



### *Achievements in Term 1*

#### **East Zone Inter-Primary School Badminton Championships 2017**

Category	Result
Junior Girls	Second
Junior Boys	Second
Senior Girls	Third
Senior Boys	Champion

#### **2017 年全国小学生珲春比赛**

姓名	班级	奖项
陈敏美	五年级一班	优胜奖

### *Completed Events in Term 1*

#### **Character & Citizenship Development**

##### **Buddy Orientation Programme for Primary One Students**

The Buddy Orientation programme aims to help our new Kong Hwaians, the Primary Ones, assimilate quickly into the new environment through a support system of care and guidance from their seniors. It also means helping them understand the school's culture along the way.

The P1 Buddy Orientation was held over two weeks, from 3 to 13 January 2017. P1 Kong Hwaians were paired up with their P5 and P6 seniors and bonded during recess. The seniors made sure the P1 Kong Hwaians familiarised themselves with the school environment and understood the *dos and don'ts* in the school canteen. They also taught their P1 buddies how to queue up to buy food, and maintain their personal hygiene during recess.

All buddies enjoyed the bonding sessions. The P1 Kong Hwaians expressed their appreciation by making thank you cards for their buddies.

##### **Alumni Chinese New Year Celebration at Tai Pei Elder's Home**

Kong Hwaians, teachers, principals and alumni brought some CNY cheer to the elderly at Tai Pei Elder's Home on 15 January 2017. Kong Hwaians put up a song performance, serenading the elderly with a touching rendition of "The Moon Represents My Heart". An impromptu Wushu performance by one of our talented prefects rounded off the afternoon's entertainment. It was indeed a heart-warming experience to see the interactions between the elders and Kong Hwaians when they received their goody bags hand-packed with love by the children. Through this meaningful annual service, Kong Hwaians reinforce their care for others and contribute to our community and nation.

##### **Adoption of ABC Waters @ Kallang**

As an additional platform for environmental education and to do our part in the community, Kong Hwa School has adopted a new stretch of waterway newly opened along Kallang MRT. Sited between Upper Boon Keng Road and Sims Drive, the stretch was officially opened on 22 January 2017 by Assoc. Prof Yaacob Ibrahim. As Friends of Water and the official adopters of the waterway, Kong Hwa School will be leveraging the site for Values in Action programmes and as a launch pad for environmental education.

### **Singapore Kindness Movement - Friends of Singa Ambassadors**

Fourteen P5 Kong Hwaians have been appointed as Friends of Singa and will serve as Kindness Ambassadors in school in 2017. Spearheading a Kindness Project to be executed during the Singapore Kindness Week, these ambassadors underwent a workshop on 13 February 2017. They gained insights into the “invisible workers” in school, like our operations and administration support staff, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the school. They also learned about ways in which we can accord them recognition and affirmation, to show our appreciation for their efforts. In addition, the Kindness Ambassadors picked up skills in public speaking, critical and inventive thinking and project management. We look forward to the implementation of their project in the later part of the year and their leadership in spreading kindness and positivity throughout the school.

### **Total Defence Day**

The school commemorated Total Defence Day (TDD) on 15 February 2017, an annual event which marks the surrender of Singapore to the Japanese during World War 2. This year, the theme for TDD is *Together We Keep Singapore Strong*. Singapore has remained safe and peaceful over the past 51 years because of the efforts of all Singaporeans.

Kong Hawians are encouraged to put Total Defence into action in their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people.

During that week, our students watched an assembly show entitled *Pieces of You, Pieces of Me* by Interaction Arts And Drama Network which focussed on the importance of preserving our identity and defending the nation. Teachers conducted lessons on one of the five pillars of Total Defence (Military, Civil, Economic, Social and Psychological) during Social Studies. Students were each given a bottle of NEWater and a packet of biscuits to remind them of the importance of conserving water and the hardships experienced in times of turmoil. They also took part in some of the Total Defence activities organised by the teachers and VSP during their recesses.

### **Class Monitor Training**

The Class Monitor Training programme aims to familiarise participants with their roles and also inculcate in them values and leadership qualities which the class monitors should possess in order to lead their peers in the class. Class monitors from P2 to P6 attended this training in the afternoon on 6 March 2017. In one of the activities, participants were actively involved in discussions on the different case scenarios. From the feedback gathered, participants indicated that they felt inspired and were better prepared to carrying out their duties more effectively.

### **Primary 6 Learning Journey to Sungei Buloh**

Our Primary 6 Kong Hwaians completed their Field-Based Learning Journey to Sungei Buloh this term. It was a meaningful learning experience where learning extended beyond the walls of the classroom. In their reflections, many shared about their learning and appreciation of Sungei Buloh as Singapore’s first ASEAN heritage park, respect for nature and responsible decision making to preserve the natural state and biodiversity in our country. They also found the trip interesting and fun as they were able to study the Sungei Buloh Mangrove Habitat, which is part of their P6 Science syllabus, up close.

### **5 Minute Spotlight**

In addition to recognizing exemplary behaviour as demonstrated by Kong Hwaians, this year, our 5 Minute Spotlight story sharing platform during Assembly will include stories shared by students about their teachers. Term 1 saw a Kong Hwaian share a story about his gratitude towards his teacher’s commitment to ensuring that no student gets left behind in learning.

By extending the recognition and affirmation to staff and students alike, we aim to strengthen positive teacher-student relationships and add to the Culture of Positivity.

#### **Model Class and Green Class Awards**

Since its inception in 2016, the Model Class Award has served as a whole-school approach to “catching exemplary behaviour” - as tangible manifestations of the school’s values by Kong Hwaians. Each term, exemplary behaviour demonstrated by Kong Hwaians individually and as a class, will contribute points to their class. The class with the most points at the end of the term will be awarded the Model Class Award, and fly a banner proudly on the exterior of their classroom. As the points are cumulative, at the end of the year, the class with the most accumulated points will be awarded the Model Class of the Year Award and be rewarded with an extra half an hour of recess. As Term 1 draws to a close, we will crown the first 2017 Model Classes of Term 1 after the March holidays.

Also conceptualised in 2016, the termly Green Class Award recognizes Kong Hwaians for their green efforts in energy and water conservation in school, in addition to keeping their classes clean. We will crown 2017’s first Green Classes after the March Holidays.

### *UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 2*

#### **Mathematics**

##### **Math Olympiad**

The P6 students will complete their Math Olympiad training beginning of Term 2. P4 and P5 students who displayed aptitude for Mathematics will be invited to take part in this year’s training. The training is especially useful for students who would like to participate in the NUS High National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore 2017 and ACS (I) Annual Mathlympic for All Primary School 2017.

We would also like to wish our P6 students who are taking part in the RI World Math Contest and SMOP all the best in both competitions.

#### **Science**

##### **Sony Creative Science Award 2017 for P4 – P6 Students**

The Sony Creative Science Award (SCSA) is Singapore’s largest creative toy competition for Primary School students. P4 – P6 students can register in this competition as an individual or part of a team of two. The toy submitted will be judged based on its originality, creativity, design and sturdiness. To take part in this competition, students should indicate their interest by submitting a detailed write-up of the toy by 30 March 2017 to their Science teacher in the form sent out through parents in the letter dated 3 March 2017. A selection process will be put in place and students whose toys are selected for the competition can then prepare for the submission of the completed toy by 19 May 2017 through the school. For more information on the competition, please visit the webpage: <http://www.science.edu.sg/events/Pages/sonycreativescienceaward.aspx>.

##### **Singapore Biodiversity and Adaptation Workshop for P6 Students**

P6 students will be going to the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum to attend a workshop on Singapore’s rich biodiversity and various adaptations exhibited by animals. This will complement their learning in the theme of ‘Interactions’. They will learn about different structural adaptations and infer behavioural adaptations from observing features of a variety of animal specimens. There will also be opportunities to handle actual museum specimens. Each class will attend one workshop scheduled in the afternoon, between 20 June and 23 June 2017.

## **Character & Citizenship Development**

### **P5 Values in Action – I Care I Share**

To nurture morally upright Kong Hwaians with a strong sense of belonging to the community and to provide opportunities for interactions with elders, P5 classes will be visiting Tung Ling Eldercare Centre, Geylang East Home for the Aged and Orange Valley Home (Sims Ave) on 21, 24 and 28 March. The visits will present an invaluable opportunity for our pupils to demonstrate care and respect, through interactions and performances put up especially for the elderly in the audience.

### **International Friendship Day**

We will be celebrating International Friendship Day (IFD) in Term 2 Week 3 (3 to 7 April). This year, the theme for IFD is *ASEAN 50*. It has been 50 years since the establishment of this association and members have been working together to accelerate economic growth, social progress, sociocultural evolution while protecting regional peace and stability. As Singapore is an active member of ASEAN, our students will benefit from learning about the varied backgrounds and experiences of people in our neighbouring countries and continue maintaining our good relations with them.

A series of exciting activities has been lined up for our Kong Hwaians to deepen their understanding of the relations that we share with other countries.

### **Youth for the Environment Day**

The focus for the 7 April 2017 Youth for the Environment Day is "Food Waste Reduction and Recycling". Aligned to Earth Day, an annual international environmental event which falls on 21 April, our school's Green Movement Committee has lined up a series of activities, beginning with the collection of pre-loved story books (from 3 April to 5 April during recess). Pupils who have donated pre-loved story books will be able to select their choice of titles (on 7 Apr during recess) from the entire collection of pre-loved books, followed by monthly recyclables collection on 7 Apr.

We will also be rigging our school's refuse containers with waste catchment devices, to collect food waste and measure the amount of waste generated after each recess. With the information, we aim to make Kong Hwaians more aware of the amount of waste they generate and make salient the need to reduce food wastage. Look out for more details in the weeks to come.

### **Green Movement @ KHS**

Our monthly recyclables collection and the commitment to environmental conservation continues. A monthly affair, the drive has been well-received, with generous contributions from Kong Hwaians of all ages. Last year, we collected an average of 400kg of recyclables per month. We look forward to contributing even more to the recycling movement and your generous contributions on the following Term 2 dates:

- 7 and 28 April – In celebration of Youth for the Environment Week
- 25 May

### **P4 and P5 Field Based Learning Journey**

As part of the Social Studies curriculum, the school is organizing Field-Based Learning Journeys for our P4 and P5 in Term 2 Week 9 (15 to 19 May). Field-Based Learning provides authentic learning experiences that can help pupils better appreciate the issues that they are inquiring into.

Our P4 students will be visiting Kampong Glam where they will learn about the history and heritage of Kampong Glam through first hand experiences. They will also be able to identify the key features of the buildings in Kampong Glam.

Our P5 students will be visiting the Asian Civilisation Museum, where they will learn about the historical and cultural heritage found in China and India, understand how the legacies of China and India influence our life today through the artefacts and learn about the creativity of the people of these ancient civilisations and how it is reflected in our world today.

#### **Ecobuddies Outreach Programme**

Redesigned from our long-running STAR Buddy Programme in collaboration with Dunman High School (DHS), the Ecobuddies Outreach programme seeks to guide our P4 and P5 Green Captains towards character and cognitive excellence through role modelling by their DHS seniors and the inculcation of appropriate environmental values and attitudes. Beginning in Term 2, the Green Captains will learn to better manage themselves, build up better social relationships with their peers and become more aware of themselves through the Ecobuddies activities and gain greater clarity on how they can do their part as Green Captains in environmental education.

#### **P1 and P2 Values in Action – Happy Family and Cheerful Classroom**

Our young Kong Hwaians will be taking part in their first few Values in Action Programmes beginning in Term 2. They will learn to take ownership of their classrooms, keeping it clean and conducive for learning. In addition, they will have the opportunity to apply the skills learnt in school to accomplish chores at home. Parents, rejoice.

#### **PE/ Art/ Music (PAM)**

##### **SYF Art Exhibition**

This year's SYF Art Exhibition's theme is "Art!st and Space". The theme invites our student artists to explore the "spaces" found in the world around them from different perspectives.

##### **Parents' Day Art Competition (P1 - P6)**

The annual Parents' Day Art Competition will commence from Term 2 Week 1. Students will learn the paper quilling technique and will use recycled materials to create a special artwork for their parents.

##### **Kong Hwa Idol**

Kong Hwa Idol, the annual singing competition aims to

- inspire and ignite the students' love and passion for music by singing Chinese pop and folk songs
- encourage learning of Chinese Language through Chinese music
- discover singing and performing talents in school

The finals will be held on 2 May (P3 - P6) & 25 May (P1-P2). We look forward to our singing enthusiasts to sign up for the competition!

##### **Music Assembly - Indian Culture on 18 May**

This specially arranged Assembly Programme for P1 and P2 pupils hopes to create awareness and allow students to experience and understand authentic Indian dance, music and instruments.

##### **PAM Day on 25 May**

This special PAM Day is dedicated to allow students to be fully immersed in PAM activities. P1- P3 students will participate in Art and Music activities while the P4-P6 students will be participating in sports.

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## IMPORTANT DATES (TERM 2)

Week	Date	Day	Event/Activity/Holiday	Level	Remarks
2	31 Mar	Fri	Home-based Learning	P1-P6	P1-P6 students need not report to school.
2	1 Apr	Sat	Parents' Workshop	P1-P6	For parents of P1-P6 students, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
3-4	3-12 Apr	Mon-Wed	School Health Team Visit	P1-P6	
4	13 Apr	Thu	SHHK Combined School Sports Meet	P4 & P6	P1, P2, P3 & P5 students need not report to school.
4	14 Apr	Fri	Good Friday	P1-P6	Public Holiday
5	18 Apr	Tue	SA1 EL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	P3-P6	
5	19 Apr	Wed	SA1 CL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	P3-P6	
5	20-21 Apr	Thu & Fri	P6 SA1 CL & EL Oral	P6	
6	25 Apr	Tue	P3 SA1 CL & P5 SA1 EL Oral	P3 & P5	
6	26 Apr	Wed	P5 SA1 CL & P4 SA1 EL Oral	P4 & P5	
6	28 Apr	Fri	P4 SA1 CL & P3 SA1 EL Oral	P3 & P4	
7	1 May	Mon	Labour Day	P1-P6	Public Holiday
7	4 May	Thu	64 <sup>th</sup> School Anniversary Celebration	P1-P6	
7	5 May	Fri	SA1 Higher Chinese Language (HCL) Paper 1 & 2	P5-P6	
8	8 May	Mon	SA1 Science (SC)	P3-P6	
8	9 May	Tue	SA1 English Language (EL) Paper 2	P3-P6	
8	10 May	Wed	Vesak Day	P1-P6	Public Holiday
8	11 May	Thu	SA1 Mathematics (MA) Paper 1 & 2	P3-P6	
8	12 May	Fri	SA1 Chinese Language (CL) Paper 2	P3-P6	
10	21-26 May	Sun-Fri	P5 School Overseas Immersion Programme	P5	Tentative dates
10	21-27 May	Sun-Sat	P5 BICEP Overseas Immersion Programme	P5	Tentative dates
10	22-25 May	Mon-Thu	P4 BICEP Language Camp	P4	
10	26 May	Fri	Meet-the-Parents for selected students	P1-P6	