



Commz@BTPS

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

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School Leader Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

We would like to welcome you and your child/ward back for another fulfilling and exciting semester with us. Over the last semester, our school had resumed many of our pre-pandemic programmes as our nation walked out successfully from the shadow of the COVID-19 years. We were most happy to welcome many of you physically back into our school compound for various events such as the different level activities and programmes. Through this bi-annual issue of Commz@BTPS, we are proud to share with you the different learning experiences and successes which our students had undergone in Semester 1.

We are pleased to announce that the completion of our Indoor Sports Hall in Semester 1 and we have started using the new facility for our physical education lessons and co-curricular activities. We would like to thank you for your patience and kind understanding during the years when the upgrading works were taking place. For parents/guardians who are sending your child/ward to school, we seek your cooperation in adhering to our current traffic management plan during the arrival and dismissal timings so that we can keep our school safe for our students and staff.

The BTPS School Leaders and teachers will continue our efforts in providing a safe, caring and nurturing learning environment for our students. In BTPS, we strongly believe that every student has the potential to excel and we are committed to helping our students achieve their goals during their years with us. For our students to become future ready citizens of tomorrow, we also believe that education is not just about getting our students to acquire knowledge. It is equally important for them to develop the skills and attributes needed to succeed in life.

As we begin this new semester, we would like to encourage your child/ward to set goals for himself/herself as he/she takes advantage of the many learning opportunities which our school provides. We would also like to encourage you to stay updated of your child's/ward's education with us by checking the Parents Gateway (PG) app regularly for announcements, and to provide your timely response when necessary. We look forward to working with you and your child/ward to make the coming semester a purposeful and successful one.

Mr Edward Wong
Vice-Principal

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A SPOTLIGHT ON...Being Future-ready

A word from Tara Wong, Head Prefect

Hello fellow schoolmates,

I am Tara Wong, Head Prefect from 6 Respect. It is my pleasure to share some thoughts with you as we start a busier semester 2. I hope my sharing will help you feel encouraged and motivated to take on the challenges ahead.

During the recent P6 Oral Practice, I was asked about what I thought were key qualities of a successful person. While I think getting good grades or having a lot of friends, are important to many of us, values are just as important for a successful person.



For me, the most important value is integrity. It is the driving force behind our thoughts and actions and a way to show other values sincerely. How can we show respect to others when we do not mean it? That would be insincere or even disrespectful.

The other important value that can help us to feel happier and therefore be ready to take on challenges is compassion. I would like to share a quote that many of us would know, from the book 'Wonder':

*'When given the choice to
be right or kind, choose
kind.'*

Showing and receiving unexpected acts of kindness will make us feel cared for and encouraged, especially during challenging times. We ought to be kind to everyone even when it can be hard at times. We can all make a positive difference in another person's life.

Last but not least, we should believe in our ability to adapt, especially important in our everchanging world. We can start by adapting to our peers around us. For example, during projects and groupwork, if you cannot join a friend as the group is full, be open-minded and join another group. While you may face some difficulty adapting to the less preferred group, it is a chance for you to learn adaptability and widen your circle of friends.

I hope these three values will be your key to unlocking a successful semester, as we continue to strive for the best!

Yours faithfully,
Tara Wong
Head Prefect

Inclusive Week (Empathy In Me)

BTPS organised Inclusive Week (Empathy In Me) to raise awareness among students on the impact of bullying. Students also learnt how to show empathy as they learnt skills that help them to look out for distressed schoolmates.

Students were taught how to be upstanders by making responsible choices to be an upstander with the CHEER model (Calm your friend, Hear them out, Encourage and Empathise with them, and Refer to a trusted adult).



Event Highlights



Assembly on 'Say NO to Bullying' by Learning Connections.



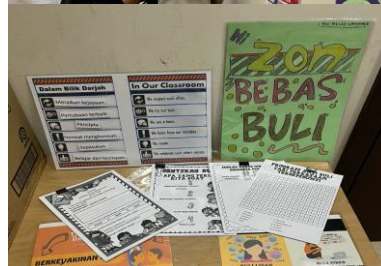
P6 EXCO Peer Support Ambassadors shared their Bully Free toolkit.



Art Club members put up an art installation titled "Brave Hearts" to spread messages on kindness, respect and inclusivity.



From top, clockwise: Our Parent Support Group encouraged students to pen pledges, and conducted other recess activities incorporating English, Math and Mother Tongue languages.





Left: Friendship and respect were taught through songs such as “Count on Me” and “Best Day of My Life”. Students grooved and sang spontaneously to the P5 performances.

Students have benefitted from such events as we see more upstanders giving and seeking help for their peers. As the school continues to conduct these meaningful events, students can look forward to participating and contributing to the cause.

Aesthetics@BTPS

Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2023 Art Exhibition

The SYF Art Exhibition celebrates the artist in every child by highlighting students' creative ideas, personal aspirations and the hard work put into artistic expressions. As part of the art curriculum, the exhibition facilitated dialogue on ideas, inspirations and art processes among student artists and audience from various schools and the community.

Through this year's SYF Art Exhibition, themed 'Art^{ist} and Inspiration', students developed a keen appreciation for historical and cultural influences in art.

BTPS is proud to share that the school was awarded 'Certificate of Recognition' in Category B P3 and P4) and the artwork will be displayed at Stamford Arts Centre. The exhibition will be open for public viewing from 18 July to 30 July 2023, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Admission is free.

Brave Hearts *Artwork inspired by Tang Da Wu*



Category B (P3 and P4)

Our Whimsical Insects *Artwork inspired by Yayoi Kusama*



Category A (P1 & P2)

We Are The Building Blocks *Artwork inspired by Han Sai Por*



Category C (P5 and P6)

W7 NLC AESTHETICS: AESTHETICS SHOWCASE 2023!



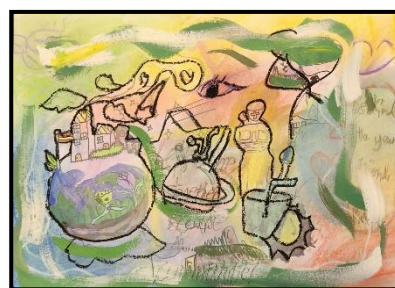
The West 7 (W7) Cluster Aesthetics Networked Learning Community (NLC) held an Aesthetics Showcase on 11 May 2023 at Commonwealth Secondary School. On that afternoon, youths in the W7 Cluster schools were either engaged in an On-the-Spot Art competition or a Percussion Ensemble experience.

Students who took part in the Percussion Ensemble had the opportunity to deepen their fundamental music knowledge, rhythmic skills, and creative movements. They got to play in a group setting comprising students of different ages and put up an ensemble performance for an audience that included the Cluster Superintendent, School Leaders, and teachers in the W7 Cluster.

Student artists who participated in the On-the-Spot Art competition also expressed their personal interpretations, thoughts, and ideas freely as they created their artwork on the spot. BTPS is proud that four of our students achieved Commendation and Distinction awards for their artworks.



Super Junior Category
"Amazing Art Commendation" Award
Wei Wanying | 2 Resilience



Junior (Middle Primary) Category
"Amazing Art Distinction" Award
Wang Yanbo | 3 Adaptability



Junior (Upper Primary) Category
"Amazing Art Commendation" Award
Li Zhuohang | 6 Adaptability



Junior (Upper Primary) Category
"Amazing Art Commendation" Award
Annabelle Yong Kai Shuen | 6 Respect

Day Out! @ Esplanade



40 students from Performing Arts CCA groups embarked on a learning journey to the Esplanade as part of our Learning for Life Programme (LLP). The students went on an exclusive tour of Esplanade's different performance venues, experienced the value of teamwork and appreciated how melody and harmony work together in an *Angklung* ensemble. They put their rhythmic skills into use through body percussion with traditional Chinese and Indian percussion instruments.

Our students also watched a street dance performance at the Esplanade Outdoor Theatre featuring ScRach MarcS. Many picked up a few street dance moves to groove to. It was truly an enriching and engaging afternoon for everyone!

P.A.M TV LIVE!

The inaugural P.A.M.TV show was held in 2021 during the pandemic to showcase our students' talents even when we were not able to gather in person. We had our first live show this year in the school hall. Since the inaugural online P.A.M. TV show in 2021, the P.A.M TV Production Team held its very first live show on 25 May 2023.



Our articulate student hosts captivated the audience with their lively banter while the performers inspired the audience with their swift and sharp moves in *Taekwondo* and *Silat*, a 'Fashion Trash-ion' parade featuring recycled materials, and student-choreographed dance and music performances featuring musical instruments piano, violin, Chinese flute, and their voices.

World Book Day

In conjunction with World Book Day, BTPS Mother Tongue Department promoted reading in our students with a variety of activities to instill the love of reading.

Right: Reading Picnic. Characters come alive!



Renowned local children book author Xu Haina sharing her books with our students.



NLB Molly came to spread the reading fun



Mystery Book activities. You never know what book you will get!



Above: Students in the popular NLB Molly Bus

Level Activities

Centred around three learning objectives: resilience building, fostering teamwork and promoting inclusivity, our students were engaged in a variety of activities and experiences designed to develop these skills and values.

Primary 3 Joy of Learning Day

On this day, students participated in various activities and discussions to enhance their communication skills. Emphasising the use of kind words and active listening skills, students also learnt the value of promoting acceptance among peers of diverse backgrounds, thereby promoting inclusivity in the school.



Primary 4 Day Camp – Teamwork Makes The Dream Work

The two-day camp focused on cultivating important skills and values related to self-regulation, respectful collaboration, and positive relationship building.

Through the camp activities, students learnt ways to manage emotions, appreciate diversity and foster healthy and inclusive relationships.

These key skills will support students as they progress to upper primary next year.



Primary 5 Outdoor Adventure Camp

The 3 day 2 night outdoor camp challenged the students' independence and resilience in a new environment.

Through the unique experiences, students built stronger relationships through self-awareness and empathy, and showed adaptability when making responsible decisions.



Book-Free Day ‘(Re)Discovering Myself’

Semester 1 culminated in a series of exciting activities for our students on *Book-Free Day*, which was held on 24 and 25 May 2023. The theme ‘(Re)Discovering Myself’ reflects aims to strengthen mental well-being and nurture the joy of learning in our students.

Based on the Reflective Practice Model of asking ‘what’, ‘why’, ‘so what’ and ‘now what’, this pedagogical approach shaped students’ learning experiences over the two days, as they went through a cycle involving experiencing, reflecting, thinking and acting to transform their experiences into learning.

Through the varied activities conducted by subject departments, students had meaningful experiences where they made discoveries about themselves and rekindled interests and passion for something that they truly enjoy. In the concluding activity, students reflected on their personal experiences on a piece of craftwork. We hope parents had a good conversation with their children about *Book-Free Day*.



Primary 1 students learning strategic thinking through Reversi.



Primary 3 students applying their problem-solving skills in Escape Room!



Primary 5 students sharing their contributions to energy conservation.



Primary 6 students rekindling their passion for International Chess.

Celebrating Successes

2023 Singapore Moo-O Awards Results – Gold for BTPS!

On 12 April 2023, our BTPS team comprising Kim Jooha, Jason James Brown and Naomi Kechen Festo participated in the 2023 Singapore Moo-O Awards. This annual competition was open to all P3 pupils and supported by the Speak Good English Movement.

The objectives of the competition were:

- To motivate students to read and speak fluently & expressively in English
- To cultivate a love for the English language through a fun, engaging and immersive way of reading.

Our students demonstrated resilience, teamwork and creativity during the competition. Results were announced on 26 April 2023 and our BTPS team received the Gold award! The Gold award was awarded to the top 5 teams out of the 50 participating schools. We are so proud of our students for their achievement.

You may go to the website <https://plus.moo-o.com/tma/> to view the results, the judges' comments as well as the link to our team's video.



22nd Inter-School National Scrabble Championship 2023

Our school team participated in the Inter-School National Scrabble Championship 2023 where they engaged in intense battles of wits and vocabulary. During the games, the goal was not only to win but to appreciate the brilliance and skill of opponents.

Although our students encountered challenges such as limited tile choices, unfavourable board configurations and challenging opponents, they persevere and achieved outstanding results.



Event	Students	Category	Award
Individual	Evan Yeo Wen Le	Junior – Premier Cup	1 st
	Wang Yanbo	Junior - Cup	3 rd
	Leonita Arora	Junior – Plate	3 rd
	Andrew Heng	Junior - Cup	Merit
	Mathieson Tan Zhi Rui	Senior – Premier Cup	4 th
	Olivia Kan Yan Yi	Senior – Plate	3 rd
	Chatzkel Lin Jun-Yi	Senior – Cup	2 nd
	Wee Kai Jing	Senior – Cup	Merit
	Lau Xuting	Senior - Plate	2 nd
Team J1	Jayden Yong Jia Rong	Junior - Plate	2 nd
	Andrew Heng Teck Soon		
	Eira Alexandria Lim		
	Keefe Ong Jia Chen		
	Ling Ai Zia		
Team J2	Leonita Arora	Junior - Bowl	2 nd
	Javier Rathor Sandhu		
	Lee Jia En Tiffany		
	Calvert Levi Chang Yu		
	Evan Yeo Wen Le		
Team S1	Lau Xuting	Senior - Plate	4 th
	Caleb Isaac Ho		
	Lin Jun-Yi Chatzkel		
	Wee Kai Jing		
Team S2	Dexter Tan Yu Cheng	Senior - Bowl	1 st
	Gareth Tan		
	Kiriell Lim Kai Rui		
	Tan Zhi Rui Mathieson		

14 students participated in the Individual event, with 9 achieving excellent results.

In the Team event, which was held on a different date, a total of six teams competed against other schools and we are proud to share that four teams won their games.

All participants displayed resilience and adaptability throughout the games and with utmost pride, we would like to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of all our participants, who took part in the scrabble competition.

2023 Mathematics Competition Achievements

On a yearly basis, BTPS conducts the Math Olympiad Programme for selected Primary 4 to 6 students to challenge them in their application of Mathematics in real world problems and scenarios. The programme also serves as a preparatory platform for Mathematics competitions such as Singapore Mathematical Olympiad Primary Schools (SMOPS), Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC), National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS) and Annual Mathlympics. We are pleased to share the outstanding achievements of our students in Semester 1!



RIPMWC, organised by Raffles Institution on 13 April, saw the participation of 18 P6 pupils in Open Category and 1 P5 pupil in Junior Category, winning a total of 9 awards.

Students	Award
Isaac Long Ze En	Cert of Merit
He Zhihao	Cert of Merit
Riya Subramani	Cert of Merit
Ruhaan Kumar	Cert of Merit
Li Zhuohang	Cert of Distinction
Chia Zhenyu, Hayden	Cert of Distinction
Choi Youngjun	Cert of Distinction
Chin Lok Yi	Cert of Distinction
Teoh Curtis Jia-Jun	Cert of Distinction

SMOPS, organised by Hwa Chong Institute on 13 April, saw the participation of 17 P6 pupils from BTPS, achieving 4 awards.

Students	Award
Chia Zhenyu, Hayden	Silver
Choi Youngjun	Bronze
He Zhihao	Bronze
Ramesh Kumar Rakshran	Bronze