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2020 has indeed been a challenging year. The unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the pace of learning and compelled a change in mindset for many of us.

Teachers and students have worked together to overcome the challenges of Full Home-Based Learning and Safe Management Measures, to ensure meaningful learning and a safe school environment for all.

We look forward to improving our processes and teaching methodology to help our students inculcate the habit of lifelong independent learning and at the same time, imparting values of responsibility, resilience and self-care.

This publication captures all these efforts as we strive to Be Our Best through our Pasirian desire to embrace the Pursuit of Excellence, to show Respect for All, to inculcate Passion for Learning and to exhibit Share and Care.

Communications and Media Committee 2020
DRAMA STRATEGIES IN P4 EL LESSONS

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” The Lorax by Dr Seuss

The P4 students participated in a drama workshop based on Dr Seuss’s The Lorax conducted by the P4 English teachers. In the workshop, they learnt various drama strategies that helped them to comprehend the story and fully immerse themselves in it.

The students learnt drama strategies like Hot-Seating, Tap and Speak, Freeze Frame, Role-On-The-Wall, Conscience Alley, Thought Tracking and Teacher-in-Role.

Reflections:

“The drama strategies are useful and exciting. They encourage us to speak up more in class. I enjoyed acting out the different scenes in the story.”
– Lutfi (P4 Compassion)

“They help me visualise the story and understand the characters better. I look forward to the weekly drama lessons.”
– Damian Tean (P4 Compassion)

“The drama strategies gave me ideas from other’s perspectives. It is exciting to act out the different characters and imagine ourselves being there, going through the different scenarios.”
– Vivaan Sharma (P4 Tenacity)

“I really enjoyed the drama workshop. Through the drama strategies, I learnt how to express myself better, have better facial expressions and gestures to bring across the character’s feelings and the main message of the story.
– Jannatul Ferdaus (P4 Tenacity)
PRPS commemorated Racial Harmony Day cum Maths Fun Day with a twist due to the pandemic. Instead of a live skit in the hall watched by the whole school, the Mother Tongue Languages and Mathematics Departments brought the show to all classes via a Zoom session.

The event aimed to instill the importance of maintaining racial and religious harmony in students and to convey the message that Maths is fun.

The event kicked off with interviews with various essential workers of different races, followed by a creative Tik Tok presentation on traditional games. It finally ended off with a Rubik Cube Challenge.
The P3 students worked collaboratively and explored growing mushrooms using kits. Students gained knowledge on the conditions needed for mushrooms to grow and acquired process skills during the activities.

The students made hypotheses prior to conducting the experiment. During the activities, they made comparisons between plant and fungi growing conditions. They were also able to discover the conditions needed for optimal mushroom growth.

The students were proud of their grown mushrooms. This experiential learning experience provided opportunities for students to develop their scientific reasoning skills and uncover misconceptions about fungi. It also taught them to be more appreciative of their food and raised their awareness on the importance of reducing food wastage.
The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for the world, including Singapore. However, it has also brought Character & Citizenship Education lessons to life - about personal and social responsibility, caring for others and emerging stronger. The pandemic did not dampen but has instead further inspired Pasirians to deepen their compassion and empathy for the community through the Values in Action (VIA) projects they embarked on.

**P1 & P2 – Together, We Care**
P1 and P2 Pasirians showed compassion to their family members by being responsible and helping out at home. By doing so, they learn the importance of being an active and caring family member.

**P3 – Animal Hero**
During the March school holidays, P3 Pasirians became advocates of responsible pet owners. In partnership with SPCA, they completed the Animal Hero card by sharing messages of being a responsible pet owner to their friends, neighbours and family members. This project enabled them to internalise the value of responsibility and develop care for the animals.

**P4 – Garden City**
To instil a sense of responsibility amongst our students, P4 Pasirians embarked on a gardening activity. Aligning with our national goal of improving food security, the students learned about Singapore’s vulnerable position, being exposed to uncertainties in the global market. They took the responsibility to plant, monitor the growth and harvest their kangkong plants. During the circuit-breaker period, some students managed to grow their kangkong at home and were able to share their harvest with family members.

**P5 – My Guiding Star**
With the theme ‘Safe & Strong Community, P5 Pasirians embarked on a project to instil the importance of an inclusive community in Singapore. In partnership with AWWA School, our Pasirians learnt more about children with multiple disabilities and autism. While they were unable to visit their friends from AWWA School, friendships were still forged. They wrote pen-pal letters to their friends from AWWA School, sharing words of encouragement during the pandemic. In addition to that, they also raised almost $2000 to our partner school, Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore (CPAS) to show our continuous support and empathy for children with disabilities and special needs.

**P6 – 5ive2u**
Addressing the issue of ageing population in Singapore, P6 Pasirians collaborated with P3 Pasirians in their VIA project in partnership with Lions Befrienders. Our P3 Pasirians carried out a donation drive for four essential items that the seniors needed such as air fresheners, mosquito repellents, mask holders and chicken essence. P6 Pasirians contributed the last item by planning a Zoom session for the seniors at Lions Befrienders. As a class, they sang favourite oldies, played games and performed a skit to entertain the seniors and lift their spirits.
Learn to Serve. Serve to Learn

Our Pasirians leveraged the opportunities brought about by the COVID-19 crisis to learn new skills such as adaptability and resilience. Guided by the Student Leadership Challenge, our senior Pasirians mentored their juniors on the Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership. At the end of their journey, the juniors wrote gratitude cards to their seniors for guiding them to become compassionate leaders. We are proud of all our students as they overcame the challenges faced and emerged as more compassionate and confident critical thinkers. Most importantly, our Pasirians internalised the belief that every Pasrian is a leader.

iLead 1.4 – Welcome to My School

The P4 seniors mentored their P1 juniors in making an introductory video of PRPS. Using their knowledge and skills acquired from English Language drama lessons, the seniors mentored their juniors in writing a script and speaking confidently. The students’ work was later used to introduce PRPS to parents and children during P1 Orientation.

iLead 2.5 - KeepSGgoing

The P5 seniors mentored their P2 juniors in writing messages of encouragement and designing posters for different groups of community heroes – delivery workers, health personnel, postmen, shop owners, fire fighters and the policemen. During the last session, three postmen from Singapore Post joined the Zoom session to show their appreciation to the Pasirians and shared the daily challenges of a postman during the COVID-19 pandemic.

iLead 3.6 – 5ive2u

The P6 seniors mentored their P3 juniors in understanding the needs and challenges faced by senior citizens during the pandemic. To exhibit this understanding, they guided the juniors through the safety measures that they had to adhere to as they completed their VIA project together. This included the importance of safe distancing as they packed the ‘goodie bag’ for the seniors at Lions Befrienders and sanitising the donated items before packing them to ensure that the items donated were safe for the senior citizens. The seniors also gave encouragement cards to their juniors to remind them of the importance of being a compassionate mentor as they take over the baton as mentors when they are in P4 in 2021.
Election fever was in the air in PRPS as our P3 - P6 students exercised their right to vote for their student leader representatives. The timing of the election for this year also coincided with our General Elections. Due to Covid-19, we held a virtual Election Campaign and votes were cast online.

The PRPS Head Prefect election is designed to fulfill two purposes. It serves as a gateway for deserving student leaders to be elected to the highest student leadership position in the school. It also provides our P3-P6 students with the opportunity to exercise their student voice in choosing their preferred candidates to represent the student body.

The entire process kicked off with the senior prefects expressing their interest in being part of the Prefects' Executive Committee. All this took place during the circuit breaker period, so the interviews had to be conducted virtually. It was a new experience for all but our student leaders rose to the occasion and were confident in expressing themselves during the interviews.

Subsequently, three candidates were shortlisted for the second round of interviews with the School Leaders and Year Head (Upper Primary). On top of that, the candidates had to prepare their personalised e-posters and campaign speeches by themselves.

On cooling-off day, there was no more campaigning. All Pasirians reflected on what the candidates had shared and made their choices by casting their votes virtually.

After an arduous and momentous campaign, we would like to congratulate our new office bearers for 2021:

- Elisha Ho Ee Shan (5 Empathy) Head Prefect
- Nur Yaqyn Binte Mohamad Nadzir (5 Sincerity) Deputy Head Prefect
- Thng Yong Xin Udelle (5 Tenacity) Deputy Head Prefect

Serve to Learn. Learn to Serve.
The Mother Tongue Languages Department organised the Chinese New celebration with the help of the Parents Support Group. A concert was held on 24 January showcasing our talented Pasirians. Students from the various CCAs like Taekwondo, Guzheng and Wushu entertained the students and teachers.

In line with our effort to go green, the students were encouraged to bring recycled materials for the class activities. The students worked together, using these materials to create collages to decorate the classrooms.

Recess activities were conducted on 4 February to provide opportunities for students to learn about the Chinese culture. Chinese New Year greetings were hung on a Wishing Tree which was then placed in the canteen.

The students enjoyed interactive activities like calligraphy and paper origami as well as the opportunity to watch and participate in Lo Hei or prosperity toss, a significant practice by Chinese Singaporeans during Chinese New Year.
Celebrating National Day this year was very special indeed. For the first time, the celebration was brought online via a Zoom session. With the theme ‘Together, A Stronger Singapore’, the celebration aimed to unite Pasirians and demonstrate our social and psychological resilience, regardless of race, language or religion. In addition to that, we wanted to promote compassion and kindness amongst Pasirians amidst the adversity we were facing due to the pandemic.

The celebration was graced by our Guest of Honour (GOH), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Mr Teo Chee Hean. A group of Pasirians had the opportunity to converse with Mr Teo Chee Hean, where he shared his favourite National Day song and his most memorable National Day celebration when he was a student.

Our Pasirians participated in a number of activities to deepen their sense of belonging to the nation including ‘Our Heart for SG’ activity, where they wrote solidarity messages for the nation to encourage everyone to be resilient. They also played a Kahoot game on local traditional food, performed a sit-down work-out as well as participated in a sing-along session with PRPS virtual choir.

PRPS was honoured to host a group of our frontline community heroes from the Lions Befrienders, Pasir Ris Polyclinic and Pasir Ris Neighbourhood Police Centre in our virtual concert. All Pasirians joined our GOH in the last segment of the concert. During ‘Light Up Moment’, our Pasirians waved the national flag to show solidarity with the nation and shone their handphone lights to show their gratitude to the community heroes. The celebration reiterated the importance of inspiring hope and confidence amongst Singaporeans. By rallying together, we can emerge stronger after the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, a stronger Singapore!
REFLECTIONS OF NEW STAFF

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Hearts beating as one

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I have so many of you to thank for the fond memories that I have after spending almost 7 fulfilling years in PRPS. The signature of PRPS being a school with a caring and collaborative culture is something I will greatly miss.

It is definitely hard for me to say goodbye but it is a necessary process to refresh the school leadership team so that we can bring fresh ideas, perspectives and strengths to help PRPS turn from good to great.

I cherish every moment that I have with the staff, doing all we can so that we provide the best for every child. Providing the best for every child is no small feat. Very often, each staff member has to make personal sacrifices that others do not see. I take my hat off to each one of you for having the strong conviction to do the right thing even when it is not easy. This is testimony of the school philosophy that we do not give up on any child and we believe that each child can achieve.

Having known the strong belief that the staff in PRPS have in our students, I hope Pasirians will be encouraged to put in your best in your learning. COVID-19 teaches us that life can throw you a curve ball or challenges any time. You need to learn to struggle and it is part of a learning process to develop you into a stronger individual. The struggle is an experience you have to go through as you pursue excellence in whatever you do.

In your pursuit of excellence, you cannot do it alone. You have to learn to work together and help one another in the process. Some of you who learn faster, you can help your friends who may be slower. If you see a classmate or schoolmate looking sad and lonely, go forward and provide your friendship as one day someone will do the same to you. We need to continue to grow the spirit of sharing and care for one another if we want to achieve greater success as a school.

I would like to share with you a quote by the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew, “There’s a glorious rainbow that beckons those with the spirit of adventure. And there are rich findings at the end of the rainbow. Look at that horizon, follow that rainbow, go ride it.” I hope every Pasirian will develop the values and dispositions that can help you ride that rainbow and find the veins of gold. Be brave to take on challenges, go through failures and learn much more through the experiences. You will not walk this journey alone as your teachers, parents and peers will be there to support you in achieving your best.

Best wishes,
Mdm Siti Nazrah Abdul Rahman
Vice-Principal, 2014-2020