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Radin Mas Primary joined in the celebrations for Singapore's 58th birthday at the Padang! At this year's NE Show, our Primary 5 students, decked in red and white, cheered their hearts out and waved the National Flag proudly.

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Thank You Teachers!



By Athena Wang Jialin, 5N

Our Teachers' Day Celebration was held on the 31 August and it was so heartwarming to be able to celebrate and appreciate our teachers for their hard work. Organised by our P5 student leaders, this year's Teachers' Day ended Term 3 with a big bang of joy and laughter.

The Teachers' Day Celebration was one of a kind with heartfelt performances put up by the P1-6 students. Three TikTok dances were performed by our P5 student leaders and the viral hit Cupid was danced by some of our volunteers from P4.

My favourite part of the celebration was handing out tokens to the teachers of multiple levels. It was fun seeing my old teachers again and remembering

how they enlightened me on different concepts and ideas in the past five years of my primary school life.

"I enjoyed the dancing part, but I think that the most important part of this celebration is to appreciate and show your gratitude for all our teachers. After all, they are the ones who have guided us throughout our walk of life," said Tay Kai Ying, Twinkle, 5I. Her words reminded me that our teachers ultimately care for us deeply and that whatever they do (yes, even the disciplining and the homework) is to help us grow to be a better person.

Once again, I wish all Radin Mas teachers had a memorable and joyful Teachers' Day. I also hope all students would remember to show their gratitude to their teachers for all the hard work they put in!

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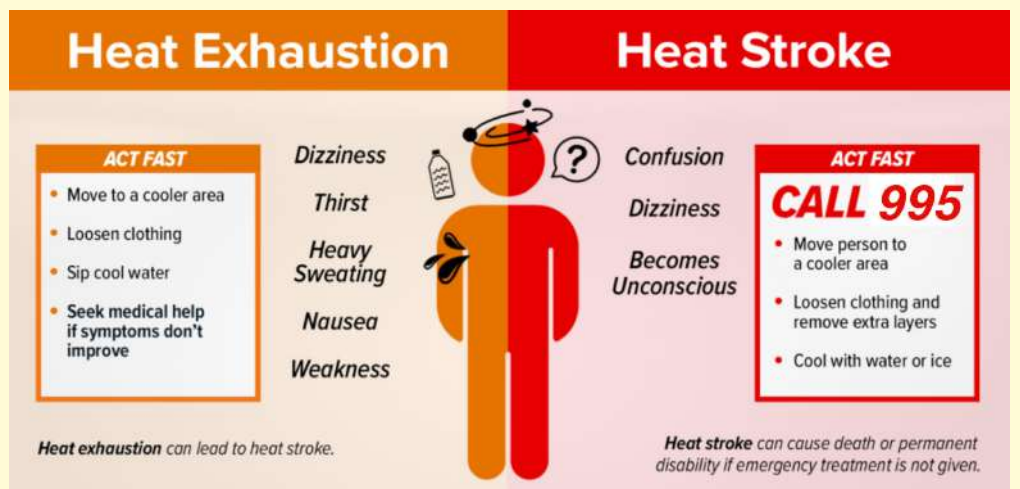
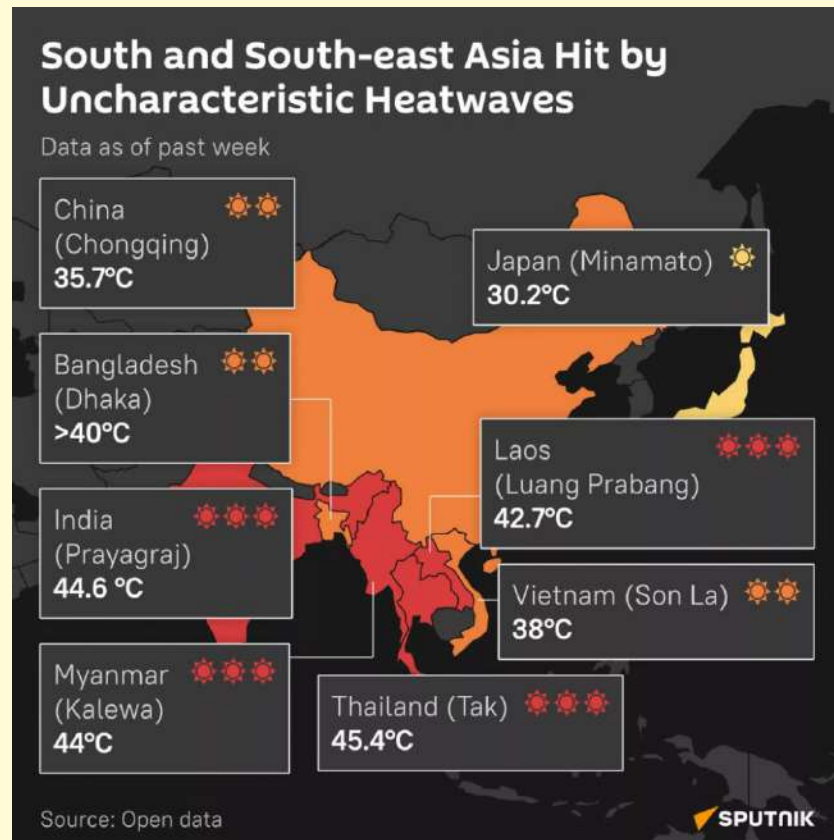
Heat Waves: In An Age of Global Boiling

By Joshua Pang Yi Fei, 5D

Recently, temperatures have been soaring all over the world. In Radin Mas Primary School, students are allowed to wear their P.E. attire to keep cool in the overwhelming heat. But what is causing this unusually warm weather?

The answer: Heat waves.

Heat waves are a very serious problem to the environment. It can lead to water shortages and increase stress for plants.



In April 2023, a record-breaking heat wave has affected many regions and countries, including India, Thailand, Taiwan and Singapore. These heat waves are becoming increasingly common and more intense with climate change. As the UN secretary general, Antonio Guterres, noted, “the era of global boiling has arrived”.

Heat waves increase the strain on water, energy and transportation, resulting in power shortages or even blackouts. Food supplies may also be strained if people lose their crops or livestock due to the extreme heat. Extreme heat can also be dangerous to health, causing health problems such as increasing the risk of heat strokes or heat-related injuries. This is especially risky for **vulnerable** groups of people such as senior citizens, young children and pregnant women.

How do we reduce the severity of heat waves and stay safe? Firstly, planting trees and plants can lower surface and air temperatures. Trees and vegetation that shade your home can help to decrease the use of air-conditioning too, hence reducing further strain on the environment. Secondly, we should be aware of signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke so we can better protect ourselves.

Remember to be informed, stay hydrated and keep cool!

Word Bank

vulnerable (adjective) - in need of special care, support, or protection

Hazy Forecast Ahead

By Athena Sze Yuxin and Chua Xia Ying, Charlene, 4I

In 2015, there was a period of haze that affected everyone in Singapore. During the haze, people needed to reduce their outdoor physical activities, wear masks called N95 masks and install air filtration systems.

We spoke to our parents who were more familiar with the 2015 haze situation. “It was a rush when the people of Singapore found out about the haze. Many went to stores to buy air purifiers,” shared one of our parents, Mdm Jamie Lee Siang Siang.

It has been reported that there may be a higher risk of haze between June and October

2023. This is because of predictions of a severe dry spell due to the El Niño effect. Although the forecasted haze will not be as severe as in 2015, we must still be prepared for it!

Due of the haze, some of us are scared or even feeling sad about it! Elizabeth Sze Huixin, 1S, said, “I will feel very scared because I will not be able to see my friends at school.”

We agree with Elizabeth, it is very sad not to see our friends. Angela Lee Sihui, 4I, said, “I will feel upset as I will not be able to attend school or student care as it is fun.”

We hope the haze will not be so serious that we cannot go to school! Remember, stay safe and stay happy!

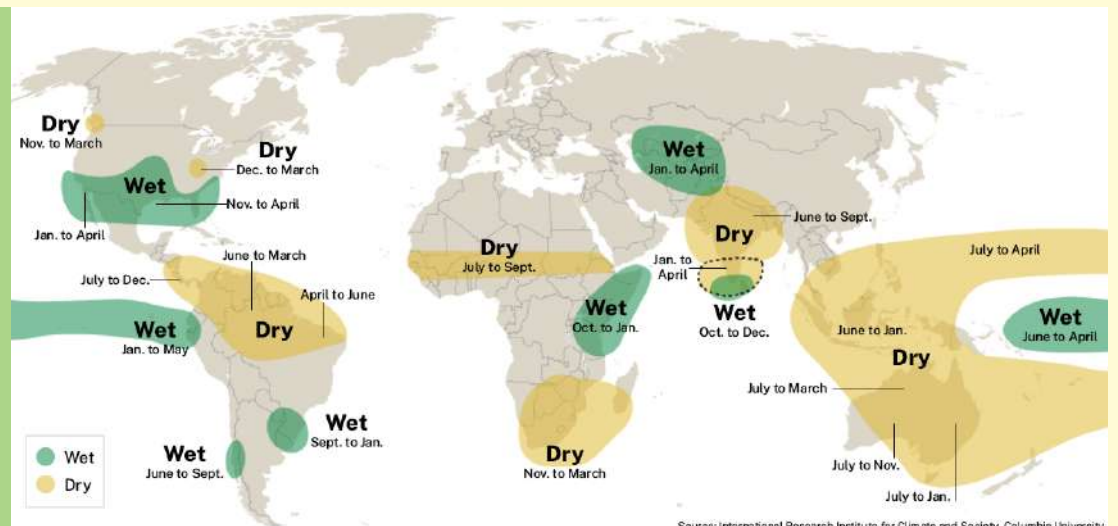


Severe haze condition as seen at Marina Bay area in Singapore in 2015

What is El Nino?

El Niño is a climate pattern that happens over the Pacific Ocean but can affect weather worldwide. El Niño occurs every 3-5 years. When El Niño conditions occur, Singapore and our neighbouring countries experience lesser rainfall and warmer temperatures.

Drier and hotter weather conditions may result in more peatland and vegetation fires which increases the chances of Singapore experiencing haze.



A map showing how El Niño affects global rainfall patterns

Pereira Wins Gold in Hangzhou!



Shanti Pereira made waves when she won a historic gold medal in the 200m race at Hangzhou during this year's Asian Games. The 27-year-old track athlete is Singapore's first Asian Games medallist in athletics since 1974!

Being a national athlete means Shanti had to be resilient despite facing injuries as well as the overwhelming pressure. She shared that there were many times she felt fearful. However, she never gave up. With encouragement from her coach, family and friends, Shanti persevered and has made a mark for Singapore.

Stamping Out Corruption

By Cruz Tay Le, 5N

The Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) is an independent government agency under the Prime Minister's Office, and it is responsible for the investigation and prevention of corruption in Singapore. The CPIB was established in 1952 by the British colonial government and CPIB is constantly striving to keep Singapore corruption-free. This year, Singapore is ranked as the least corrupt Asian country, and is the fifth least corrupt country in the world according to the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) by the global anti-corruption body, Transparency International.

Corruption means dishonest or **fraudulent** conduct by those in power, typically involving bribery. Singapore has a "zero-tolerance" approach when it comes to corruption. It is important to stay corruption-free in order to strengthen political stability, and also important for regional and international businesses here to be transparent and trustworthy.

If people are greedy and take bribes, they will be encouraged to do things that they know are unlawful or immoral. When special opportunities, such as jobs or business contracts, are given to people or companies which offer bribes or share a personal connection, it becomes unfair to others. It also could mean that more qualified people and companies are turned down or do not get the opportunity. The more widespread such practices are, the more inefficient the economy. This is detrimental for Singapore.

Our school value, "Stand up for Integrity", means that we must be honest and do what is right even when no one is watching. Honesty is the best policy. We must have the moral courage to always stand up for what is right and positively influence others too.



Word Bank

fraudulent (adjective) - obtained, done by, or involving deception, especially criminal deception.

Meet Singapore's New President

By Ho Yuh Ching, 4N

Singapore's new President is Former Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who won after securing 70.4% of the votes! The Presidential Election had caused quite a heated debate among Singaporeans. Singaporeans had three candidates to choose from – Mr Ng Kok Song, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, and Mr Tan Kin Lian. The results of the Presidential Election were announced on the 1st of September, past midnight.

Mr Tharman is the ninth President of Singapore. He has taken over President Halimah Yacob, who was the first female President of Singapore. Before Mr Tharman became President, he was a senior minister of Singapore but had to resign so that he could compete in the Presidential Election. He

has led the SkillsFuture program, which was launched in 2014 with the aim of developing skills of the future and opportunities for life-long learning and job upskilling among Singaporeans. He has also chaired the tripartite Council for Skills, Innovation and Productivity (CSIP) until May 2017.

"I am thankful that Mr Tharman was elected as our next President. I think his experience and his track record in bringing people together will be useful in bringing us together as One Singapore in the years ahead," said Mr Goh Sheow En, HOD English.

Mr Tharman certainly has his work cut out for him. All in all, I hope he does make Singapore truly a better place for all.





P2 Arts Trail

"I enjoyed the drama lesson where I could pretend to draw extraordinary things in the air." - Asher Ignatius Yeong En Le, 2I

"This is my first experience watching a play. I enjoyed the performance as the actors were very expressive." - Chong Yue Kew, 2R

"I enjoyed watching the play with my classmates. I learnt to use my imagination to show what the main character from the story was doing." - Chua Rui Lin, 2D

"It was fun as I got to explore the academy. My classmates and I sang many songs during the lesson." - Jaskaran Singh Rai, 2M

Arts Festival

By Janah Koh Si Hen, 3M

The Art Festival is the school's highly **anticipated** event held in the last week of Term 2 each year. During the week-long event, there were many different activities held at designated points around the school compounds.

One of the highlights this year was the wonderful skit put up by members of the English Language Drama and Debate Society (ELDDS) titled "3 Little Wolves and The Pig!". Held in the library, we were truly well entertained by the interesting and humorous storyline. We certainly believe that the performers had spent lots of time and effort in the rehearsals leading up to the performance.

Another highlight was the performance by the Chinese Orchestra held at the foyer. Since I was a young child, I have always been fascinated by the impressive instruments such as the guzheng, erhu, yang qin and flutes. While sharing with my mother about the performance, she told me that she played the yang qin in the Radin Mas' Chinese Orchestra team more than 30 years ago! Hopefully, we can get a chance to try out the instruments next time.

Other activities available during the Arts Festival included the Art Club and Maker's booths held at the NE Promenade. Long queues were formed as students could handmade crafts to bring home. Hopefully, there can be more hands-on activities for us to take part in next year as well!

Another programme that many of us enjoyed was the choir performance put up at the library. We truly loved the beautiful and melodious songs that were sung by our schoolmates. Watching the choir members perform made me feel prouder and more thankful to be a new member of the school's choir.

It was indeed a very eventful and engaging week for the whole school and hopefully everyone enjoyed the interesting programmes and activities as much as my friends and I did.

Word Bank

anticipated (adjective) - expected or looked-forward to



P5 Outdoor Adventure Camp

By Alicia Khong Kai En and Chen Siyao, 5I

This year, the Primary 5 students had a 3D2N camp at the Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Centre. Before going for the camp, we felt extremely excited. We thought that this would be a fun and engaging experience for us. The P5 cohort was split into 11 groups, so that the P5s can make new friends and get to interact with students from different classes.

It was a very **novel** experience for most of us as we did many activities for the first time. Other than the low and high elements activities, we also did other fun activities like learning to pitch a tent and the night walk.

During the night walk, we heard many different sounds from animals and we also saw fireflies. We were encouraged not to use our torchlights and it was indeed a very scary experience as it was very dark. However, my group mates encouraged each other and eventually, we managed to complete the walk together and reach the quarry with great happiness.

The Primary 5 camp was truly an enriching experience for the students.



As Jaela Tan Jie Le, 5N said, “I enjoyed P5 camp a lot and I would love to go to camp again. I don’t regret going for camp as it was very enjoyable, fun and amazing. There were many fun activities and games planned for us and I enjoyed every game and activity there. For me, the Stream Exploration was the best and most fun activity in camp.”

Word Bank
novel (adjective) – new and original

P3 NE-infused Camp

By Brittany Loh Mengxin, 3R

I had been looking forward to the P3 camp for weeks! The day camp took place at Labrador Park. It was my first time at Labrador Park. After alighting from the bus at the MRT station, we started the hike to Labrador Park. Even though the hike was tiring, we persevered and stayed positive. We felt a great sense of achievement upon completing the hike.

Mr Chong Wen Qian, our PE teacher, taught us how to waterproof our clothes by putting them in Ziploc bags and squeezing out the excess air. About half an hour later, we started the real adventure - heading to Labrador Hill to search for items. My excitement was like a bubble that was on the verge of bursting.

The entire P3 level then gathered at a fortress that was built during World War 2. Our task was to find the items that were written on our camp booklets. On our way to a place where a canon was built in World War 2, I saw some saga seeds and bracket fungi that were growing on a log.

Another highlight of the camp is also learning some first aid skills. I had a lot of fun trying to put on a bandage for a friend. It was indeed a wonderful P3 camp! All of us enjoyed it a lot. We look forward to more fun camps together!



P4 Outdoor Escapade Camp

By Yab Jaelynn and
Klarissa Teo Shu En, 4N

The P4 camp was on 28th April 2023. It started at school before we set off for Sentosa for a fun-filled and exciting day.

Mr Ng Jun Kiat, SH PE & CCA, explains that RMPS spends effort on camps to allow students gain exposure to life skills that are not learnt in the classroom, for example, G.R.I.T (growth mindset, resilience, independence, teamwork) values where students are able to persevere and solve problems.

In this camp, everyone, including the ones who are normally more reserved came together to work as a team. As Athena Sze Yuxin, 4I, shared “the most memorable part of the camp

was working together with my peers and competing with other P4 classes in a skipping challenge. Mdm Roszanah binte Kamarudin, FT 4I, made my class do a huge challenge to skip sideways. I found it very memorable even though it was just one day!”

Isemay Tan Hee, 4M, said, “One problem my class faced is not being able to have good teamwork. However, we overcame this problem by communicating to each other about how we should improve.”

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all teachers, coordinators and students who made the day possible. Although the P4 day camp ended, the memories will last us a lifetime.

Onward as One!



By Foo Xin Ning Chloe, 5M

Finally, after 4 years of wait, the National Day Parade is finally taking place again at one of our national monuments, the Padang. This year, the RMPS P5 students had their National Education show on the 15 July 2023. A sea of white and red flooded the Padang with over 10,000 students and spectators eager to watch the National Day Parade Rehearsal as it was the first time for many of us to watch the Parade live.

The sun was scorching hot but nevertheless, delightful screams were heard as various elements of the parade made their appearance. The pre-parade activities started with interactive games such as posing like the mascots on stage for the big screen as people in the crowd were randomly spotlighted.

I was busy **scrutinising** the giant screen, hoping to spot one of us on it. Another activity that I enjoyed was participating in the iconic Kallang Wave. It certainly enlivened the whole Padang and got everyone hyped up for the show to begin.

The show finally began with students from various schools in vibrant costumes dancing to this year's theme song, Shine Your Light. Moments later, everyone in the Padang was looking upwards to the sky, eager to spot the famous Red Lions. As each parachuter made their descent, I waited with bated breath until they landed safely. With each landing, the parachuter was welcomed by loud cheers and applause from the crowd.

Another favourite segment of mine was the aerial performance by our RSAF. To celebrate the RSAF's 55th anniversary, this performance was going to feature the largest number of aircraft in 5 years. As the engines roared in the sky, I felt my heart beat faster as I watched the thrilling air display by all the fighter jets! What a treat it was to see this performance live!

As the night fell, the show segment, comprising of four acts started. People from all walks of life came together to put on a spectacular performance. Bringing the show to its climax were past National Day songs such as "Stand up for Singapore", "Home" and "The Road Ahead" with a stunning firework display. As the parade came to an end, we sung the National Anthem and recited the pledge.

The parade has evoked a sense of patriotism amongst us. National Day is a day to remind all of us how far Singapore has come to become what it is today. We must treasure and protect the peace and harmony that we have now. This was certainly an experience to remember!

Word Bank

scrutinising (verb) - examining or inspecting closely and thoroughly.

Welcoming Visitors from Hong Kong



By Mohamad Aariz Bin Mohamad Sharul, 5N

At the end of Term 2, the Primary 4 and 5 student leaders prepared for a visit from students from Kwong Ming Ying Loi School from Hong Kong. When we were briefed by Mdm Chua and Mrs Cheng, many of us wondered if the students would be able to converse in English. We wondered what we could do if there was to be a language barrier. So, we were advised to adjust our level of English accordingly to the student that we would be attached to.

However, once we met the students, we were pleasantly surprised that our worries were **unfounded**. The students were comfortably conversant in English and could even crack jokes with us. We were so amused that even though we were from different countries, children our age shared the same sense of humour! It shows that humour can help us get along and live in harmony.

During the visit, we exchanged our schooling experiences. One thing that struck me was that they did not have a canteen in school. The students eat in their classrooms and must bring their own lunches every day. I can't imagine how much effort it would take for their parents to pack their meals daily.



One of the first things we did with the visitors was playing an ice breaker Bingo game, where we had to go around asking one another questions. We then showed the students around the different places in our school and introduced them to our seven mascots. They also spent some time with us in our classrooms, joining for one of our lessons. Looking at them in the classroom, I could tell that they were good students as they were attentive during the lesson.

Lastly, since Singaporeans are proud of our foodie culture, we shared different types of local kueh and snacks from the main ethnic groups in Singapore. My Hong Kong buddy particularly enjoyed the taste of the kueh lapis. He even asked for a second helping of the kueh lapis!

While sending them off, I did wonder how it would be like to visit them in their school in Hong Kong. It would certainly be an interesting experience to see and feel how it is like to be a student in another country.

Word Bank

unfounded (adjective) - If a claim or piece of news is unfounded, it is not based on fact.

Sekolah Rendah Radin Mas menang Pingat Perak!

By Chiella Nabila Binte Hamzah, 5R

25 Ogos yang lalu merupakan hari yang tidak dapat saya lupakan. Cikgu Ariyanti dan Cikgu Hanis telah menemani saya ke Sekolah Rendah White Sands. Hari itu ialah hari Penyampaian Hadiah untuk Peraduan Peribahasa Menerusi Lensa 2023.

Pertandingan ini memerlukan kami untuk melakonan sebuah sketsa yang menunjukkan makna peribahasa. Sekolah kami telah diberikan peribahasa Bagai Dakwat dengan Kertas. Peribahasa ini bermaksud, tidak boleh berpisah. Saya berasa sangat gembira kerana dipilih untuk berlakon bersama rakan saya Muhamad Syafiqkri dari kelas 5A. Kami telah membuat skrip bersama dan mengedit video menggunakan aplikasi CapCut. Cikgu Ariyanti telah membantu kami untuk menghasilkan skrip yang baik. Dia juga membantu

kami untuk menyediakan prop.

Pada hari rakaman, kami berasa sangat takut dan malu namun kami memberanikan diri dan memberikan lakonan yang terbaik. Kami mengambil masa 2 jam untuk selesai berlakon. Akhirnya video pendek kami pun siap. Hasilnya, kami menerima pingat perak untuk peraduan ini.

Saya tidak akan lupa pengalaman ini. Saya ingin mengambil bahagian sekali lagi jika diberi peluang pada tahun hadapan.



我的阅读心得

By Matthew Han Jincan, 韩锦灿, 4I

前不久, 我读了《三国演义》里的一个经典故事, 叫做“刮骨治箭毒”, 令我感触良多。

故事说的是, 三国时候的一位大将关羽去攻打一座城市, 没想到被一支毒箭射中了右臂。神医华佗闻讯前来为关羽医治。华佗检查完后, 对关羽说, 要刮掉他骨头上的毒才能治好伤口。不过, 刮骨会非常痛。关羽说他不怕痛。于是, 华佗用刀尖给关羽刮骨。当刀尖在骨头上发出嘎吱嘎吱声时, 关羽却照样与人下棋、谈笑自如……

读到故事里的这些情节, 我无比震惊。因为在没有打麻药的情况下, 刮骨的痛是无法想象的。而关羽却忍得住剧痛, 这说明他的意志非常坚强。

从这个故事中, 我学到了遇到任何困难, 就要像关羽那样, 信心十足地迎接挑战, 并以坚韧的毅力、顽强的意志去克服困难。只有这样, 我们才可以战胜困难, 取得理想的成果! “刮骨治箭毒”这则故事让我受益匪浅, 我一定会牢牢地记在心里。

Olympic Fest

By Ethan Ho Hang Yu, 4D

From its ancient roots in Greece over 2700 years ago to becoming a global sports extravaganza held every four years, the Olympics has continued to inspire people around the globe. To foster a spirit of camaraderie and **inculcate** the school values among students, our school hosts its own Olympic Festival annually. It is a major sporting event that students look forward to all year.

During this year's Olympic Festival, participants enthusiastically took part in a spectrum of thrilling games such as ladder runs, hurdles, Captain's Ball and medicine ball relay. In each event, we showcased the GRIT values: growth mindset, resilience, independence and teamwork.

Even whilst having fun, all the teams still remembered our school's core values, such as respect for self and others, and to always be gracious. For example, you may feel disappointed after being defeated. However, you should still congratulate your opponent for a game well played, regardless of winning or losing.

“It was fun,” Chan Yong Liang, 4D, expressed. “I wish I had signed up for even more games.”

“I think the games were exhilarating,” Arthur Tan, 4D, commented.

On the whole, many students enjoyed the festival and strove to do their best. I hope that Radin Mas can continue to organise more of such fun events.

Word Bank

inculcate (verb) – instill (an idea, attitude, or habit) by persistent instruction.

மகிழ்வூட்டும் கற்றல் அனுபவம்!

By Apirvhan 4I, Sivakasthuri 4I, Vetri 4N

அன்று ஜூலை மாத வியாழக்கிழமை. தொடக்கநிலை நான்கு மற்றும் ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்குக் கலாசார முகாம் ஒன்று நடத்தப்பட்டது. இந்த முகாம் தெற்குக் குழுமம் 4 ஆசிரியர்களால் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டது. மற்றப் பள்ளிகளிலிருந்தும் மாணவர்கள் இந்த முகாமில் கலந்துகொண்டார்கள். இந்தக் கலாசார முகாம், எங்கள் பள்ளி கணினி அறையில் மெய்நிகர் நேர்காணல் மூலம் நடைபெற்றது. இம்முகாமில் இயல், இசை, நாடகத்தை ஒட்டிய பல அங்கங்கள் இடம்பெற்றன. முதலில் ஓர் ஆசிரியர் தமிழ்ப்பாடல் மற்றும் இசையைப் பற்றிய பல தகவல்களை எங்களுக்குத் தெளிவாக விளக்கினார்.

பிறகு கணினியில் ஓர் இசைக் கருவி காட்டப்பட்டது. அது என்ன இசைக் கருவி என்று கண்டுபிடிப்பதுதான் எங்களுக்குச் சவாலாக அமைந்தது. இதன்மூலம் நாங்கள் இசைக் கருவிகளின் பெயர்களைப் பற்றி மேலும் தெரிந்துகொண்டோம். அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து எங்களுக்குச் சில தமிழ்ப்பாடல் வரிகள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டன. நாங்கள் அதைக் கேட்டுப் பாட வேண்டும். இந்த அங்கத்தின்வழி எங்களுக்கு இசையின்மீதும் பாடலின்மீதும் ஆர்வம் அதிகரித்தது என்றே கூறலாம்.

பின்னர் நாங்கள் 'புலுக்கட்' என்னும் கணினி விளையாட்டை விளையாடினோம். அது பல மாணவர்களுக்குப் பிடித்த தமிழ்ப் புதிர்ப்போட்டி அங்கமாக இருந்தது. அதில் நிறையக் கேள்விகள் கேட்கப்பட்டன. அவ்விளையாட்டில் நாங்கள் சரியான பதில்களை அளித்து மதிப்பெண்களைப் பெற்றோம். அடுத்த அங்கத்தில் நாங்கள் ஒயிலாட்டம் என்ற இந்தியக் கலாசார நடனத்தைக் கண்டு களித்ததோடு ஆடவும் கற்றுக்கொண்டோம். நாங்கள் இந்த நடனத்தை உற்சாகத்துடன் ஆடி மகிழ்ந்தோம்.

பிறகு கணினியில் எங்களுக்கு ஒரு திரைப்படத்தின் காட்சி ஒளிபரப்பப்பட்டது. அப்படத்தின் ஒரு பகுதியை ஒலியில்லாமல் பார்த்தோம். பிறகு நாங்கள் குழுக்களாகப் பிரிந்து அதில் வரும் கதாபாத்திரங்கள் என்ன வசனம் பேசியிருப்பார்கள் என்று கலந்துரையாடினோம். அந்தத் திரைப்படக் காட்சியைப் பற்றிய எங்களது உரையாடல் மிகவும் சுவாரசியமாக அமைந்தது. அதன்பிறகு ஓரிரு குழுக்கள் தங்கள் வசனத்தைப் பேசிக் காட்டினர். இறுதியாகத் திரைப்படம் ஒலியுடன் காட்டப்பட்டது.

அன்று நாங்கள் அனைவரும் தமிழைப் பற்றியும் தமிழ்க் கலாசாரத்தைப் பற்றியும் நிறைய தெரிந்துகொண்டோம். மேலும் நாங்கள் குழுமத்தமிழ் மாணவர்களுடன் மெய்நிகர்வழி கலந்துரையாடும் வாய்ப்பையும் பெற்றோம். இந்த முகாம் எங்களுக்கு ஒரு மறக்க முடியாத அனுபவமாக அமைந்தது.





Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

By Javier Lui Zhao Heng, 4M

To promote healthy living, Radin Mas Primary School organised a Health Week to help students learn the importance of good health habits from a young age and empower them to work towards a healthy body and healthy mind.

This year, our school lined up a series of exciting programmes such as NKF Kidney Dash, K-pop Dance, recess health booths and other activities to bring this meaningful health week to life!

To many of the Primary 4 students, the K-pop dance programme was definitely one of the main highlights of the event. The school has invited two K-Pop instructors to facilitate a 30 minutes fun K-pop dance session

at the Lower Indoor Sports Hall. Both teachers and students danced to the popular Korean songs like Cupid by FIFTY-FIFTY and Flower by JISOO. “My classmates and I have picked up lot of new knowledge from the recess health booth activities,” shared Maxus Lui Zhao Jie, 6N. He added that he jogs 3 times a week to keep himself healthy.

“I liked the blood pressure taking session the most because I learnt more about blood pressure monitoring,” shared Tan Choon Hing from 4M.

“I enjoyed dancing to the Korean songs,” shared Madam Faizah, form teacher of 4M.

Staying healthy is important to everyone! It allows us to work hard, play hard and make a mark. We look forward to Health Week 2024!

P4 Visit to the National Gallery

By Brayden Chan, 4I

As part of the art curriculum, all Primary 4 students have an opportunity to visit the local art museums where they get to experience and appreciate art. My class spent an enriching afternoon at the National Gallery Singapore in Term 2.

I was blown away by the many art exhibits and one of my favourites is “No more tears, Mr Lee”. This art piece is made out of numerous plastic shampoo bottle caps to show a frame portrait of Mr Lee Kuan Yew. My art teacher, Madam Koh,

shared with us that the artist, Jason Wee, may be sending out his tribute to Mr Lee. The title of the art piece uses the famous shampoo tagline (no more tears). This could possibly represent Mr Lee’s emotions when Singapore attained independence in 1965.

Another highlight of the visit was the tour that took us through the rich history of the National Gallery Singapore that is housed in the City Hall and the Former Supreme Court. It was a real eye-opener as we learnt about the architecture of the building



FACES OF RADIN MAS

Faces of Radin Mas: Mrs Som

By Zachariah Ignatius Jing Dodd, 5N

Do you know that there is a teacher at Radin Mas Primary School who started teaching even before the current Principal, Mr Farizal, was born? She is none other than Mrs Som, who started teaching since 1967. That was also the same year that National Service became compulsory in Singapore and Singapore became a founding member of ASEAN. Despite being over 70 years old, Mrs Som is still going strong!

An ex-student of Fairfield Methodist School, Mrs Som recalled candidly that her teachers were very strict, especially her English teacher who would pull her ears when she spoke Singlish. Even so, her favourite subject was English and at a young age, she had decided that she wanted to be a teacher. She grew up with 6 siblings and she would play with them – pretending to be their teacher. She made them do both Math and English questions on their mini blackboard.

In a blink of an eye, Mrs Som has taught for 54 years, mainly English Language. In her career, she has had her ups and downs. She shared that she would beam with pride and feel a deep sense of satisfaction when her

P6 students ran to her with their good grades. On the other hand, her heart broke and it went out to those students who confided in her of their family problems such as financial issues and abuse at home. She always made it a point to lend them a listening ear.

She had taught in 4 schools before she came to RMPS in 1993 and this is where she retired as a Senior Teacher for English in 2010. She still enjoys teaching as it makes her “feel like a queen” when she is in the classroom.

Mrs Som’s motto is “Service with an intense commitment to bring out the best in our pupils that will stand them in good stead for the future”. Indeed, RMPS is fortunate to be benefiting from Mrs Som’s rich experiences and passion. Her commitment to teaching is an inspiration to the other teachers.

