



TOWNSVILLE

CONNECTS



Connecting Parents with School

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year!

Thank you for a wonderful 2015 as we celebrated Singapore's Golden Jubilee and paid tribute to our selfless Pioneers. Let us continue to work together to make Townsville Primary School an enriching learning environment that cultivates *Leaders of Character, Learners for Life*.

Developing Leaders of Character, Learners for Life

This year, we have re-introduced Character Assemblies to reinforce in our students our school values - Integrity, Compassion, Ardent for Singapore, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Through The Leader in Me programme, we also hope to cultivate useful habits in our young charges.

Welcome new VP (Admin)

The Ministry of Education has appointed a new VP Admin for our school effective 15 February 2016. Mr Loh Siang Kiang joins with over 20 years of experience in logistics, trade and consulting in private and government sectors. Please join me to welcome Mr Loh as well as the



(from left to right): Ms Tan Siew Khim (VPE), Mrs Liu-Loh Wee Cheng (Principal) & Mr Loh Siang Kiang (VPA)

other new staff who have joined the Townsville Family.

Motivational Talk for P6 Students

With the impending PSLE, I spoke with our P6 students to share tips on managing their time and how they can prepare themselves for the exams. Let us give our P6 students our utmost support!



Students of 6 Diligence learning to plan a revision schedule

Reflections

As we embark on the year ahead, let us reflect and be purposeful in all that we do to help grow happy, confident and caring children. We will continue to work in partnership with all our stakeholders to enrich our students' learning experience in Townsville.

Best wishes,
Mrs Liu-Loh Wee Cheng
Principal

Project Waste Wise

On 4 February 2016, the 36th and 81J Companies of our school's Girls' and Boys' Brigades (GB and BB) took part in Project Waste Wise at Blocks 403 and 405 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10. This was a collaboration with the Ang Mo Kio Town Council (AMK TC) and the National Environment Agency to help residents dispose of recyclables during their annual spring cleaning in the run-up to Chinese New Year.

Our GB and BB students went from home to home collecting items such as old newspapers, plastic bottles, metal cans, old clothes and small appliances. The funds raised were donated to the school to support needy students under the Financial Assistance Scheme. These students learnt valuable lessons on teamwork, respect and service to the community.

Our Principal Mrs Liu, together with the GB and BB Chaplains and representatives from AMK TC, paid home visits to some of the participating residents to thank them for their contributions. One jovial auntie asked if Townsville would be doing this again next year. We definitely hope to!



Actively collecting bags of recyclables from door-to-door



The team behind Project Waste Wise

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33rd Prize Giving Day and P6 Graduation Ceremony

Our annual Prize-Giving Day and Primary 6 Graduation Ceremony was held on 20 November 2015. It was a day to celebrate our students' achievements and to honor those who had excelled as student leaders and CCA leaders during the Special Awards Presentation Ceremony:

- Outstanding CCA Award: Numa Lawati (Hockey)
- Outstanding Student Award: Tan Kai Teng
- Top PSLE Student 2014: Chryslin Lim Xing Hui



This was also an opportunity for us to thank and honour our dedicated staff and parent volunteers. The recipients included:

- Long Service Award: Mrs Loo Ah Ngho
- National Day Award - The Commendation Medal: Ms Ong Chor Meng
- National Day Award - Long Service Medal: Mrs Kalavathi Selvarajulu
- AST Associate Award: Mrs Agnes Lim

The day was enlivened by vibrant performances by our Angklung & Kolangtang ensemble, TVPS Choir, Rhythmic Gymnasts, Malay and Chinese Dance groups.

The P6 Graduation Ceremony marked the end of all our P6 students' journey here with us at Townsville. To everyone's delight, the graduating cohort enthralled us with a thrilling display of well-coordinated body percussion performance during their Flash Mob. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours!



The vibrant performances that entertained the audience



Our committed parent volunteers being honoured



The grand finale by our graduands

Townsville Connects Day

This year, Townsville Connects Day was held on 22 January 2016. Parents had the opportunity to touch base with their child's form teachers and learn more about the school's programmes. P6 parents were also briefed on PSLE Examination matters.



Mr Kong engaging the parents of 2 Diligence during the classroom interaction



The CCA Orientation was a hit with the young ones as seen here at the Art Club booth



Mrs Liu, our Principal, presenting at the parents talk

Commemorating Total Defence Day: Together We Keep Singapore Strong

On 11 February 2016, Townsville commemorated Total Defence Day. The P6 students created a rap and a song on Total Defence Day and their works were showcased during the pre-assembly programme. A National Heritage Board (NHB) representative delivered a talk on local historical monuments that bore stories of survival during the Japanese Occupation and the significance of preserving these monuments. Recess activities and the sale of war-time provisions also gave our students a taste of life during the war.



Engaged with the ICT games during recess



Thumbs up for the bowl of porridge, one of the war-time food, served at the canteen

Ushering the "Year of the Monkey"

We ushered in the "Year of the Monkey" with a stunning Chinese New Year concert and a myriad of cultural activities on 5 February 2016. In the morning, our students witnessed a pair of magnificent Lions performing the Lion Dance before the Chinese New Year concert hosted by Ms Nurbayah and Mr Bernard Ng kicked off with wonderful performances by our students.



A delightful performance by the lion dancers and Monkey during the concert



Students of 3 Honesty with their colourful paper cut-outs

Townsville Community Connect - Festive Goodie Bags for Lions Home Elders

In the spirit of caring and sharing, our TVPS staff prepared CNY festive goodie bags for the elderly from Lions Home. These elders were also treated to an interesting series of performances at our CNY concert.



Mrs Amy Lim and her students with their creative lanterns



Assisting the elderly with their goodie bags

Lo-Hei with Townsville Parents United

A big Thank-You to our parent volunteers for organising the annual Lo-Hei and preparing a sumptuous spread of "Yu-sheng" for our staff. The celebratory atmosphere heightened to a peak with our committed parent volunteers joining in for the Lo-Hei.



A delectable Lo-Hei spread thanks to our parent volunteers



Fun with Hui Chun for 6 Care students



Townsville Gems

Mumbo Children Christmas Party 2015

Townsville Primary played host to Teck Ghee CC YEC and Camp Mumbo Volunteers' Mumbo Children Christmas Party on 26 December 2015. The party was held at our Indoor Sports Hall and saw 72 children and 40 youth instructors engaged in Christmas festivities.



Community Engagement Programme - Chingay Night Fiesta 2016

Lights of Legacy - Brighter Singapore - Our Homeland 2065 with Lighted Cubes

Our students completed 10 sky lanterns and 50 light cubes in January this year as part of the Chingay Night Fiesta@ Bishan-AMK Park. These were used to form the "Lights of Legacy" Path which was showcased during the finale segment. The programme aimed to engage



our students to reflect on core values - racial harmony and social cohesion, caring community and resilience which are advocated by our Founding Fathers. Our students penned their reflections and support for these values in celebration of the wisdom and legacy of the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew and other Founding Fathers on specially-designed bulb-shaped sky lanterns.



Angklung ensemble and TVPS Choir at the Chingay Night Fiesta Grand Finale



On 21 February 2016, our committed angklung members and TVPS choir students braved weather challenges to perform "Thank You for Singapore", a song written in memory of the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew for an 80,000 strong audience. The event was graced by our Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong and his wife.



Tan Guan Ying Jordan, a recipient of the Edusave scholarship

Teck Ghee Edusave Scholarships and Bursary Awards

Held on 9 and 10 January, our students and alumni were proud recipients of the annual Teck Ghee Edusave Scholarships and Bursary Awards. Grassroots Adviser Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister and MP for Ang Mo Kio GRC graced the event as Guest-of-Honour.



Our proud alumni - Ong Sing Yee, Chan Shi Yan Christa, Jolynn Hong Min En, Javen Kok Wei Ming, Hang Jia Hao, Jason & Yeoh Lay Shuen (from left to right)

2015 EXCELLENT SERVICE AWARD (EXSA) Awardees

Excellence Service Awards (EXSA) is a national award that recognizes individuals who have delivered quality service. Congratulations to our Award Winners for going the extra mile in their everyday work. Townsville had 6 Gold Awardees and 15 Silver Awardees. The highest recognition went to our STAR awardees. Congratulations to everyone!

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| Star Award | Ms Ong Chor Meng Mrs Debbie Lau Mdm Suhaizan bte Talib Mr Choo Onn Joe Ms Chia Siang Ying Florence |
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Welcome to the Townsville Family!



Mr Loh Siang Kiang
Vice-Principal (Administration)



Mr Farizan Bin Md Admin
(School Staff Developer)



Ms Tan Pei Pei
(HOD CCE)



Mrs Belinda Christian
(Level Head EL)



Mdm Kanchana D/O Suppiah
(Teacher)



Mdm Wee Geok Lian, Linda
(AED, LBS)