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Secondary One Transitional & Self-Leadership Training Programme



The new Secondary One students participated in the **Transitional and Self-Leadership Training Programme** in Term 1 week 3 as part of the efforts to integrate and induct them into a new school environment. The programme sought to equip students with the skills and language to create a right mindset amongst the students that would facilitate their smooth transition from primary to secondary school. It also aimed to build their social competencies, specifically self-awareness, social-awareness and relationship management. These are also competencies that would help develop self-leadership.

Trainers and facilitators from Adam Khoo Learning Technologies Group conducted the three-day programme. The students learnt more about themselves through profiling and took part in the many hands-on activities designed to enhance the students' social and emotional competencies.

Secondary Two Public Speaking and Data Literacy Workshop

In Term 1 Week 3, our Secondary 2 students developed their presentation and data analytical skills in a three-day Public Speaking and Data Literacy Workshop. Students learnt to create purposeful and captivating slides for their presentations. They also had the opportunity to unpack the meaning and relevance of statistics in authentic scenarios.



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Secondary 3 Overseas Adventure Camp

The annual Secondary 3 Outdoor Adventure Camp was a highlight for our Secondary 3 students. As part of the Learning for Life Programme (LLP), the camp aimed to provide opportunities to build resilience and problem solving skills through the participation in outdoor activities. During the camp, students went through a series of outdoor adventure activities, such as kayaking, orienteering, high element challenge courses and outdoor cooking. These activities were designed to get the students out of their comfort zone and challenge themselves to their limits. Through the various outdoor activities, students got to know their new classmates and fostered class bonding and spirit through the common experiences that they went through. The highlight of the camp was the camp fire where the students celebrated with performances and songs.



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Secondary 4 / 5 Study Skills Programme

The 3-day **Study Skills Programme** kickstarted with a visit to the Lifelong Learning Exploration Centre on a learning journey. The students were given a talk about the need to embrace learning continually and to maximise their strengths in their future employment. They also explored exhibits that provided insights to a list of suggested possible career paths generated specifically for them. For the remaining 2 days, the students learnt to make correct decisions that would lead to positive outcomes. They were also taught to cultivate good study habits to prepare themselves for the upcoming National Examinations.



Chinese New Year

On Friday, 27th January, we celebrated Chinese New Year with an exciting concert in Sembawang Secondary! The Mother Tongue Department organised the annual New Year concert for the school. The concert started with a joyful medley of traditional New Year songs, followed by beautiful mandarin songs performed by students across all levels. Mr Calvin also acted as the God of Fortune, to bring in a year of prosperity for 2017. It was certainly an unforgettable concert!



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ExCITE@Singapore River Learning Journey

On 8th February 2017, our Secondary One cohort from the Applied Learning Programme (ALP) ventured to the starting point of modern Singapore: the Singapore River.

To facilitate authentic learning, which is a part of the innovative curriculum of the ALP, students were given the opportunity to apply the media literacy skills in developing critical and inventive thinking to their History tasks. Collaborating in groups of three or four, students were free to move around on their own as they observed their surroundings and made inferences about instances of change and continuity between the Singapore River's past and its present. To facilitate self-directed learning, students were provided iPads, so they could check the reliability of online sources against their first-hand observations of the River. They also shared their findings via Instagram and Twitter.

Citizenship Education (CE) Leaders were also on-hand to provide assistance to students, should they require it. For the CE Leaders, this was an opportunity to exhibit leadership as they guided their juniors to complete the given tasks. To conclude the fieldwork, students reflected on the relevance of the six National Education (NE) messages to Singapore's growth and survival, as well as the values they could learn from the pioneer generation.

All in all, students enjoyed the experience and showed high levels of learning, as evidenced from their work and reflections. The ExCITE@Singapore River Learning Journey continues to be a signature NE programme of the school which aims to grow our students' appreciation of Singapore and empathy for our pioneers.



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Total Defence Day

The school observed Total Defence Week (TDD) with various meaningful activities from 13 February to 17 February 2017. On 13 Feb, there was an assembly program "Bring you Pieces of You Pieces of Me". The program helped students to understand the importance of every individual playing our part to protect and strengthen our country. On 14 Feb 2017, CE students shared on TDD in the hall in the morning. A special Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lesson, which focused on the importance of Total Defence was conducted for all classes by the form teachers. Each level had their customized teaching package and total defence cards. Lower secondary classes had an arrow template while upper secondary classes had a footprint template to design on. Students were to complete a design that he/she thought everybody needed in order to keep Singapore strong and safe. At the end of the lesson, the students pasted the template onto two A2 sized presentation boards. Through CCE, students also learned the significance of the five pillars of Total Defence: Military Defence, Civil Defence, Economic Defence, Social Defence and Psychological Defence. Students also shared their view on Total Defence through circle time on 16 February 2017.



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Youth Run

The SMB Youth Run 2017 was organised as part of the school holistic effort to promote an active and healthy lifestyle among students and staff and also to promote the school House system. It was held on 3 March 2017 with students covering a longer distance this year compared to last year. It was very heart-warming to see many students from all levels exhibiting true resilience and commitment in completing the race and encouraging one another. This year, apart from the trophies for the top 10 runners, the school also awarded cash vouchers from Sportslink Outlet to the top 3 runners from each level as part of our effort to recognise student's achievement.



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