



# BUZZ Sembawang Primary

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## Principal's Message



Warm greetings from Sembawang Primary School (SBPS)!

At SBPS, we strive towards our vision, "Every Child, A Winner". We hope that every child will be a confident and self-directed learner, concerned citizen and active contributor - our definition of a *Winner*. Through the holistic education, we desire to see our students embracing challenges and diversity, possessing an open mind and the dare to try new things.

We also desire to see them show care and concern for their families and friends, the less-privileged, the community, the environment and our nation.

This half-yearly publication is a platform where we share with you our successes. It is with a heart of gratitude that we bring you our success stories. Beyond the accolades and trophies, the most important part of the school that we are thankful for is the heart and soul of SBPS - its people. All the accomplishments and record breaking achievements would not have been possible without the dedicated heart and hard work of our teachers, support staff and coaches/instructors. Kudos to them! Similarly, the school is not complete without our children. We treasure each and every child and believe strongly that every child is talented and can accomplish much if he/she sets his/her heart and mind on it. We are thankful that many of them have tasted success and are rewarded for their quality hard work. Well done, children!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our supportive parents and School Advisory Board for making our journey an enjoyable one. We had a good start to 2017. We look forward to sharing with you more success stories in our next publication.

*The Best From Me* (our school motto)!  
Mrs Grace Chua

## 2016 PSLE Achievements

Congratulations to our top scorers who offered 4 standard subjects!



Bu Rui Jia Gerianne  
Cheong Hoi Yun Joleen  
Foo Shun Han  
Guo Kexuan  
Jeslyn Ng Jie Lin  
Keith Goh Ming En  
Kendra Yap Kah Siew  
Lee Yu Xuan Ronald  
Ng Zheng Rong  
Phang Jiong Xin  
Pun Ming Hong  
Tay Tse Min

Tiong Zi Han  
Toh En Yu Dylan  
Wong Chin Yee  
Woo Wan Rou Whitney  
Zheng JiaQi  
Cialeo Jaecen Viacrucis Matias  
Parvathy Varma  
Muhammad Haziq Rifa'i Bin Sohan  
Akshithaa Arunraj  
M S Sudikshaa  
Saiju Anjana  
Hong YuQi



# Prefects' Investiture



The appointment of new prefects in Sembawang Primary School takes place during the investiture ceremony. The appointment on that day instils a sense of responsibility in the prefects.

This year, the formal ceremony was held on 23 January. There is a total of 93 prefects, in which 35 of them are appointed this year. Our Principal, Mrs Chua, presented the badges to the prefects. After the badge presentation, the newly-appointed Head Prefect, Ferdi Choo from 6A, delivered a speech. At the end of the ceremony, the Head Prefect and Vice-Head Prefects, together with the Exco members, led the prefects in reciting the Prefects' Pledge.

## Bully-Free Ambassadors' Training Camp

On 14 and 15 March, eleven student leaders were selected to participate in the annual Bully-Free Ambassadors' Training Camp, organised by the Singapore Children's Society. The aim of the camp is to train student leaders to be ambassadors in advocating a bully-free environment in the school. During the camp, student leaders had the opportunity to learn more about the importance of friendship and pick up some tips on how to prevent and intervene bullying episodes in school.

The programme allowed our student leaders to develop an anti-bully creed and intervention structure. They would work with the school community to create an awareness of bullying and help foster positive friendships among pupils.





# Chinese New Year Celebration

The Chinese New Year Celebration gave teachers and pupils an opportunity to learn more about the traditions and customs associated with this festive occasion. Pupils enjoyed the class activities and bonded with their teachers and classmates. A lion dance troupe enthralled the pupils with their performance during the concert. It was certainly a memorable day for the pupils and teachers.



## Code for Fun

As part of their Project Work, Primary 3 and 4 pupils had the opportunity to learn and apply coding skills. The Code for Fun Programme, a programme co-sponsored by IDA, was launched in 2016 to introduce coding and robotics technology to pupils. The collaborative experience also allowed pupils to develop social skills, exercise their creativity and acquire computational thinking skills which are essential for the future.





# Learning Journey

## National Orchid Garden

Singapore's National Orchid Garden is a picturesque attraction that showcases the world's largest collection of orchids. With over 1000 species and 2000 hybrids of orchids, the Primary 2 pupils were treated to amazing views around them. Though the walk through the National Orchid Garden was long, pupils were delighted when they stepped into the Mist House and Cool house where they felt the cool air and drifting mist against their faces. These two attractions provide a realistic representation of the high elevation where different breeds of orchids grow. The pupils also visited the VIP garden which boasts a large collection of hybrid orchids named after dignitaries who visited the National Orchid Gardens.



*It was a wonderful journey. I learned a lot about orchids. I recommend you to visit the Singapore Orchid Garden. It will be a very nice experience for you too.*

*(Caran, 2 Excellence)*



## Insect Mysteries

The Primary 3 pupils attended a workshop on Insect Mysteries at the Singapore Science Centre in Term 2. They learned about some characteristics of insects and what these characteristics could enable the insects to do. Do you know that crickets have compound eyes? These compound eyes consist of many tiny lenses that allow the crickets to detect any small movement around them. The pupils also observed and touched some insects like the Cicada and the Madagascar Hissing Cockroach. They had the opportunity to use the microscope to observe how tiny insects like the bees collect and keep the pollen. The pupils certainly had a meaningful time learning at the Science Centre.

*I have learned a lot from the Science Centre. We were taught that insects have 3 body parts, 3 pairs of jointed legs, a pair of feelers and a hard outer covering (exoskeleton). I took lots of interesting photos of the Madagascar Hissing Cockroach. I would love to visit the Science Centre again!*

*(Soh Kim Hwee Gerlene, 3 Achievement)*





## Singapore Discovery Centre

Our Primary 4 pupils went on a learning journey to the Singapore Discovery Centre on 7 March. The knowledgeable tour guides brought the pupils on a tour around the centre and shared with them the Singapore Story. The wide range of fun-filled multimedia interactive presentations and games allowed the pupils to experience the nation's dreams, challenges and aspirations. The pupils also hopped on the SAFTI bus and took a tour around the training ground for officers from Singapore's Army, Navy and Airforce. The pupils certainly had a great time there!



*My class and I went to the Singapore Discovery Centre and a tour guide welcomed us. We went on a bus trip to the army camp. It was thrilling as we actually got to see real soldiers and the facilities that they used. I love this learning journey as I have learned more things about Singapore through the games and quizzes.*

*(Tharine, 4 Balance)*



## NEWater Plant

To increase the awareness of the scarcity of water resource in Singapore, the Primary 5 pupils visited the NEWater Plant. They went on a guided tour of the highest technology water treatment plant in the world which turns sewage into drinking water. Through this visit, the pupils had a better understanding of the importance of water conservation.



*At the NEWater Plant, I felt happy as I could learn how to save water and understand the process of making drinkable water. I hope I can go there again with my family so that they can learn something too!*

*(Ilynisha, 5 Balance)*



# Track and Field



## SSP-SAA Primary Schools Track & Field 2017

### Individual Events Relay (8 x 50m)

Gold - 2  
Silver - 2  
Bronze - 2  
4<sup>th</sup> - 4

Gold - 1  
Bronze - 1



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Victoria-Cedar Alliance

### Team Events - Relay

Silver - 3  
Bronze - 3

## 58<sup>th</sup> National Primary School Track and Field Championship 2017

### Individual Events Team Events - Relay

Gold - 1  
Silver - 7  
Bronze - 3  
4<sup>th</sup> - 2

Silver - 3  
Bronze - 2  
4<sup>th</sup> - 4





# Destination Imagination

The DI programme is a fun, hands-on system of learning that fosters pupils' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic challenges in the fields of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), fine arts and service learning.



Tech Terra



The Still Amazing Seven



In Plain Sight



Oreo Mini



The Green Intelligent Force



The Awesome Six

Challenge	Team	Results
Technical	Tech Terra	1 <sup>st</sup>
Engineering	The Still Amazing Seven	1 <sup>st</sup>
	The Green Intelligent Force	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	The Haze Busters	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Project Outreach	The Awesome Six	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Improvisational	Oreo Mini	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Scientific	In Plain Sight	4 <sup>th</sup>

## NEA Environment Challenge

The Science & Green Club members took part in the Environment Challenge for Schools organised by the National Environment Agency (NEA) in August 2016 and won the first prize!

A team of 7 pupils had read an article about microbeads. Microbeads, also known as microplastics, are found in beauty products and when washed down plugholes, absorbed toxins before making their way to our water bodies. The team created three different prototypes of filters which can be fitted over plugholes to prevent as many microbeads from entering our water bodies. The highlight of the project was getting to meet the Prime Minister himself! The team could hardly contain their excitement as they explained their project and proudly showed an impressed Mr Lee the results of their work.





# Rugby

North Zone Inter-Primary School Rugby Tournament 2017

U13 - Senior Team - Champions

SRU Mini Rugby Championship 2017

U11 - Junior Team

- Champions of Plate Category

U13 - Senior Team

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up of Cup Category



North Zone Inter-Primary School Rugby Tournament 2017

U13 Sportsmanship Award  
- Keith Tan Yong Wen (6F)



North Zone Inter-Primary School Rugby Tournament 2017

U11 Sportsmanship Award  
- Muhammad Aqil Norisham Bin Nezam (5F)



North Zone Inter-Primary School Rugby Tournament 2017

U11 - Junior Team - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up



National Inter-Primary School Rugby Championships 2017

U13 Sportsmanship Award  
- Hazwan Thaqif Ishak (6F)



## Scholastic Read and Write Challenge 2017

Wong Jin Rou (5A)  
P5 Category - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



## Red Cross Excellence Unit Award



Gold Award



Director's Award  
Chua Ying Rui, 6A



# P4 Adventure Camp



During the first three days of the March holidays from 13 to 15 March, the Primary 4 pupils headed to MOE Labrador Adventure Centre for a 3-day, 2-night camp. The pupils were treated to an experience filled with fun team-building games, exciting activities and an unforgettable campfire.

During the various team-building activities, the pupils forged new friendships, learned how to work together despite their differences and help one another. Their confidence and self-esteem were boosted when they succeeded in conquering their fears during the high elements activities such as 'Zipline' and 'Challenge Rope Course'. (CRC)The pupils experienced so much fun and excitement.

The camp ended with a blast as the pupils put up amazing group performances during the campfire. Good job, Primary 4 pupils! It was heartening to see the pupils having an enriching and memorable time at the camp!





# English Language Week



It was an exciting week from 10 to 13 April as it was the English Week! Pupils were engaged in various interesting and interactive activities that were carried out during the week. They included storytelling by our teachers, mass borrowing by the National Library Board (NLB), Spot the Mistake competition, Talkshop, Show and Tell presentations, Boggle game, poetry writing, word search with the use of iPads and level-based activities in the classrooms. Pupils were also thrilled to see their teachers performing Readers' Theatre on stage during assembly. Pupils had a fun and meaningful time learning English. Till the next English Week in 2018! In the meantime, remember to speak standard English for effective communication.





# P3 English Language Camp

The annual P3 English Language Camp was held on 27 and 30 March. During the camp, pupils acquired effective presentation skills through interactive and meaningful activities that incorporated the use of ICT tools. They enjoyed themselves and had fun creating presentations using Keynote. They also received important tips on public speaking and presentation skills.



# P3 Mother Tongue Language Cultural Camp

From 20 to 22 March, the Mother Tongue Language Department organised a cultural camp for our Primary 3 pupils. It was an enjoyable three-day camp filled with many hands-on activities. The pupils had a great time playing various traditional games such as chapteh, uri adi, tarik upih and many more. Besides trying out the traditional games, the Indian pupils also had the opportunity to learn Kabadi, a traditional Indian martial art and the Chinese pupils immersed themselves in the art of Chinese painting. It was truly an enriching experience for our Primary 3 pupils!



我最喜欢扯铃活动，  
因为这是我第一次玩  
扯铃，能把扯铃扯得  
高高的。

(林妤恩 Ling Yu En,  
3 Excellence)

Saya berasa seronok dapat bermain  
permainan tradisional! Walaupun  
payah, permainan tarik upih telah  
mengajar saya nilai bekerjasama. Jika  
diberikan kesempatan, saya ingin  
bermain permainan-permainan ini lagi!

(Nurul Aishah Binte Zakria,  
3 Balance)

சிலம்பம் எனக்குப்  
பிடித்திருந்தது. அது நம்  
தற்காப்புக் கலை என்று  
கற்றுக்கொண்டேன்.

(Aneena Job , 3 Achievement)



## P4 Values-in-Action

In Term 1, as part of their Values-in-Action (ViA) programme, our Primary 4 pupils went through a few lessons on the needs and challenges faced by the elderly and the ways in which they can help them and communicate with them. 6 classes went on a service learning trip to four different Seniors Activity Centres on 2 and 9 March. The pupils had prepared items to entertain the elderly at the centres during their visit. They were very enthusiastic and had practised hard for it. The pupils also learned how to make different animals using Origami paper during their art lessons and taught it to the elderly at the centres. The elderly at the Centres enjoyed themselves and appreciated the hands-on session and the performances put up by our pupils. Despite their age, they eagerly took part in the simple games planned for them. Grocery items and toiletries donated by the pupils were distributed to the seniors as prizes during the games and lucky draw sessions. The pupils also had opportunities to apply what they had learnt in class during their conversations with the elderly. The programme was a very fulfilling one for the pupils, teachers and elderly at the Centres.



## Total Defence Day

On 13 February, our school commemorated the Total Defence Day. It reminded us of the day Singapore fell to the Japanese. On that day, pupils had a taste of wartime food such as porridge and plain bread during recess. Information on the history of MINDEF and SAF was displayed on boards. Pupils had to match the five pillars of defence to their descriptions. The highlight of the day would be the Emergency Preparedness show by NFEC. Pupils learned how to react during an emergency. Total Defence Day promotes the awareness of the different ways we can contribute to strengthen Singapore's defence as "Together We Keep Singapore Strong".



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