



Launch of Promotional Video Series for Bilingualism



Striking up a spontaneous conversation.



Taking a selfie with the students.



President of Student Council, Shannon Chew Xuan Ren (4E2), in an interview by Channel NewsAsia.



Minister Ng Chee Meng being interviewed by the press.



Nur Adilah Bte Mohd Haron (4E4) interacting confidently with the artiste.

4 January 2018, the third day of the new school year, was a momentous day for New Town Secondary School as Minister Ng Chee Meng and Chairman of the Lee Kuan Yew Fund for Bilingualism, arrived in the school hall to launch a series of short videos to highlight the importance of the Mother Tongue Languages. Together with local singer-songwriter artistes, Ms Olivia Ong, Mr Shabir Alam and Mr Taufik Batisah, they shared personal experiences on how learning their Mother Tongue Languages have helped them in various ways, including the ability to communicate effectively and to connect with people from different communities.

During the event, the students were engaged by lively anecdotes and song performances put up by the special guests. The highlight of the programme was the interactive segment where some students had the opportunity to participate in a quiz and get up close with the artistes. The new video series also received positive reviews from the students.

Nur Adilah Bte Mohd Haron (4E4) was inspired to improve her learning of the Malay Language after the sharing from the minister and artistes made her realise how bilingualism can greatly benefit her in the later stage of her life. Pu Huanjun (3E4) said the video prompted her to reflect upon the inadequate use of the Chinese Language in her everyday life and how it had, at times, hindered her communication with her grandparents. She pointed out that she would now make a conscious effort to speak more Chinese daily. Haridharsan S/O Elangovan (5N1) shared that learning of the Tamil Language could be fun and interesting through exposure to other platforms, such as listening to Tamil songs and watching Tamil TV dramas.

In his closing address, Minister Ng reiterated the significance of learning and speaking our Mother Tongue Languages, and encouraged the younger generation to connect with their identity and heritage through it.

It was indeed a great honour for the school to be part of the launch of the Promotional Video Series for Bilingualism!

Learning for Life Programme



The last outgoing batch of St John Ambulance Brigade cadets giving their all during the investiture.

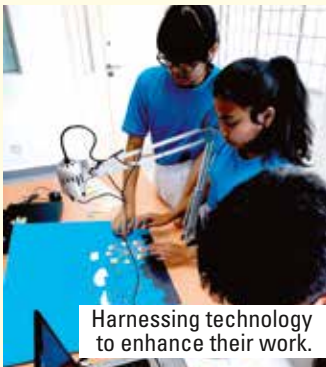
The Learning for Life Programme aims to develop confident and compassionate student leaders to lead, serve and excel. In New Town Secondary School, there is no shortage of opportunities for the students to hone their leadership skills. Besides appointments in the Student Council, Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) and Class Committees, the Peer Support Leaders (PSLs) were also installed on 19 January 2017.



Our first Peer Support Leaders Board.

The annual combined Student Leaders Investiture allowed the school to recognise the Student Councillors, Peer Support Leaders and CCA Leaders in front of the staff and students. It was a proud and unforgettable moment for many as they pledged to lead their peers by example.

Applied Learning Programme



Harnessing technology to enhance their work.



Collaborating to create their animation.



Feeling elated after an engaging learning journey.

As part of the Applied Learning Programme, the Secondary Two students had the opportunity to learn about stop-motion animation and to communicate a message through multiple frames as part of their Art lessons in Term 1. They then used their creativity and artistic talents to incorporate the animations they have created to collaboratively produce music videos.

In addition, 27 Secondary Two students also made their way to the Industrial Light & Magic (ILM), Lucasfilm's VFX and animation studio, on 18 April 2018 to learn more about the creative arts industry. The learning journey exposed the students to the various techniques and processes involved in producing a film, as well as allowed them to interact with and learn from professionals from the renowned company.

Enhanced Art Programme



Feeling enriched after a fruitful experience at I-LEAP 2017.

Newtowners from the Enhanced Art Programme (EAP) joined students from eight other EAP schools in the Incubation Lab Enhanced Art Programme (I-LEAP) from 6 to 9 November 2017. This is a signature programme of EAP and Newtowners interacted with and learnt from established art practitioners, incubated and tested art ideas, as well as presented their works in a combined showcase at Nanyang Polytechnic.



Cleaning old Christmas ornaments before repurposing them.



Products made from old Christmas baubles.

To develop resilient learners and confident leaders in the field of Art, the school has partnered with Singapore General Hospital and CapitaLand Malls in their Recycle-for-a-Cause Christmas Charity Bazaar. The EAP students applied skills learnt in their art classroom, and helped repurpose old Christmas decorations into works of art sold during the two-day festive bazaar on 18 and 19 November 2017 at Westgate in Jurong East.

2017 GCE 'N' and 'O' Level Examinations Release of Results

Congratulations to the following Newtowners for achieving excellent results in the 2017 GCE 'N' and 'O' Level Examinations!



Top Secondary Four Normal Academic Students



Top Secondary Four Express and Five Normal Academic Students

Welcoming the Secondary Ones



The annual Secondary One Orientation Programme was held over four days in January 2018. In order for the Secondary One students to be familiar with their new study environment, they had their lessons in the morning before going through their orientation activities in the afternoon.

On the first day, the Secondary One students had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school's facilities through a game of *Amazing Race* led by the student leaders. In addition, they also had a bonding session with their Form Teachers.

The Orientation Programme helped the students to adjust to secondary school life. They learnt about the school vision, mission, values, rules and regulations as well as the other programmes available in the school. Through the Uniformed Group Engagement Programme, Sports Try-Out, Performing Arts Introduction Session and Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Open House, the students got to experience first-hand the range of CCAs that the school offers.



Student leaders going through the rules of the game.



Determined to complete the challenge.



Bonding through a game of *Entangle*.

A Conversation with Chinese Writer You Jin



Ms You Jin sharing on writing strategies.

It was an enriching Friday afternoon spent with world-renowned Chinese writer, Ms You Jin (尤今), as she conducted a Creative Writing Workshop for the students taking Chinese Language on 26 January 2018. Her sharing session was designed to inspire the love of writing in the students. Besides sharing on writing strategies, Ms You Jin also shared real life stories which moved both teachers and students to tears. The session saw the participants walking away with new knowledge and insights about creative writing skills.

“When I first read Ms You Jin’s books, I admired the fact that she was able to convey deep feelings through her stories. After attending the workshop, I was inspired to write better essays through the strategies that she has shared. Her love for writing was evident through her sharing and it left a deep impression on me.” – Law Zhei En (4E3)

“Before the talk, I was very excited as I have read Ms You Jin’s books and I find that the stories she had written were interesting and unique. During the workshop, she shared many funny stories with us and spoke about several strategies to improve our writing skills. I have learnt a lot from the talk. However, what I would remember most is her humour and kindness. She has re-ignited my passion for the language.” – Chew Xin Jie (4E1)



Feeling appreciative after learning from Ms You Jin.

Total Defence Day Commemoration

On 13 February 2018, the school commemorated Total Defence Day by sharing with the students the hardship that the nation’s forefathers experienced during the warring years.

In line with the theme, *Together We Keep Singapore Strong*, three of the school staff shared their National Service experiences. Fond and meaningful memories of their National Service days and how their experiences made them resilient citizens today were presented nostalgically. These helped the Newtowners to understand how important National Service is to safeguard Singapore’s sovereignty.

The school’s National Cadet Corps also took the lead in spreading awareness to their schoolmates on how they can react when they witness suspicious activities within or outside of the school compound. The students were urged to step forward for the security of our nation.



Staff of the school proudly posing in their uniforms.



Newtowners’ perspectives of Total Defence Day through their drawings.

Chinese New Year Celebration



Chinese Contemporary dancers executing their moves with precision.



Ethnic Fusion dancers performing with joy and vibrancy.



Guzheng Ensemble starting the concert with two melodious pieces.

The festive spirit was in the air as Newtowners welcomed the Year of the Dog during the school's Chinese New Year Celebration, which took place on 15 February 2018. Prior to the celebration, the school premises were already decorated with lanterns and couplets, which were specially crafted and put up by the Parent Support Group.

The concert featured performances by our very own Performing Arts Groups such as the Guzheng Ensemble, Ethnic Fusion Dance Group and Chinese Contemporary Dance. The highlight was a music video with the school staff and vendors' performances which roused cheers and applause from the students.

School Cross-Country



Spurring one another on.



Camaraderie formed and friendships forged.



The ever supportive PSG leading the Zumba dance.

The annual Cross-Country run was held on 29 March 2018 at West Coast Park. Organised by the Department of Physical Education, the event served three purposes – Cross-Country, National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) 2.4 km run and Inter-Class cum Inter-CCA Challenge.

Despite the cloudy weather, the atmosphere was electrifying with the enthusiastic and active participation by all the staff, students, and parents. It was also heart-warming to hear the motivating cheers of Newtowners, and to observe the fusion of their mental determination and physical abilities to finish the 2.4 km race with pride and gusto!

It was a privilege to have the Parent Support Group (PSG) at the Cross-Country, who kicked off the event with an energy-bursting Zumba dance, organised carnival-like booths and provided refreshments for the students!

Finally, the school would like to congratulate the top 20 runners from each cohort in the boys' and girls' category, as well as the Softball Girls Team and Football Boys Team for coming in first for the Inter-CCA Challenge.

International Friendship Day

International Friendship Day was commemorated through student-directed activities which led Newtowners to a richer understanding of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Community. The Assembly Programme saw National Education (NE) Ambassadors and students from ASEAN member countries share about the importance of ASEAN and the uniqueness of member countries through storytelling and the singing of *Bengawan Solo*, a traditional Indonesian song.

NE Ambassador, Tan Yun Yi Joyce (3E2), also presented a heartfelt Morning Inspiration sharing on how the ASEAN Way would remind her to show patience and understanding towards others. The NE Ambassadors also fronted the ASEAN Quiz during the upper and lower secondary recesses.



Shedding light on the role of ASEAN.



Feeling excited about the ASEAN Quiz.

Emergency Exercise – Evacuation to External Holding Area



Assembly Area at Singapore Polytechnic Sports Complex.



Road Marshals ensuring safety along the evacuation route.

The school conducted a School Emergency Evacuation Exercise to an External Holding Area (EHA) on 10 April 2018. The school has collaborated with Singapore Polytechnic and its Graduates' Guild to use their facilities as the EHA. The aim of the exercise is to safeguard the lives of the students, staff, service providers and visitors in the event of an emergency where the whole school has to evacuate to a safe location outside the school.

The exercise has enabled the school personnel to practise the evacuation procedures and set up the emergency response teams to facilitate a safe evacuation. It has also provided the opportunity for all the students to be familiar with the evacuation route to the EHA at the Singapore Polytechnic Sports Complex.

It was a successful exercise as the students were able to evacuate in an orderly manner and got to learn about the National Education message of staying united and strong against external threats through this evacuation exercise.

Wow!@Cabin



Watercolour and salt painting during the Aesthetics Workshop.



Newtowners at a Terrarium Workshop.



An array of activities awaiting students on a typical day at Wow!@Cabin.

The Cabin Club was renamed as Wow!@Cabin with the introduction of new activities and initiatives. Besides the usual activities like table-pool and table-soccer competitions, new workshops were organised which allowed the students and student leaders to share their skills and expertise.

Wow!@Cabin partnered with the Aesthetics Committee to organise the bookmark making and salt painting workshops. The Aesthetics Ambassadors and Enhanced Art Programme students were given the opportunity to teach their schoolmates at the respective workshops. This allowed them a platform to hone their leadership and communication skills, as well as share their skills and passion with their peers.

Wow!@Cabin also opened its doors to the Secondary One students during the Secondary One Orientation Programme. The Peer Support Leaders took the opportunity to share with their juniors the exciting facilities and programmes available. The Secondary One students were thrilled and often dropped by Wow!@Cabin subsequently. Indeed, Wow!@Cabin aims to be a *Place to Learn*, and a *Space to Grow* for everyone!

Student Work Attachment Programme

Since 2015, the school has organised the Work Attachment Programme for the Secondary Three students as part of its Education and Career Guidance efforts. Student leaders and interested Secondary Three students were invited to participate in the programme to experience work life first-hand from participating partners as well as to understand the attitudes, skills and values needed in the working world. The school has since worked with organisations like Sentosa Butterfly Park and Insect Kingdom, China Aviation Oil, Asiagenomics, Shangri-La Hotel and Caterpillar Inc.

Prior to the work attachment, the participants had to undergo a two-day training by Junior Achievement, a non-profit organisation dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy, where they learnt important skills like portfolio-creation and interview skills. During the Work Attachment Programme, they were guided by mentors and were able to have an authentic experience "working" at the various organisations.

According to Addison Soh Sing Yung (4N5), "At Caterpillar, I learnt that not only do the employees need to be an expert in their area of work, they also need to be able to respond to changes and have good public relations skills. They need to make sure the company continues to innovate and bring in profits."

Certainly, Newtowners have learnt a lot from their work attachment experiences and we look forward to having more Newtowners coming onboard!



One-day work shadowing at Caterpillar Inc.



Kelvin Tay Wei Jie (4E2) and Sim Enqing (4N5) with their mentor at Caterpillar Inc.



Qandil Danial B Norizan (4E3) with his mentor at Shangri-La Hotel.

Opening of New Art Gallery



Staff and students behind the opening of the Art Gallery.



Ting Xing Ying Eva (5N1) with her artwork.



Chairperson of the Parent Support Group, Mdm Jennifer Lee, and Vice-President of the Alumni, Ms Wilna Tan, at the opening of the Art Gallery.



Xu Wenxue (5N1) presenting his artwork to the distinguished guests proudly.

13 April 2018 marked the official opening of the New Town Secondary School Art Gallery, an event which was graced by the Guest-of-Honour and New Town Alumna, Professor Yeo Tiong Min (Yong Pung How Chair Professor of Law, School of Law, Singapore Management University), Chairman of the School Advisory Committee, Mr Edmund Kea, Chairperson of the Parent Support Group, Mdm Jennifer Lee, and Vice-President of the Alumni, Ms Wilna Tan.

The Art Gallery is situated along the linkway from the school foyer to the canteen, and construction started in the middle of 2017. The glass exterior provides a good glimpse of the exhibits within and it has drawn a lot of interest and attention since it was fully constructed in the beginning of 2018.

To mark the opening, each distinguished guest placed a stroke of paint on the painting of the school compound. The painting was painted by Mr Kalidass Jayaraman, Senior Teacher (Art), and was inspired by the impressionist style of bold strokes. It was painted with vibrant colours, a reflection of the aspiration the school has for the art scene within – vibrant and expressive.

The guests also had a tour around the gallery, where students from both the upper secondary art programme as well as the Art Club shared confidently about their artistic processes and journeys.

The Art Gallery marked a new chapter in the school's history. Newtowners can now enjoy a space of their own where they could curate, exhibit and appreciate works created by their peers and themselves. Future plans, such as having artists and creative professionals exhibiting within the space and sharing with the students their artistic experiences, are also in the pipeline. Indeed, the Art Gallery will be a vibrant space where the school continues to forge towards its vision of *Nurturing Talents, Sharing Success*.

53rd Commendation Day

The school held its 53rd Commendation Day on 13 April 2018. This is a special occasion to celebrate the achievements of the students and to reflect on the school's progress in the past year. The school was honoured to have the Guest-Of-Honour, Professor Yeo Tiong Min, grace the occasion. Professor Yeo was a former student of New Town Secondary School. He is currently the Yong Pung How Chair Professor of Law, School of Law, Singapore Management University.

The students did the school proud with their impressive achievements and awards in both the academic as well as co-curricular areas. Long Service Awards were presented to the dedicated staff and Certificates of Appreciation were also given to the Parent Support Group and Volunteer Adult Leaders.

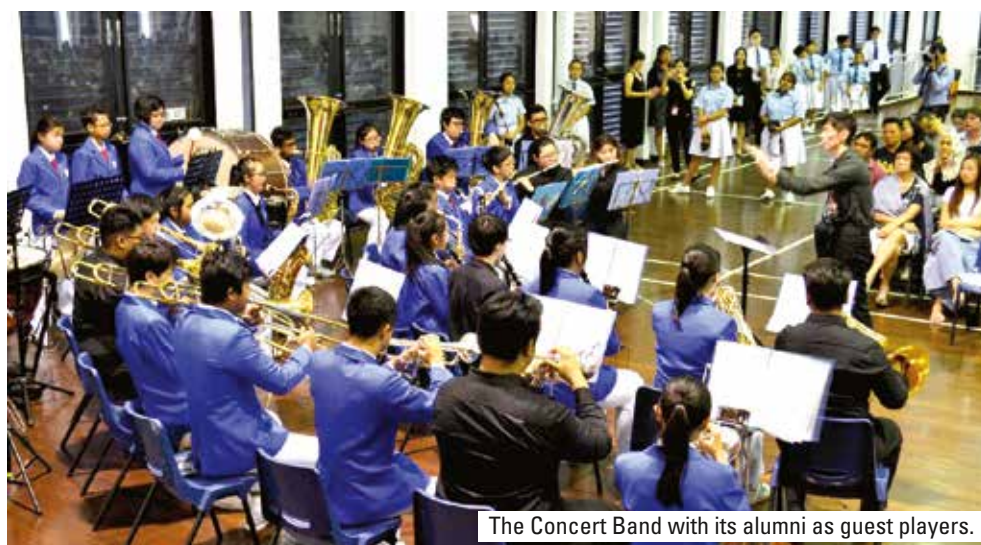
The guests were treated to a display of the National Cadet Corps' Precision Drill, lively Concert Band pieces and a well-choreographed performance by the Chinese Contemporary Dance. The resounding applause received at the end of their performances is testament to the talents of Newtowners. It was indeed a memorable occasion for the student prize recipients, Secondary Two student audience and invited guests.



A picture of partnership – Thank you for all the support!



Ms Grace Cheong Poh Wai, the All Rounder Awardee, giving her valedictorian speech.



The Concert Band with its alumni as guest players.



Wong Cze Wei, Zovy (3E3) and Muhammad B Mazlan (3E4), the emcees for the event.



The Parade Commander greeting the Guest-of-Honour.



Precision Drill by the National Cadet Corps.



The Chinese Contemporary Dance with a well-choreographed and energetic performance.

English Language Debate Workshop

During the Multi-Level Activities Week in Term 1 Week 10, the Secondary Three students were engaged in an English Language Debate Workshop which saw them gaining knowledge on persuasion skills and then applying their understanding in a debate. They learnt the importance of positive self-talk and power lines while finding a personal touch, which lent a boost to their speeches.

In addition, each student overcame the anxiety of public speaking by delivering a one-minute presentation during the inter-group debate. An enriching workshop; the students took home invaluable learning points which would aid them in their argumentative essays and persuasive speeches.



Engaged in the exchange of ideas.



Putting forth words of persuasion enthusiastically.



Deliberating the validity of their arguments.

Mother Tongue Languages Fortnight



Interacting with the audience.



Upper Secondary Tamil Language students participating in a public speaking workshop.



Malay Language students acting out their scenes.



Lower Secondary Tamil Language students participating in a drama workshop.

It was an exciting week for Newtowners as the Department of Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) carried out a range of activities for the different language groups during the MTL Fortnight Programme. The theme this year is *Speak Our MT Language* where a singing workshop, a drama workshop and a public speaking workshop were conducted for the Chinese Language, Malay Language and Tamil Language students respectively.

Mathematics Financial Literacy Trail

New Town Secondary School has been actively promoting the importance of critical and inventive thinking through Financial Literacy. During the Multi-Level Activities Week, the Department of Mathematics organised the Financial Literacy Trail for the Secondary One students. The stations were set up based on different real life scenarios where the students could apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems. They were also challenged to exercise sound reasoning and decision making at the stations relating to managing their needs and wants, as well as the importance of saving up for a rainy day.



Answering questions using ICT.



Deciding on the most value-for-money item.



Student facilitators beaming with pride after helping out in the trail.

Science Challenge



Working together to construct their boat.



Presenting their design using a poster.



Testing their prototype.

On 8 March 2018, the Secondary Two students took part in the Science Challenge, where they had to design and construct a boat which could withstand the heaviest load without sinking. Using the limited resources available to them, the students tapped on their creativity and resourcefulness to put together their ideas. The students were allowed to test their designs and make improvements to their prototype before the final judging. Each group also created a poster to explain the design of their boats and presented it to the class. Through the activity, Newtowners were able to appreciate the scientific values of accuracy, creativity and resilience, as they strived to keep their boats afloat.

National Education Learning Journey



Where the Singapore Story comes alive!



Understanding the opportunities and vulnerabilities Singapore face.



Making the right decisions for Singapore.

A National Education learning journey to the Singapore Discovery Centre was organised on 6 March 2018 for all Secondary Four and Five students to enhance their understanding on how globalisation will change Singapore and the world. The students went through a range of learning experiences, which included viewing an exhibition and watching a short film that highlighted the challenges and geostrategic issues that may impact Singapore's survival, and thereby urged the students to reflect on their readiness and to play active roles in protecting and defending Singapore. The students were also engaged in game-based sessions and role-playing to experience decision-making in various scenarios and challenges brought about by globalisation.

Learning Journey to National Gallery



Conducting a discussion in front of a painting by local artist, Liu Kang.



Working on their activity booklets while observing the artworks.



Showing his completed sketch with pride.

The Art Unit brought the Secondary One students on a learning journey to the National Gallery. This is part of an annual programme to take learning outside the classroom, and expose the students to the artworks of local artists.

The Art teachers conducted station activities where the students asked questions and discussed the local artists' processes and artworks. The participants even had the chance to sketch on the steps of the former City Hall building overlooking the scenic central business district landscape.

Camp Challenge

Camp Challenge, held from 7 to 9 March 2018, sought to integrate adventure, nature and culture on the island of Sentosa. Organised by the Department of Physical Education, the camp was customised to motivate Newtowners to develop interpersonal skills based on mutual respect, acquire problem-solving skills and practice innovative thinking, and turn challenges into opportunities through the outdoors.

The students were engaged in team-bonding, confidence-building and challenge-seeking activities, and were observed to rise to the occasion to make decisions, motivate their peers, and demonstrate independence through communal living.

Best Male Camper, Muhamad Syafi'ie B Muhamad S (3N6), shared that the camp allowed him to become more effective in communication, better as a motivator and more confident as a leader.

Best Female Camper, Clarice Wijaya (3E2), also commented that through the camp, she was given the opportunity to understand her peers on a deeper level, to take a leap of faith out of her comfort zone, and to hone her leadership skills that can aid her through her Student Leadership journey.

Privileged to have the Chairperson of the Parent Support Group, Mdm Jennifer Lee, to light the campfire, the camp culminated with a memorable campfire where the students showcased their talents and shared their successes through the various performances. As a highlight of the Newtowner's school experience, the experiential learning and consideration approach had definitely impacted the Secondary Three cohort positively!



The 12 Best Camper Nominees!



Working together through high obstacles.



Learning how to strike a balance.



Working on water confidence before kayaking.

Education and Career Guidance Fair

On 5 March 2018, the Education and Career Guidance Fair, themed *Future Ready*, was organised once again for all the Upper Secondary students. Greater emphasis was placed on the importance of having the right mindset, skills and values in order to survive in a competitive and fast-changing world.

In his opening address, Vice-Principal, Mr Gideon Yong, stressed on how the education and employment sectors have evolved over the years and students can no longer depend solely on their qualifications when pursuing their future careers. Speakers from two tertiary institutions and two industries also spoke to the students about how critical it is to be resilient when facing challenges and ever-ready to adapt when changes come their way. Newtowners then took ownership of their learning as they signed up for the talks that interest them.



Finding out more from the speaker from Yang Kee Logistics Pte Ltd.



A group photograph with the speakers from BreadTalk Group Limited.

Service Learning Project

On the last day of the Multi-Level Activities Week, many Secondary Four and Five students got a chance to be a teacher for a day. They spent time to prepare engaging lesson plans and activities for young children at various childcare centres. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience as they found it fulfilling and rewarding to teach the next generation precious skills and knowledge.

Values-in-Action (VIA) projects are learning experiences that support the students' development as socially responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to the community, through the learning and application of values, knowledge and skills. It places focus on students acquiring values. It encourages students to identify and understand community issues, initiate action with their peers to make a difference to the lives of others.

In New Town Secondary School, the Upper Secondary students learn about service learning, a tool that combines learning objectives with community service in order to provide a real-life learning experience while meeting societal needs.

This year, the Secondary Four and Five students embarked on student-initiated VIA projects. The students brainstormed, planned and liaised with organisations to carry out activities and games for their target audience. Many students enjoyed the freedom of choosing their own organisations. They valued the learning opportunities while planning and executing the activities. Above all, many of them thoroughly relished the chance to collaborate and work together with their classmates to make the whole VIA project a success. Well done, Secondary Four and Five students!



4E1 students teaching the young children at the Sparkle Tots Child Care Centre.



4N6 students interacting with the elderly at the St John's Home for Elderly Persons.



4E3 students introducing themselves to the children at Twinkle Child Care.

Singapore Teaching Practice

The Singapore Teaching Practice (STP) was introduced to the teaching fraternity since 30 May 2017. As the nation's model for teaching and learning, it enables teachers to be competent and reflective professionals, and to be facilitators of engaged and joyful learning.

The STP comprises three main components:

- The Singapore Curriculum Philosophy, which represents the teaching fraternity's core beliefs about learning. These beliefs, which place every student at the heart of educational decisions, guide the design and implementation of the curriculum. They underpin practices and guide teaching actions so that every student is an engaged learner.
- The Knowledge Bases to strengthen the theory-practice connection in daily teaching practice. They provide teachers with an understanding of subject matters and goals, students and learning, and teaching.
- The Pedagogical Practices which comprise the four fundamental Teaching Processes that lie in the heart of good teaching.

On 20 November 2017, the school held a one-day workshop for all the teachers to create awareness on the value and intent of the STP, develop a deeper understanding of the different components of the STP and explore how the components are interconnected. They also discussed the adoption of the STP in New Town Secondary School. Platforms were created for the staff to come together to have meaningful discussions on how to leverage on STP to improve teaching and learning. The Staff Development Committee, under the guidance of the school leaders, facilitated the first part of the workshop where the teachers reflected on their current practices and reaffirmed their personal beliefs and philosophy about teaching. The Heads of Department then led their department in reviewing existing practices and identifying key areas of focus for 2018. It was a fruitful day of learning for all, and there will be follow up sessions in 2018.



The Art teachers hard at work.



Organising their thoughts.



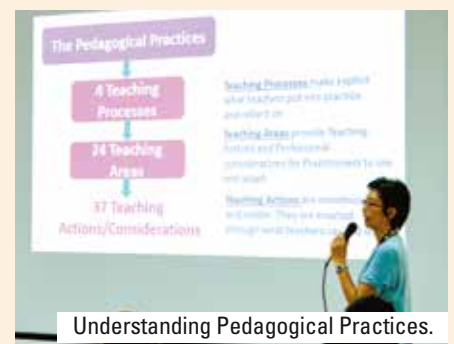
Sharing anecdotes and experiences.



Coasters featuring the STP model hand-crafted in-house.



Taking a moment to connect with colleagues.



Understanding Pedagogical Practices.

Staff Learning Journey



Learning more about ShopBack Singapore.



Representing their learning with a 3-D artefact after visiting Shangri-La Hotel Singapore.



BreadTalk Group Limited's company philosophy captured using simple art materials.

The Staff Development Committee, Staff Well-Being Committee as well as the Character and Citizenship Education Committee worked together to organise a staff learning journey on 20 November 2017.

The preparation started early in the year, and a total of five different organisations agreed to host the teachers for visits to find out how the world of work has evolved with technological advancements. The teachers also wanted to find out what type of employees are desired so that they can keep Newtowners well-informed and prepared.

The teachers were divided into five groups to learn from Shangri-La Hotel Singapore, BreadTalk Group Limited, Yang Kee Logistics Pte Ltd, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital and ShopBack Singapore. These organisations shared how they have innovated to stay relevant and remain competitive in the fast changing environment. The teachers also learnt that employers are looking for staff who are always looking for better ways to do their work, and who are not afraid of hard work; attitudes which everyone must maintain in order to thrive in the future.

Information and Communication Technology Training For Teachers



Teachers taking on the role of inquisitive students for the day.



Applying the skills that they have just picked up.

The year started off with the teachers engaged in enriching afternoons, exploring new applications and tools, through the weekly Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Teachers' training sessions. The platform, provided by the school's ICT Trainer and external agencies, enables the sharing of useful ICT applications and tools for teaching and personal productivity.

The teachers were able to sign up for the sessions according to their needs and preferences, which provided them with a multitude of opportunities to learn and apply their skills. Some of the ICT applications which were covered included Padlet, SpiderScribe, Spiral, Kahoot!, Socrative, Kaizena, Goosechase, Mathspace and plenty more.

In line with the ICT Masterplan to nurture future-ready and responsible digital learners, the school will continue to develop our teachers to be quality designers of learning experiences for Newtowners, and be empowered in using technology as a tool in education.

Cluster Professional Learning Day



New Town teachers at the Cluster Professional Learning Day.



Showing selected students' work to the participants.

The Cluster Professional Learning Day (PLD) was held on 23 March 2018, and four learning teams from New Town Secondary School presented their projects to participants from the West 1 Cluster schools.

The Cluster PLD was organised with the objectives of providing a platform for educators to network and share their curriculum innovations with one another. It was also an opportunity for educators to learn from, and build on one another's professional practice.

This year, the New Town teachers presented four projects. The Chinese Language teachers spoke about how they helped Newtowners improve in their composition writing with the project 跟着课本学写作 (越写越有趣). The Lower Secondary Science teachers also showcased their work with the Secondary Two students, *Developing 21st Century Competencies Through Scientific Method and Values-In-Action Project Work*. The Humanities teachers shared a 3-step process of *Visualisation, Expression and Application (V-E-A)* that was devised to enhance the content retention of geographical concepts. The Mathematics teachers shared how they used simple 3D models to help the students visualise angles in solids with the project *Assessment for Learning and Study Skills to Address Misconceptions in Trigonometry (Bearings and 3D Problems)*.

Caring Teacher Awards

The Caring Teacher Awards organised by the National Institute of Education is a biennial event that pays tribute to teachers who show care and concern for the holistic development of their students, and go the extra mile to ensure their charges grow up to be confident and independent learners. We would like to congratulate the following awardees of the school.



(Left to right):
Mr Cheng Poh Huat Alan, Mdm Kasumawati Bte Wansi,
Ms Lai Chiu Shuan, Ms Lui Hui Xian Cynthia and Mr Tan Jia Jie Alvin

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