



## Enhanced Art Programme



Nurturing talents in art, design and media.

From 2017, New Town Secondary School will be one of the nine schools in Singapore to offer the Enhanced Art Programme (EAP).

Through the EAP, the school seeks to develop resilient learners and confident leaders in the field of visual arts. This is done by laying foundation that builds confidence for students to discover and push

artistic boundaries, as well as creating opportunities and platforms for students to curate, exhibit and interact with art practitioners.

Next year, selected Secondary Three Express students who are talented and interested in Art will be the first cohort to benefit from the enriched learning environment. Art can be offered as one of their subjects for the GCE 'O' Level Examination regardless of their subject combinations.

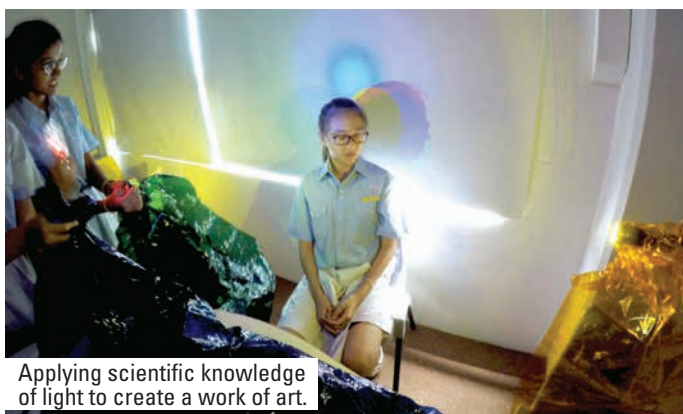


Exploring digital medium such as photography.

## Developing Critical and Inventive Thinkers through Visual Communication

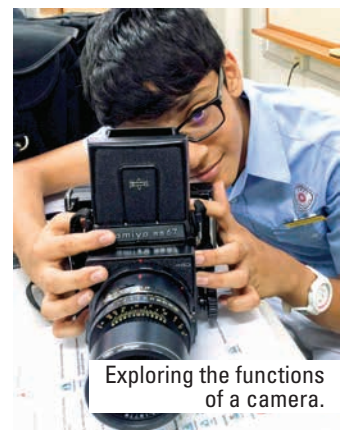
*Developing Critical and Inventive Thinkers through Visual Communication* is the Applied Learning Programme (ALP) of the school.

The programme aims to equip the students with critical and inventive thinking skills so as to prepare them for the opportunities in a fast-changing world. Through visual communication, the students explore the various possibilities of visual representations to bring across their intended messages. The programme develops their visual expression and language, as well as stimulates their creativity through photography.



Applying scientific knowledge of light to create a work of art.

In Term 3, the Secondary One students had the privilege of participating in special Art and Science lessons as part of the ALP. They experienced a series of hands-on activities which required application of scientific concepts learnt by creating an artistic product. These lessons enabled the students to learn collaboratively from one another and appreciate photographs as a form of visual communication in the specially furnished ALP room. The ALP also included Education and Career Guidance talks by professionals in the creative fields, such as film directors and artists, to help the students appreciate the relevance and value of what they were learning.



Exploring the functions of a camera.

In time to come, the programme will include level-wide as well as specialised activities for the Secondary Two and Secondary Three students.



Visiting the Singapore Art Museum @ 80 – Imaginarium Exhibition.

## Secondary One Learning Journey to Singapore Art Museum



Immersing themselves in the installation by artist, Tan Zi Xi.

In order to provide a holistic art education where the students experience both art making and art appreciation, the Art Unit organised a learning journey to the Singapore Art Museum for the Secondary One students.

The learning journey aims to expose the students to the various forms of art, as well as works created by local artists. The experience sparks curiosity and questions so that the students can find out more about the thought processes behind the artwork exhibited.

## Secondary One Values In Action

On 24 May, the Secondary One students worked together to design recycling boxes to collect used papers as part of their Values In Action programme.

Aligned with the theme, *Care for the School*, each class not only designed a box for themselves but also another box for a class from the other levels. This is an effort to inculcate a sense of ownership among all the students to take care of their own classrooms and save the environment through recycling efforts.

The students participated actively and looked forward to the recycling boxes being effectively used in the classrooms.



Focusing on the task at hand.

## Secondary One F.U.N. (Fulfilling. Uniting. eNgaging.) Concert



Moving to the beat.



Rehearsing before the class performance.

The school aims to develop awareness and appreciation of different art forms through providing opportunities for creative expression and talent showcases.

As part of the Secondary One Aesthetics Experience programme, a Hip Hop workshop was organised for the students to learn the dance. The highlight of the workshop was the Hip Hop presentation by each class during the F.U.N. Concert. During the concert, the students also put up guitar performances after learning to play the string instrument during the Secondary One Music programme.

This is the first time the school had a level-focused concert with performers and stage crew all coming from Secondary One and it was a great success.

## Secondary Two Normal (Academic) Elective Modules

The school conducted two Elective Modules (EMs) for the Secondary Two Normal (Academic) students from 19 to 26 May to broaden their learning experiences and cater to their varied learning interests.

The Culinary & Baking EM was conducted by the Shatec Institute. The students were taught by practising chefs to prepare a variety of dishes and pastries in the professional kitchens in the campus.

In the Game Development EM, the students were taught how to design two games, namely the aircraft fighter shooting game and the pinball bouncing elimination game.

To round off their interesting and engaging EMs, the students were brought on learning journeys to the respective relevant industries to understand how they work and function.



Working hard on their game.



Learning cooking techniques from the Shatec chef.



Proudly presenting their dish.

## Secondary Two Recycling Drive



Toiling for a good cause.



Informing the public of dengue prevention.



Collecting newspapers from the estate.

On 24 May, the Secondary Two students went to the blocks of flats at Clementi New Town to collect recyclables such as newspapers, magazines and old clothing from the residents. They also informed the public of dengue prevention by distributing dengue prevention flyers on how simple everyday actions can help to make the estate a safe, healthy and mosquito-free environment. Lastly, they also picked litter from around the blocks to maintain a clean environment for the residents.

All in all, the students exemplified the school value of *Care and Concern* for the environment through this Recycling Drive!

## Secondary Two Malay Language Appreciation through Theatre



In awe of the performance.

organised by the Nanyang Technological University / National Institute of Education (PERBAYU) on 21 May.

*HAK* is a theatre performance that reflects the current social setting of the youths living in a rapidly changing era. Inspired by a poem written by Abdul Gaffar Ibrahim entitled *Masa* or *Time*, the production is conceptualised to remind the audience about the importance and value of time.

The students were tasked to reflect on the performance and what they have learnt from a character of their choice. It was an opportune moment to appreciate the Malay Language outside of the classroom.

The Secondary Two Malay Language students got an opportunity to watch *Awallah Dondang 2016: HAK*,

# Secondary Three National Education Learning Journey

19 May was an exciting day for the Secondary Three students. They visited places in Singapore, namely the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, Marina Barrage, NEWater Visitor Centre and Urban Renewal Authority of Singapore, as part of their learning journey.

The National Education Committee planned the learning journey for the Secondary Three students so that they will understand what makes Singapore tick and why we are where we are today. The learning journey also allows for an outdoor classroom experience as the students

authenticate what they have learnt in their Social Studies lessons on Good Governance.

Armed with an inquisitive mind and a willing spirit, the students went about their journey observing and taking notes on the various important places in Singapore. Indeed, it was an enriching learning journey!



Having fun while learning.

## Secondary Three Camp



E34 setting off from Palawan Beach in their kayaks.



Cheering in unison after achieving equilibrium on the giant see-saw.



Displaying good communication and leadership skills to complete the caterpillar walk.



Supporting one another to conquer their fear of heights at the high element challenge course.

Set against the sun, sand and sea of Sentosa Island, the Secondary Three camp, *Camp Challenge*, sought to instil a spirit of inquiry; to challenge the status quo for the purpose of raising performance through improvement.

Organised by the Physical Education Department, much effort was made to incorporate the *Leadership Challenge Model* into the camp activities. The campers were constantly encouraged by their team leaders to reflect upon their leadership qualities and how their actions had an impact at the individual and group levels.

Over three days, from 24 to 26 May, the Secondary Three students spent time together with their form teachers, fully immersing in the outdoors, engaging in team-bonding and confidence-building activities. For many students, it was their first time experiencing outdoor adventures. Pitching a tent and staying outdoors, overcoming the high and low rope elements, as well as canoeing ranked as camp highlights.

One such first-timer, Ong Wen Rong (E32), remarked, "The camp provided us with rich learning opportunities to

challenge ourselves. It was also a place where we got to bond and know one another better." For her enthusiasm and positivity, Wen Rong won the Best Camper Award.

The customary campfire on the second night provided a rousing end to the camp. The members of the Parent Support Group turned up to lend their support to the students. They were treated to performances put up by each class and were impressed by the students' enthusiasm.

Jude Thaddeus Birthylon Pereira (N35) summed up the camp aptly, "Through the different activities, I am glad that we have learnt the strengths and weaknesses of one another. When we go back to school, we will be able to work together better as a team."

If you ask any Newtowner, past or present, to recall a memorable school experience, the Secondary Three Camp would be a common answer. This year's Secondary Three students would be no different, for the memories of the camp would surely stay with them for a long time to come.

# International Students Learning Journey



Visiting the Gardens by the Bay.

A group of local and international students from Secondary Four and Secondary Five went on a Social Cohesion Project cum Integration Programme from 24 to 26 May.

The programme was intended to provide a platform for integration between the local and international students as well as to provide enriching experiences for a greater understanding of Singapore's past, present and future through experiential learning.

The students began their programme at Fort Canning Battle Box where they went back in time to learn about Singapore's history. With that appreciation in hand, they proceeded to Gardens by the Bay the next day to appreciate the present Singapore and how it prepares itself for the future. At the end of the two-day learning journey, the students prepared a special project to showcase their learning. The students truly enjoyed the experience!

## AVA and Photography Club Values In Action

In an activity conducted over two days, Newtowners from the AVA and Photography Club mentored the students with special needs from Delta Senior School (DSS) in photography skills. This meaningful collaboration allowed Newtowners to develop their leadership and communication skills.



Sharing compositional skills in photography with the DSS students.



Teaching the DSS students how to use Adobe Photoshop.

On 18 May, the students from both schools proceeded to Changi Airport, where the AVA and Photography Club members guided their peers from DSS in using Digital Single-Lens Reflex (DSLR) cameras to compose photographs. On 19 May, the students from DSS visited New Town Secondary School, where they learnt to edit photographs using Adobe Photoshop.

## Leadership Workshop for West 1 Cluster Primary Schools

The Secondary Two Student Councillors enjoyed their first facilitation experience on 25 May when they conducted a leadership workshop for the primary school students in the West 1 Cluster.

The Student Councillors interacted with participants from primary schools such as Qi Fa Primary School and Nan Hua Primary School. Through a myriad of activities, which included games and group discussions, organised and led by the Student Councillors, the primary school students were equipped with facilitation skills and tips on delivering a speech.

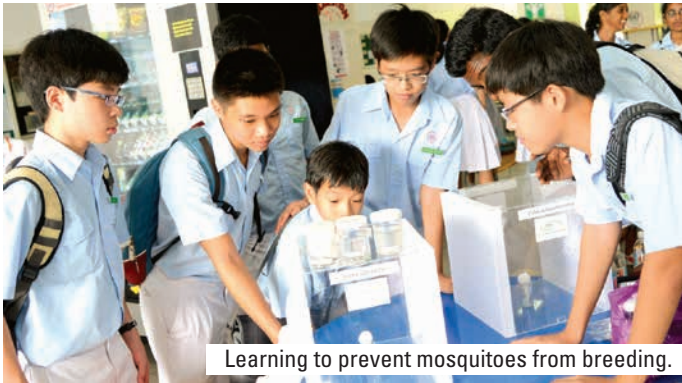
The workshop concluded with presentations by the primary school students showcasing what they have



Presentation by one of the primary school teams.

learnt through a skit. For the Student Councillors, it was a fulfilling event which presented them with an enriching learning opportunity.

# Environment Education – Launch of *Operation Mozzie-Free*



Learning to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

New Town Secondary School has been an active advocate of dengue prevention since 2015. This year, the school once again raised awareness of the cause through posters and an anti-dengue campaign with the South West Community Development Council (CDC) for the residents in Bukit Gombak on 28 February.

On 22 May, the school was honoured to be chosen as the hosting partner of the National Environment Agency, South West CDC and Bayer for the launch of the *Bayer Dengue Learning Lab*, an online portal to educate the public on the dangers of dengue fever and Zika virus.

Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of the South West CDC, graced the event. In her speech, she urged everyone to take extra precautions to prevent the spread of dengue fever and Zika virus, especially during the peak season from July to October. This was followed by an educational booth presentation by Bayer.

The school's Green Guardians, accompanied by the principal, vice-principals and teachers from the Environment Education Committee, then commenced with the house visits, giving out dengue prevention kits

and flyers to the residents in the Casa Clementi estate. A few Green Guardians were fortunate enough to be interviewed by the media from the various channels.

The event proved to be an invaluable learning experience as well as a great platform for the Green Guardians to serve the immediate community around the school.



Mayor Low Yen Ling praising Jason George from E23 for his active participation in fighting dengue.



Dhashaini Issabel Manivanan and Siti Umairah Bte Mohamad H, both from E33, visiting a resident with Mayor Low Yen Ling.



Launch of *Operation Mozzie-Free!*

# Co-Curricular Activity Student Leaders Investiture



Outgoing Captain of the Football Team, Muhammad Zulfikar, placing the Captain's arm band on Muhammad Shaheed as he entrusts the team to him.

The Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) Student Leaders Investiture was successfully held during assembly on 19 May to officiate the start of the leadership journey of the newly-appointed student leaders from the various CCAs. It was also an occasion to recognise the contributions and show appreciation to the graduating cohort of

student leaders who have served their peers so well.

This year, a handover ceremony was included during the investiture as the outgoing student leaders handed over a token, which was representative of their CCAs, to the incoming student leaders on stage. It was a proud moment for all the student leaders as they marched to the stage as a CCA, dressed smartly in their uniform, competition gear or performance attire, to receive the recognition. A representative from each CCA also received the certificates of contribution and appointment from the School Leaders and Head of Department of Physical Education and CCA.

The school looks forward to seeing the student leaders serve with confidence and pride, to model the way and to inspire others to be the best that they can be!

## Racial Harmony Day



NE Ambassadors sharing their perspectives about living in multi-racial Singapore.



The Cultural Heritage Booth set up by the Parent Support Group.

Racial Harmony Day was commemorated on 18 July to enable all the students and staff to understand and appreciate the customs and traditions of the different races and religions, as well as to celebrate Singapore's success as a racially harmonious nation and society built on a rich diversity of culture and heritage.

Apart from Character and Citizenship Education lessons, there was also an Ethnic Costumes Competition, a dialogue with the Secondary Three National Education (NE) Ambassadors, a play entitled *The Team* and a Poster Design Competition for the Secondary Two students.

The Parent Support Group also joined the school in commemorating the event by setting up booths in the canteen to display traditional games as well as ethnic costumes and accessories.

## Sports Carnival

Although the Sports Carnival was held over several days, what remained a constant was the nail-biting games amidst the roaring cheers of support. Many games were neck and neck, with the Secondary One Ultimate Frisbee so close that the eventual winning team was differentiated by the total number of goals scored!

Despite the intense atmosphere, the student helpers who officiated the games displayed great confidence and knowledge of the sports. The players were competitive but spirited, displaying a deep sense of excellence, sportsmanship and respect for one another.



A resounding cheer before the match.



Closing in for the goal!

# Singapore-Thailand Enhanced Partnership

New Town Secondary School has been an active participant of the Singapore-Thailand Enhanced Partnership (STEP) since 2002, seeking to foster a strong partnership with Benchamarachuthit School (Chanthaburi) from Thailand. In 2015, ten Newtowners accompanied by two teachers headed to Thailand and were received warmly. They were determined to return the hospitality in 2016.

STEP 2016 kicked off with a combined 4-day camp at River Valley High School. The programme included ice-breaking games, a day camp at the Ministry of Education Dairy Farm Adventure Camp, learning journeys and a closing ceremony on the last day.

The school immersion programme started with a welcome address and an exchange of corporate gifts by the principal, Mrs Sng Siew Hong, and STEP Coordinator, Mr Francis Yee, during the morning assembly at New Town Secondary School. The guests from Benchamarachuthit School and their New Town buddies then went on a learning journey to Universal Studios. All of them thoroughly enjoyed themselves before returning to school the next day for



Team Benchamarachuthit and New Town!

their classroom experience. Newtowners eventually bade farewell to their Thai friends after a week-long programme.

STEP has left a lasting impression on all the participants and taught them that friendship is neither limited by culture nor borders.



A day of fun at the Universal Studios.

## National Day Celebration

The National Day Celebration on 8 August began with the National Day Observance Ceremony – a reminder of Singapore's independence and nationhood.

Next was the rousing performance put up by the Concert Band where the National Day classic, *Stand Up For Singapore*, was played. The subsequent performance by the Ethnic Fusion Dance took the audience by surprise as the Vice-Principals and teachers also joined in the dance.

The community singing segment saw every staff and student singing a medley of popular National Day theme songs. The celebration finally drew to a close with the singing of the 2016 theme song, *Tomorrow's Here Today*. The song's articulate lyrics and energetic tune stirred up



Teachers dancing with great enthusiasm.

everyone's hopes and dreams for themselves and the nation, and reaffirmed the need to "take the world by the hand" and "go right away" as Newtowners march confidently together into the next fifty years.

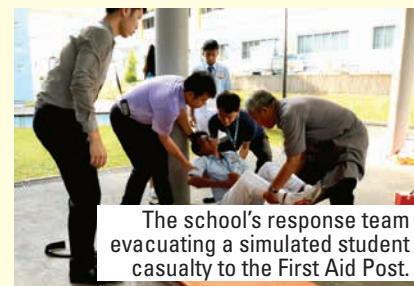


# School Emergency Exercise

The school conducted an Emergency Exercise on 18 August with the objectives of raising the readiness of the students, staff and school vendors to manage emergency situations. Besides allowing the staff to role-play and practise their communication and coordination amongst different emergency groups, it also provided the opportunity to familiarise the students with the evacuation drill so that they are able to evacuate in a safe and orderly manner to the assigned assembly area.

The exercise was successfully carried out based on a realistic scenario of a fire after an explosion in one of the Science laboratories. This involved all the Emergency Response Groups, including the Operations Centre, Emergency Response, Assembly, Media Management, Parents Management and Security teams. The school achieved a higher level of preparedness this year with

the collaboration of the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF), Singapore Police Force (SPF) and Parent Support Group.



The school's response team evacuating a simulated student casualty to the First Aid Post.



Arrival of the response teams from the SCDF and SPF.



Teachers checking the students' attendance at the assembly area.

# Teachers' Day Lunch

The staff had an exciting and enjoyable Teachers' Day Lunch on 5 September at the Guild House, National University of Singapore. With great food as well as an entertaining array of performances put up by each table, the staff enjoyed this day thoroughly.

This year, the theme for the Teachers' Day Lunch was decided by each table. All the staff came in their best attire to reflect the theme chosen by their table. Indeed, it was a great time of bonding as well as celebration.



A spell for self-marking homework!



So, where's Wally?



The table which won the hearts of the audience with a rousing rendition of *Take Me Home, Country Roads*.

## Secondary One Financial Literacy Trail



Some of the trail winners.



Using Google Maps to determine the most efficient and cost effective way to travel from one place to another.



Student facilitator assisting a peer during the trail.

The Financial Literacy Trail for the Secondary One students was organised by the Mathematics Department, in partnership with Citi-NIE Financial Literacy Hub. The objective of the trail was to provide a realistic and engaging platform for the students to learn and apply financial literacy concepts. The students learnt to make informed judgments and effective decisions regarding the use and management of money. A few of the key concepts covered included currency exchange, discounts, as well as needs and value analysis. Various stations, which were based on different themes, were set up to create real life scenarios and that allowed the students to apply critical thinking. The Secondary One Mathematics Representatives also served as student facilitators to lead their peers through the various stations of the trail.

"I learnt how to effectively manage my money and appreciate the opportunity to share my knowledge and guide my peers."

Facilitator, Hannah Tan Ying Zhuang (N16)

"The trail was fun and I learnt the importance of spending money wisely."

Participant, Guru Prasaath s/o Thana S (E11)

## Secondary Two Express Literature Enrichment Programme

On 19 May, the Secondary Two Express students embarked on an enriching and insightful journey into the world of Drama.

The English Language and Literature Department organised an enrichment programme based on the play *Merchant of Venice*. In order to experiment with different dramatisation techniques, the students were led to discover their creative selves in an atmosphere of spontaneity. Through various movement-related activities and role-playing, they experienced how to create drama by engaging their mind, body and voice.

The enrichment programme built the students' confidence in communicating their ideas both verbally and non-verbally, as well as developed respect for the identities and perspectives of others.



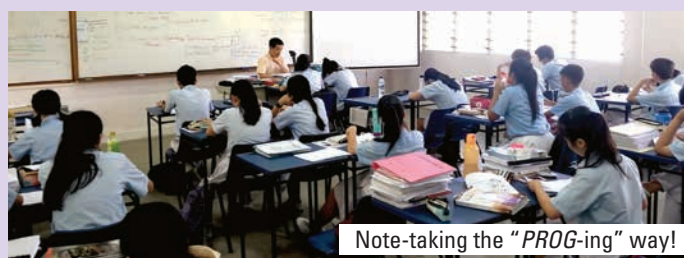
Learning about the various dramatisation techniques.



Dramatising a given scenario.

## Science Study Skills Workshop

The Science Department conducted a Study Skills Workshop on 19 and 25 May for the graduating classes. After much research and collaboration, the Science teachers enthusiastically customised the workshop to cater to the students' learning needs.



Note-taking the "PROG-ing" way!

During the workshop, the students were introduced to a set of note-taking skills which the Science Department coined as *PROG*.

- Problem trigger
- Recalling facts
- Organising answers
- Generalising concepts

Consisting of both demonstrations and hands-on activities, the workshop enabled the students to apply *PROG* to make their own notes for the different Science subjects.

Equipped with these invaluable skills, the graduating students are now more confident in tackling their revision for the upcoming examinations.

## UTown Mentoring Programme



Applying the basic principles of Physics in the making of water rockets.

A group of Secondary Four students spent their Saturdays of the first semester participating in the UTown Mentoring Programme. A partnership between New Town Secondary School and Tembusu College, this special programme is designed to develop study skills and confidence in Newtowners. Every Saturday, these students met up with their mentors from Tembusu College to take part in various planned activities ranging from academic mentoring, learning journeys to skills development in the areas of photography, food science and languages. At the end of the 13-week programme, many of the students have forged an unforgettable bond with their mentors and developed into more confident and resilient learners.

## Advanced Elective Module - New Media Promotion

During the June holidays, nineteen Secondary Three students signed up for New Media Promotion, an Advanced Elective Module organised by the Singapore Polytechnic. The students learnt how social media is used by local companies to communicate with youths. Besides going on a field trip to Sungei Buloh to film a video of their experience, the students also conducted market research and came up with a media marketing campaign on their own. The invaluable experience will definitely be useful for their future entrepreneurial endeavours!



Enjoying the field trip to Sungei Buloh.



Taking a selfie with the lecturer at the end of the course.

## Secondary Three iFly Experience @ Sentosa



Practising their "flying" posture before "taking off".



Exhilarated after their flights.

On 19 and 20 May, a group of Secondary Three Physics students, led by their Physics teachers, made their way to iFly Singapore at Sentosa. The group was visibly excited at the thought of "flying" in the wind tunnel. The students challenged themselves to keep afloat in the wind tunnel despite the strong and contorting wind. The physics of kinematics and Newton's theory of balanced forces were explained after the flight. This allowed the students to link what they have learnt in the classroom to a real-life experience!

# National Police Cadet Corps 21st Gold Award

On 9 April, the Principal, Mrs Sng Siew Hong, received the 21st Gold Award for the National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) Unit for the year 2015 at the 57th NPCC Annual Parade.

The NPCC would like to thank the Teacher Officers, Cadet Inspectors, Unit Instructors and Assistant Superintendent of Police (NPCC) cum the previous Officer Commanding, Ms Elissa Goh, for their hard work and leadership which has led the NPCC to achieve this prestigious award.

The NPCC will continue to serve as one and develop leaders ready to take on the future!



## National Cadet Corps



On 20 August, the Secondary Two National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets had the opportunity to learn a new skill under the guidance of the Girl Guides. During the session, the NCC cadets were taught how to secure items with proper knots and lashes. The skill acquired will be useful during jungle survival training such as in the building of shelters, setting up of booby traps or any other applications where knots and lashes are required.



## Girl Guides



The Girl Guides achieved the Puan Noor Aisha Gold Award for overall unit proficiency for the year 2015. This year, the Girl Guides continued to organise activities which provided ample opportunities for the guides to acquire knowledge,

skills and values to face the challenges of the future and be a responsible citizen ready to contribute to the society.

Some of these activities included Values In Action and Service Learning projects in collaboration with external organisations, such as facilitation sessions at Gardens by the Bay, care for the elderly at Tan Tock Seng Hospital and an anti-smoking advocacy programme with the Singapore Cancer Society.

To further develop leadership skills among the senior guides, they were given opportunities to plan and implement various activities such as camps, craft workshops, first-aid courses and Thinking Day booth activities. The guides did well and achieved a Silver Award for the Thinking Day International Costume Design Competition.

The Girl Guides will continue to organise programmes to nurture the skills and talents of the guides to realise their dreams and aspirations.

## Scouts

2016 was a fruitful year of Scouting in the spirit of service and community, through camps and outdoor activities. The Scouts' ardent passion has once again enabled the unit to clinch the prestigious Frank Cooper Sands Gold Award, which recognises unit excellence in Singapore. The unit also emerged Third in the West Area Bowling Challenge held in April.

Moving forward, twelve of the school's deserving Scouts have been training vigorously since July, to gear up for the biennial National Patrol Camp in November. The school wishes them all the best as they put their Scouting skills and resilience to the test against patrols across Singapore.



Forging friendships through post-camp team bonding activities at SAFRA Yishun.

## Guzheng @ Singapore Youth Festival Celebrations – *Melodies in Every Season*



Immersed in the performance.

On 2 July, the Guzheng Ensemble performed at the Singapore Youth Festival Celebrations at the Esplanade. The purpose of the festival was to celebrate the achievement of the youths and recognise their strength and ability. It was an honour for the performers because the ensemble was selected amongst primary schools, secondary schools and junior colleges nationwide.

"The Singapore Youth Festival Celebrations has provided a good platform for me to express my dynamism and creativity. The activities also entertained and inspired me to grow in the aesthetic domains."

Tan Wei Lin, Waynlyn (E23)

## Concert Band – *Parade of Bands*

On 2 July, the Concert Band headed to Orchard Road to join twenty other schools in celebrating the Singapore Youth Festival's 50th Anniversary. The *Parade of Bands* was organised to celebrate the diversity of music and arts in Singapore.

The Concert Band performed the song *YMCA* by the American disco group *Village People*. The catchy

and popular tune became a crowd favourite almost immediately! This was also the first time that saw the band members marching whilst playing. The students displayed resilience, from the rehearsals to the actual performance, as they marched with their heavy instruments and enjoyed themselves thoroughly at the same time.



Marching proudly with their instruments down Orchard Road.

# National Schools Literature Festival

On 16 July, the school participated in the National Schools Literature Festival. The festival aims to cultivate the love for literature and was a great platform for the students to showcase their works as well as learn and be inspired by the creative projects by fellow literature enthusiasts.



The Secondary One team winning a Bronze Trophy in the Book Parade.



Sanjitha Saravanan (N52) winning a Bronze Trophy in the Flash Fiction Competition.



Secondary Two Choral Speaking Competition.

## ignITE Skills Challenge



Preparing the garnishes using apples.

In March, some of the Secondary Three students took part in the ignITE Skills Challenge organised by the Institute of Technical Education, in collaboration with the Science Centre and Ministry of Education.

During the competition, the students took part in challenges which tested their ability

to apply scientific concepts and skills to authentic situations. One of the teams, comprising Shana Teo En Qi (N35), Poh Jia Ying (N36) and Harris Hilman B Kamsani (N36), qualified for the Grand Final in the Mad Mocktail Category. During the Grand Final on 24 May, they concocted a colourful and refreshing mocktail, the *Beach Boulevard*. Their elaborate presentation and creativity paid off as they emerged Second in this national competition.

# National Tamil Skit Competition



Receiving their prizes from the Vice-Principal, Mr Gideon Yong.

The Association of Tamil Writers organised a series of competitions for secondary school students in March. The Secondary One Express Tamil students took part in the skit competition and clinched the Second Prize. The message put across through the skit was awareness of the consequences of dengue.

## Humanities Competitions

To ignite their passion in Humanities as well as to engage and empower them on world issues, the Humanities students took part in several national competitions.

On 27 February, a team of Secondary Four Geography students battled with 120 other schools in the National University of Singapore (NUS) Geography Challenge.

On 7 July, two teams of Secondary Three students participated in the Time Capsule: Nan Hua Humanities and Current Affairs Competition.

On 9 July, a team of lower secondary students also participated in the National Environment Quiz.



Ahmad Syatibi B Aziz (E44) and Jazper Chern Jie Pang (E45) receiving the Silver and Bronze Award respectively in the NUS Geography Challenge.



Chung Hee Won (E31) received the Silver Award in the Individual Category in the Humanities and Current Affairs Challenge.

# Singapore Youth Festival Art Exhibition

The school is pleased to share that the following groups of students had their artwork selected for the recent Singapore Youth Festival Art Exhibition at The Arts House from 1 to 10 July.

Title of Artwork: *Endless Creativity*

- Tan Yi An (E21)
- Iman Musfirah Bte Abdul Majid (E21)
- Felsia Tan (E21)
- Dayana Marsya Binte Mohamed Nor (N26)

Title of Artwork: *Irony*

- Li Mingrui (E34)
- Bui Duc Manh (N35)
- Bui Duc Thien (N35)

Title of Artwork: *Eco Space*

- Maynie Lee Ru Yun (E22)
- Christine Teng Khim Lee (E22)
- Nurul Nadiah Bte Haja Mydin (E23)
- Ameera Intisaar Binte Abdul Munaff (N36)
- Rachel Rose Paul Martin (N36)

Title of Artwork: *My Utopia*

- Samantha Thian Yu Chen (N46 / 2015)



Students with their artwork, *Endless Creativity*.



Samantha Thian Yu Chen and her artwork, *My Utopia*.



Students with their artwork, *Irony* and *Eco Space*.

# National Inter-Schools Taekwondo Championship and Colours Award



Prize presentation for the National Inter-Schools Taekwondo Championship.



Receiving the SSSC Colours Award from the Vice-Principal, Mrs Chua-Teo Ting Ting.

## Alumni Achievements



**Ilma Alfadila (E41 / 2013)**

St Andrew's Junior College  
Six Distinctions in GCE A Level Examination

**Lydia Heng Jing Yi (E42 / 2013)**

Pioneer Junior College  
Five Distinctions in GCE A Level Examination

**Koh Jia Xin (E42 / 2013)**

Yishun Junior College  
At least 80 points in GCE A Level Examination



**Tham Wei Jie Marcus (E41 / 2013)**

Nanyang Junior College  
At least three H2 Distinctions in GCE A Level Examination



**Tchea Yu (E42 / 2011)**

Singapore Polytechnic, Diploma with Merit in Interior Design  
Diploma in Interior Design Silver Medal  
Swan and Maclaren Silver Medal

**Joshua Jang Min Sik (E45 / 2010)**

Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Diploma with Merit in Animation and 3D Arts  
Liu Yin Soon Scholarship  
Media Development Authority Medal  
Shooting Gallery Asia Prize



**Lim Jie Yu Meldon (E41 / 2011)**

Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Diploma with Merit  
IDA Gold Medal and Prize  
SAP Prize

**Ivana Stevani (E43 / 2012)**

Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Diploma with Merit  
Singapore Anti-Tuberculosis Association (SATA) Prize

**Nicklaus Tang Binhan (E44 / 2008)**

Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Diploma with Merit  
Certificate in Japanese

**Toh York Huan (N46 / 2011)**

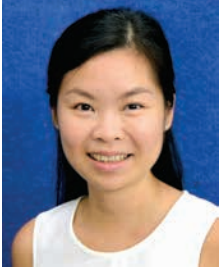
Ngee Ann Polytechnic  
ST Kinetic Prize  
Certificate in Business

**Ashley Wong Yu Xuan (E42 / 2012)**

Ngee Ann Polytechnic  
National Council of Social Services (NCSS) Prize

Congratulations to Neo Jing Teng Dylan (E12) for achieving Third position in the National Inter-Schools Taekwondo 'C' Division Championship (Kyorugi). Dylan was also presented with the Singapore Schools Sports Council (SSSC) Colours Award in recognition of his sporting excellence in Taekwondo, a sport he pursued in addition to his school co-curricular activity.

# National Day Awards



## Commendation Medal

Congratulations to Mrs Cheryl Goh (Head of Department / English Language & Literature)! The Commendation Medal is awarded to an officer who has distinguished oneself through commendable performance and conduct, or with significant efficiency, competence and devotion in one's duty.



## Long Service Medal

The school congratulates Mr Ng Wee Choon (Technical Support Officer / Design & Technology) for his Long Service Medal, which is for a duty-holder of irreproachable character and have completed at least 25 years of service.

## School-Based Training – *The Skillful Teacher*

The Senior Teachers conducted a school-based training session on 23 June. The aim was to equip the teachers with a repertoire of skills that makes a great teacher as highlighted in *The Skillful Teacher* book. At each concurrent session, the Senior Teachers shared practical tips on improving the learning outcomes for the students.



The School Staff Developer, Mr Felix Wong, led in the organisation of the training session.



The Senior Teachers sharing their pedagogical knowledge.

## Executive and Administrative Staff Learning Journey



Making roti prata from scratch.



Bonding over local delicacies.

The Executive and Administrative Staff (EAS) experienced a fun-filled programme by learning how to make roti prata from scratch as well as visiting IKEA Alexandra to observe good customer service practices. The main objective of the day was for the EAS to be active learners as well as to have an opportunity to bond as a team. They enjoyed the programme thoroughly as they also got to know their fellow colleagues better.

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