

# Pasirian Voice



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Education will always remain a lifelong journey of adapting to changes and embracing the necessary aptitude, attitude, skills and knowledge to prepare for the uncertainties of the future.

Here in PRPS, we constantly strive to provide a positive experience for all our students as we prepare them for the next stage of their learning and discovering educational journey.

In this regard, every member of the Pasirian family – management, teachers, support staff, vendors and parents – has an important role to play in preparing our students for the future. In addition to the values, skills and knowledge taught in the classroom, it is also important that our students have an enjoyable educational experience where they have the time and space to discover their strengths and become independent lifelong learners.

The pages that follow showcases what our school has done in the continuous transformation of our students as we continue to **live out our school values** through our desire for the Pursuit of Excellence, to show **Respect for All**, to inculcate **Passion for Learning** and to **Share and Care** for all Pasirians.

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The students buzzed with excitement and anticipation as some teachers walked into the hall and parade square decked in their favourite book character outfits. The English Festival (EL Fest) was celebrated over a period of two days, 25 and 26 February, and students were served with a buffet of interesting activities.

Apart from activities like Guessing the Book Character, Rhyming Words, Tongue Twisters and Good English Quiz using Kahoot, there was also a Book Character Portrayal Contest held at the school library where students were judged based on their costumes, creativity and presentation. Students presented their creativity by using recycled daily items to create their desired costumes and a showcase of amazing talents were visible on stage. The judges were totally impressed by their outstanding effort and performances at such a young age.

There was also a Spelling Contest and a Literature Quiz to challenge our Upper Primary bookworms. A Design-A-Book Cover Competition was held and the book covers of all entries were displayed at the school library. The students enjoyed the event tremendously and look forward to next year's festival.



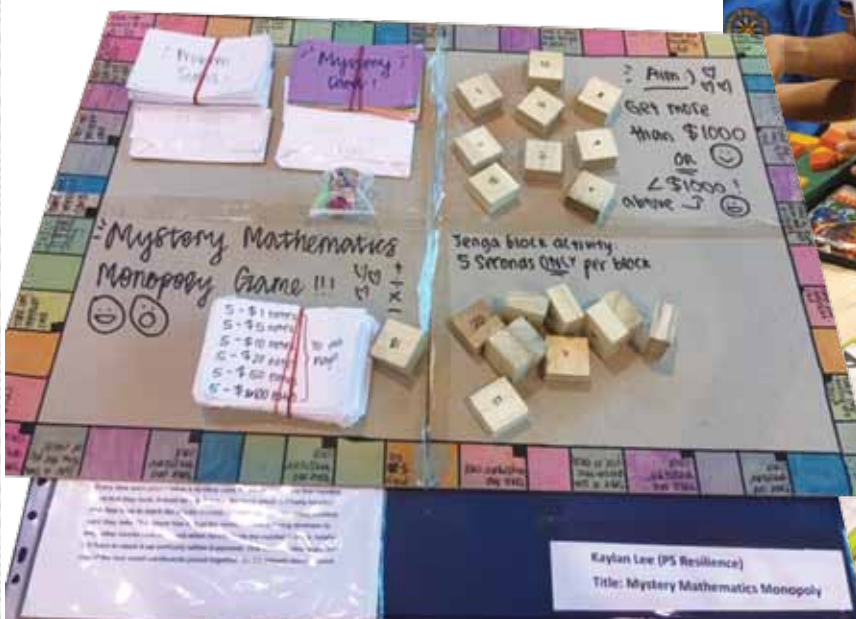


# RHD & MATH FUN WEEK

'The Singapore Connection' – this year's theme for Racial Harmony Day (RHD) was well reflected in the array of activities planned by the Mathematics and Mother Tongue Languages departments as our annual Math Fun Week coincided with RHD.

The activities were organised to simultaneously inject fun in learning and expose help our students develop a deeper understanding of the different cultures. To kick start the week, our teachers performed a skit to bring out the importance of maintaining racial and religious harmony in the country and to convey the message that Math is in everyday life.

There were guessing and traditional games during recess. Students were invited to participate in a Rubik Cube Challenge, Game Design Competition, Poster Design Competition and Sudoku Game Challenge. The celebrations were a great success, judging from the positive feedback from both our students and teachers.





## DISCOVERY COVE

Our Discovery Cove was officially launched in January this year and is designed to promote learning through play. Students can also apply problem solving skills in a fun and stimulating learning environment.

Comprising of seven stations, students are exposed to different physical Science concepts such as different forms of energy, energy conversion, forces and renewable energy through play. The authentic learning experience offered at the Discover Cove is indeed a unique and engaging adventure for the students.





# NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

The school hall was filled with students' wondrous "ooohs" and "ahhhs" one morning, on 1 August 2019. Our school had truly outdone itself for the National Day celebration this year.

With Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Mr Teo Chee Hean gracing the occasion, PRPS celebrated the nation's bicentennial with a carnival prepared by our P3 and P6 Pasirians and a musical which encouraged the audience to reflect on our interconnectedness – aptly entitled 'The Singapore Connection'. Our talented performers immersed the audience into the key moments of Singapore's 700-year history with music, dance and props. The onstage transitions marvelled everyone as Singapore's history unfolded before their eyes.

The occasion also saw our Pasirians playing host to a group of seniors from the Lions Befrienders and friends from the Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore, extending our celebrations to the larger community.

With our Pasirians showing appreciation for the diverse flow of people and ideas that the school and Singapore has created, we hope to have truly shown that we embody 'The Singapore Connection'.









# CULTURAL IMMERSION TRIPS

The 4-day trip to Ho Chi Minh City on 10-13 April 2019 was an enriching and unforgettable experience for selected P5 students as they explored the rich culture and history of Vietnam.

The visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels was an eye-opener as our students learnt about how and why the tunnels were built. They also had the chance to go through one of the tunnels and experience how it felt to be in such a small tunnel. At the Cu Chi Agricultural Village, our students had a memorable experience in the paddy field where they were taught how to plant rice from scratch and appreciated the hard work of the farmers.

Our students also enjoyed the interaction with their local buddies from Nguyen Van Troi Primary School. Both the local students and our Pasirians gathered in the school hall to present the performances that they had prepared. This was followed by a singalong session and mass aerobic workout. The students ended the visit with exchanges of gifts and handshakes. It was really heartening to see how friendships were formed between the local students and our Pasirians despite the short period of interaction.

This trip to Vietnam had given our Pasirians an opportunity to learn more about a different way of life and the rich history of one of our ASEAN neighbours. At the same time, new friendships were built amongst our Pasirians as they got to know their schoolmates from different classes better. Despite their differences and being away from home, they were able to overcome the obstacles and work together harmoniously.

# VIETNAM





# CAMBODIA

How fortunate were the selected P5 students who got to experience one of the Seven Wonders of the World – the Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia? As our students admired the sunset against the kingdom of wonder, they reflected on their enriching journey in Cambodia thus far.

From 10 to 13 April 2019, our Pasirians also visited Propeng Po Primary School to interact with their students. It did take a while for our students to warm up to the Khmer children as they quickly found out that they did not have a shared language. However, the patience and joy shown on the faces of both our Pasirians and the Khmer students were priceless as they played uninhibitedly with one another, participating in the games that our students had prepared beforehand. Our Pasirians left the school feeling grateful for all that they have, living in Singapore.

Our Pasirians enjoyed the Phare Circus performance which showcased the lives of the Khmer people. They also visited the landmine museum which displayed the many detonated landmines that had been used in the civil unrest the Cambodians had faced, only up till recently. Having never experienced such devastation, our Pasirians showed great empathy towards the plight of the Khmer.

The trip was educational and had such an impact on our Pasirians as they got to witness the lives and culture of the Cambodian people.





# HEAD PREFECT ELECTION CAMPAIGN

'Cooling-off day'. 'Campaign speeches'. These were some of the key phrases our students picked up in our inaugural Head Prefect Election Campaign this year. The election campaign is an opportunity for our students to make an informed decision on whom they see as a role model to lead them in school.

The P5 Senior prefects, who were interested to run for the election, went through a process of nomination and interviews to be selected to be one of three candidates to run for the election. The three chosen candidates then gave their campaign speeches in front of the whole school. We even had a "cooling-off" day before the whole school voted on Election Day.

On Election Day, all teaching staff and students were given the rights to vote for their choice of the Head Prefect. Polling stations were set up with individual iPads to give the feel of the General Election. Class by class, the students and teachers cast their votes. This was a unique experience for our students to have their voice heard on who would be the school's Head Prefect.



## STAFF VIA

What an opportunity it was for our school leaders and teachers to spend an afternoon engaged in meaningful Values in Action (VIA) activities!

One group of teachers went grocery shopping with a seniors from Lions Befrienders. With some even walking hand-in-hand, the experience was invaluable to both our teachers and seniors as they fondly spent time together. It was heartening to see the smiles on everyone's faces.

Teachers who took part in the Kayak Waterway Clean-Up Programme learnt about the impact of litter on wildlife and the environment. They paddled through the waters to do their part to clean up some of the litter hot-spots around the Kallang Basin. Through this activity, they witnessed the magnitude of resources that has gone into cleaning the waterway in Singapore.

Another group of teachers visited Genesis School for Special Education. They participated in craft and sandwich-making sessions together with the students. The teachers better understood the different needs, experiences and challenges that the students, their caretakers and teachers face.

The VIA activities gave staff the opportunity to reflect on our experiences and how we can and should continue to give back to our community.





## REFLECTIONS OF NEW STAFF

### **Ms Pamela Tan**



PRPS is always in pursuit of excellence for both staff and students in terms of conduct and integrity. The bond among the teachers and students is strong. My colleagues are friendly and always willing to lend a helping hand. They make me feel at home and I feel like I am a part of a family.

### **Miss Ayesha Ridhwana Bte Md Naina Maricoir**



PRPS has given me the avenue for self-discovery and growth. The enthusiastic aura amongst teachers and students is infectious. I am heartened to see my students looking forward to lessons and becoming confident individuals. I am deeply grateful to be part of the Pasirian family and am hoping to create more memorable moments with my students!

### **Mdm Agnes Tan Siew Ying**



The enthusiasm, innocence and laughter of students as well as the camaraderie spirit of colleagues are reasons why PRPS is so special to me. I am honoured to be part of the Pasirian family who is always positive and supportive. I look forward to many fulfilling years ahead.

### **Mdm Lim Li Peng Grace**



This is my first time working in a school and everyone in the school has given me the support and help that I needed. I feel at home and a part of a big family. I'm really grateful to be here and I'm hoping to create more memorable moments with everyone!

### **Mdm Aliza Bte Mhd Shariff**



Students are willing to make progress and are active learners. Colleagues are really wonderful and approachable. All school programmes are always efficiently and successfully implemented and conducted. Staff welfare is well-taken care of by SET. In a nutshell, it has been a meaningful and fruitful experience here at PRPS.

### **Mdm Juliana Bte Abdul Malik**



This is my first time working with primary school students. It is certainly a novel experience for me. I am appreciative of the hospitality and warmth that my new colleagues have shown me and I'm looking forward to an engaging and rewarding time here.

### **Mr Teo Yi Zuo Richard**



My first year in PRPS has been both enriching and fulfilling. The teachers and staff in PRPS are positive, friendly and committed. They are always ready to share their teaching ideas and provide guidance on how things work and have enabled me to transit smoothly to the new teaching environment. The students in PRPS are respectful and willing to learn and I have a great time teaching the students. I am happy to be part of the Pasirian family.

### **Mdm Nur Hidayah Bte Md Roslan**



As a new staff, I am blessed to be a part of the Pasirian family. I enjoy working in the school and I'm excited to embrace the challenges. I look forward to making more wonderful memories!

### **Mr Mohamad Sapiee bin Mohamad Sabar**



When I made the decision to move to PRPS after spending a decade in my previous school, I was understandably both concerned and excited with the new challenges that lay ahead. Needless to say, my new colleagues in PRPS have been wonderful and instrumental in easing me into the Pasirian family. The genuine care shown to the well-being of both staff and students has made my steep learning curve more bearable and enjoyable. I am looking forward to be a positive member of the Pasirian family for many years to come. Thank you PRPS for sparking joy back to this educator!





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