our Lead Teacher and our senior teachers are working in collaboration with the senior teachers from Teck Ghee Primary and NIE researchers to design a mentoring toolkit for teachers. This toolkit aims at facilitating mentoring to scale innovation in pedagogy and student learning. The toolkit will be tried out by the teachers in both schools to mentor their peers and the improved version will be shared with S6 cluster.</p>									
<p>Improving Confidence and Achievement in Numeracy (ICAN) Training</p>	<p>The ICAN project aims to level up every student in the learning of Mathematics by equipping teachers teaching low progress learners with the knowledge, skills and resources to support these students.</p> <p>Teachers go through training and mentoring by School Math Mentors (SMMs) and External Math Mentors (EMMs).</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="568 891 1385 1016"> <tr> <td>Our External Maths Mentors</td> <td>Our School Maths Mentors</td> <td>Our ICAN teachers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms Teh Wan</td> <td>Mrs Sharon Seah</td> <td>Mr Lee Cher Kiak</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms Theresa Heng</td> <td>Mrs Wendy Ng</td> <td>Ms Rozianah</td> </tr> </table> <p>The SMMs conduct weekly mentoring sessions with their teachers and role-model the use of the ICAN intervention strategies. The EMMs mentor the ICAN teachers 4-6 times in the course of the year. SMMs and ICAN teachers also attend a series of workshops and networking sessions to discuss and share ICAN intervention strategies.</p> <p>Learning from ICAN is transferred during weekly level meetings with the rest of the Mathematics teachers. Teachers are also invited to observe the ICAN lessons.</p>	Our External Maths Mentors	Our School Maths Mentors	Our ICAN teachers	Ms Teh Wan	Mrs Sharon Seah	Mr Lee Cher Kiak	Ms Theresa Heng	Mrs Wendy Ng	Ms Rozianah
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<p>Environmental Education Learning Journey For Staff</p>	<p>On 10 March 2017, the staff went on a learning journey to an urban farm located inside Bukit Panjang Park. The theme of the activities revolved around sustainable living in Singapore.</p> <p>The LJ included a farm tour of the surrounding community farms as well as the urban farm and barn where staff learned about traditional farming, crop rotation and also got to see a variety of different crops that are easy to propagate.</p> <p>Staff also got to learn about microgreens which is a type of plant highly suitable for the urban environment and were engaged in a hands-on session planting microgreens in trays which they brought home to harvest. To cap off the LJ, staff made a refreshing salad using the freshly harvested microgreens.</p>									

Staff Recognition

<p>Innergy Award Submissions</p>	<p>The Innergy Award given by MOE aims to reward projects that have been implemented successfully in schools and is evaluated based on the degree of innovativeness and impact on the school community and beyond. The objective of this award is to encourage more MOE officers to be innovative and creative in the work place. We have submitted two projects for 2017. Kudos to the Contributors!</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 562 1378 748"> <thead> <tr> <th>Title of Project</th> <th>Contributors</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ICT infusion to MAke Science Thinking Visible (iMASTV)</td> <td>Mr Nelson Chong Mrs Joyce Tan Mdm Chloe Pang</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Embracing Virtual Reality in Science Classrooms</td> <td>Mr Christopher Lee Mr Justin Ang</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Title of Project	Contributors	ICT infusion to MAke Science Thinking Visible (iMASTV)	Mr Nelson Chong Mrs Joyce Tan Mdm Chloe Pang	Embracing Virtual Reality in Science Classrooms	Mr Christopher Lee Mr Justin Ang
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<p>1st (2017) eduLab Call for Proposals</p>	<p>EduLab supports ideas on ICT innovations that demonstrate promising or emerging practices to address students' learning needs. This is a great opportunity to enhance teachers' competencies in developing ICT innovations that are significant and relevant for the holistic development of students. Our school will be submitting one proposal. Good work Team!</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1778 1378 1964"> <thead> <tr> <th>Title of Project</th> <th>Contributors</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Active Learning in PE through Self-Assessment enabled by Similarity Analysis Technology and Collaborative Learning (SASA-CoL)</td> <td>Mr Nelson Chong Mr Ravindran Mdm Siti Farhanah Mr Tang Qisheng Mr Ong See Guan</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Title of Project	Contributors	Active Learning in PE through Self-Assessment enabled by Similarity Analysis Technology and Collaborative Learning (SASA-CoL)	Mr Nelson Chong Mr Ravindran Mdm Siti Farhanah Mr Tang Qisheng Mr Ong See Guan		
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Recognition from Sports Associations

Two of our teachers have received commendation for their contribution in sports. We salute their effort!

Teacher	Contribution
Mr Ong See Guan	Committee member in Basketball Association of Singapore
Mr Abdul Mutalib	Represented Ministry of Education for the annual Public Service STAR Games - Sepaktakraw Tournament 2017
	Coach of the Sepak-Takraw Singapore Schools Team for the 9th ASEAN School Games.

Staff Movement

We welcome 3 NIE trainees who are doing their teaching practice at our school and wish them all the best in their development as future Education Officers:

- 1) Ms Sandra Wang
- 2) Mr Vikneswaran
- 3) Mr Mohd Nazri

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution and to thank the following staff who have left the school at the end of Term 1:

- 1) Mr Kasmuri
- 2) Mrs Maggie Lee

Staff Wellbeing

The school endeavours to build a positive school climate for its staff such that they will not only feel happy to stay in the school but they will also strive to contribute beyond what is expected of them in their daily role. The school has put in place the following measures in 2017 to attend to staff needs and feedback.

- 1) **Stop, Simplify and Synergise School Activities:** Where possible, the school has looked into streamlining school activities such that overlaps and excesses are avoided and multiple objectives can be achieved via a single activity. Saturday school events are also reduced in the spirit of recognising the 5 day work week for staff.
- 2) **Enhance 2-way Communications between staff and management:** Small Group dialogues for each term are planned for the various levels of teachers and non-teaching staff. At each dialogue facilitated by school leaders or teacher leaders, there is a focus on selected topics related to staff engagement eg workload, career development and appraisal
- 3) **Provide Platforms for Recognition:** The school celebrates big and small achievements and contributions among its staff and shares the good news with the school community at various platforms. In addition, opportunities are made

available for staff to be involved in school-initiated as well as self-initiated innovation projects.

- 4) **Provide Support for Staff Wellbeing:** The school believes that staff will be able to give their best when they have work-life harmony. Resources are thus carefully planned to support staff in their teaching and learning, CCA and administrative tasks. The school also supports pro-family policies and grants leave to staff should they need to attend to family matters and emergencies.

D) ST4: Engaging and Collaborating with Partners in Education

Partnership with Parents

<p>Parent Teacher Conference on 2,3 Mar</p>	<p>A Parent-Teacher Conference was held on Thur 2 Mar and Fri 3 Mar 2017. The conference serves as a platform to allow parents/guardians to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - learn more about the progress that their child/ward has been making in school in both academic and non-academic areas; - discuss how they can work together with teachers to help pupils perform at their best in school. <p>We thank parents for the mostly positive and encouraging feedback we have received. Most parents were happy with the time slot and duration allotted. For parents who were not able to meet the subject on that day or who wish to have further discussions with the form teachers, we welcome you to make an appointment to meet the teachers on another day.</p>
<p>Series of Academic Subject workshops for Parents.</p>	<p>Parents are invited to join us in our series of workshops below, meant especially to inform parents about the curriculum that their children go through. More details about the various workshops will be disseminated via letters.</p>
<p>Mathematics Workshops for Parents (25 March 2017 9.00 to 11.30 am)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PSLE Math Workshop for Parents by Mrs Wendy Ng & Ms Liang Lifang (for parents of P6 pupils) 2. P5 Heuristics for Problem Solving by Mrs Chan Lee Fong & Ms Liang Lifang (for parents of P5 pupils) 3. P3 and P4 Heuristics for Problem Solving by Mrs Sharon Seah, Ms Rozi & Mr Tang QiSheng (for parents of P3 and P4 pupils)
<p>Mother Tongue Language Workshops for Parents (1 April 2017)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) P1 and P2 Chinese Language New Curriculum and Learning Resources by Mdm Liu Yusi (for parents of P1 and P2 pupils taking CL)

<p>9.00 to 11.00 am)</p>	<p>2) Chinese Language Comprehension and Oral Workshop by Ms Zheng Rui (for parents of P6 pupils taking CL)</p> <p>3) Malay Language Oral Communication Workshop by Mdm Radiah & Mr Nazrul (for parents of P5 and P6 pupils taking ML)</p> <p>4) Tamil Language Oral Communication Workshop by Mrs Kavin (for parents of P5 and P6 pupils taking TL)</p>
<p>Science Workshop for Parents (8 April 2017 9.00 to 11.00 am)</p>	<p>This general Science workshop by Mr Lim Beng Kim is meant for parents of pupils in P3 to P6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science curriculum and syllabus framework • Process skills such as observing, comparing, classifying, inferring, predicting, analysing, generating possibilities, evaluating and formulating hypothesis (Hands-on session for parents) • Thinking Routines • Answering Techniques for Multiple Choice Questions and Open-ended questions • Different ways to help your child learn Science effectively
<p>English Workshop for Parents (22 April 2017 9.00 to 11.00 am)</p>	<p>This workshop by Mdm Rafida and Mdm Rita Pillai is for parents of P5 and P6 pupils. It aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give parents an overview of the revised PSLE reading comprehension assessment format • introduce parents to reading strategies which can be applied in the understanding of text • provide a hands-on session where the Question and Answer Relationship (QAR) strategy will be explored <p>(Please note that parents who have attended English Language Workshop – Reading Comprehension Assessment (New Format) in 2016 <u>need not attend</u>).</p>

Partnership with ZEST (Parent Volunteer Group)

<p>Induction session and lunch for ZEST members</p>	<p>The event held on Fri 24 Feb 2017 provided a platform for the Parent Volunteers to mingle and to familiarize themselves with the do's and don'ts of being Parent Volunteers at Zhonghua Primary School.</p> <p>The School Leaders, SH Partnership Mr Liew Yong Chew and the Teacher-In-Charge, Mrs Raj were introduced to the Parent Volunteers. After the induction session, the Parent Volunteers were invited to lunch.</p>
<p>ZEST activity for CNY</p>	<p>For the Chinese New Year Celebration, our parent volunteers helped to set up booths on 26 January, for pupils to take part in CNY-related activities such as mandarin orange making, lantern making, calligraphy, origami and also photo booth for</p>

	pupils to take photos with some CNY artifacts. We thank all PVs who took time to support us in this activity.
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Partnership with School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Zhonghua Primary is honoured to have the opportunity to work closely with our team of very supportive School Advisory Committee members. They readily render their valuable support and service to the school and we would like to acknowledge their generosity and involvement. Our SAC members are as follows:-

1. Mr Chang Ham Chwee, BBM (Chairman)
2. Mr Ong Pang Aik, BBM (Vice-Chairman)
3. Mr Jason Tang Chuan Ann (2nd Vice-Chairman)
4. Mr Texan Chia Jui Pheng, PBM (Treasurer)
5. Mr Jeffery See Siang Chai (Asst Treasurer)
6. Mr Lim Keng Nang
7. Mr Peter Lim Teo Yang, PBM
8. Mr Wee Lai Huat, PBM
9. Mr Ang Poo Hua
10. Mr Goh Cheng Chuan

Service to Education Award 2017

The school is proud to announce and congratulate our two SAC members who are awarded the Service to Education Award 2017 by Ministry of Education:

<u>Name of Recipient</u>	<u>Award Category</u>
Mr See Siang Chai	10 to 19 Years
Mr Ong Pang Aik, BBM	20 Years & Above

Partnership with the Community

To support various student needs, the school's partnership effort also embraces the wider community as follows:

<p>Tchoukball Programme</p> <p>Youth Guidance Outreach Services (YGOS) Mentoring Programme</p>	<p>It aims to build and strengthen social and emotional resilience with 'Energetic-undirected' Youths through playing Tchoukball. This year, we have identified 13 pupils from Primary 4 and 5 for the programme: Commencing on 3 Apr 2017, this 20 three-hour sessions would be conducted in school after school. A team will also be sent for competition against participating schools. This programme is co-funded by YGOS and the school.</p>
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<p>MENDAKI Youth In Action Programme (MENDAKI YIA)</p>	<p>This 15 one-hour sessions conducted by external trainers, is funded by MENDAKI, and aims to foster the principles of positive youth development that enhances the 5 Cs (Character, Competence, Confidence, Contribution, Connection), through sports based activities and class based reflective and motivational sessions. 40 (Pri 3 to Pri6) pupils are benefitting from this programme. 16 Pri 1 and 2 pupils will also benefit from this new initiative.</p>
<p>Food From The Heart (FFTH)</p>	<p>FFTH funds and supports subscribing schools through 3 initiatives:-</p> <p>a. Food Goodie Bag: 30 FAS families are supplied non-perishable basic food provisions of rice, cooking oil, biscuits, beverages and canned food, etc. worth \$55 each for 10 months in the year.</p> <p>b. I CAN Award: 3 pupils have been nominated based on improvements they have made in their development. The primary objective is to encourage and motivate this group of students and inculcate the 'I CAN' spirit / attitude, even when encountering all kinds of obstacles in life, and to strive for their highest potential.</p> <p>c. Toy Buffet: All our FAS will attend this fair in Term 4, where they would be able to select and take home toys which have been donated by sponsors.</p>
<p>Serangoon JC Tuition Scheme</p>	<p>Serangoon Junior College volunteers conducts the JC tutoring programme which aims to provide academic support to P6 pupils who are identified by subject teachers as needing additional support. 20 pupils are coached by a pool of about 15 JC students. To promote the joy of learning, games and puzzles are included as teaching resources to infuse element of fun in pupils' learning. Beside assigned homework, additional learning resources are also provided for the pupils to promote their fluency in reading, enhance their comprehension skills and reinforce their Science concepts.</p>

Partnership with External Partners

AELI School Attachment	Five 5 th graders from AELI School in Indonesia took part in an Immersion Programme at our school from 6 February 2017 to 9 February 2017. They were accompanied by their Principal of Mandarin Studies. The objective of the programme was to enable the visitors to experience the Singapore school system and for our pupils to befriend pupils from overseas. The programme helped to enhance the values of understanding and patience for both parties. It also exposed our pupils to a different culture. Our pupils had the opportunity to work on 'batik jumput', the traditional art form in Indonesia.
Visit by South Korea Teacher Trainees	On Tue 24 Jan 2017, 13 undergraduates together with their Professor, Mr Ryu, from Daegu National University of Education visited Zhonghua Primary School. The aim of the visit was to allow our visitors to gain knowledge of the education system in Singapore and to gain insights into how learning takes place in a primary school. The undergraduates visited some classes to have the experience of seeing how learning takes place and to observe the strategies employed by the teachers.

Yoga @ ZPS

A series of 12 Yoga lessons will commence for our 22nd Class on Thursday, 20 April 2017. You, your family members, relatives and neighbours are all welcome. The details are as follows:-

Time	:	7.00pm to 9.00pm
Venue	:	School Hall on Level 2
Registration Fee	:	\$10
Lesson notes	:	\$5 (Optional)
Registration Dates	:	At 6.30pm on 20 Apr, 27 Apr and 4 May 2017
Things to bring	:	Exercise Mat, a Towel and a Bottle of Water

The instructors are from Nikam Guruji Yoga Kutir. Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis, up to a maximum of 100 participants. Participants must be at least 12 years old.

2017 PSLE Examination Timetable

A. Oral Examination

Date	Paper
Thursday, 17 August & Friday, 18 August	English Language / Foundation English Chinese / Malay / Tamil Foundation Chinese / Foundation Malay / Foundation Tamil

B. Listening Comprehension Examination

Date	Paper
Friday, 15 September	Chinese / Malay / Tamil Foundation Chinese / Foundation Malay / Foundation Tamil English Language / Foundation English

C. Written Examination

Date	Paper
Thursday, 28 September	English Language Paper 1 English Language Paper 2 Foundation English Paper 1 Foundation English Paper 2
Friday, 29 September	Mathematics Paper 1 Mathematics Paper 2 Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 Foundation Mathematics Paper 2
Monday, 02 October	Chinese / Malay / Tamil - Paper 1 Chinese / Malay / Tamil - Paper 2 Foundation Chinese/ Foundation Malay/ Foundation Tamil - Paper 1
Tuesday, 03 October	Science Foundation Science
Wednesday, 04 October	Higher Chinese / Higher Malay / Higher Tamil - Paper 1 Higher Chinese / Higher Malay / Higher Tamil Paper 2

**Zhonghua Primary School - Calendar of Events
2017 Term 2**

Date	Description
Sat 25 Mar	P3 / P4 / P5 / P6: Parents Workshop (Math)
Fri 31 Mar	P1 Outdoor Learning Experience
Sat 1 Apr	P1 / P2 / P5 / P6: Parents Workshop (CL) P5 / P6: Parents Workshop (ML) P5 / P6: Parents Workshop (TL)
Thur 13 Apr	P4 & P6: NAFPA Test
Sat 8 Apr	P3 / P4 / P5 / P6: Parents Workshop (Science)
Fri 14 Apr	Public Holiday – Good Friday
Mon 17 Apr	SA1: P4 Oral
Tue & Wed 18 Apr & 19 Apr	SA1: P5 Oral (English) & P5 e-Oral (MTL)
Thur & Fri 20 Apr & 21 Apr	SA1: P6 Oral (English) & P6 e-Oral (MTL)
Fri 21 Apr	P4 Outdoor Learning Experience
Sat 22 Apr	P5 / P6: Parents Workshop (English)
Mon 24 Apr	SA1: P3 Oral
Tue 25 Apr	SA1: English Paper 1
Wed 26 Apr	SA1: Mother Tongue Language Paper 1
Thur 27 Apr	SA1: Listening Comprehension – English & Mother Tongue Language
Fri 28 Apr	SA1: Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1
Mon 1 May	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Tue 2 May	P1 Oral SA1: Higher Mother Tongue Paper 2
Wed 3 May	SA1: English Paper 2
Thur 4 May	SA1: Mathematics
Fri 5 May	SA1: Mother Tongue Language Paper 2
Mon 8 May	P2 Oral SA1: Science

Wed	10 May	Public Holiday – Vesak Day
Thur to Tue	11 May to 23 May	Health Screening
Wed	24 May	Sports Carnival Day
Fri	26 May	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference
Mon to Fri	29 May to 23 Jun	Term 2 School Holidays

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. 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.