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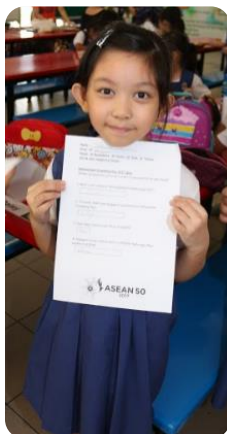
International Friendship Day

Our school commemorated International Friendship Day on 7 April 2017. The theme for this year is "ASEAN 50." In conjunction with the theme, a series of meaningful and exciting activities were planned by the NESS department for the whole school to deepen their learning of the ASEAN community. These included the International Friendship Day lessons during our pupils' CCE lessons and a recess programme activity.



During our pupils' CCE lessons, they took part in various activities conducted by their teachers. These included a stamp designing activity, colouring of our ASEAN flags and even creating a slogan for ASEAN.

The recess programme activity involved pupils in viewing a PowerPoint presentation before completing a quiz. Through an interactive PowerPoint presentation, pupils understand how Singapore maintains a good relationship with other ASEAN countries to accelerate economic growth, social progress, sociocultural evolution while protecting regional peace and stability. Pupils had the opportunity to score points for their respective houses if they had a perfect score for the quiz. The school is appreciative of the help provided by the CPC members in conducting the planned activities for the students during recess.



Learning Journey

The school's first biannual Learning Journey took place on the 3rd of March 2017. With excited hearts, our pupils were scheduled to go to the following places:

- P1: Jacob Ballas Children's Garden
- P2: Places of Worship in Singapore
- P3: Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom
- P4: National Museum
- P5: NEWater Visitor Centre

Our students enjoyed the experiential learning with many seeing new and interesting artefacts and creatures for the first time in their lives. Our P3 pupils had the opportunity to learn more about the life cycle of insects. Over at the National Museum, our teacher guides shared with our pupils on the history of Singapore and pupils saw for themselves what the famous Singapore stone looked like. At the NEWater Visitor Centre, our pupils took on the roles of a young scientist to understand more about Singapore's water challenges.

Despite the rain, our quick witted P1 and P2 teachers adapted their lessons on the spot to ensure that our pupils were able to meet their learning objectives of the day. Our P1 teachers conducted a wet weather programme at our school's Performing Art Centre while our P2 pupils had a bus ride along the different places of worship.

It was an enjoyable for our all pupils and we eagerly await our second biannual learning journey for the year.



Mrs Grace Wong

Chengdu Immersion Trip

On 10th March 2017, forty-two of our Primary 5 girls embarked on a Chinese Language Cultural Immersion Trip to the city of Chengdu. The girls relished the opportunity to visit the Land of the Panda, where they got to encounter them up close in the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

The girls were also engrossed in the immense history of Chengdu because they had learnt about the Three Kingdoms. It was the capital of Shu and home to the famous Zhuge Liang. As they visited the Wuhou Memorial Temple and the Sanxingdui Museum, their knowledge and appreciation of the history of China was enhanced.

Our young ladies also had the opportunity to watch a Bian Lian performance, an ancient Chinese art that is part of Sichuan opera. They were captivated by the performers' abilities to change their masks repeatedly!

The highlight of the trip was the visit to Chengdu Jinguan New City Primary School, where the girls experienced the Chinese schooling programme. Many participated in activities which were novel, such as Chinese Calligraphy and Qigong.

Friendships were forged during the two days and it was always difficult to say goodbye. The girls were amazed at how quickly the days had passed by and reluctantly exchanged farewells with their new friends.



Our Principal, Mrs Tan, endorsed a Memorandum of Friendship with Chengdu Jinguan New City Primary School, ensuring that the juniors will be able to participate in such a wonderful experience in future!

There is little doubt that this experience will etched in the girls' minds for a long time!

