

# TOTAL DEFENCE DAY



Total Defence Day was commemorated on 15 Feb 2016 this year at IJ Primary, with the theme "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". During the respective recesses, the children learned about the different aspects of Total Defence through several activities.

A total of 10 parent volunteers gathered at the canteen, with some fathers looking all smart and ready in their green army uniforms, all eager to share with the girls what Total Defence Day was all about.



- Mums- Florence, Michalle & Shiao Jiun with Ms Rohini
- Dads- Andre, Daniel, Edwin, Matthias, Ronald, Senthil & Vernon

At the canteen, a large LCD screened a video on terror bombing attacks. A group of parent volunteers were stationed there to answer any questions that the curious girls might have. As anticipated, many of students were excited to see the parent volunteers and gathered around them, with their non-stop questions!

Over at the Heritage Corner (NE Gallery), a few other male parents were stationed there in their army uniforms, ready to answer any queries from the Total Defence quiz set by the school. Being recess time for the girls, a continuous stream of eager students could be seen surrounding the parent volunteers and the various information panels at the gallery.



## Learning about Total Defence

Nearby, there was also a redemption booth, manned by parent volunteers, who were presenting the girls with small gifts in exchange for a filled-up quiz form. Not often exposed to the idea of what national security and total defence was all about, we hope the girls walked away from this simple activity with a deeper understanding of what total defence means to the individual, community and country.

All in all, an interesting morning with valuable lessons learnt during recess! Thanks to our roving PV photographer, Vernon Leow, who was at hand to help capture all these precious moments! And also to our other parent volunteers who took time out to spend time with our girls in a meaningful and educational manner!