



# Commz@BTPS

A SCHOOL THAT FUELS THE HEARTS AND MINDS TO BE FUTURE-READY

Oct – Dec 2022, TERM 4

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have ended an eventful Term 3 on a lively note, and it was only possible with your continued support. Our teachers and students have lived up to the school motto 'Strive for the Best' in the recent Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation and National School Games. They displayed commendable passion and resilience, exemplifying the grit of our future generations. Thank you for being with your child every step of the journey.

We would also like to thank the Parent Support Group (PSG) and our parent volunteers. Our PSG supported our students' holistic development through fun-filled recess activities and our teachers were grateful for the marvellous Teachers' Day lunch. Special mention also goes out to volunteers, Mr Thomas and Mr Jason, who captured beautiful moments with their drones during the National Day celebrations.



Our parent volunteers:  
Mr Thomas (left) and Mr Jason (right)



Our PSG members prepared a sumptuous Teachers' Day lunch for our BTPS teachers.

With further easing of Safe Management Measures (SMMs), students can look forward to school-wide events such as Children's Day celebrations, P6 I&E Day and our school's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary carnival. Please keep a lookout for further updates via Parents Gateway announcements. With updates in Character and Citizenship Education curriculum, the school is currently reviewing school hours in 2023. We will notify you of the changes at the end of the year.

Last but not least, to the Class of 2022, we wish you all the best in your national examinations. Let us continue to put our best foot forward, to make 2022 the most memorable year!

Yours faithfully,  
School Leaders

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# A SPOTLIGHT ON... Cyber Wellness

Fight a cyberbully or...? Why managing students' cyber well-being matters.

The Internet today is a complex environment. How can educators and schools help students to navigate this space safely, as well as ensure their fears and concerns are addressed?

How can they impart cyber ethics effectively?

This is not an easy task and it requires educators and students to work closely together.

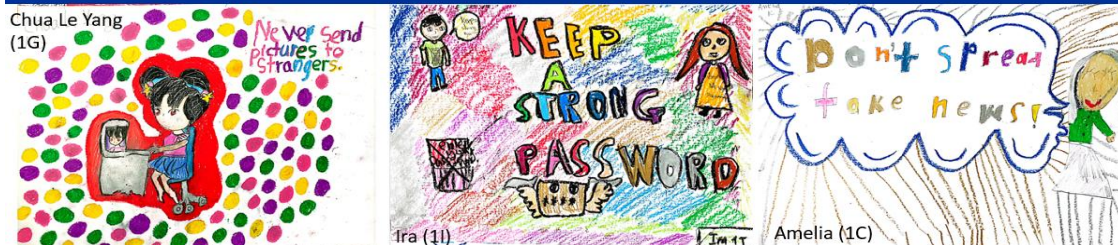
Inculcating the importance of cyber wellness

During cyber wellness lessons, students are given the chance to actively participate and share their thoughts and approaches to a scenario. Our school's cyber wellness goal is to equip students with the knowledge and skills to harness the power of ICT in order to foster positive influence on their peers.

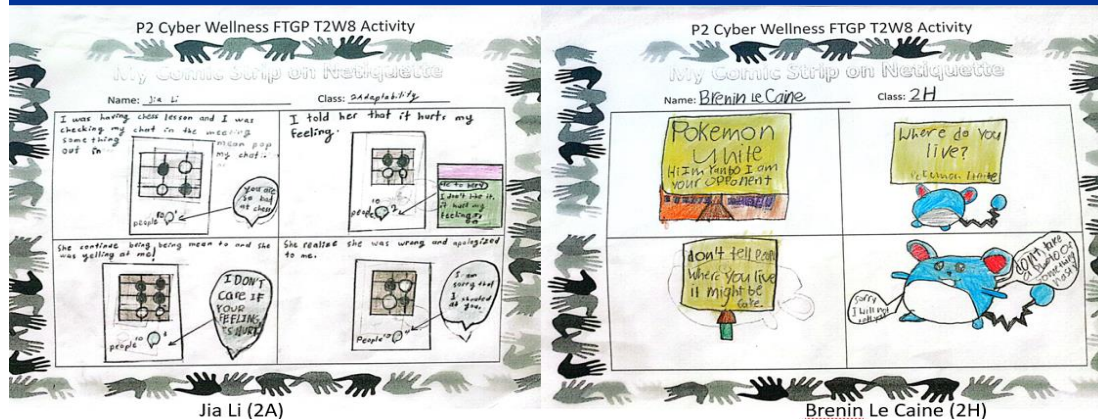
We showcase students' work to encourage them to share their perspectives on cyber well-being and appreciate its importance.



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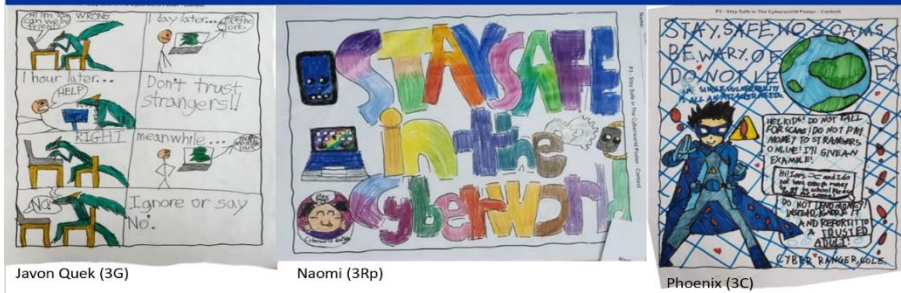


## Primary 2 (Comic Strip)





## Primary 3 (Cyberworld Poster)



Javon Quek (3G)

Naomi (3Rp)

Phoenix (3C)

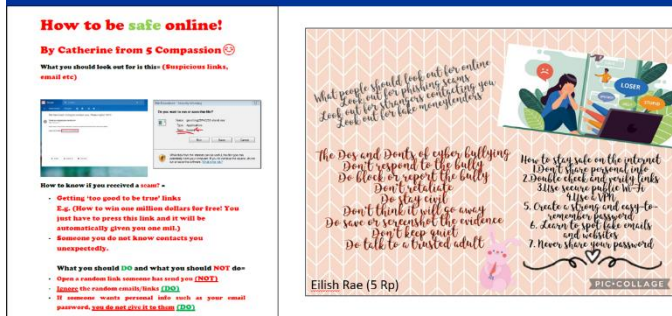
## Primary 4 (Headlines)



Sharnie (4 RL)

Aaron (4C)

## Primary 5 (Cyber Wellness Poster)



Ellish Rae (5 Rp)

## Primary 6 (Cyber Wellness Poster – Scams & Spams)



### Using Peer influence

Three Primary 5 Cyber wellness Ambassadors also presented a talk during assembly to develop more awareness on cyber wellness.



### Assembly talk on Netiquette & Responsible Expression by King Maker



All in all, our school is optimistic about the future of cyber wellness education. We believe that with the increased emphasis on it during FTGP and assembly talks, students will be able to appreciate its importance. It is also important that parents reiterate and reinforce the safe use of technology and cyber wellness at home.

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# A SPOTLIGHT ON... Term 3 Happenings

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## Mother Tongue Language Fortnight 2022

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Mother Tongue Language Fortnight 2022 (MTLF 2022) was officially opened by our Principal, Mdm Teresa Len, on 6 July 2022. As part of the opening ceremony, teachers put up an entertaining hawker skit during pre-assembly. MTLF 2022 was held from 5 July 2022 to 18 July 2022 and the theme for this year was "Singapore Hawker Culture", which aimed to introduce pupils to Singapore's rich hawker culture. Mock-up hawker stalls were set up to provide experiential learning experiences for our pupils, immersing them in a hawker centre environment.

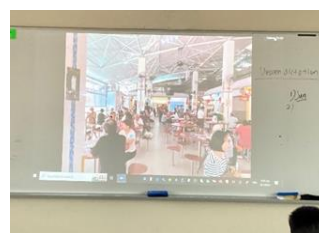


### Bukit Timah Primary Hawker Centre

Hawker stalls were set up for our lower primary pupils to role-play as both sellers and customers. Pupils were taught to use their MT languages to sell and buy food. They learnt to use suitable vocabulary when making transactions at different food stalls. Pupils taking Malay Language had a storytelling session based on the book 'Raja Rojak'. Pupils also had a hands-on activity on making rojak while learning about the ingredients involved and techniques in making the dish. Pupils taking Chinese Language were asked to draw their favourite hawker dish and share with their peers. Pupils taking Tamil Language learnt songs related to food and took part in a singing competition singing the songs that they learnt.



The upper primary pupils had the opportunity to experience a virtual tour of a hawker centre and some pupils conducted a short interview with our canteen vendors. They crafted their own questions and had the experience of recording the interview. In addition, P4 to P6 pupils also recorded their hawker food experiences in videos or pictures.



### P3 Cultural and Language Camp

The P3 pupils participated in the Cultural and Language Camp on 13 July 2022. They experienced role-playing as both sellers and customers in a hawker centre mock-up. They were introduced to the history and facts about the hawker culture. In addition, they also created air clay crafts of popular hawker food. They also had food tasting session on traditional *kuih*.

Pupils had a fun and engaging time during these activities. These activities provided a unique opportunity for pupils to learn about our local hawker culture while learning how to use the vocabulary learnt in our local setting through spoken interaction using their mother tongue languages.

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## National Day Celebrations & BTPS Inspire

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Marking our nation's 57<sup>th</sup> birthday, the school came together for face-to-face celebrations after a 2-year hiatus. From upper primary student leaders leading the school in the Observance Ceremony to our P6 students putting up the popular Ethnic percussion performances that celebrated diversity, our students played an active role in the day's celebrations. With the support from our parent volunteers, Mr Jason and Mr Thomas, the drone segment added excitement during the Observance Ceremony.



Above: BTPS celebrates National Day at the Blue Court

In addition, BTPS Inspire projects from various levels complemented the celebrations. P3 and P5 Social Studies projects highlighted Singapore's challenges and sustainability efforts. P2 and P4 levels also put up an Art exhibition, showcasing students' Haikus and artworks that reflected pride and hope for the future. Classes also rose to the challenge and decorated their classrooms for the occasion.



Students playing an active part in National Day Celebrations

From left: P6 Ethnic Percussion performers, classroom decorations and BTPS Brass Symphonia

With the resumption of face-to-face celebrations, BTPS will continue to enthuse the hearts and minds of our students, as all of us come together to write the next chapter of Singapore's successes.

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## Teachers' Day Celebrations

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From left: P6 Prefect Executive Committee, Decorations and Emcee teams and Student Leadership team teachers – Ms Chua, Mdm Tan and Ms Ang (Not in photo – Ms Tee and Mdm Phong)

It was an eventful term 3 for our P5 Prefects, as they were involved in various co-curricular activities such as the P5 Camp, SwimSafer Programme and the NE Show. Despite their busy schedule, the P5 prefects rose to the occasion, taking an active role in planning and running the day's celebrations. From planning class games to running the Teachers' Day concert, our prefects honed their leadership qualities – they were role models of resilience and enthusiasm. Special mention also goes out to the Student Leadership team teachers for empowering and guiding the prefects, every step of the way.



The talented Teachers' Day performers who put up a wonderful concert for the day.

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# A SPOTLIGHT ON... Students' Achievements

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## National School Games - Taekwondo

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On 19 and 20 July 2022, several pupils took part in the National School Games for Taekwondo. They demonstrated the value of courage and sportsmanship. We are pleased to announce the results achieved by our pupils.

No	Name of Participants	Class	Results
1.	Agna Rahul	4A	Silver award (Individual Girls Blue)
2.	Heng Miang Lug Yvette	3G	Bronze award (Individual Girls Red)
3.	Kaydan Renyi Mathenz	6Rp	Participated (Individual Boys Poom)
4.	Woo Sean Howe	5RP	Participated (Individual Boys Poom)
5.	Winston Nathaniel Hawana	4G	Participated (Individual Boys Poom)
6.	Heng Ching Woo Kyler	1RP	Participated (Individual Boys Red)

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## National School Games - Swimming

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Two of our pupils, Jayden Chin of 5G, and Eldrick Lee of 5C, represented our school in the National School Games Swimming Competition which took place on 20 July 2022. Through hours of dedicated weekly trainings, both boys were able to qualify from the heats of the events that they participated in. Special mention to Jayden Chin, who broke his personal best timing during the heats for the 100m Freestyle, and also won a bronze medal in the 100m (50m back/50m free) event. Well done, boys!

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## National Schools Team Chess Championship

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BTPS took part in the 63<sup>rd</sup> National Schools Team Chess Championship that was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 at the Overseas Family School. Wee Jin Jun, Wee Jin Yi, Soh Antwone and Hu Haoyu Elon represented our school and competed in the Open-U9 category which consisted of 35 teams.

Our boys showed resilience throughout the competition though they were paired to compete against tough opponents. Through their fighting spirit, our school managed to come in fourth place in the West zone. Well done, boys!



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## National School Games & Assumption English Challenge Cup - Football

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BTPS Invictus Football Club senior and junior boys teams participated in the National School Games (Zonal). The senior boys came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Tier 2 group. The junior boys team achieved an impressive undefeated season and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in their Tier 1 group.

On 20 May, our senior boys also participated in the Assumption English Challenge Cup and came in 4<sup>th</sup>. Our captain, Arytom Roovers, won the Best Defender Award and our goalkeeper, Leo Altofer, won the Best Goalkeeper Award.

Congratulations to our football boys who played so well this year!

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## National School Games Badminton Competition 2022 (Junior division)

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The abovementioned competition took place from 5 July 2022 to 19 August 2022. Some of our boys from the Badminton CCA took part in the junior division of the competition. Below are the names of the pupils who took part in the various categories of the competition and their achievements.

Name(s) and Class(es)	Category	Achievement(s)
<b>Team 1</b> Isaac Long Ze En (5 Respect) Chen Sichuang (5 Graciousness)	Doubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Qualified to Tier 1 of the Tier Round Competitions.</li><li>- Received the NSG Achievement (Gold) competition pin.</li><li>- Won 3 out of 4 games played at Tier Round competitions.</li></ul>
<b>Team 2</b> Keagan Siau (5 Adaptability) Lai Hooy Kit (5 Adaptability)	Doubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Qualified to Tier 2 of the Tier Round Competitions.</li><li>- Received the NSG Achievement (Silver) competition pin.</li></ul>
<b>Team 3</b> Lo Jun Xi (5 Compassion) Wee Kai Jing (5 Adaptability)	Doubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Qualified to Tier 3 of the Tier Round Competitions.</li><li>- Won 3 out of 5 games played at Tier Round competitions.</li></ul>
Woo Sean Howe (5 Respect)	Singles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Qualified to Tier 3 of the Tier Round competitions.</li></ul>

Congratulations to our badminton boys! They tried their best and showed great tenacity and sportsmanship. They honed their skills in badminton and learnt the nuances of playing the sport in the setting of a competition. We would like to thank the coaches who had trained the pupils and all teachers and parents who had shown their support to the pupils.

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## National School Games – Rugby (Senior & Junior Division)

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Our Rugby team took part in the recent National School Games for both Junior and Senior Divisions. The Senior Division tournament was held from 13 April 2022 to 5 May 2022 while the Junior Division tournament was held from 5 July to 1 August. The senior team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the group while the junior team finished 11<sup>th</sup> place.

Through the matches, the boys have learned the importance of working together as a team and being resilient despite all odds. They also displayed the values of graciousness and respect towards their opponents, supporters, teachers, and coaches. We would like to congratulate the boys for their effort and dedication. We would also like to thank the coaches, teachers and parents who came down to show their support.

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## SYF – BTPS Brass Symphonia

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On 22 August, 33 members from BTPS Brass Symphonia took part in the 2022 Singapore Youth Festival Arts Performance for bands. They demonstrated dedication, discipline and resilience in order to put up their performance. We would like to thank the many family members who attended the performance in-person to show their support for the band members.



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## **SYF - Choir**

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On 24 August 2022, the BTPS choir participated in the 2022 Singapore Youth Festival Arts Performance for choirs held at SOTA. Our choir members tried their best and showed zest and teamwork. They honed their singing skills and gained the experience of performing on stage. We would like to thank the instructors and all teachers and parents who had shown their support to the pupils.

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## **SYF - DanceVersity**

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On 13 July 2022, BTPS DanceVersity participated in the 2022 Singapore Youth Festival Arts Performance held at Gateway Theatre. Despite a 2-year hiatus because of the pandemic, our dancers performed with all their heart and gave an outstanding performance! Born to be dancers, the girls' moves and expressions moved us speechless. We would like to thank the instructor, Ms Gladys Chan, for her belief in the girls' potential and all the parents for their everlasting support.



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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **Edusave Character Award (ECHA) Nomination**

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MOE introduced the Edusave Character Award (ECHA) to recognise outstanding students who are exemplary in character, and are role models who inspire others. Public nomination is open from 15 September to 22 September, 5 p.m. As this is an Edusave award, only Singaporean students are eligible. ECHA awardees will be notified after SA2. You may access the nomination form via the link attached to this PG message or <https://tinyurl.com/ECHABTPS>.

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## **School-wide Events**

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Date	Event	Details
6 October	Children's Day Celebration and Children's Day Appeal (CDA)	As the school celebrates childhood through fun-filled activities, students are also taught how to empathise with others from a young age. In this year's Children's Day Appeal, students are made aware of issues and challenges faced by other children in Singapore, and how they can make a difference by contributing within their means. School will operate as per normal. Details on the celebrations and CDA will be shared at a later date.
8 November	P6 Innovation & Entrepreneur (I&E) Day	Thank you for your support over the past years as the P6 I&E Day was modified due to Safe Management Measures (SMMs). With further easing of SMMs, our P6 students would learn and apply entrepreneurship skills to raise funds for SASCO Elderly Daycare Centre. Details on the I&E Day sale will be shared at a later date.



14 November	Deepavali Celebrations	As we celebrate Deepavali with our Hindu friends, students will learn about the practices and the power of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and light over darkness. As we promote understanding and appreciation for our festivals, students may come dressed in their ethnic costumes and school shoes.
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### Important Dates

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Date	Remarks
16 September	PSLE Listening Comprehension. No school for P1 to P5 students.
19 to 22 September	SA2 Oral for P3-P5. Refer to SA2 assessment schedule for more details.
26 to 28 September	P6 Study Break. To mitigate the risk of school-based transmission, Primary 6 students are strongly encouraged to remain at home. The school will remain open to students who require additional support, including whose home environment may not be conducive for studying.
29 September to 5 October	PSLE written examinations. P6 students will be dismissed after the papers. School is as per normal for P1 to P5 students.
6 October	Children's Day Celebration (normal dismissal timing)
7 October	Children's Day School Holiday
10 October	SA2 English Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension
13 October	SA2 Mother Tongue Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension
17 to 20 October	PSLE Marking Exercise. Students do not report to school.
24 October	Deepavali Public Holiday
26 October	SA2 English
27 October	SA2 Mathematics
28 October	SA2 Mother Tongue
1 November	SA2 Higher Mother Tongue
7 November	BTPS Admin Day. Students do not report to school.
8 November	P6 I&E Day
11 November	P6 Graduation Day
14 November	Deepavali Celebrations
17 November	BTPS 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration