



# XINGHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Xinghua Link

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### *Message*

From The Principal

Dear parents and guardians,

This is the closing publication for the semester and since the beginning of the year we have shared with you our goals, our achievements and our areas for improvement. If we have improved as a school, it is because of my committed staff and supportive parents like yourselves. You have given us good feedback and allowed us the opportunity to work on areas for greater results.

Throughout this period, we have highlighted the importance of reading and I must highlight that some of our students need additional support in this area. While we try to engage them at school, it will be good if you can encourage them to read to you at home. Simple activities could be sharing stories that they might have read in their reading class or even reading their own compositions to you. We are also getting their peers to buddy them in their reading efforts. We want them to be successful readers who can apply their skills in their daily lives, to be able to read menus, notices, letters sent to the home, newspapers and many more. At school, if they cannot read, they cannot attempt their Mathematical problems or their Science and comprehension questions adequately. So let's come together to stress on the importance of reading.

The EL department and the MTL department have both introduced reading badges for students who are avid readers. When the children read 20 books per semester, they get to earn a reading badge which will be presented to them at the end of each semester. It is very rewarding for my teachers and me to see pupils making decisions about the choice of books to read and then borrowing them from the library. These children need our encouragement to continue with this habit. They should also be encouraged to talk about the storyline and the characters. So if your children bring home a reading badge, please check with them the stories that they have read and for those who have not earned their badges yet, let us encourage them to go for it next semester.

With the coming of the June holidays, I sincerely hope all of you will be able to spend quality time with your children. Happy holidays!

On behalf of the Vice Principals and staff, I wish all of you a restful June holiday.

Warmest Regards

*Mrs Chandrika Mano*



## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 1. PUBLIC & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Vesak Day	Wednesday, 10 May 2017	No school for all
School Term 2 Holidays	29 May to 25 June 2017	
Hari Raya Puasa	Monday, 26 June 2017	

School starts on 27 June 2017 Tuesday for Term 3.

### 2. ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our school strongly believes in instilling the value of responsibility in our students. In order to take full advantage of the educational programmes offered by the school, it is essential that your child/ward arrives on time on a daily basis. We seek your cooperation in ensuring that your child/ward is punctual for all school activities. All absences should be accompanied by a medical certificate or a parent's letter of excuse stating the reason.

### 3. SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 (SA1)

The SA1 2017 details have been issued on 12 April 2017 to all P3 to P6 students. It outlines the format and the topics to be tested for each subject. All files and books have been returned to your child for revision.

Please note that all pupils must be punctual for the examinations. Pupils who are unwell should rest at home and not sit for the assessments. They should see a doctor to obtain a Medical Certificate (MC) and their exam results will be pro-rated.

There is no make-up for the examinations for pupils who are absent. Should a pupil be absent without a valid reason, zero marks will be awarded.

### 4. PARENT- CHILD-TEACHER CONFERENCE (PCTC) & REPORT BOOKS

Our next PCTC will be held on Friday, 26 May 2017. You will get to meet your child's form/co-form and subject teachers during this session and discuss some strategies that your child could work on during the June holidays. Do note that report books will be issued during the PCTC. More details about the PCTC will be issued at a later date. There are no lessons on 26 May 2017.

Please note that you will be required to select your preferred timeslots for the PCTC using the SNAC app. This will be done on a first-come-first-served basis. We would appreciate that you download the free app if you have not done so. You may contact the General Office for assistance. Alternatively, please refer to our school website at <http://www.xinghuapri.moe.edu.sg/> and click on the "Quick Link: SNAC" for a step-by-step guide.



## 5. TRAVEL DECLARATIONS VIA SNAC APP

With the upcoming June holidays, please submit your travel declarations / intentions via the SNAC app by 20 May 2017.



- All P1 pupils must submit their travel declaration, regardless of intent to travel. A NIL reply is required.
- All P2 – P6 pupils need to submit their travel declarations only if they have made travel plans.

For parents who do not have the SNAC app, please collect the Travel Declaration Form (hard copy) from the General Office.

# LOOKING BACK



## Eldersurf Bootcamp 2017

Our school partnered with the North East CDC to help seniors from Paya Lebar Wellness Centre learn basic computer skills. Twenty-two Primary 4 to Primary 6 pupils were their cyber guides who taught the seniors skills such as how to open an email account and write an email. The pupils enjoyed their time helping the seniors. Many of them look forward to volunteering again in the future. The seniors were very grateful to the pupils for teaching them and appreciated their friendship.



## International Friendship Day

The school celebrated International Friendship Day on 10 April 2017. Prefects shared with the school about the importance of maintaining positive relations with other countries, especially ASEAN countries. Pupils also took part in class and recess activities focusing on ASEAN.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Malay Story-Telling Competition



Hyder Shageel Bin Abdul Halim (4R2), Faris Razi Bin Ismail (4R3), Mohamed Naim Bin Mohamed Jabbar (4R3) and Sakinah Binte Jefri (4R3), did the school proud by coming in second in the Primary School Malay Story-Telling Competition organised by Pasir Ris East Malay Activity Executive Committee (MAEC).

### Tamil Language Competitions



In conjunction with the Tamil Language Month, our pupils took part in several Tamil Language Competitions which garnered great results.

#### **Tamil Singing Competition**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in the P6 category- Gifthiya (6E5)

Consolation Prize for the P1 category –Kavinesh (1R3)

#### **Devised Drama Competition organised by AKT Creation**

One of the top 3 schools to receive the Excellence Award.

Participants:

Reshman Saravanan (5R1), Mohan Kumar Kathiravan (5R1), Mohamed Aaqil (5R2) and Ameer Dawood (5R3)



## Wushu Competition – 13<sup>th</sup> National Primary Schools Wushu Championships 2017

- Gio Choi for bagging the 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Style Taijiquan.
- Arucha for bagging the 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Nanquan (Southern Fist), 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for Nan Dao (S Broadsword) and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Nan Gun (S Cudgel)
- Sin Yee Hui for winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for Nanquan (Southern Fist) and 4<sup>th</sup> position for Nan Gun (S Cudgel)
- Wong Woan Xiu for bagging the 4<sup>th</sup> place for Spear Category



## Softball Competition



The Xinghua Softball Team managed to clinch the 3<sup>rd</sup> placing at the recently concluded National Schools Senior Softball Championships 2017. Their dedication and teamwork throughout the tournament brings pride to Xinghua Primary School.

## Volleyball Competitions

### South Zone Volleyball Championship

Junior Boys - 1st  
Junior Girls - 1st  
Senior Boys - 2nd  
Senior Girls - 1st

### SPSSC National Volleyball Championship

Junior Boys - Top 8  
Junior Girls - Top 8  
Senior Boys - Top 16  
Senior Girls - 4th



*We would like to congratulate the students, teachers and instructors as well as extend our gratitude to the parents for their support and understanding.*

## Feedback from Parents

As partners in education, we value your feedback and suggestions to make the school a more conducive learning environment for our children. Please feel free to pen down some thoughts, compliments or comments for the school.

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*Thank You*