



# The PEPS Newsletter ASPIRE

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



How time flies and we have come to the end of the academic year. 2020 has truly been an extraordinary year. Our lives are disrupted and new norms have emerged. The COVID-19 pandemic is a reminder of our real work in school – students and staff included – the work of preparing ourselves for a future that can look like nothing we have seen before!

But we all responded well. We refused to do nothing. We learnt new ways of learning and find other means of keeping in touch with each other and the world in a safe way. Thank you everyone for making school and schooling enjoyable and purposeful.

It is truly GRIT that saw us through – the courage and resolve and strength of character. And in GRIT we will find our ASPIRE values – the Ambition to overcome and flourish, the Self-discipline to be focussed, the Perseverance to remain resilient; the Integrity to be honest with ourselves and each other; the Respect for collective effort and the Empathy for others so that no one is left behind.

We have seen GRIT in our staff and our students and we are so proud to present a very special Grit in Me Award in this year's Awards Presentation Ceremony to our students who have shown such strength in character to overcome so many difficulties this year.

As we made efforts to return to 'normalcy' and reconnect with others around us, teachers brought in Virtual Trips for International Experience and Virtual Education and Career Guidance to enrich our students. What they have missed in face-to-face interactions, we recreated them virtually. Important celebrations like National Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day and Awards Presentation Ceremony, just to name a few, saw students and teachers coming together online to commemorate and appreciate one another.

Long after we have overcome the pandemic, the heart-warming stories, the important lessons and the life-long values shall forever be etched in everyone's mind. A new chapter commences and the grit in us shall embrace 2021 with ambition and perseverance.

I wish all a well-deserved and restful break, signing off at Princess Elizabeth Primary School.

Mdm Moliah Bte Hashim  
Principal



## PEPS E-INTERHOUSE CHALLENGE 2020

PEPS collaborated with ActiveSG for the 2020 E-Interhouse challenge. Under the motto "Sports for All", both students and staff could try out different physical challenges in the comfort of their own homes. Amid the pandemic, students and staff were still able to experience a fun and unique Sports Day this year.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BEST PERFORMERS FOR E-INTERHOUSE CHALLENGE 2020

Ruby House (Champion House)			Emerald House			Sapphire House		
Ilan Chay (6P)	Aeryn Chai (5S)	Ms Gui	Serah Christy (5A)	Teo Jun Bin (4A)	Ms Kim	Aaron Ahn (5A)	Mai Shu Yin (4I)	Ms Lee
Topaz House			Amethyst House					
Irene Chrysolite (5E)	Lokajit Vesak (4I)	Mrs Jonatan	Ivivia Wu (5E)	Navin Kumar (5E)	Ms Yap			



# INSTALLING THE JOY OF LEARNING

## EL LANGUAGE FORTNIGHT

Language Fortnight was held from 24 August to 3 September 2020 this year amid the COVID -19 situation. It is in line with what the former Minister for Education, Mr Ong Ye Kung, shared at the Opening Address at the 9th Teachers' Conference 2019 that learning languages is important. It is therefore timely for us to reinvigorate our efforts in language learning. During Language Fortnight, students were engaged in fun and engaging activities to pique their curiosity and ignite their joy of language learning.



Students engaged in an array of activities, ranging from Similes for P1, Rhymes for P2 , Spelling Bee for P5 and Taboo for P6

## CHARACTERS ALIVE DAY

For Characters Alive Day that was held on 28 August, students were engaged actively to explore the different book characters. The main objective was to create excitement and trigger students' interest in reading.



Our P1C students hot seating the Character of the Moment



Face masks that were painstakingly produced by our P3E students



Colourfully dressed characters of P4R



Our teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters

## MOTHER TONGUE FORTNIGHT

The annual Mother Tongue Fortnight is a platform for our students to understand and develop a life-long interest in Mother Tongue language and its culture. During the Mother Tongue Fortnight, students were exposed to a wide range of fun activities in addition to learning and using the language. Learning was rich with students gainfully engaged during planned activities and rediscovering the love for learning.



'Permainan Jejak dan Ujar' activity - students answer quizzes on a Snake and Ladder mat



Students learnt about Dragon Boat Festival and made their own dragon boat models



Students learnt Malay Folk Songs - 'Burung Kakak Tua' and created dance moves wearing their colourful animal face masks



Students attended Workshop on 'Developing Writing Through Online Comics' through Zoom session in the classroom



Mother Tongue Fortnight Challenge – Cooking traditional food at home



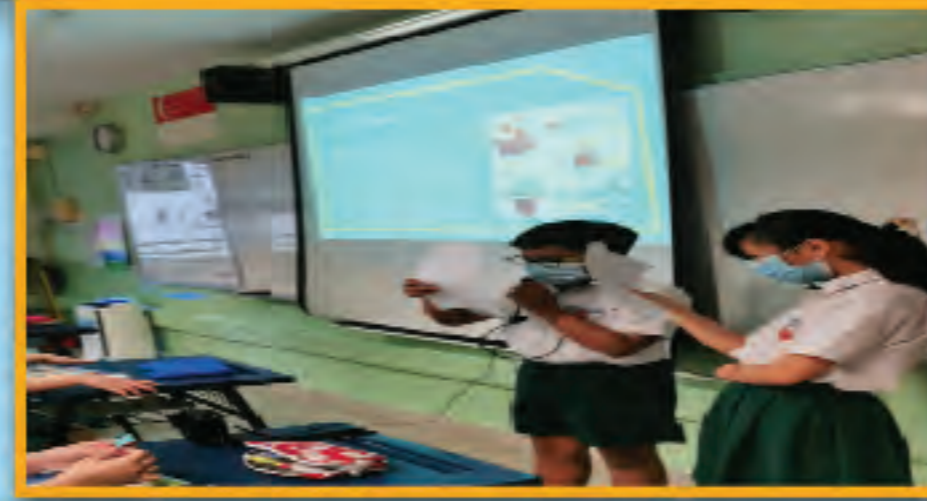
Fancy Dress Competition

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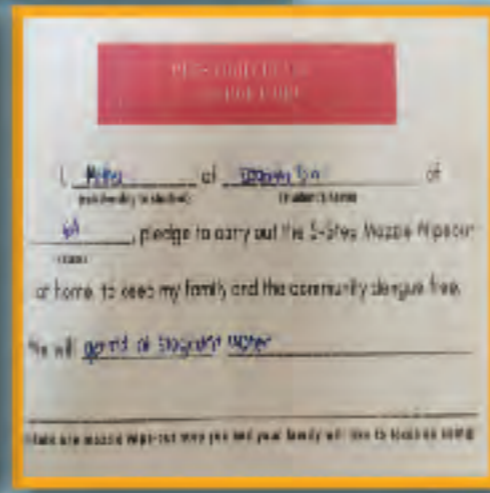
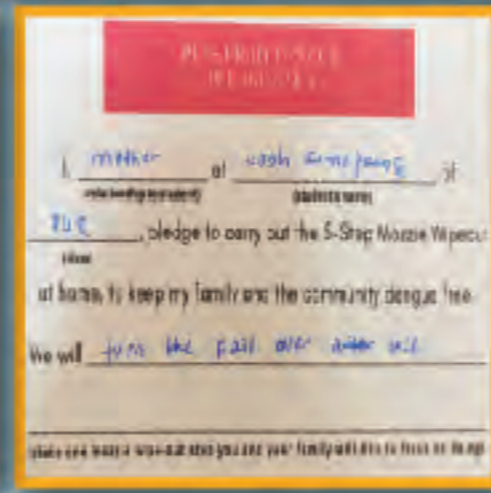
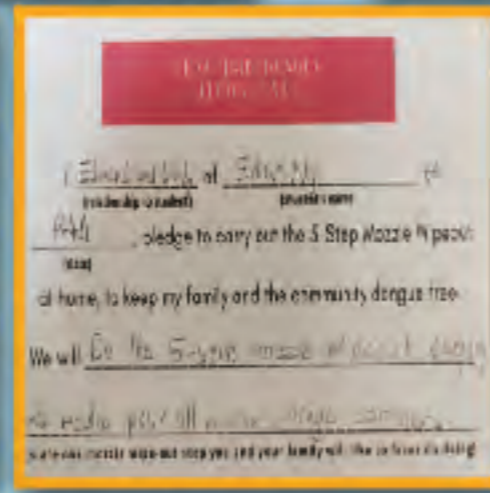


## DENGUE PREVENTION AWARENESS

This year, Singapore experienced a record high number of cases of Dengue Fever. Amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, it is crucial that we do not overlook the dangers Dengue Fever can bring about. During one of the ASPIRE moment sessions, our school shared with our students about Dengue Fever. For a period of time, the neighbourhood outside the school was in the Red Dengue Alert. As a follow-up to the sharing, our P4 to P6 Science and Environmental Champs were empowered to conduct a class sharing in order to reinforce the five-step Mozzie Wipeout. The Science and Environmental Champs also encouraged their classmates to share the preventive measures with their family. They distributed a Dengue Pledge Card for their classmates to take home to share the Mozzie Wipeout with their family members. After the sharing, the family members then pledged to commit to the Mozzie Wipeout. This sharing was part of our home-school awareness programme for Environmental Education. The pledge card also doubles up as a postcard, for students to put up at home, to remind their family members to regularly carry out the Mozzie Wipeout.



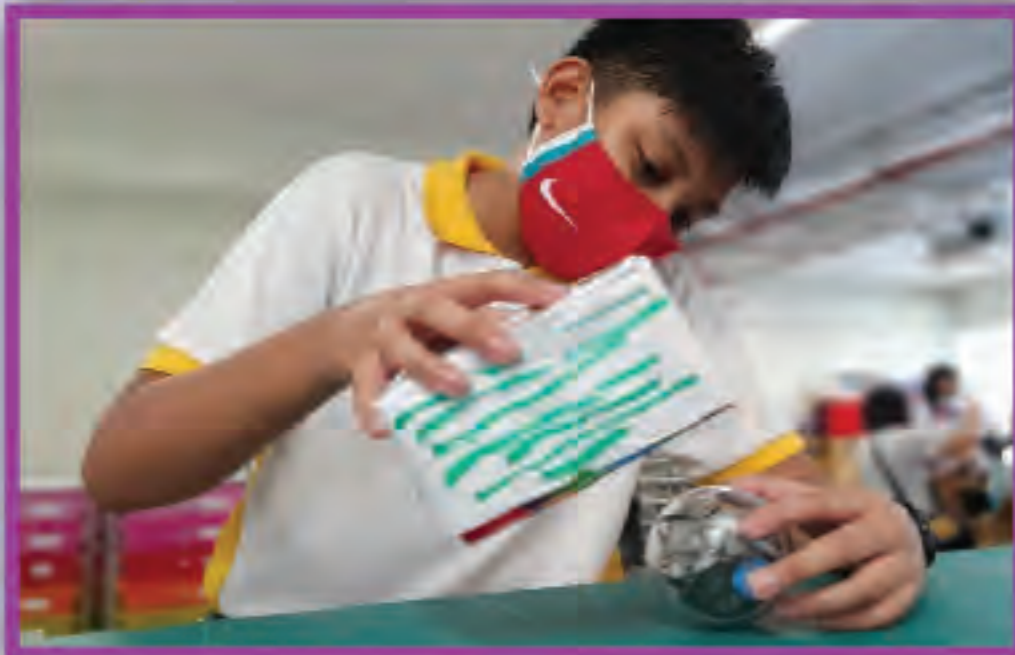
Fortunately, days after the sharing, the neighbourhood outside the school moved into the Green Dengue Alert. Through this activity, we hope to develop our students in becoming future-ready citizens and contribute to the school and community actively.



## MAKERS@INNOSPACE



In Semester 2, we tapped on blended learning to ensure the continuity of our Maker Enrichment Programme. Selected Primary 3 to 5 students who opted in for the programme were given the opportunity to develop valuable skills through Design / Make / Sew, Design / Make / Sell, Design / Make / Code and Da Vinci Programme. Students who have shown interest in PEPS Maker Education Programme but have yet to get the opportunity to join in need not despair as more unique and similar programmes will be rolled out in 2021. Do keep a look out for them!



## DIGITAL ART PROGRAMME FOR THE LOWER PRIMARY STUDENTS



The Primary 1 and 2 students embarked on a workshop to learn more about creating comic / cartoon characters. They were meaningfully engaged throughout the 4 sessions where they gained a deeper understanding of the genre of comic / cartoon illustrations in producing their characters. Our Primary 1 students received a set of stickers each while the Primary Two students had their personally-designed fridge magnets.



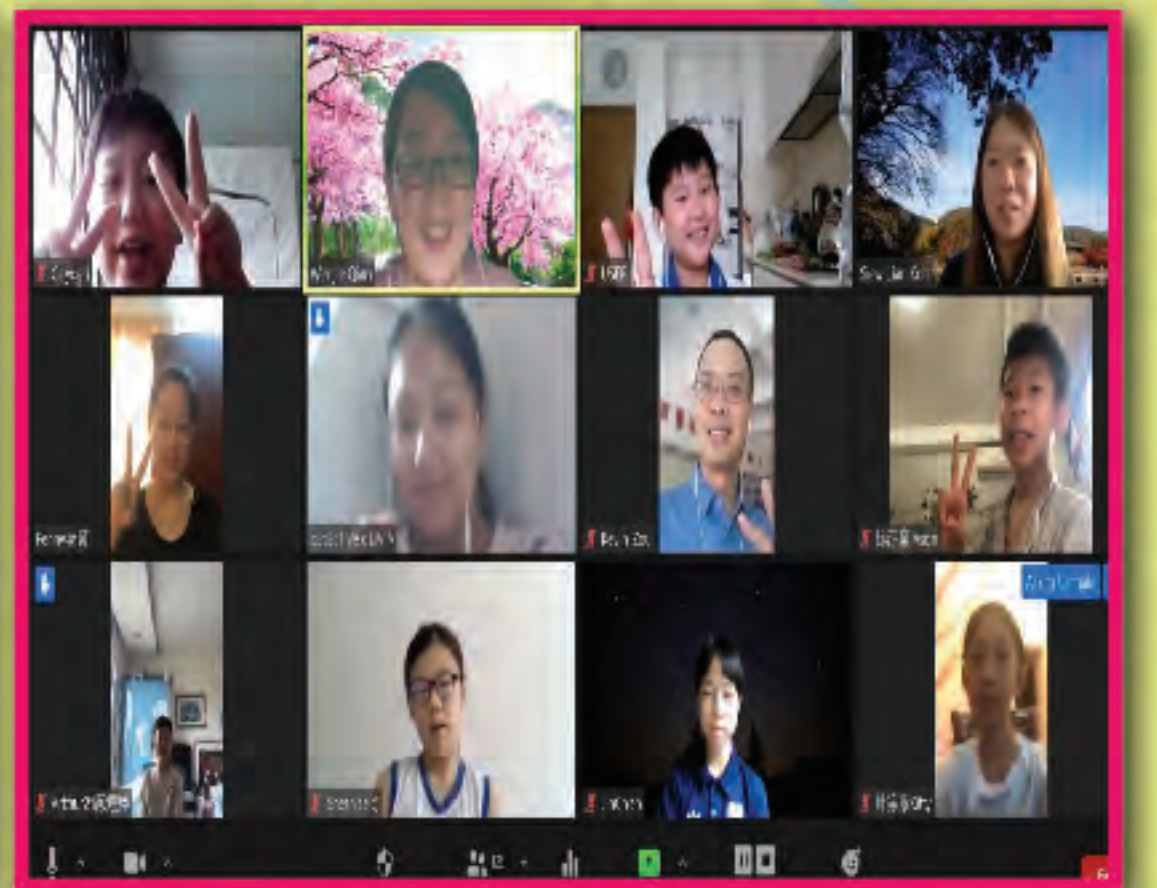
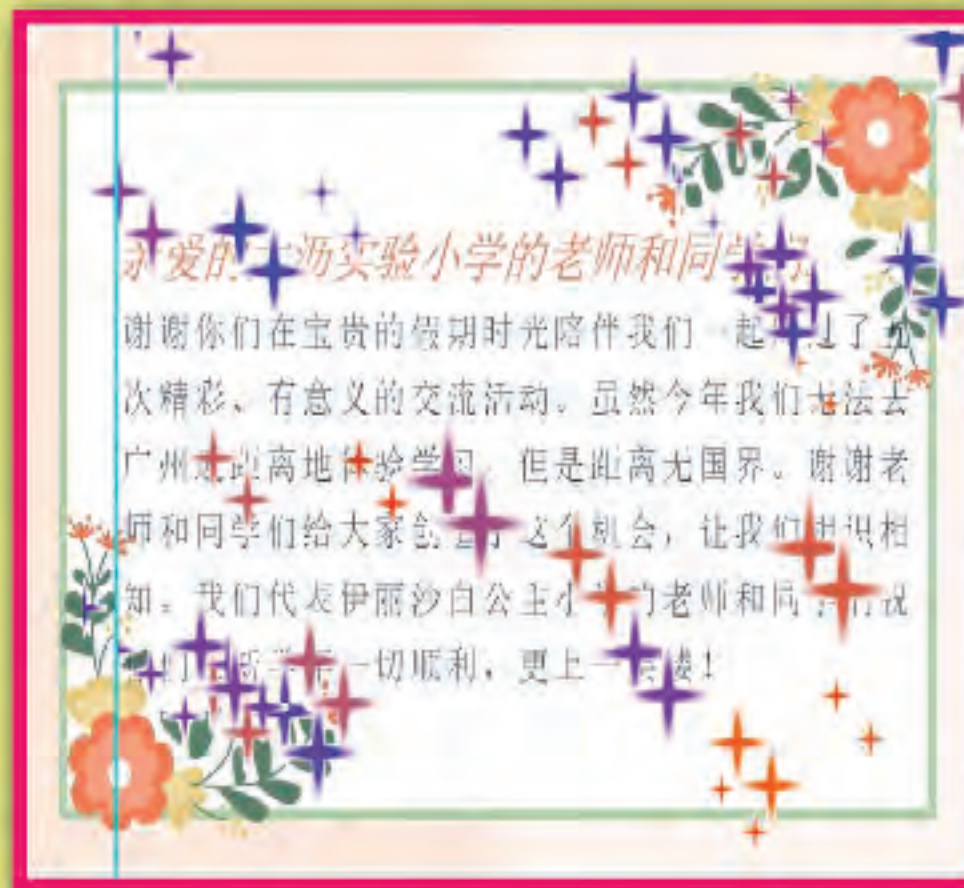
Samples of P1 sticker art designs



Our proud P2 students with their magnet designs

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## OUR VERY FIRST VIRTUAL TRIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE



The virus may keep our borders shut but it cannot suppress our students' enthusiasm for learning and interacting with their Asian counterparts. In lieu of the yearly Trips for Internalisation Experience (TIE), ten Primary 5 students 'visited' China and India virtually through the virtual TIE programme. Over five sessions, our students had a wonderful experience interacting and getting to know more about students from the Dali Experimental Primary School in Guangdong, China, and students from The Shri Ram School in New Delhi, India. Students from all three countries saw a boost in their presentation skills and gained new friendships over the waters. The end of the TIE programme just left the ten-to-eleven-year-olds yearning for more sessions and for the borders to reopen so that they can meet their international friends face-to-face.

## LEARNING FESTIVAL@PEPS

Our annual Learning Festival encourages our staff to re-connect with their professional purpose, to learn continually, be innovative, and seek holistic learning outcomes for students. For the first time, Princess Elizabeth Primary School Learning Festival with the Focus—'Ignite Imagination, Empower Communities, Transform Practice' went fully virtual on 14 October. The event line-up included over 10 virtual poster presentations and 8 concurrent sessions conducted by representatives across various departments. By providing our staff with this invaluable opportunity to conveniently engage in professional learning and networking virtually in a blended manner, staff were able to share new skills in e-pedagogy and other innovative ideas gleaned from effective classroom or home-based learning practices.



## EDUCATION AND CAREER GUIDANCE WEEK

With the aim of exposing our students to different professions, ECG (Education and Career Guidance) Week was held from 9 to 13 Nov 2020. In view of the COVID-19 situation, the P6 students met the professionals online instead of face-to-face. After learning from the professionals, in groups of 3 or 4, the students presented to their P3 and P4 schoolmates. ECG Week ended on a high note with the students coming to school dressed in costumes of different professionals for Career Day on 13 Nov 2020.



# NURTURING THE SPIRIT OF THE NATION

## NATIONAL DAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION



Standing proud (with safe-distancing measures of course!), representatives from the Uniformed Groups overcame all odds against the pandemic to practise and perform a special formation for the National Day March-in Ceremony live. Spot our lovely National Day balloon mascots in the background too.



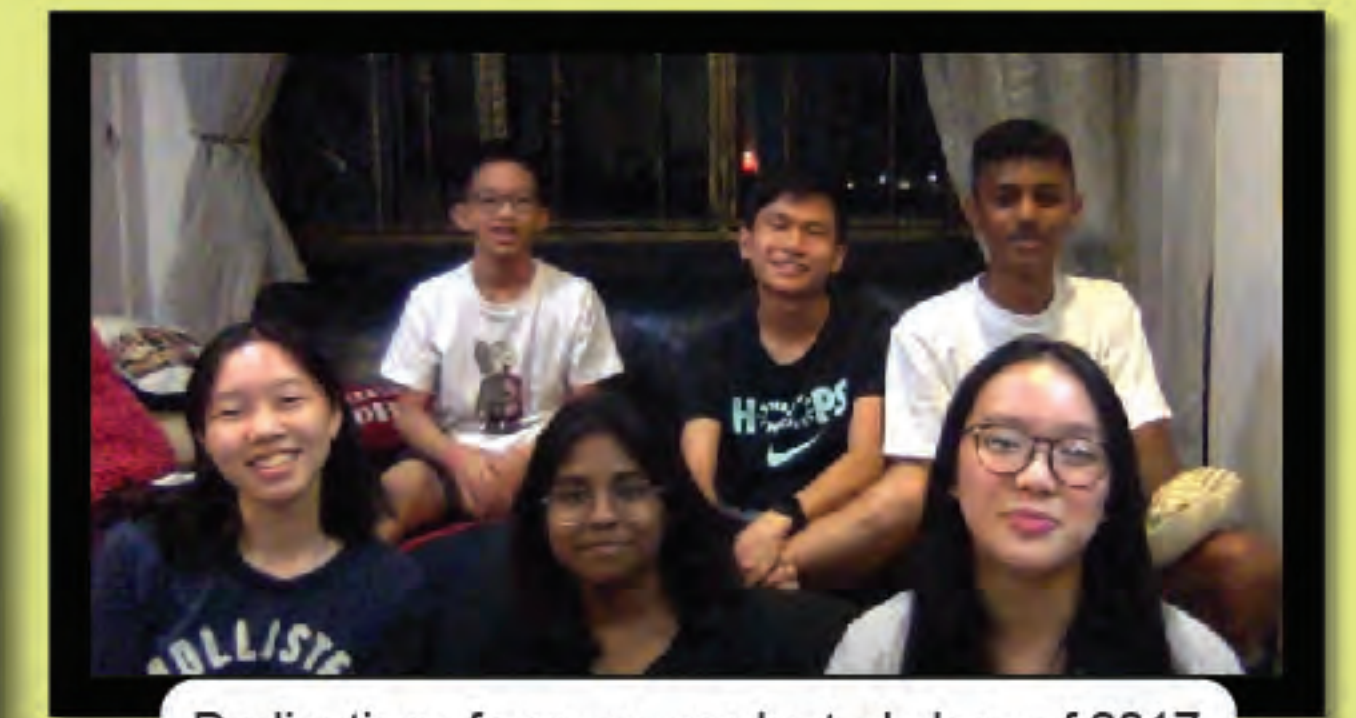
Our first-ever digital school-wide celebration! Never a dull moment though. Students donned on their beautifully-decorated masks which they had designed as part of the classroom activities to pose for a picture via Zoom with the School Leaders. What a memorable way to end the school celebrations on a high-note!



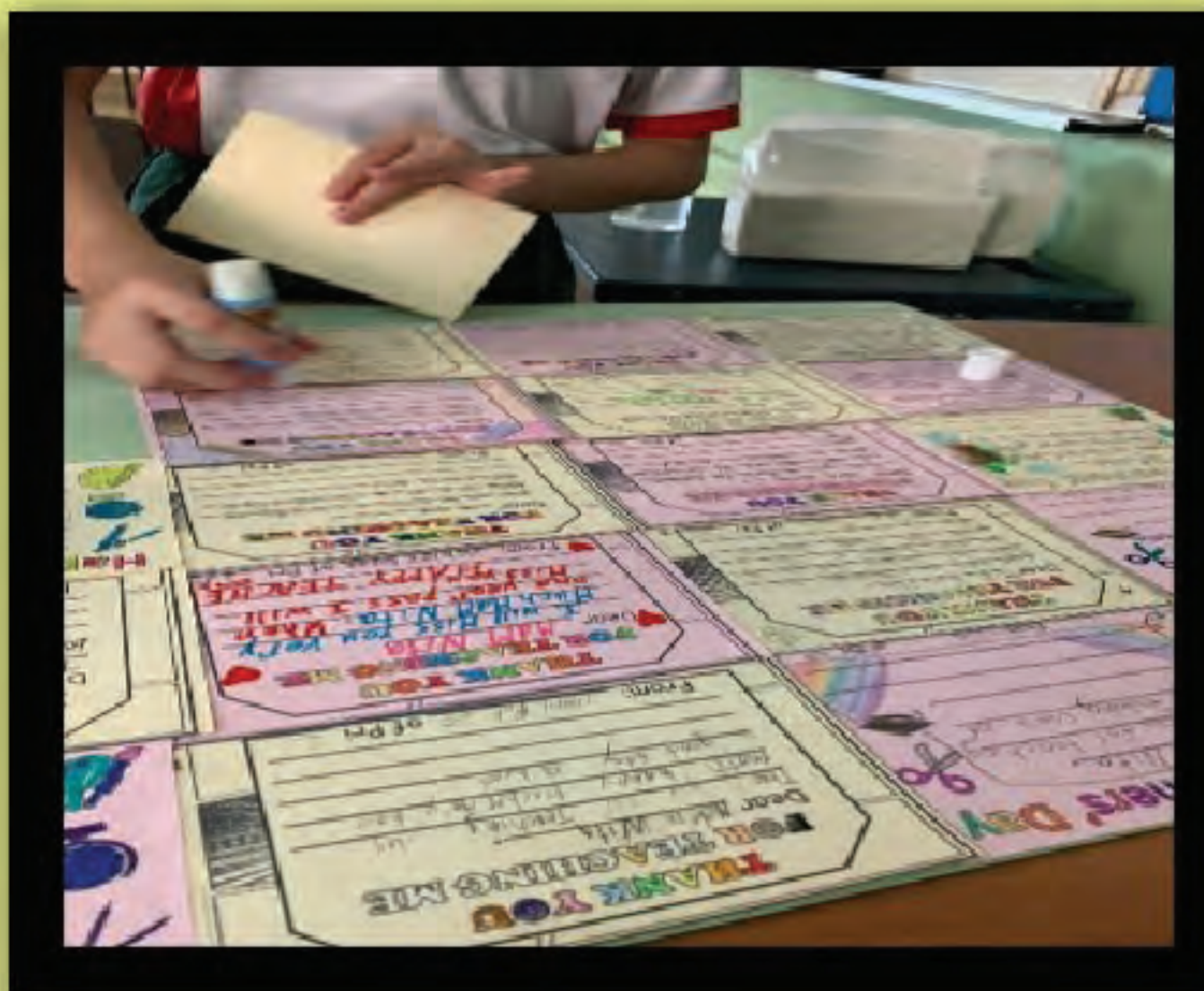
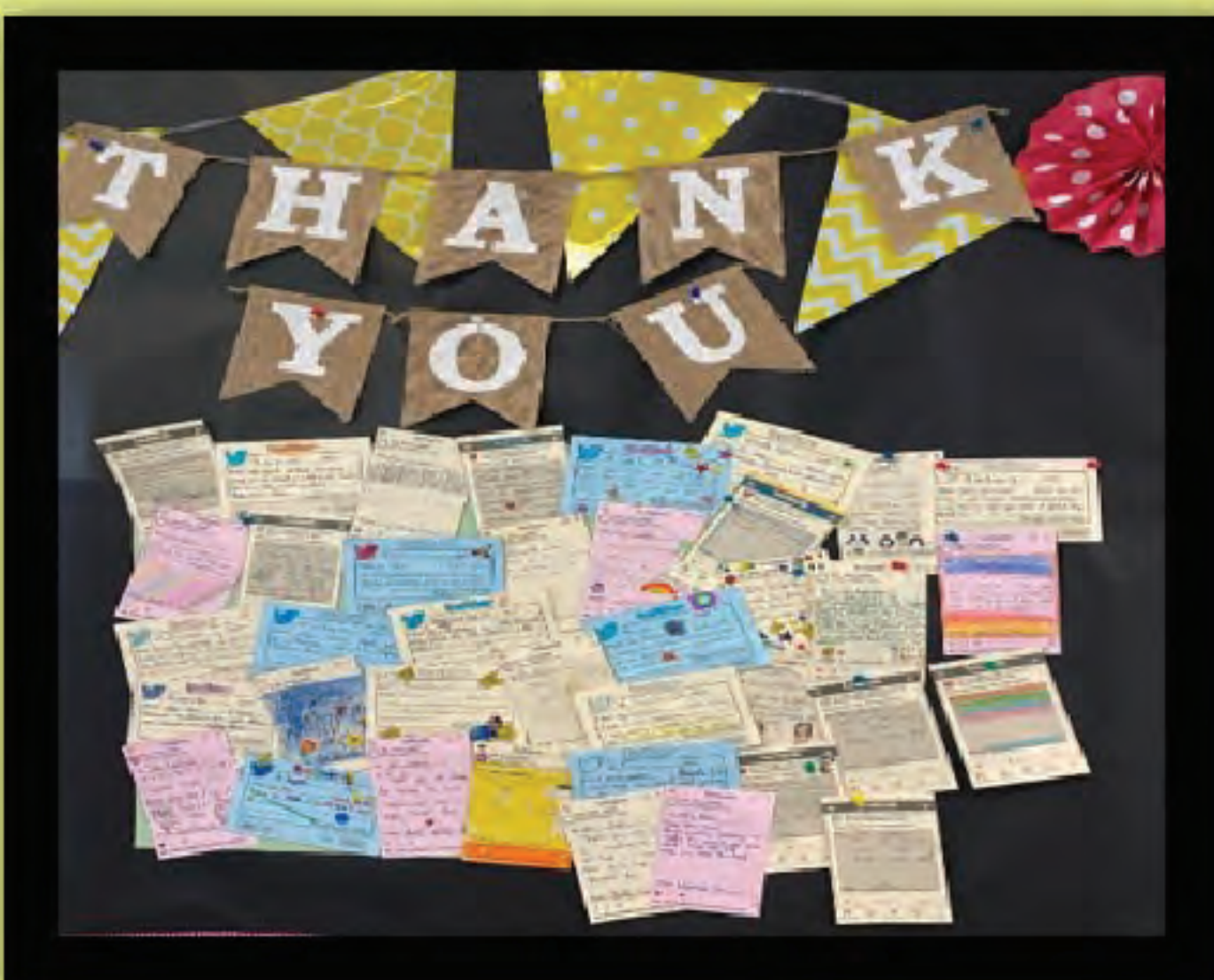
Everyone, on your feet! No one can stop us from dancing and grooving around to celebrate our nation's 55th birthday as a class!

## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

On Teachers' Day, our students expressed their appreciation for our teachers by writing gratitude cards for them in class. The school enjoyed an online concert from the comforts of their classrooms which featured pre-recorded song and dance performances by both our current and ex-students. As our ex-students were unable to come back for a visit due to COVID-19, many of them sent in messages to their ex-teachers. Our supportive parents also prepared an item for our online concert, in addition to preparing thoughtful goodie bags, to thank our teachers.



Dedications from our graduated class of 2017



Students penned their appreciation for their teachers



Song dedication from the three siblings, Faris (Class of 2014), Fatini (Class of 2016) and Faiz (Class of 2018)

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## CHILDREN'S / PAM DAY

During Children's Day celebration this year, our school organised an inaugural PAM Day, an event to provide students with the exposure and joy in the participation and engagement in PE, Art and Music activities. Students were engaged in a dance workout and art activities such as origami and zentangle. They also watched the performances for Every Child A Performer (ECAP) and a pre-recorded concert put up by our multi-talented teachers. The students and teachers had a ball of time!



Working together to create a collaborative masterpiece



Actively engaged in the dance workout



Display of collaborative artworks around the school.



Being good audience during the ECAP performances



Teachers working together to put up performances.



## CLEAN PLATE CAMPAIGN 2020

In collaboration with Food from the Heart, PEPS participated in the Clean Plate Campaign 2020. The objective of the campaign is to inculcate the value of saving food, reducing food waste and to empathise with the less fortunate, whose families struggle to put food on their tables. Students will need to finish up every edible part of a proper meal during recess. With each plate they clean, they contribute \$1 to the Project Belanja Fund. The Project Belanja Fund aims to support families who struggle to bring food to their tables during the Covid-19 pandemic. Within three weeks of the campaign, our school collectively raised \$6736 for the Project Belanja Fund. Good job, PEPS!



## CLEANERS' APPRECIATION DAY

As part of our Primary 4 Values in Action (VIA) programme, our students commemorated the annual Cleaners' Appreciation Day on 8 October 2020. Our Primary 4 students designed an appreciation card and wrote a heartfelt message to the cleaners. This is to show gratitude to the cleaners' services in helping to keep the school community clean and safe, for working especially hard this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To empathise and understand the challenges and struggles of the cleaners' job, our Primary 4 students put cleaning into action by helping to clean their homes. In order to excite and motivate our students to do this, we encouraged them to video the cleaning process in a creative manner.

Our Kindness Ambassadors also put together hampers for every cleaner and presented to them as a token of appreciation for their hard work. Through a series of activities and events, we hope our students exercise empathy and play an active role in promoting good environmental habits, and at the same time, show respect to the cleaners.



# LEVERAGING HOME-SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## STUDENT RECOGNITION: ASPIRE CORE VALUE CHAMPIONS

As our students work their way towards character excellence by living out the ASPIRE core values, we must never forget to recognise their efforts in doing so. Students nominated as Core Value Champions will receive these personalised Core Value Champion Recognition Cards which are designed to allow teachers to pen down specific praises and heartening words of encouragement for them. Engage your child in positive conversations and celebrate their good character alongside their teachers when they proudly take home these cards to share with you!



## A BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR 3PIE MEMBERS

Despite the physical restrictions, our 3PIE members were never far away and remained as involved in many of our celebrations and continued to volunteer their services for the school's activities. Members also continued to hold online workshops to encourage and support one another.



## AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY 2020 – THE GRIT IN US

Against the backdrop of COVID-19, we celebrated the grit, resilience and adaptability of our students, rather than just their academic excellence in this year's Awards Presentation Ceremony. The theme for this year's Awards Presentation Ceremony was thus aptly named "The Grit in Us" and we digitized the celebratory platform. We would like to thank our School Advisory Committee (SAC) Chairperson, Mr Patrick Ang, and Vice Chairperson, Ms Jacquelin Tay, for gracing the occasion. Kudos to all for the hard work in making the event a success!



Over several videography sessions, our students took turns to go onstage to receive the Academic Progress, Character Excellence, CCA Achievement, Student Leadership and SAC awards

Our Principal, Mdm Moliah, presented our student's artwork as a token of appreciation to our SAC Chairperson, Mr Patrick Ang



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## A BIG THANK YOU TO MR WONG AND MDM CHEW FOR NURTURING GENERATIONS OF PEPS STUDENTS



Mdm Chew Tuck Wah, FT of P1C, received her long service award from our principal, Mdm Moliah on 12 October 2020. Mdm Chew joined the service in 1979. Her first posting was to the now defunct Telok Belanga Primary School where she fondly remembers the open-air assemblies as the school did not have a hall. She joined PEPS in January 1991 and was wowed by the amenities here. Mdm Chew has welcomed many generations of Primary One students, including her son, who was a former PEPS student. Thank you for 41 years of dedicated service, Mdm Chew! PEPS is glad to have you back with us!



For decades, Mr Wong has been inspiring all with his passion for Art. Long after the students had graduated, they remember his engaging Art lessons and unstinting encouragement. A teacher with PEPS since he joined the service in 1983, Mr Wong shared, "I enjoy teaching in this school because the teachers and School Leaders work very well together to develop our students holistically. I have, through the years, seen how our dedication and passion, together with the excellent support from parents have enabled the students of Princess Elizabeth to Learn, Love and Lead". Thank you, Mr Wong, for bringing joy to our budding artists. We are delighted to have you with us!



## HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LEAD TEACHER, MDM CHENG MEE ENG, FOR BEING AWARDED THE FELLOW OF AST 2020



Mdm Cheng's dedication and commitment to the professional development of Math teachers makes her an outstanding Lead Teacher and a remarkable educator. Let us join hands and applaud Mdm Cheng, whose passion for Math has inspired many teachers and students alike.



## OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are very privileged to introduce our new staff members who have joined the school in 2020.



Mdm Kwan Yue Hua  
Assistant Year Head,  
Lower Primary



Ms Rahmat Begum Binte  
Mohaiyadeen Abdul Kader Sahib  
ICT Manager

## FAREWELLS

We bid a fond farewell to the following colleagues and wish them the best in their future endeavours.



Mdm Gui Wan Ping



Miss Siti Robita Binti  
Ahmad Asrori



Miss Gomez Frances  
Lorraine



Mr Ng Kwang Meng,  
James



Miss Han Jian