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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Time flies! We are approaching the end of the 2024 academic year, and throughout this journey, our school has remained dedicated to nurturing our Yumin Champions into **"Flourishing Champions, Future-Ready Learners, and Gracious Citizens."**

In this issue, I would like to share how we have collaborated to establish a strong foundation for our Yumin Champions, specifically by fostering their growth as self-directed learners. Together, we empower them to embrace their educational journeys with confidence and independence.

For our Yumin Champions to effectively navigate a changing environment as they grow, it is crucial to equip them with the skills and competencies needed to take charge of their own learning. This includes identifying their learning needs, setting personal goals, and pursuing knowledge independently. They must learn to make decisions, such as selecting appropriate resources, adjusting their strategies, and evaluating their progress. This journey demands a high level of motivation, responsibility, and self-discipline, thus enabling them to learn effectively both within and beyond structured educational settings.

At Yumin Primary School, we strive to create such opportunities, including initiatives like prefects gathering student voices through the 3S programme, student leaders spearheading community projects, and students assessing their own learning, our 'Catalyst' Applied Learning Programme, among others. These experiences encourage students to set clear goals, develop time management and planning skills, solve problems, collaborate, explore, and engage in self-assessment. Soft skills are equally important that support their growth. We create a safe space for them to develop the courage to try new ideas, learn from mistakes, and foster a growth mindset and self-confidence.

We look forward to another year of meaningful partnership in 2025.

Journeying with you,
Mrs Ng-Teo Sock Hua
Principal

Flourishing
Champions





SEMESTER 2 EVENTS

- Book Character Day
- P1 Festival of the Arts
- Lower Primary Sports Day
- P3 Hike
- P5 Indian Heritage Learning Journey
- National Day
- Racial Harmony Day
- Sustainability Week
- China trip
- P4 Art Museum Based Learning
- Teachers' Day
- P2 Drama Showcase
- Children's Day
- Our Environment Champs
- Deepavali
- P6 Graduating Champions



BOOK CHARACTER DAY

The day for the yearly Book Character's Day event kicked off with a skit presented by our very own teachers - "Snow White and the Seven Unusual Dwarves". The children were tickled by the twists in the story and enjoyed watching the teachers perform for them. "If I could be Someone for a Day" was this year's theme for the event. Students and teachers came dressed in their favourite characters and shared why they wanted to impersonate that character even if it was just for a day. There were also classroom and recess activities to further hone our Champions' oracy and communication skills and to instil the importance for them of speaking Good English.



PRIMARY 1 FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Primary One Festival of the Arts was held on the 21st of August. This annual event was organised to showcase the exuberance and talent of our P1 Champions. Integrated into our English Language curriculum, the showcase was a culmination of a 10-week Speech & Drama Programme. It was conceptualized in collaboration with the Music and Art departments. Students performed Choral Reading, Readers' Theatre, Poetry Recitation as a song item. Parents came in full force to show their support. It was truly a memorable experience for everyone who was involved.



LOWER PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

Yumin Primary School turned into a vibrant arena of excitement and joy on 26th August as the annual Lower Primary Sports Day took center stage.

The games such as obstacle course, relay games and team building games designed for that day tested our Champions' agility, balance, and determination. The Carnival Games brought an extra layer of fun to the day's activities, featuring a variety of entertaining and interactive booths. Each game was designed not only to challenge but also to foster connections between families and students.



PRIMARY 3 HIKE

In Term 3, our Primary 3 Budding Champions embarked on an outdoor hike to the Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. This hike was an enriching experience, offering them the chance to learn about the crucial role of mangroves, fostering a love and respect for the environment, and building resilience as they persevered through the journey. Along the way, they also learned valuable lessons on assessing danger and managing risks.

Our Champions had the amazing opportunity observing wildlife in their natural habitat. They spotted monitor lizards, spiders, and snakes, making the hike even more exciting and educational. Despite the physical demands of the hike, many students expressed their eagerness to return to Sungei Buloh Nature Reserve with their families to further explore the mangrove areas. We hope they will continue this healthy lifestyle and pursue knowledge beyond the classroom!



PRIMARY 5 INDIAN HERITAGE LEARNING JOURNEY

Our P5 Champions went on their National Education Learning Journey to Indian Heritage Centre in Term 3 to learn about the contributions made by the Indian community in Singapore towards nation building. They visited various stations to learn about Indian epics of Southeast Asia, Indian dance and costumes and contributions of the early Indian settlers. It was a fun and enriching experience for the students and teachers.



NATIONAL DAY

“Together, As One United People” is the theme for this year's celebrations. It highlights the collective strength of our people and underscores the importance of every citizen rallying together to shape our future and uplift those around us. On 8 August 2024, we came together to celebrate our nation's birthday with a vibrant series of activities. From writing well-wishes for the nation, enjoying the concert to eagerly participating in the “How Well Do You Know Singapore” quiz and the Guess the NDP Song Lyrics challenge, our Champions showcased their knowledge and love for the nation. The day concluded on a high note, celebrating the unity and pride that define our school and our nation.

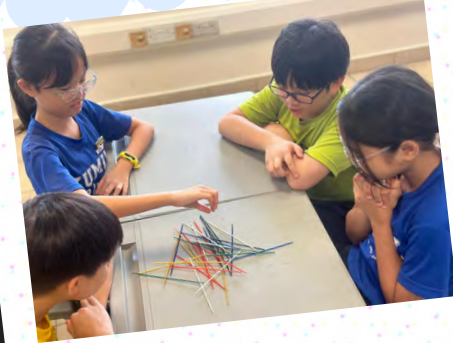


RACIAL HARMONY DAY

Racial Harmony Day is observed on 21 July every year and this year happened to fall on a Sunday. Hence, our Yumin Champions commemorated the day on 16 July instead.

That day, with a theme **“Our Multicultural Mosaic”**, the Assembly programme started with a colourful multi ethnic dance titled ‘Unity in Diversity’. Students were invited on stage to join the different dancers. During recess, students played traditional games like chapteh, congkak, five stones and paper balls. At the craft corner, students decorated the theme with pieces of foam tiles provided.

Indeed, the activities have increased the students’ awareness on how each community, while having the space to express its own identity, also intertwines with others to depict the unique cultural diversity that characterises Singapore life.



SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

Our recent Sustainability Week was a great success! Students explored Singapore's biodiversity and learnt more about sustainability habits through recess activities, exhibitions and assembly talks led by our Environmental club members and Eco Champions. Students also participated in bioblitz during recess.

CHINA TRIP

In the last week of Term 2, a group of students from the Primary 5 cohort went on Internationalization trip to China. The pupils embarked on the journey to immerse themselves in the school and local culture of China. They had the unique opportunity to experience the Chinese education system at the Pingjiang Experimental School in Suzhou where they engaged in lessons and interacted with local students.

They participated in a hands-on workshop of silk embroidery, which not only taught them the art form but also instilled the value of perseverance for such a meticulous task. They also developed a deeper understanding of China's culture and history by visiting landmarks and historical sites on the city tour in Shanghai.

One of the most memorable experiences was the traditional acrobatics performance titled ERA2 - Spirit of Shanghai. The acrobatics show was a hit amongst students as they enjoyed the thrill of watching 7 motorcyclists riding in a small sphere and more!

Through this trip, the students built lasting friendships with not just their Chinese peers but with their fellow Yumin Champions. This experience has helped the pupils to develop into better versions of themselves by instilling in them a deeper sense of identity and values as well as inculcate a global perspective.



P4 MUSEUM BASED LEARNING

Our Primary 4 Budding Champions went on a Museum-Based Learning Experience to the National Gallery on 25 September.

The students went on different docent-led trails and discovered iconic portraits, sculptures and landscape paintings created by our local artists. They also learnt about Singapore's history through local artworks and the life stories of the artists. They had great fun exploring the architecture of the National Gallery and participating in the artwork discussions/activities, which included role-playing the characters depicted in an artwork!

Prior to this trip, we invited local artist Neo Angee to our school for an engaging talk about her book on National Gallery: "Do Gallery Sitters Sit All Day?: Things People Really Do in a Museum". She shared on her experiences, inspirations, and the creative process behind her work and interacted with the students. Both Angee's talk and the National Gallery trip not only enhanced students' appreciation for art but also encouraged them to think outside the box and express themselves creatively.

TEACHERS' DAY

This year's Teachers' Day Celebrations was held on the 29th of August. Prior to the celebrations, students penned down their appreciation messages for their teachers during Flourish lesson. These messages were later presented to the teachers on Teachers' Day. Students also had the opportunity to cast their votes to choose their favourite teachers for the different Teachers' Day Awards. It was a truly memorable day of fun, laughter and bonding.



P2 DRAMA SHOWCASE

The Primary 2 Drama Showcase was held on the 16th of September. Themed “**Fairytales**”, this annual performance was organized to showcase the skills and talents of our P2 Champions. Through this, our students learnt to speak and present themselves confidently in front of an audience. Our heartfelt appreciation to all our P2 English teachers and PSG members who supported us with their dedication and passion.



CHILDREN'S DAY

The Children's Day Celebration 2024 with the theme “**Shine with Kindness, Chase your Dreams**” left a lasting impression on our students, reminding them to be kind and help others who are in need as well as to believe in their potential to achieve their dreams.

At the carnival, students were greeted with a world of fun and games, from playing at the Bouncy Castle and taking their photographs at a photobooth to bowling and bean bag slide. The fun-filled carnival booths were run by teachers and parent volunteers from our Parent Support Group (PSG).

The highlight of the day was a spectacular concert featuring performances by our very own teachers. From a drama skit to dance routines, the students were moved by the confidence and talent of their teachers. Through the performances, the teachers hoped to inspire students to reach for the stars and believe in their potential to achieve their dreams.



OUR ENVIRONMENT CHAMPS!

We are proud of our four Champions, Li Yixuan and Bilal Fathullah Bin Fathurrahman from Primary 4 and Loh Yi Xuan, Dylan and Tariq Bin Rostam from Primary 5 who have succeeded in raising awareness in our school and to the public about the dangers of dengue and how we can all play a part in preventing it. They delivered an informative presentation on the importance of keeping our surroundings clean and dengue-free, set up an eye-opening exhibition at the Grandcourt to share more details about the dengue virus and prevention tips with their fellow students and even carried out colouring and crossword puzzle competitions, hence encouraging their peers to get involved in the fight against dengue!



DEEPAVALI

Yumin Primary celebrated Deepavali on 29th October 2024 which took place just two days before the actual festival on 31st October 2024.

The theme for this year's Deepavali was "**Vibrant Deepavali**". Several activities were organised that were in-line with the theme. The concert comprised of multi-racial students performing the dance items. Activities like Henna painting, making of pattasu (sparklers) with colourful tinsels, solving jigsaw puzzles and creating beautiful rangoli were carried out during recess.

OUR GRADUATING CHAMPIONS

