



#### In Pursuit of Knowledge and Excellence



#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Teachers, Students, and Staff,

As we conclude the month of May, i.e. the end of Term I, I would like to reflect on the significant events and achievements of this month.

Our students worked hard and showed great determination during the Mid-Term Examinations. Our Year II students also completed their May/June series IGCSE examinations for Malay, Mandarin and Physical Education, and we eagerly await their results in August.

On 19 May, we participated in a meaningful community service activity at Fungates Superflow Foundation's Soup Kitchen. Our students and staff made a positive impact on society, and I am grateful for their involvement.

During our Teachers' Day celebration on 25 May, we organised fun games for our teachers, with students cheering them on enthusiastically. The following day, we hosted a tea party to honour our teachers for their invaluable contributions.

Our Primary and Secondary students enjoyed exciting field trips towards the end of May, providing them with unique learning experiences and opportunities to bond with peers and teachers. After our June term break, we will have our annual STEM Week for secondary students, dedicated to fostering a passion for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The primary students will be having their Language Week and Science Fair. Students can look forward to engaging activities, competitions, and exhibitions.

I want to thank our school community for their support throughout Term I. Let us continue striving for excellence in Term 2. Wishing you a restful term break.

Sharmilla Mohan



We celebrated Teacher's Day on 25 May 2023!

Our teachers and students gathered at Jubilee Hall early that morning. What a beautiful sight it was as our students excitedly went around offering well wishes and thoughtful gifts to our teachers!

Coach Gee and his team first put together a series of games for our teachers, whose competitive spirit immediately came to the fore. Their hilarious antics as they battled it out to be the winning team entertained our students no end! We then watched a song-and-dance performance by our Year 4s, followed by a special Teachers' Day video comprising heartwarming messages from our teachers to our students. Catch the full video on our YouTube channel!

After our Primary students returned to class, our Secondary students watched our Year II student Vernan Arunan's heartfelt video of our Secondary students thanking their teachers. They then took part in a quiz on how well they know their teachers. Laughter rang out over some interesting trivia about our Secondary teachers, e.g. the favourite phrases of our Ms Justina and Mr Rayza respectively are "jeng jeng jeng!" and "slayyy"!

Our teachers were then feted with a special tea party the following day.







### School Events Teacher's Day Celebration



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# School Events Upper Primary Field Trip

Our recent outing to ESCAPE in Paradigm Mall was a day filled with adventure, laughter, and lots of fun! Our Upper Primary students were thrilled to tackle the exciting obstacle courses that awaited them. From balancing on tight ropes to ziplining, there was something for everyone. The obstacle courses challenged their physical abilities, teamwork as well as problem-solving skills.

But it wasn't just our students who had a blast; our teachers also joined in on the fun! Our teachers fearlessly tackled the courses alongside our students. This further strengthened the strong bond between them.

After an exhilarating morning of physical activities, everyone worked up quite an appetite. What better way to refuel than with a delicious McDonald's Happy Meal for lunch? We eagerly enjoyed our meals while sharing stories of our escapades. It was a joyous moment for all.



### **School Events** Upper Primary Field Trip









































Our Lower Primary students' recent visit to Aquaria was delightful! We had a blast exploring the mesmerising world of sea creatures. The day was filled with awe and wonder as our young learners had the opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of fascinating marine life.

The adventure began as our students entered the aquatic wonderland of Aquaria. Their eyes widened with amazement as they encountered an array of different species of fish, each one more vibrant and unique than the last. Throughout the day, our enthusiastic students had the chance to learn interesting facts about the sea creatures they encountered.

After an exciting morning of exploration, we worked up quite an appetite. To refuel, we all enjoyed a scrumptious McDonald's Happy Meal for lunch!





























### School Events Secondary Field Trip

Our school recently organised an exhilarating field trip to SuperPark Malaysia on 31 May 2023. Our Secondary students eagerly embarked on a day of adventure and fun, immersing themselves in a vast 40,000 square feet indoor activity space. With a range of 28 activities, including Pedal Car, Skate and Scoot World, and Baseball, students enjoyed a memorable experience while fostering friendships and personal development.

SuperPark Malaysia seamlessly blended thrilling adventures with team-building activities, creating a perfect environment for our students to challenge themselves and build confidence. As the day came to an end, our students left with beaming faces, cherishing the exciting memories they made with their friends. This field trip will undoubtedly be remembered as a highlight of the school year, leaving a lasting impression on their hearts and minds.

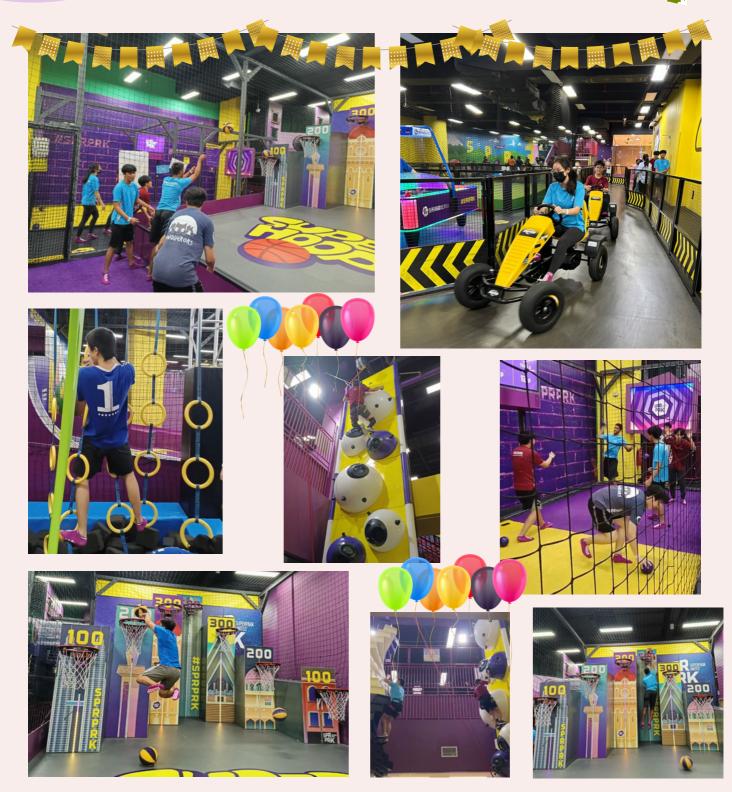


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DOING OUR BIT FOR THE COMMUNITY

Our Secondary students took time out to serve the community on 19 May 2023! Eight of them from Year 9 and Year II, accompanied by our Mr James, entered the gates of Fungates Superflow Foundation's Soup Kitchen in Jinjang Utara at 10:30am.

After donning hair nets, gloves and aprons for hygiene, they were given a quick introduction to the duties they'll be taking on for the next three hours, including serving, cleaning and traffic management.

It was then all hands on deck as the doors opened to the urban poor and homeless in the community, who streamed in to enjoy a hot complimentary lunch in the restaurant setting of the Soup Kitchen. When the crowd thinned out, our team got a quick bite before helping to clean up the premises and returning to school.

















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#### PROVING THEIR METTLE AT THE SCIENCE & MATH OLYMPIAD

The ASMO (Asian Science and Mathematics Olympiad) is an annual competition that brings together talented students from across Asia. Three of our students, David Loke (Year 8), Murakoso Yuji (Year 9), and Steven Xiao (Year 10) participated in this prestigious event.

The ASMO features four categories: school, state, national, and international. Starting with the school-level round in May, followed by the state level in July (online and offline), and the national level in October (online only), the top performers from each country advance to the international level, hosted by a different country each year.

David, Murakoso, and Steven demonstrated their exceptional skills in science and mathematics through their participation in the ASMO. This competition fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork abilities. Moreover, it opens doors to recognition, scholarships, and internships, motivating students to pursue successful careers in these fields.

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#### THE SHINING STARS OF OUR SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE!

The prize-giving ceremony for the solar car challenge winners took place on 8 May 2023, acknowledging outstanding achievements in two distinct categories: Fastest Solar Car and Best-Decorated Solar Car. The prizes were presented by Ms Suyan and Mr Derek.

In the Best-Decorated Solar Car category, the top honours were awarded to Ling Shi Yuan for securing the 1st position, followed by Melanie Lovelyn Ahimaz in 2nd place, and Isabelle Samantha Mohan in 3rd place. As for the Fastest Solar Car category, Pavurala Rithvik emerged as the triumphant winner, with Ms Sharmilla Mohan claiming the 2nd spot, and Joel Lim Jin Yang and Athena Chong Jing sharing the 3rd position.





#### HAVING A BALL WITH CHINESE GLUTINOUS RICE BALLS

Our Chinese Culture Club members learned how to make "tang yuan"!

"Tang yuan" is a traditional Chinese dessert made of glutinous rice shaped into balls and are sometimes stuffed with filling. They are served in a hot broth or syrup and come in sizes ranging from a marble to a ping pong ball.





#### NO BOREDOM WITH BOARD GAMES

Board games offer numerous benefits, both for individuals and groups. Advantages include improved social interaction, wholesome entertainment, cognitive development, skill development and stress relief.

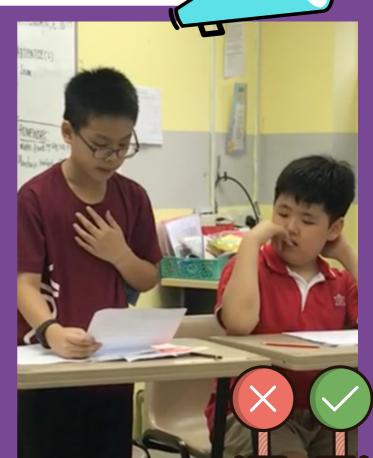
The following pictures show our Eco Knight and Board Games CCA members enjoying themselves.



### DEBATING WITH SKILL AND CONFIDENCE

During their lesson on Effective Communication Skills, our Year 5s learned from our Cikgu Rayza the fundamentals of debating, i.e. constructing structured arguments and articulating ideas creatively.

Our Upper Primary students are being prepared for the inter-class debate competition for English Language Week in Term 2. Plans are also afoot to establish our debate team for interschool debates and elocution contests.







#### DEMONSTRATING SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY

Our Year 7 students recently showcased their particle models that represented the chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen.

These models intricately depicted the collision and rearrangement of atoms, resulting in the formation of water molecules.

Through this hands-on activity, students gained a deeper understanding of chemical reactions and fostered a passion for scientific exploration.

























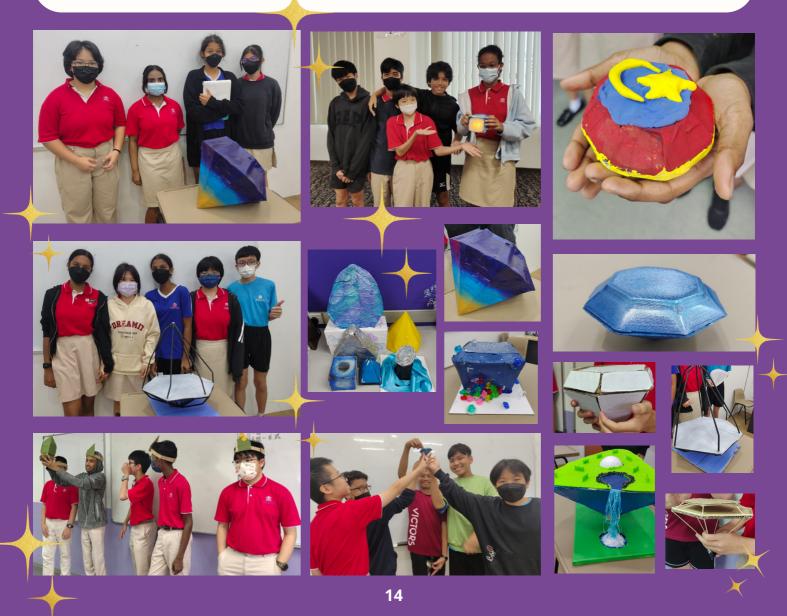
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#### CREATIVITY SHINING BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND

As their history project, our Year 7s, 8s and 9s got their creative juices flowing as they made replicas of the world-famous Koh-i-Noor diamond!

The Koh-i-Noor (Persian for 'Mountain of Light'), also spelled Kohinoor and Koh-i-Nur, is one of the world's biggest cut diamonds, weighing in at 105.6 carats (21.12g). There are multiple conflicting legends on its origins. It is part of the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom and is currently set in the Crown of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

















#### DEVELOPING A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Having a global perspective means being able to understand how developments around the world can impact people in other parts of the world.

Global Perspectives is a new subject in our Year 6 syllabus. It aims to make students more creative and become an agent for positive change.

Our Year 6s recently conducted research on global issues like climate change, bullying and COVID-19. Their findings were cogent and insightful!





#### DISCOVER THE FLOWER

We see them everywhere, but how well do we know the parts of a flower?

Our Year 9s attempted to answer this during their Science lesson. They carefully dissected flowers and labelled each part with the help of our Teacher Ms Priscilla.

Now, when they buy flowers for their loved ones, our students will appreciate the wondrous beauty of God's creation even more!





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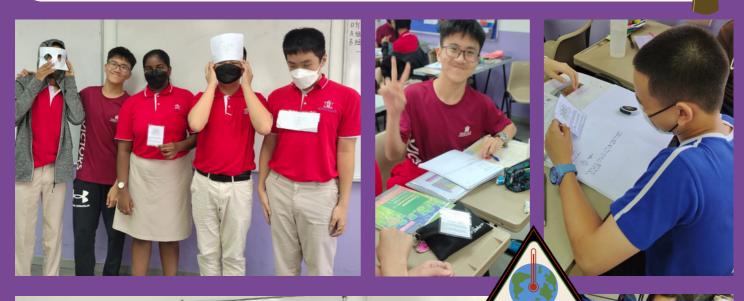




#### MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE WITH POSITIVE CHANGES

Climate change affects every one of us, and it is our collective responsibility to preserve our Earth as best we can.

At Science class, our Year 9s were tasked to brainstorm on ways to care for the environment. This activity served to educate them on the importance of minimising our environmental impact to mitigate climate change.









#### SURE AND STEDFAST DEVELOPMENT WITH BOYS' BRIGADE

Our students in the Boys' Brigade learn new skills while developing friendships through the Brigade's various activities held each week, including drill and lessons on life skills.

We are proud of our students for continually showcasing their collaborative spirit to excel!













#### HOW DO METALS REACT WITH WATER?

Quite interestingly, as our Year 8s discovered!

Reactive metals like sodium and potassium are soft and can be cut with a knife.

They react quickly with water and produce an alkaline solution, which is indicated by the pink tinge.







Our Year 2 students recently engaged in a science project where they used clay to explore "Animals and Habitat." Their creative clay art ideas revolved around habitats like ponds, forests and farms.

Clay art plays a crucial role in enhancing hand-eye coordination, which is essential for activities such as catching a ball, writing and pouring water. Incorporating clay into playtime also allows children to engage and strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers.





DATE	EVENT	SCHOOL
I-II June	School Holidays	Primary & Secondary
2nd June	Community Service	Secondary
12-16 June	STEM Week	Secondary
12-16 June	Language Week	Primary
16 June	Parent-Teacher Meeting	Primary & Secondary
26 June	Science Fair	Primary
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