

XINGNAN BUZZ!

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NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK!

With the arrival of the new year, we are excited to announce a fresh new look for XNPS Experience, now known as Xingnan Buzz!

Going forward, our publication will be distributed quarterly via the usual channel. Keep your eyes peeled for the next issue, which is set to release at the end of March.

Stay tuned!



A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, Xingnanians and parents, to the beginning of another exciting school year! I trust that each of you had a restful and rejuvenating break, filled with moments of joy and connection. As we embark on this new academic year, I am thrilled to share some important updates and changes within our school community.

First and foremost, I extend a warm welcome to all our P1 students and their families! They will be reporting to school on Tuesday, 2 January with their parents, who are invited to attend the P1 Parent Engagement programme on that day. My team and I are excited to work together with our P1 parents to support the P1 for a smooth transition. For the rest of the levels, we look forward to meeting them again on Wednesday, 3 January.

I am delighted to introduce a valuable addition to our leadership team, Mdm Ang Hwee Loo, who joined us as our new Vice Principal on 15 December 2023. Mdm Ang brings a wealth of experience, having previously served as the Vice-principal of Rulang Primary and the Deputy Director of Art at the Singapore Teachers' Academy for the aRts (STAR). Her passion for education and dedication to the holistic development of students align seamlessly with our school's vision.

Speaking of vision, mission, and values (VMV), I am pleased to inform you that we have refreshed these guiding principles to better align with the evolving needs of our students in today's ever-changing world. These foundational elements will guide us in our efforts to nurture our students for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

One crucial aspect of our students' holistic development is the partnership between the school and parents. I urge all parents to actively engage with our teachers and staff, as your support is instrumental in shaping the educational journey of your children. Together, we can create a nurturing and enriching environment that fosters academic success and personal growth.

In our commitment to enhancing communication, we are excited to announce that starting from 2024, we will harness the power of social media to stay connected with parents and keep you informed about the school's activities and programmes. As a result, our newsletters will be published on a termly basis, allowing us to provide more comprehensive updates.

To further strengthen the school-parent partnership, we have planned a series of parent engagement sessions for various levels in February. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights into your child's education and offer an opportunity for open dialogue. We encourage all parents to take some time to attend these sessions and actively participate in the educational journey of your child. More details will be provided next week.

As we embark on this new school year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all parents for your unwavering support. Your collaboration and involvement play a pivotal role in creating a positive and enriching experience for our students. Together, let's make this academic year one of growth, achievement, and lasting memories.

Thank you, and here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Cindy Ong
Principal

XNPS EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY - MARCH 2024

Term / Week	Day / Date	Event / Activity	For
Term 1 Week 1	Tue - Fri 2 - 5 Jan	Start-It-Right Programme cum Parent Engagement Session	P1
	Wed - Fri 3 - 5 Jan	Start-It-Right Programme	P2 - P6
Term 1 Week 2 - 4	Fri - Mon 12 - 22 Jan	Science Enrichment Course at Singapore Science Centre	*P3
Term 1 Week 3 - 4	Fri - Wed 19 - 24 Jan	Science Enrichment Course at Singapore Science Centre	*P5
Term 1 Week 5	Wed 31 Jan	Home-Based Learning (Xingnan Learning Day)	All levels
Term 1 Week 6	Fri 9 Feb	Chinese New Year Celebration	
Term 1 Week 7	Mon 12 Jan	Chinese New Year Public Holiday	All levels
	Tues 13 Jan	Chinese New Year School Holiday	
	Wed - Fri 14 - 16 Feb	Cohort Learning Journey to Geylang / Kreta Ayer	*P4

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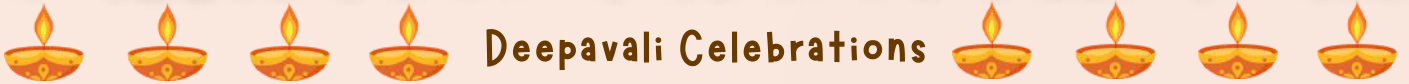
Term / Week	Day / Date	Event / Activity	For
Term Break	Mon - Sun 11 - 17 Mar	Term 1 School Holidays	All levels
Term 2 Week 1	Wed - Thur 20 - 21 Mar	Cohort Learning Journey to Indian Heritage Centre	*P5
Term 2 Week 2	Wed 27 Mar	Science Enrichment Course at Singapore Science Centre	*P6
	Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday Public Holiday	All levels

***Please refer to notification in Parent Gateway for more details.**

**View the latest update on upcoming events in our school website
at the end of Term 1, Week 1.**

QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

DAZZLE YOUR WAY INTO DEEPAVALI



The festive season was in full swing as we celebrated Deepavali with a bang! Our pupils had a ball with a whole range of activities. Our Lower Primary pupils got crafty with Diya lamps, while our Upper Primary pupils got their hands on Kerala crafts. The foyer was lit up with a stunning Kolam design, and our pupils' handicrafts took center stage on the seasonal wall. We also made sure to educate our non-Indian friends with all the important facts and traditions of Deepavali celebrations.

Recess was a total hit with hands-on fun such as murukku-making, henna tattooing, and the classic Indian game of *Pallangkuli*. Our pupils were treated to a visual feast with a splendid display of various Indian costumes, while the P6 dance and drama stole the show! The talented P6 pupils choreographed a breathtaking performance about the birth of Deepavali, and even our teachers put on their dancing shoes for an epic finale. It was a festive celebration like no other!



Ready, set, vogue! Say cheese and strike a pose for the camera!



Our teachers dressed to the nines in vibrant Indian ethnic outfits to celebrate the occasion!



Our teachers brought down the house with their sleek dance moves!



No doubt about it, chomping on murukku is way simpler than making them!



Who knew that cooking up this yummy snack required so much effort!



We're impressed by the artistic talent of Mdm Malathy, our Parent Volunteer!



Wow! This henna tattoo's a stunner!



As we stepped into the school, a vibrant Kolam welcomed us!

TOGETHER WE CAN, TOGETHER WE SOAR!

Recognition Day

As we approach the end of the year, we are delighted to celebrate the collective accomplishments of our staff, pupils, and partners. We were privileged to have Ms. Soo Hui Wah as our esteemed guest of honour.

The ceremony began with a rousing performance by our school band, followed by captivating dance performances from Indian, Chinese, International, and Malay dance groups.

124 pupils were recognised for their exceptional academic performance, outstanding achievement, and resilience, while 86 pupils received CCA awards and six pupils were acknowledged as Model Pupils of their respective levels.

Several staff members were recognised for their outstanding contributions. We presented Friends of Xingnan Awards to our supportive partners who worked tirelessly to enhance our pupils' learning experience.

Finally, The Vibe, our in-house pupil band, delivered a fantastic performance, culminating in a speech from our Head Prefect and the school song. It has indeed been an astounding year of accomplishments for all of us!



Our guest of honour, Ms. Soo, delivered an inspiring speech.



The opening performance by our school's brass band was introduced by our emcees.



Our prize recipients are thrilled to receive their awards. Our pupil prize stewards were responsible for ensuring that every recipient received the appropriate medal and certificate.



Introducing The Vibe, performing their interpretation of "High Hopes".



Ms. Soo receiving our pupil's batik art piece as a token of appreciation.

THE JOURNEY IS WHAT MATTERS

PSLE Results Day



We now understand the true essence of reaping the rewards of our hard work.

Heartiest congratulations to the class of 2023 on their achievements! Their hard work and sheer determination have paid off.

195 candidates sat for the PSLE this year. 100% of the candidates who offered standard subjects qualified for secondary school with 58.5% eligible for posting through Posting Group 3. While 24 pupils attained a total score of AL12 and below, 3 pupils topped the foundation cohort. 37 pupils received postings to secondary schools via Direct School Admission.



The pupils eagerly awaited the announcement of their results.

We affirm the efforts of our pupils and encourage them to look forward to the next phase of their educational journey. We thank the parents for their unstinting support in their children's learning all these years. We appreciate our teachers for their dedication and diligent efforts in guiding our pupils and bringing out the best in them.



The pupils fervently applauded their peers for their excellent performance in the examinations.

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."
-Colin Powell



Diana, Ayu, and Leezah express gratitude towards their teachers for the support provided in helping them achieve their goals.

With joyous expressions on our faces, we are delighted with the outcome.

Ocean is grinning widely, evidently content with his accomplishments.

DON'T LET FAILURE BE FATAL

PSLE Results Day

Alya Qaireena, a pupil from 6A 2023, along with her English language and Science teacher, Mrs. Sofian, were interviewed by TODAY, CNA, and Berita Harian on PSLE Results Day. The occasion marked Alya's second attempt at the national examinations, having failed Mathematics the year before. Despite numerous challenges, Alya persevered with the aid of her teacher's patient and persistent guidance. Mrs. Sofian instilled in her pupil a firm belief that she could succeed if she remained focused and determined. Alya successfully cleared the examination and secured a place in her desired secondary school through Direct School Admission for secondary schools (DSA-Sec).



Radiant with accomplishment, we have reached our destination!

"It's not how far you fall, but how high you bounce that counts."

- Zig Ziglar



Snippets of Mrs. Sofian, Alya and her mother in the interview video.



Scan here to read about how Alya overcome setbacks and make it to secondary school.



To read the article in Berita Harian, scan here!
(Video included)

WE NAILED IT! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

P6 Leadership Day

The P6 Leadership Day marks the end of primary school for P6 pupils. Planning for the event began after the conclusion of the PSLE exams. The day celebrated the pupils' talents through musical performances, and each class put on an outstanding show. Parents wrote notes to encourage their children, and the day was emotional as pupils came to terms with leaving primary school. The day ended with tears, hugs, and expressions of gratitude towards teachers and parents, leaving pupils with lasting memories.



The best moments to remember!



Han Yi and Amber from 6C just pulled off some seriously graceful moves!



We celebrate the memories we've cultivated over the years by singing with fervour.



A final photo shoot to commemorate our class camaraderie.



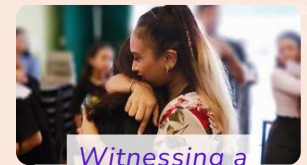
Parting ways can be difficult.



This is our final shot to shine, so let's unleash all our talent and rock the stage like never before!



Wenjing and her lovely mother shared a heartwarming moment that'll make you smile from ear to ear.



Witnessing a poignant moment.

A selfie with mummy!

Wei Liang's face was shining with pride as he clutched his graduation certificate, while his mother and sister radiated joy beside him.

Our diligent efforts have culminated in this moment!

Before we say our goodbyes, let's snap a group photo with our beloved teachers!

Ing Theng and Megan totally rocked the event as the emcees!

INSIDER INSIGHTS

Tips & Tricks



Tip of the Month

Ms Nur Rahmah Ja'afar
School Counsellor

Navigating Our Feelings Together

As we look forward to the new year, it is natural to experience a mix of emotions, including excitement and anxiety. Changes in our surroundings, such as new classmates, classrooms, or teachers, can leave us feeling lost.

Did you know that communicating our thoughts and feelings about these changes with those around us is essential for our emotional well-being? Expressing our emotions helps us validate our feelings and connect with others. It is comforting to know that others may be going through similar situations. Moreover, by sharing our needs, we can receive specific support that may be beneficial.

I encourage you to take the initiative to approach someone and discuss your thoughts and feelings. Remember, no matter how small or trivial, it's crucial to share. If you would like to have a chat with me, you can find me in the CARE Room, Level 1, facing the ECO-Garden, or the staff room.

Have a fantastic start to the year! 😊

Cheers,
Your resident listener (School Counsellor)
Ms Rahmah



Holidays are over and it's time to go back to school. Have you bought all the essential school supplies for the new term or school year yet? Are you ready to get back to your morning routine on the first day of school? Here are 3 tips and tricks for you!



<https://go.gov.sg/school-is-back>

Dear parents/guardians, we hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. If you would like to leave us a comment or feedback, click [here](#) to let us know your thoughts. Thank you!