



## Green Schools@South West Awards



Student designing a "Save Energy" poster



Green Guardian making a class terrarium



Earth Day Stickers designed by our students

Since its founding in 1965, New Town Secondary School has been steadfast in providing a holistic education for the students. Our school's goal in nurturing active and concerned students who contribute to sustainability efforts is evident through our participation in environmental education programmes. In the Green Schools @ South West programme, our Green Guardians represented the school as Junior Environmental Ambassadors in a one-day camp with specially designed activities that honed environmental stewardship and initiative. Our students championed ground-up green initiatives in school through school-wide assembly programmes. These programmes expose them to different environmental issues and rally them to take action towards environmental sustainability.

In recognition of our efforts, the school was awarded the Lotus Sustained Achievement Award in 2017 and the Vanda Miss Joaquim Award by the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) from 2019 to 2022. The school was also awarded the Gold Award under the South West CDC's Green Schools @ South West Programme from 2016 to 2021 and the Sustainable South West Award in 2021.

## Principal's Wishes for The Merged School



Connect@New Town, a school publication which was started in 2016, serves to capture the numerous school events and activities in an academic year as a memory for staff and students. For parents and stakeholders, it provides a glimpse to how our students discovered and developed themselves through the various school programmes.

In this final issue of the newsletter, it is opportune for me to express my deep gratitude and immense appreciation to all staff, students, parents, members of the School Advisory Committee, Alumni and school partners for the strong support given to me throughout my seven years as the principal of New Town Secondary School.

The merging of New Town Secondary School and Tanglin Secondary School is likened to one family under the same roof with new opportunities for the co-creation of a merged school identity supported by a new team of staff, students and key stakeholders. With more resources to support student programmes and activities, I am confident the strengths of both schools can cater to the continual growth and varied developmental needs of the students.

With the positivity, innovative spirit, rich history and heritage of the two schools, the new merged school will uphold the school motto (inaugurated in 1965) 'To Forge A Better Life' and may its students be an inspiration (光伟) to others.

Mrs Sng Siew Hong  
Principal, New Town Secondary School (2016 to 2022)

# Learning For Life Programme



Outgoing Secondary Four CCA Leaders



Secondary Two Student Leaders receiving their Certificates of Appointment

"Developing Confident and Compassionate Student Leaders to Lead, Serve and Excel" is the school's vision for our student leaders. The school adopts a whole-school approach to guide our Student Leaders in achieving the following outcomes:

- i. An ethical and reflective leader who shows concern for the community.
- ii. A skilled servant leader who is competent in serving and leading.
- iii. An empowered contributor who exerts positive energy to his/her spheres of influence.

On 9 February 2022, Student Councillors, Peer Support Leaders and Class Committee members participated in a school-wide student leadership training session to hone their leadership competencies to better serve the school community.

On 13 April 2022, the school recognised the efforts of outgoing Secondary Four Student Leaders as they passed the baton of leadership to the Secondary Three Student Leaders. It was a memorable moment for many as they pledged to lead and serve their peers by example.

## Kindness Week

The Peer Support Leaders (PSLs) organised the annual Kindness Week in Term Two. This year's theme was "Choose Empathy, Choose Kindness". The PSLs of every class led their classmates in recognising each others' emotions through a game of Taboo. They then led small group discussions on perspective taking and the importance of uncovering the connection in our thoughts, feelings and behaviour. Students then proceeded to make a pledge to be kind to their peers.

The PSLs also specially produced a music video with an original song to highlight the importance of spreading kindness. Many of their peers enjoyed the video and appreciated their efforts!



Kindness Pledge booth



Group discussion and Taboo game on emotional literacy



PATH acronym for showing empathy



Kindness music video by the PSLs

## Cohesion activities for the Student Council of NTSS and TSS



Student Councillors of both schools



Student Councillors participating in games



Student Councillors forming the acronym SC

In preparation for the merger with Tanglin Secondary School in 2023, the Student Councillors (SCs) of both schools gathered on 22 June and 23 June 2022 for a time of cohesion and bonding.

The teachers-in-charge from both schools opened the session with a sharing of their hopes and aspirations for the new merged school. SCs engaged in games and teacher-facilitated discussions to get to know each other and to better understand everyone's concerns and hopes for the merged school. The SCs co-created a set of shared values for the new Student Council with the acronym UCARE: Unity, Care and Concern, Accountability, Respect, Empathy.

# Applied Learning Programme

Started in 2016, our Applied Learning Programme (ALP) aims to develop critical and inventive thinkers through visual communication. Over the years, Newtowners have been exposed to techniques of viewing pictures from different perspectives and have the opportunity to explore various visual representations to bring across their intended message.

## Tier 1 Programme

Our programme has evolved in response to the changes in our education landscape and the new technological tools available - from equipping students with photography skills using the camera to tapping on students' personal learning devices (PLD) to develop photography and animation skills. With greater accessibility to a wide range of applications, students can now tap on their PLDs to stretch their imagination, discuss ideas in class and apply their knowledge beyond the classroom.

## Tier 2 Programme

Our Infocomm Technology Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) has been the anchor in providing opportunities for our students to broaden and deepen their learning. Through the CCA, our students acquire skills in product, street, event, nature and light photography.

They have also partnered the school's National Education Committee and Environmental Education Committee in organising school-wide competitions to provide students with opportunities to apply the skills taught in ALP.

## Professional Development for ALP Teachers

To continually improve the quality of the programme, steps are also taken to develop the competencies of our staff. Over the years, we have equipped our ALP teachers with photography skills, digital illustration and photo manipulation.

To expand their pedagogical knowledge on designing blended learning experiences and to stay ahead of current trends, our teachers had the opportunity to learn from professionals in the Art and Design field through online courses.



Working together on their stop motion animation



Getting the back view of the reader



Working collaboratively



Infocomm Technology students on a field trip

# Enhanced Art Programme



Displaying the completed product



Working on their tote bag design



Demonstrating the use of different angles in video production



Making notes while listening to the speaker



Showcasing their notes after the session

New Town Secondary School is one of nine secondary schools in Singapore to offer the Enhanced Art Programme (EAP). The programme seeks to develop resilient learners and confident leaders in the field of visual arts. This is achieved through laying a foundation that hones the confidence in students to discover and push artistic boundaries. Our EAP students are also given the opportunity to curate, exhibit and learn from creative professionals through masterclasses and combined programmes with other EAP schools.

## Masterclasses

This year, we organised several masterclasses that tapped on the use of students' Personal Learning Devices and broadened their exposure to digital tools. These included a video production masterclass with our pathfinder and producer, Mr Melvyn Goh, as well as a digital illustration and photo manipulation masterclass with illustrator, Ms Stephanie Hew. These masterclasses expose our students to art tools, processes and creative expressions beyond what is taught in the school curriculum.

## Combined EAP Schools Programmes

There are two major combined EAP schools programmes each year - the EAP Milestone Experience and the Incubation Lab Enhanced Art Programme (I-LEAP). This year's Milestone Experience was conducted online and our students had the opportunity to explore their areas of interest, as well as possible art and design-related careers in the creative arts industry.

# Earth Day Commemoration

The theme for this year's Earth Day Commemoration was 'Invest in our Planet' and Newtowners commemorated this day through student-initiated learning.

The lower secondary students learnt about human activities that led to the pressing issue of waste management and were introduced to the concept of upcycling. They brainstormed and researched upcycling ideas independently before creating useful products from common household wastes. It was indeed heartening to see our students demonstrate creativity in turning waste into purposeful items.

The upper secondary students were given a 'Green Bingo' card which helped them choose their desired activities based on the environmental issues they were interested in. The activities included promoting awareness on saving energy and water, understanding the recycling process, and sharing WhatsApp stickers to promote eco-friendly practices among family and friends.

Students also reflected on their daily habits and thought about how they could achieve a more sustainable lifestyle. Through the variety of self-paced activities, they gained a deeper awareness of the need to invest in our planet and understand the actions needed to restore and sustain a healthy planet for future generations.



Decorative ornament from old clothes



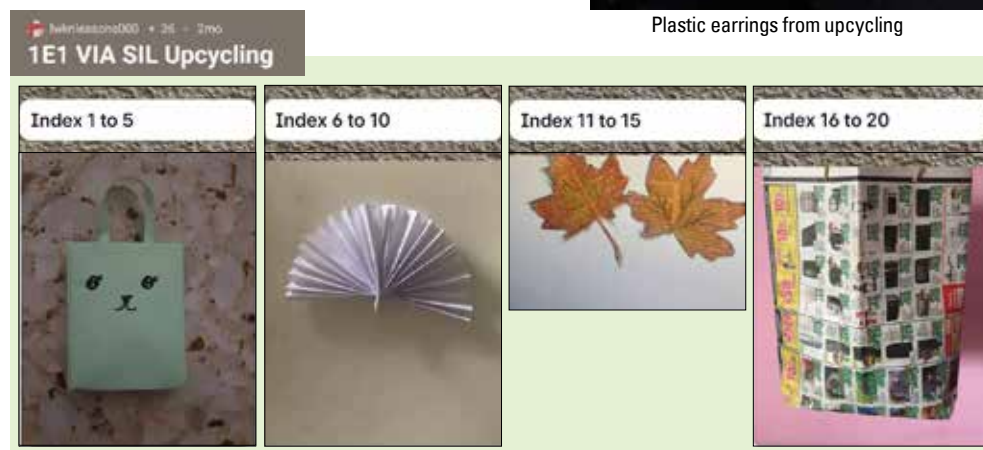
Basket woven from newspaper



Plastic earrings from upcycling



Promoting eco-friendly messages using WhatsApp stickers



Upcycling project submission on padlet

## Secondary One Orientation

On 4 January 2022, our Secondary One students began their journey in New Town Secondary School. To ensure a smooth transition from primary to secondary school, various activities were organised to get them acquainted with the school facilities, programmes and Co-Curricular Activities.

As part of the Orientation Programme, the students participated in an amazing race themed 'The Care Bear Adventure'. Through a series of game stations located around the school, they first learnt the history and some fun facts about the school. These games provided them with the opportunity to develop their communication and problem-solving skills as they stayed united when completing the tasks.

Fatin Elyanah Binte Fathorrahman (1N5) shared, "I really enjoyed the Orientation Programme as my classmates and I had to work closely together to complete the activities that the student leaders had arranged for us."

Boon Hao Yi (1E1) said, "The Orientation Programme was fun. The seniors were very patient and they made the Orientation fun for all of us."



Participating in the Care Bear Adventure



Working together to draw an image on paper



Cooperating to complete the games

# Chinese New Year Celebrations

To celebrate the arrival of the Year of the Tiger, we held our Chinese New Year celebrations online this year. Our campus was beautifully decorated with couplets and festive greetings. School Leaders, teachers, students and vendors sent their well wishes through a music video. Performances from the Guzheng Ensemble, Chinese Dance, Malay Dance and Concert Band brought much delight to everyone. Jefferson Chan (4E3) and Darius Cheong (4E3) also put up a special Wushu performance. Form Teachers led their classes in online games that brought about much laughter and excitement amongst the students.



Well wishes from school leaders and non-teaching staff



Well wishes from students



Wushu performance from the duo

# Humanities Experiential Learning

Experiential learning is an important part of Humanities education as it connects knowledge taught in the classroom to the real-world context. Students learn Geography, History and Social Studies through inquiry, collaboration and hands-on activities.

In the learning of Geography, Virtual Reality technology facilitates place-based learning of issues such as water resource management, coastal management and tourism in Singapore. Out-of-school fieldwork opportunities, such as the coastal geographical investigations at East Coast Park further enhance students' learning of key concepts and processes.

The examination of authentic sources in lower secondary historical investigations brings alive interesting historical

events and figures. Students considered different viewpoints, analysed the validity of sources and developed a deeper awareness of past developments that shaped Singapore.

Secondary Three students completed a Social Studies issue-based investigation on the contemporary issue of diversity in Singapore. Students from 3E2 had the opportunity to collaborate with Nan Hua High School students on this project. Through the process of gathering and analysing data, and forming conclusions as a group, students develop effective collaboration and communication skills, and a deeper awareness of contemporary global and local issues.



Meeting Nan Hua High students during the ice-breaker session



Conducting water testing



Measuring beach angle using fieldwork tools

# 57th Commendation Day

On 25 May 2022, New Town Secondary School commemorated its 57<sup>th</sup> Commendation Day. Having our school motto as the theme, 'To Forge a Better Life', was a reminder for all Newtowners to celebrate the common values we share and to look forward to new beginnings as the school prepares for the merger in 2023.

The programme started with a speech by our Guest-of-Honour, Mr Allan Lieu, President of New Town Alumni, who shared how values like determination, diligence and endurance could lead us to success. He also shared how the school had developed him to be a resilient individual who is unafraid to overcome challenges to achieve his dreams and he encouraged all Newtowners to do the same.

Our valedictorian, Marc Thomas Gan of Class 4E1 (2021), reminded students to always be grateful towards those who have supported them as they journey towards success to forge a better life.

Apart from the presentation of academic awards, Newtowners also recollected fond memories of their school life through a specially-assembled video montage.



Some of the award winners

# Mother Tongue Languages Fortnight

As part of our efforts to promote students' appreciation of the Mother Tongue Languages (MTL), a variety of activities were conducted during the MTL Fortnight for students to learn and use MTL in novel and authentic settings.

The theme for this year was 'Virtual Learning Journey and Traditional Handcraft'. Students enjoyed visiting places of interest in Singapore and India virtually. The hands-on sessions enabled students to participate in activities such as painting a Nyonya ceramic tile and weaving a traditional coaster.

The MTL Fortnight programme provided opportunities for students to gain a deeper understanding of their culture and heritage.



Embarking on a virtual learning journey



Displaying their final product



Weaving a traditional coaster

# SYF Art Exhibition



Their completed artwork



Students' work exhibited in National Museum of Singapore

The theme for this year's Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Art Exhibition was 'Artist and Sustainability'. Our students reflected on their personal experiences, and through their artworks, raised awareness on habits that can and positively impact the world.

Three entries were selected for the art exhibition held at the National Museum of Singapore. All the works submitted for the exhibition have been showcased in the online gallery on the SYF website.

# National Education Events



Mascot for one of Singapore's local farms

Learning about other countries

Trying out the game of five stones

Proudly showing their NRICs

On 16 February 2022, Newtowners commemorated Total Defence Day with the theme, "Together We Keep Singapore Strong." Students learnt how they could play a part in strengthening Singapore's economic defence by supporting local businesses. The commemoration culminated with students designing a mascot for local farms with their pledge of commitment to support local produce.

On 6 April 2022, in line with the theme of "Singapore in Asia," the school commemorated International Friendship Day. Students reflected on Singapore's realities as a small state and how they could safeguard Singapore's national interest while contributing to regional and international cooperation. The programme also focussed on ASEAN's efforts to combat climate change as a community.

The NRIC ceremony held on 27 April 2022 for the Secondary Three students was an empowering citizenship experience to enable students to understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens. Student Councillors of each class facilitated the programme, along with active participation from their peers. The ceremony concluded with excitement as the respective Form Teachers presented the students with their NRICs.

Newtowners commemorated Racial Harmony Day on 20 July 2022. Students learnt about four lesser-known ethnic groups in Singapore: the Kristang, Orang Laut, Hakka and Malayalee. The school's Parents Support Group also set up a traditional games booth which attracted the participation of many students, some of whom were playing the games for the first time.

The National Day Observance Ceremony and Celebration was held on 3 August 2022. The theme for this year's National Day celebration was 'Stronger Together, Majulah'. This was a rallying call for Singaporeans to unite and forge ahead in spite of the difficulties and crises we faced as a nation. The celebrations featured inter-class competitions and showcased our students in action with representatives from the Uniformed Groups participating in the Observance Ceremony and CCA groups displaying their well wishes for Singapore. A group of students performed a medley of National Day songs to show the Singapore spirit. It was definitely a memorable celebration for all and marked the end of NE commemorative events for the year!



Singing our National Anthem



Flag march-in during Observance Ceremony



Game booths set up by our Parents Support Group



Performing the National Day song medley



# National Education Learning Journeys



Listening attentively during the virtual learning journey



Learning from the Former Ford Factory exhibits



Using virtual reality to learn about Singapore's water resources

In Semester One, the Secondary Four and Five students attended a virtual National Education learning journey. Students participated in customised programmes by the Singapore Discovery Centre (SDC) and Changi Experience Studio (CES). Through the Virtual Escape Room conducted by SDC, students broadened their awareness of contemporary issues such as the evolving terrorism landscape around the world. The programme by CES highlighted the history and development of Changi Airport as well as its growth amid the challenges of global competition. Students gained a deeper appreciation of the areas of opportunities and challenges for Singapore.

The Secondary Three students attended a virtual learning journey with Singapore History Consultants. Through presentations and video walkthroughs of sites, they learnt about the historical challenges and constraints faced by Singapore, in particular, land and water resources. Genevieve Yap (3E4) shared, "I learnt about the importance of the government's planning and efficient space use for future projects. I can be an engaged citizen by providing feedback whenever possible."

The Secondary Two students visited the Former Ford Factory. The guided tours allowed them to gain an insight to the historical significance of the site and build strong connections to what they learnt in their History curriculum.

As part of their Geographical Investigations, the Secondary One students embarked on a virtual learning journey to Jurong Lake Gardens using Virtual Reality technology. Through active observations, group discussions and action-planning, students learnt about the importance of Singapore's water resources and how they could conserve the resources.

## Creating a Caring and Enabling School Environment

Character and Citizenship Education (CCE), including National Education and Social Emotional Learning, are integral to the holistic development of Newtowners. Through CCE lessons and other student development experiences, our students learn core values, social-emotional competencies and citizenship dispositions. During CCE lessons, students spend time discussing issues like mental health, cyber wellness and family education. They also do their part for the community through Values In Action projects. Students get the opportunity to attend talks by invited speakers from the Institutes of Higher Learning as part of their Education and Career Guidance exploration.

Teachers use the Form Teacher Period to build rapport with their students and enable students to strengthen their bonds with their classmates. This is done through various teacher and student-led activities as well as personal reflections. On every class noticeboard, a Gratitude Challenge segment is set aside for classes to be reminded of the importance of showing gratitude to those around them.



Making care packs for the Values In Action project



Engaging activities during Form Teacher Period

# Voices of New Town - Our New Merged School

As the school prepares for a new chapter ahead, let us hear our students' collective voices on their aspirations and gratitude for the school.

## Looking forward to forging new friendships

Saifulkalam Syed Hussain (3N5):  
I hope we will make the effort to get to know one another better.

Muhammad Izz Danish Bin Mohamad Zulkifli (2E4):  
I hope that next year will be an exciting year for us. I look forward to making new friends and joining in the activities the school will have.

Haniyah Alayl Binte Jamaluddin (1N6):  
I hope everyone can bond together as one.

Pereira Angelmary Anthony (2N5):  
One NTSS! To show care and concern and help one another.

Sivakumar Jayaneshnikhil (1E2):  
I hope we can make new friends and strengthen ties with one another.

Precious Chua Ke En (2N5):  
I look forward to meeting new schoolmates and getting to know them better.



## Sealing memories with gratitude

Lavanya N Balaji (4E3):  
The spiral staircase represents all that New Town means to me - it connects the classroom blocks and bonds the people in them.

Muhammad Syafiq Rahman Bin Mohamad Zuki (4N5):  
I am thankful we have a vibrant learning environment. For that, I thank my teachers and classmates.

Lim Mei Xian, Grace (4E2):  
I am proud that I am able to mature into a better version of myself over the years and that is because I am surrounded by caring schoolmates and nurturing teachers. Thank you, New Town!

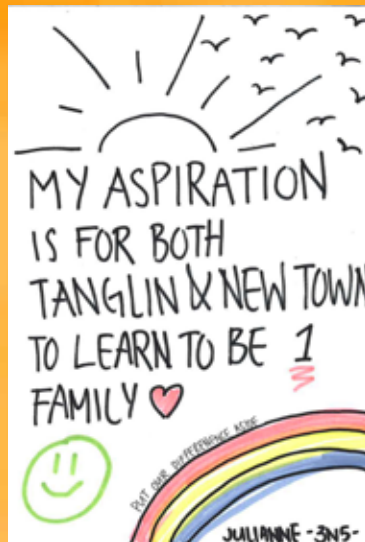
Fataniah Marsya Binte Fazal Asad Ullah & M Pretinkya (5N1):  
The classrooms, the classes, the canteen. Above all, the friendships and teachers' guidance. We give thanks.

Grace Lim (4E1):  
Thank you New Town for helping me to step out of my comfort zone and move a step closer to achieving my aspirations.

Ashley Wah Shi Qi (4N6):  
Thank you, New Town, for a safe and comfortable place which I will remember as my second home.



# Looking forward to growing and learning together



## R.I.S.E with Confidence (Respect • Inclusivity • Strength • Empathy)

Rayden Loh Zuo An (3E1):  
With two teams coming together, we will form a stronger combined team. Together, we will reach greater heights.

Shermaine Soh (3E2):  
I am confident we will build a strong and united Student Leadership board. Together, we can lead our schoolmates in building a school identity that all of us will be proud of.

Sophie Yan Tugnao Go (2E1):  
I hope New Town will be a conducive environment to learn, study and grow.

Irfan Bin Sofian Sanqui (2E1):  
Let's be united and celebrate being together.

Serena Wee (2N5):  
I hope we will study and learn together as a big family.

Kate Tee Jing Ya (1E1):  
I hope our school will continue to be a fun school!

Leow Zhen Qi Frodine (3E1):  
I am looking forward to learning new strategies to grow our team of Peer Support Leaders.

Jeremy Cui Kai Jie (3E4):  
I hope to find study buddies amongst new schoolmates.

Ng Hyun Ting, Vivienne (Wu Xuanting) (1E1):  
I hope to see NTSS working towards a bright future!

Audrey Liow Wei Xuan (3E1):  
I look forward to more interesting learning experiences as we journey together.

Ang Kai Xiang Alwin (2E4):  
May we bond and interact well in this new journey together.

Lim Jie Le Alan (2E3):  
I hope everybody can adapt to the new school environment and learn together.

Anson Haron Seah (2E1):  
I hope we will be able to work well together and help one another in times of need.

# Financial Literacy Workshop

On 30 March 2022, our Secondary Two students attended a two-hour Financial Literacy workshop which aimed to instill the importance of lifelong learning through a board game.

Designed to provide a window into the world of work, students were introduced to the various educational and career pathways as well as economic literacy concepts such as taxes and retirement funds. In addition, students learned to reason and communicate with their friends as they explained to one another the rationale for their choices.



Engaged in the game

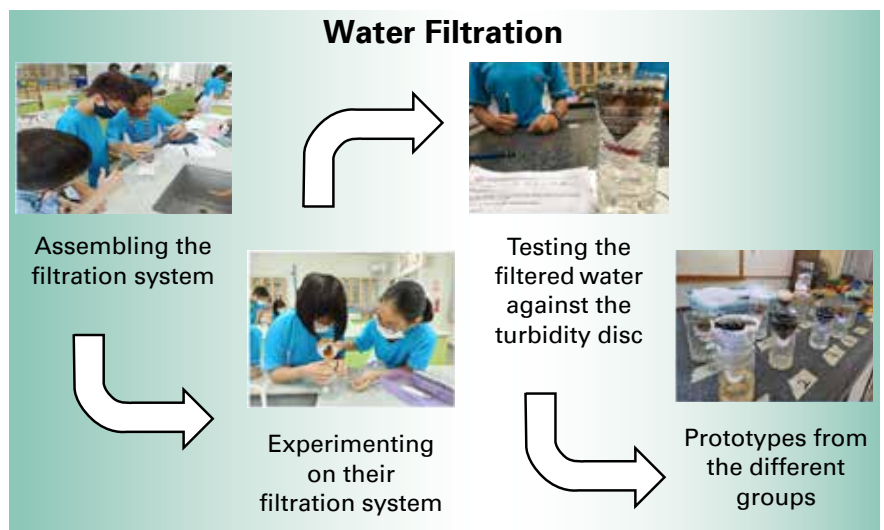


Explaining their choices to their friends

# Water Filtration Activity

Our Secondary One students engaged in an interesting activity during their Science lessons in Semester One. As part of their Blended Learning Experience, students learned the concept of separation and filtration with online lesson packages and a hands-on experience in filtering pond water using a variety of materials.

Through inquiry and collaborative learning, students experimented with different methods of filtration. After each try, students analysed and improved on their water filter design to enhance the quality of the water. This integrated activity allowed our students to innovate and inquire through research and questioning.



# Poetry Enrichment

Over the course of Semester One, the Secondary One students participated in our very own Poetry Writing and Recitation Competition. After learning about poetry in Term One, our Newtowners formed groups to compose poems, which they later performed and filmed during the March holidays.

The programme helped students recognise and demonstrate appreciation for the spoken words. They also learnt how to dramatise poems and better understand the concepts of poetic devices and effect. We are heartened to see our Secondary One students stepping out of their comfort zone in creating lovely pieces they can be proud of.



In-class prize presentations for winning groups



A screen capture of 1E1's winning poem performance

# Teachers' Day Celebration

The Teachers' Day celebration was held on 1 September 2022. The theme for this year's celebrations was "Union of Memories".

Each class kicked off the celebrations with a customised trivia quiz developed by the Student Councillors. The trivia quiz consisted of questions about the unique practices of their respective subject teachers in class. Teachers teamed up with students to compete and test their knowledge. Everyone had fun as they relived their moments together in the classroom.

The day's programme ended on a high note with the presentation of tokens to all teachers. The highlight was the individualised greeting cards filled with well-wishes, words of appreciation, and even poetry from students from across different classes, collated by Student Councillors.



The winning team



Participating in the trivia quiz



Participating in the trivia quiz

## CCA Engagement Programmes

In the first two weeks of Term One, the Secondary One students took part in activities to familiarise themselves with the various Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) offered in school.

The Uniformed Group (UG) Engagement Programme allowed our students to gain hands-on experiences in UG activities. Students explored drone-flying and weapon-handling with the National Cadet Corps, participated in an interesting game of Crime Scene Investigation and Nerf gun activity with the National Police Cadet Corps and tried their hands at tent-pitching and friendship band-making with the Girl Guides.

Students also signed up for the Sports and Games Engagement Programme to get a glimpse of a regular CCA training.

Those who were interested in the Visual and Performing Arts and Clubs and Societies were able to gain more information through the CCA Virtual Open House.



Looking for clues and evidence to solve the mystery



Trying out the NCC equipment and gear



Learning the basic technique of throwing a softball

## Sports Education Programmes

Our Secondary Two students participated in an inline skating programme in Semester One this year. This programme aimed to provide students with the fundamentals of skating safely with good balance and control, as well as to equip them with effective skating movements to protect themselves from common injuries. Our students managed to pick up the new skill quickly.



Trying higher level skating drills



Through this programme, we are heartened to know that students have learned a new skill, gained a new experience, overcome their personal fears and bonded with their peers. They have learned to persevere in the face of challenges. It is encouraging to see our students showing enthusiasm and keeping an open mind to learn an array of new outdoor activities and sports.

Learning the fundamentals of Inline Skating



Supporting one another through the skating experience

# Annual Cross Country

This year, the annual Cross-Country took on a modified format. Our students demonstrated resilience and perseverance as they completed 26 rounds at the basketball court, determined to clock their personal best. Achieving a spectacular timing of 9 minutes and 44 seconds, Roysen Ang (2E3) shared: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising everytime we fall."

Every student who participated and completed their run received a Cross-Country finisher badge, specially designed by Renee Chong (1E2) and Natalie Lim (2E3).

Our heartiest congratulations to the following Champion classes: 1E2, 2E4, 3E3 and 4E4

In the CCA Challenge, both the Basketball Boys and Girls teams emerged champions.



Top two entries of the Cross Country badge design challenge



Running the race with resilience and positivity

# Inter-Class Olympics

The New Town Inter-Class Olympics held in Term Two was an initiative to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate sportsmanship and collaborate with their classmates. This year, the programme comprised three segments: Station Challenges, Team Challenge and the Mystery Creative Challenge.

Classes were presented with challenges to activate their collaborative and decision-making skills. Newtowners definitely rose to the occasion and conquered the challenges with enthusiasm, care and respect.

In hopes of encouraging their peers and juniors, Tyra Wun Ya Wen (2E1) shared, 'Continuous effort and strength in unity are the keys to unlocking our potential!'

Lee Shi Yi (5N1) and Chan Si Ying (4E3) shared, 'Trusting our teammates elevated our gameplay. Let us continue to forge new bonds and memories together. Winning is a bonus!'



Competing with focus



Taking part in the shooting arcade



Secondary One PE Ambassadors as referees



The domino design challenge

# Secondary Three Camp

During the June holidays, our Secondary Three students experienced a two-day outdoor adventure camp that aimed to develop their teamwork and leadership skills. Demonstrating confidence, endurance and teamwork, students braved through activities such as kayaking, fire starting and orienteering. They learnt how to overcome their physical, mental and social challenges by taking ownership of the planning and decision-making during these activities.

Best Male Camper, Ethnan Yu-Erng Devadas (3E4), summed up the camp aptly, "A once-in-a-lifetime, enjoyable, and fulfilling experience! The Secondary Three camp experience gave me an opportunity to become a more confident individual, grow in courage and challenge my limits in the outdoors!"



Applying their knot tying skills



Achieving balance on a kayak



Learning to start a fire for outdoor cooking



Learning to strike a balance as a class

# National Cadet Corps



A sniffer dog from the Military Police



At the Army Open House



OCA Recipient MSG Keane Wong



Trying out a sniper weapon

Our National Cadet Corps (Land) cadets attended the Army Open House at the F1 Pit Building in Semester One. It was a rare opportunity for our cadets to learn more about the Singapore Armed Forces' formations and weaponry. Cadets also gained a deeper insight about the evolution of National Service over the past 55 years.

Our unit attained a Distinction for the Unit Recognition Award in 2021. In addition, Master Sergeant Keane Wong from 4E1 was conferred the prestigious Outstanding Cadet Award (OCA). This award, which is given to the top 5% of cadets in Singapore, recognised Keane's dedication and effort in improving the standard of the unit.

# National Police Cadet Corps

After a two-year hiatus, the National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) finally returned to the Adventure Training Camp at Pulau Ubin. Co-planned by the Cadet Inspectors of New Town Secondary School and Tanglin Secondary School, the camp programme comprised jungle navigation, shelter-building, fire-starting, outdoor-cooking, pioneering and water-acquisition activities - all packed within six hours. For many, it was the first time taking the ferry to offshore Singapore to experience jungle-survival first-hand.

Mrs Keira Seow, the teacher-in-charge of NPCC, reflected, "Seeing the cadets mix their instant noodles in cream of chicken soup and share their custard cream biscuits definitely brings back some pre-COVID nostalgia!"



Cadets starting fire using twigs and dried leaves



Happy faces after a long day at Pulau Ubin

# Girl Guides

In Semester One, our Girl Guides celebrated World Thinking Day and West Division Day by participating in various activities. They also participated in the West Division campfire, where Newtownners served as the masters of ceremonies for the event.

During the June holidays, a group of Girl Guides took part in the Virtual International Camp while another group participated in the Virtual Inter-Unit Camp with the primary schools in the West Division. It has certainly been an eventful year of new experiences for the Girl Guides!



Masters of ceremony for West Division Day



Reciting the Guides' Promise

# Chinese Dance



Our graceful dancers



Moving together in unity

On 31 January 2022, the Chinese Dance girls put up a festive Lunar New Year online performance for the school. The dance, *Zui Tai Ping*, combined graceful movements with traditional music to showcase the elegance of traditional Chinese culture. It was a beautiful dance that livened up the festive atmosphere. Although the pandemic situation meant they could not perform live, the students put in their best effort over two months to perfect their performance. The tight time frame saw the girls exhibiting self-discipline as well as care and concern for one another.

# Guzheng Ensemble



NTSS Chinese New Year Virtual Concert

This year, the New Town Guzheng Ensemble had the privilege to perform virtually for both the school and the public on 31 January and 13 February 2022 respectively.

At the school's Chinese New Year Concert, the Guzheng Ensemble put together a rendition of two melodious pieces. We also took part in the "My Home @ Telok Blangah" Chinese New Year Virtual Show. The audience enjoyed the performance greatly.



Performing virtually for Telok Blangah Community Centre



Practice session before performance

# Concert Band

The New Town Concert Band has been training persistently for this year's lineup of performances. Earlier this year, our students had the opportunity to perform in the school's virtual Chinese New Year celebration concert. This event as well as the performance for the National Day celebrations was a good opportunity for the students to showcase their proficiency. The student leaders of the Concert Band also had the chance to facilitate team bonding activities for the band members as they got together to understand each others' strengths and interests.



Saxophonists playing in harmony



Learning the fundamentals of rhythmic studies



Practising for the upcoming performance



# Softball

With physical training finally kicking in, our Softballers put in their best effort to train for their first National School Games in two years. The 'C' Division team qualified for the second round of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Singapore Recreational Club Softball Carnival. It was a great experience for our students to play against Methodist Girls' School, Nanyang Girls High School and Bukit Batok Secondary School. These competitions definitely honed their skills and strengthened the bond amongst the softballers.



Singapore Recreational Club Softball Carnival



National School Games

# Badminton

Our Badminton players trained hard and demonstrated resilience in preparing themselves mentally and physically. In Term Two, the team participated in the West Zone National School Games 'B' Division Badminton Championships 2022. Despite facing many strong players from other schools, our students displayed sportsmanship during the matches. Our 'B' Division girls did us proud and qualified for the quarter-finals.



Training for the National School Games



'B' Division Girls before their competition



Basketball Boys at 'B' Division NSG Championships



Basketball Girls at 'B' Division NSG Championships

# Basketball

The New Town Basketball team believes in the value of dedication, determination and discipline. The team trained hard for the National School Games West Zone Basketball Championships all year round.

In their journey towards excellence, students took part in a two-day non-residential camp where they trained with an automated basketball shooting machine. In addition, they experienced the game of Kinball, Dodgeball and LaserTag. They also had an engagement session with one of our national players and the national dodgeball players. These sessions inspired our students to be athletes with drive and positive character.

# Football



Warming up before the game



Our 'B' Division boys team



Strategising before the game

In April 2022, the 'B' Division boys participated in the National School Games Competition. It was indeed a long-awaited competition after two years of suspension due to the pandemic. Our boys showed great sportsmanship and teamwork as they faced their opponents from other schools. The boys received praises from the organisers for their gallant efforts in defending their post.

# Table Tennis



Showing determination and perseverance

The Table Tennis 'B' and 'C' Division teams took part in the National Schools Games in Term Two and Three respectively. From the training phase to the competition period, the boys trained hard, exercised self-discipline and showed resilience in challenging themselves to improve their skills, game strategies and fitness. Our boys definitely emerged stronger and earned a wealth of experience through the competitions.

# Art and Crafts

Our Art and Crafts members were exposed to a variety of art forms and techniques and this enabled our Secondary Three students to express their creativity in contemporary painting using a mixture of oil and acrylic mediums, from brush strokes to palette knife strokes. Our Lower Secondary students applied their skills in creating a calligraphic alphabet with floral designs using watercolour paint.



Secondary 1 members with their calligraphic alphabet artwork



Working together to create an art piece

# Infocomm Technology (Media Production)

Students from the Infocomm Technology (Media Production) Club had an eye for detail and demonstrated creativity through Product Photography. This technique aims to capture realistic and attractive images of products in order to help people understand the product better. Students selected an everyday item of their choice and highlighted the attractive features of the product. They succeeded in creating eye-catching product photographs through this training.



Capturing the best angle of their product

# Media Resource Library

In a world dominated by countless social media platforms, photographs have become an important communication tool. The members of the Media Resource Library attended a Smartphone Photography Training module in Term Two and learnt various useful techniques. They were given opportunities to put what they had learnt into practice by photographing the school and its people. At the end of the term, the students submitted their photographs for the 'Our School, Our Stories' photography contest.



Learning the techniques of professional photography



Photographing their peers at work

# Staff Bonding Day

As we charted our way forward post-pandemic, a half-day staff bonding programme was held on 6 April 2022. All staff signed up for various activities according to their interests and preferences.

Activities ranged from flower arrangement, coaster making, coffee appreciation to a game of combat archery. Through these activities, staff were able to put their creativity to the test and had a multitude of opportunities to learn new skills. This pocket of time served as an opportunity for our staff to take care of their well-being and recharge for the term ahead.



Flower arrangement workshop

## 2022 National Day Awards



### The Commendation Medal

Congratulations to Miss Rozaina Bte Rusli (Year Head/Lower Secondary) for receiving the National Day Award Commendation Medal.

The Commendation Medal is awarded to any 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 Leonard Tan Soon Teck (Vice-Principal) for attaining his Long Service Medal.

This award is for any duty-holder of irreproachable character and has completed at least 25 years of service.

## Teachers' Day

It was a splendid afternoon of delight, dazzlement and dancing where the staff came together after a hiatus of two years to celebrate our profession. The mood was uplifting, the conversations light-hearted and the laughter joyous. Staff expressed words of affirmations to fellow teachers for supporting and encouraging one another in their teaching journey. Hair was let down, literally and figuratively, as everyone basked in the enjoyment and relaxation of the celebration. Following the theme '#throwbackthursday', staff swapped their teaching outfits for costumes and even school uniforms to showcase their creativity and fun-loving personalities, busting the myth that teachers were reserved beings. With inhibition out of the way, it was a spectacular sight to see our staff decked in their full glory and enjoying Teachers' Day as they truly deserved.



A near-perfect replica of the Squid Game cast



Evergreen denim fashionistas

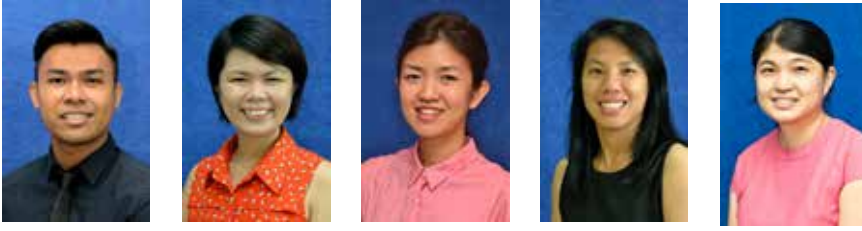


School pride at its best!



Rolling good times of the 80s

# Caring Teacher Award

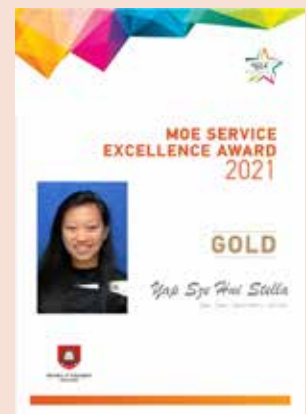


From left to right:  
Mr Muhammad Nur Azman Shah Bin Jumahat  
Mrs Chen Kaiwen  
Ms Siow Xing Yu  
Ms Ng Siew Siew Tracy  
Ms Low Hui Ming

The Caring Teacher Award is organised by the National Institute of Education, with support from ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and the Ministry of Education. It aims to acknowledge teachers in our school who go beyond the call of duty for the holistic development of their students and ensure that the students grow up to be confident and independent learners for our nation. We would like to congratulate the staff recipients.

# MOE Service Excellence Award

Congratulations to the following Officers for receiving the Ministry of Education Service Award (MSEA)! The MSEA recognises staff who are passionate in their service delivery, consistently serve internal and external customers with Courtesy, Accessibility, Responsiveness and Effectiveness (C.A.R.E) and inspire their colleagues to do likewise.



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