

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2022 has indeed proven to be an exciting year whereby we seize every opportunity to provide our students with an all-round, holistic education towards our vision – **Self-Directed Learners, Confident Leaders, Caring Citizens.** 

In this newsletter, we will share with you snapshots of the varied learning experiences we have provided for our students such as how:

- we develop 21CC in our students through the Bukit View Learn for Life Programme,
- we embrace all students in supporting their needs and developing their talents through Project GEM which caters to those who need more support after school,
- we nurture our students with high ability in English Language through the BV ACEs (Bukit View Accomplished Communicators of English) in addition to E2K and Olympiad training programmes for students with strong interest and ability in Mathematics and Science, and;
- we encourage an all-round education through participation in the arts and sports such as in the National School Games and arts presentations in the Singapore Youth Festival.

Our students have been wonderful! They are appreciative of the school's efforts in giving them the all-round activities. They enjoy the learning, helping others in need, and exemplifying the school's culture of care and innovation.

Overall, it has been a vibrant year of learning activities, celebratory of achievements and heart-warming bonding whereby Bukit Viewans play, eat and learn together.

I would like to express my thanks to our School Advisory Committee for their strong support of the school activities and in engaging our staff. I would also like to express my appreciation to parents who came forward to volunteer in school events and activities. It is heartening that the community comes together, working hand-in-hand to support our children's education.

Lastly, I would like to inform that with effect from 15 December 2022, I will be taking up another posting. It has been 6 years of great camaraderie in BVPS working alongside with staff who are passionate and committed to the nurturing of children, and with like-minded stakeholders in supporting the education of our next generation. A big thank you to everyone for your strong support of my leadership of the school during my time with BVPS.

Taking over the Principalship will be Mdm Teo Eng Hui who is currently the Vice-Principal, an experienced school leader who has served in various capacities at schools and MOE HQ, she has partnered me to lead the school through the Covid years.

It is also my pleasure to introduce a new Vice-Principal, Mrs Chia-Lai Seow Poh, who has joined the BVPS family since this October. Together with Mr Goh Gin Howe, our Vice-Principal (Admin), I am confident they will be strong supports for Mdm Teo, and together, they will lead BVPS to even greater heights.

My best wishes to BVPS and may the school continue to work synergistically towards excellence as one united family.

Yours sincerely, **Mdm Koh Yuen Choo** Principal

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# SELE-DIRECTED LEARNERS

In Bukit View Primary School, we prioritise the development of our students as self-directed learners. As self-directed learners, we believe that students will be able to be independent in their learning within and beyond school. To support our goals, we have a multitude of programmes and platforms that provide opportunities for student autonomy and inquiry.

### Inspiring Reflective and Innovative Self-directed learners

Inspiring Reflective and Innovative Self-directed learners (IRIS) adopts the Play-Reflect-Ideate-Innovate learning protocol to promote student reflection and innovation. IRIS involves two learning experiences – Mass Brain Activities (MBA) and CodeIT!. During MBA, students **PLAY** board games, **<u>REFLECT</u>** on their strategies and <u>**IDEATE** enhancements to the playing experience. Based on peer feedback, they will then continue to refine, improve and <u>**INNOVATE**</u> through game modifications. Offline board games are still valuable as they offer opportunities for tactile learning and social-emotional development.</u>

CodelT! consists of two stages – beginning from CodePlay, students **PLAY** with logic reasoning robots to solve puzzles. Then, they will learn more about coding skills and artificial intelligence when they progress to CodeBuilder. Students are taught to identify problems, **INNOVATE** and **IDEATE** solutions and **REFLECT** on them.



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Students practising the various strokes of Chinese calligraphy on the magic water writing cloth



# Mother Tongue Fortníght

During the annual Mother Tongue Fortnight this year, our students were exposed to a variety of traditional art forms, food and games.

Our Primary 1 students practised Chinese Calligraphy and crafted beautiful sock puppets. Traditional games, such as the Congkak, were introduced to the Primary 2 students. The Primary 3 students learnt about the importance of etiquette by designing beautiful masks, posters and Kolams, while the Primary 4 students were exposed to an assortment of delicious traditional treats, like rice balls and an Indian sweets platter. Finally, the Primary 5 students celebrated milestones by adding special touches to party favours and gifts.

Listening to stories shared

Harvesting our vegetables for dinner! Yummy!

by our museum guide

Our store managers weighing the food items

Teaching and Learning

After a two-year hiatus, due to COVID-19 restrictions, our highly anticipated learning journeys and live learning experiences made a comeback this year.

To kickstart our year, our Mathematics Department hosted the Primary 3 Math Carnival, where students role played and were given opportunities to apply concepts that they have learnt such as money and fractions.

In alignment with their topic of Life Cycles in Plants, the Primary 4 students grew and harvested

vegetables. After learning about the different parts of a plant that are edible, they brought their self-grown produce home to be made into yummy dishes.

Our Primary 5 students also finally went for their first cohort learning journey – a visit to the Indian Heritage Centre. They learnt more about the culture, heritage and history of Indian Singaporeans by viewing artefacts and listening to the stories shared by the museum educators.

# CONFIDENT LEADERS

In Bukit View Primary School, we strongly believe in nurturing confident leaders who value teamwork, show initiative with a can-do attitude and lead with good character. Through PE programmes like P3 Bonding Day, students learn the values of teamwork and perseverance. Through Arts Alive programmes, we provide opportunities for students to practise voice, choice and develop confidence in decision making. Lastly, we promote the development of collaborative and communication skills by empowering students to host school programmes, contribute to their peers' learning and further develop their language talents through our various programmes such as News and Views @ BVPS, Project GEM, and Trips for Internationalisation Experience.

### **P3 Bonding Day**

On 24th May 2022, our Primary 3 students participated in the annual P3 Bonding Day which included team-building games and tent building. Through these activities, the students learnt how to support and encourage one another when overcoming challenges as one united team. Here are some snapshots on the various bonding activities that the students got to enjoy.







### Aris Alivel

The **Arts Alive!** Programme provides students with authentic experiences to learn different art forms to broaden their cultural perspectives and develop their confidence in expressions. In Arts Alive!, we engage students through gaining of values, skills and knowledge, provide platforms for students to share their joy of the arts experiences, and empower them to apply their skills into other disciplines. Here is a sneak peek of our students in action during their Art, Music and Learn for Life (Dance) lessons.







P5 students learning the various cultural dances found in Singapore



### **Trips for Internationalisation Experience (TIE)**

During our inaugural virtual overseas cultural exchange with Penang Chinese Girls' Primary School, our Art Club members and Brazilian Street Percussionists displayed student leadership by leading both schools in various cultural exchange activities. The Art Club members guided the student participants in drawing Batik flower motifs, while the Brazilian Street Percussionists led them in co-creating grooves using stationery. This TIE Programme is testament to how we can leverage technology to provide meaningful experiences and leadership opportunities for our students.



### **Project GEM - Discovering Gifts, Exploring Possibilities** and <u>Making a Difference</u>

Project GEM is a new BVPS initiative that aims to provide additional academic and socio-emotional support for students, through the collaboration across various departments. Through Project GEM, students from Lower, Middle and Upper Primary levels are able to engage in a variety of meaningful activities that will help them to become more caring, self-confident and resilient individuals who enjoy learning and giving back to society.

## **BV**ACES

This year, our school has launched our new Bukit View Accomplished Communicators of English (BV ACEs) Programme. We are committed to groom students who are proficient in English to express ideas creatively and critically with discernment, as well as engage effectively and confidently when communicating and collaborating with others. After acquiring public speaking and writing skills, the BV ACEs students were given a wide range of opportunities to showcase their learning, such as being emcees for school events and even being student editors for the Students' Voices section of our BVPS Newsletter. We are proud of these students' contributions to our school and hope that these meaningful school experiences will help them to be confident leaders beyond school.



for a cause they wanted to stand for

### News and Views @ BVPS

To practise being effective communicators and confident speakers, our upper primary classes took turns to create a 'News and Views' drama video related to CCE Values, National Education events or Environmental Sustainability. The drama videos will then be showcased to the whole school during special events or Character Development Hour. Well done to all our Primary 5 and 6 students for applying their speech and drama skills to produce such meaningful videos for their juniors to enjoy!



### **Children's Day**

This year, Bukit Viewans had a blast celebrating Children's Day. This year's theme of 'Uniquely Me', celebrates each child's individuality and distinctiveness. This was brought out through their wonderful costumes and creative props where teachers and students got to dress up as their favourite book character to school. It was a day filled with fun, games and sweet treats as students had a myriad of activities lined up for them - there were Carnival Games, tele-matches, balloon-sculpting, photo-booths and even popcorn treats for everyone. The day ended off with a concert where our teachers came together to put up a musical performance for the students. The atmosphere was electric as the students got to take part in the interactive session and participated in unison as a school. It was certainly a memorable Children's Day for all Bukit Viewans!



# STUDENTS' VOICES

Introducing our inaugural Students' Voices section in our school's newsletter! This page is brought to you by the BVPS ACEs who showed enthusiasm in using their visual literacy and editing skills to contribute back to the school. The ACE students came up with meaningful questions with the aim of encouraging their schoolmates to share about their school experiences.

My most memorable experience in BVPS is the NE show, because it was almost like an early access to the National Day Parade. It also helped me learn more about Singapore's culture, heritage and defences and I am proud of them all.

Written and edited by: Kayden Choy Meng Hon (5 Care) I look forward to coming to school because I can meet my friends and teachers who have always been on my side. Another thing I look forward to is every chance I get to focus and be able to understand the lessons taught by my teachers.

By: Qistina Balqis Binte Mohamed Ali (5 Graciousness) Edited by: Kayden Choy Meng Hon (5 Care)

My favourite lesson was a Science experiment that involved magnets and a pail of water. This was to give us a better understanding of identifying where the north and south poles were facing. We put the magnet in a circular object and let it float in the water. After some time, we saw where the south and north poles were facing. I felt happy because I had

By: Olivia Rachel Silveira (3 Harmony) Edited by: Lucas Soo Zheng Yu (5 Care)

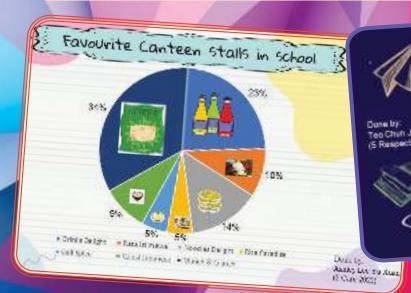
learnt something new.

My CCA is Wushu. During my CCA, I enjoy learning the use of different weapons. I also enjoyed performing on stage during Racial Harmony Day. It was a fun and exciting experience for me as the entire team had to coordinate our moves together. I hope for more opportunities to perform again next year. I enjoy participating in Wushu competitions with my friends too. I love my CCA very much.

Favourite Places in BVPS

By: Er Yue Rou (4 Respect) Edited by: Lucas Soo Zheng Yu (5 Care)

The lower primary students had the chance to vote for their favourite canteen stall and place in the school through an SLS poll. Here are the statistical infographic posters created by Lee Yu Xuan Ashley (5 Care) and Teo Chun Jiu (5 Respect) showing the survey results!



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# CARING CITZENS

One of Bukit View Primary School's vision is to develop students to be Caring Citizens. We strive to develop students who can show empathy and help others, give back to the community as well as play their part for our country. Not only does the Ministry of Education's Character and Citizenship Education (MOE CCE) syllabus play a key role in equipping our students with moral and civic values, programmes such as the Gracious Living in Our World (GLOW), also provide opportunities for students to be active contributors and show their care for the environment.



### GLOW VIA - P2, P3 and P4

P2 GLOW VIA focuses on educating and creating awareness of maintaining the cleanliness of toilet and some basic toilet hygiene when using them. Their posters on basic toilet hygiene were shared with the Primary 1 students and displayed outside the school toilets for the lower primary to promote awareness of good toilet etiquette and encourage the school community to practise basic toilet hygiene when using the toilet. P3 GLOW VIA programme focuses on learning to keep the environment clean by not littering and playing a part to fight Climate Change by producing less litter. Their outdoor learning experience allowed them to empathise with the cleaners in the neighbourhood and realise the importance of self-responsibility in caring for the environment. P4 GLOW VIA focuses on promoting dengue prevention in the community through the use of authentic case studies and coming up with creative 'mozzie wipe-out' posters to promote dengue prevention in the community. 



Look what I found!

### **GLOW Student Environmental Leadership Conference (SELC) in Collaboration with Bukit View Secondary School (BVSS)**

SELC is an event that was organised by BVSS annually. Through this collaboration, our Primary 4 and 5 Environmental Champions (ECs) were given the opportunity to learn more about the environment and their role in it. Not only does the programme equip them with the skills and attitudes to make a positive difference to the community, they will also become good stewards of the future Singapore, infusing sustainability into their daily lives and inculcating sustainability practices amongst their peers as they do their part to contribute to the reduction of carbon footprint in the environment.

Our Lives, Our Fight, Stop Dengue!





Grow well, tree. Let's fight against Climate Change!

## Positive Behaviour Support System (PBSS

Every Bukit Viewan plays a part in creating a safe learning environment for themselves and their peers. Positive Behaviour Support System (PBSS) was implemented to develop and reinforce positive behaviours, habits and attitude using the THINK strategy.



**Buddy Programme** 

The Buddy Programme was implemented to build a positive culture of care through strong peer support. Buddy Bingo creates meaningful opportunities for buddies to bond with one another through fun activities. They had a choice of activities to select from and enjoy during their free time with their buddies through the completion of a Buddy Bingo card. Students also had a chance to thank their buddies by writing appreciation cards to them.





# NARONAL EDUCATION

What is it like commemorating National Education (NE) events in BVPS? Apart from continuously innovating our NE commemorative events with fun and exciting programmes, our students are always engaged in meaningful activities that aim to develop their citizenship dispositions – sense of belonging, sense of reality, sense of hope and the will to act. Demonstrating our commitment and pride for Singapore underpins BVPS schoolwide NE efforts. One example is the National Day Classroom Decoration where all classes pit their creative and artistic skills to showcase Singapore's success and unique identity through their classroom designs.





classroom display for National Day



## Staff Professional Development

Learning never stops for BVPS staff. Staff take ownership of their professional growth and continue to hone their crafts to ensure quality education in their students. Some of these were, training in First Aid, learning about Working Memory, learning strategies in game play and using various ICT skills such as e-escape rooms and interactive whiteboard. The staff not only acquired useful skills and strategies but also had fun interacting and learning together.



## STAFF BONDING

It is not about all work and no play for BVPS staff. Indeed, when it comes to play, staff go all out and are raring to go when they have the chance to unwind. When the school organised a staff bonding cum family day to Orto Leisure Park, in June 2022, the slight drizzle that morning did not dampen their spirits. Instead, the atmosphere was filled with shrieks of joy and delight as they reeled in their catch, the big and fresh prawns. Not only did the staff get to barbecue their catch and consume them, they also had a good bonding time with their colleagues and family members.

The office staff had another blast of a time when they went to learn how prata was made. They tried their hands at flipping and tossing the prata and savoured what they had created. After the prata session, they had a 'rolling good time' - bowling at Bukit Batok Civil Service Club. The staff had a wonderful time laughing and bonding during the friendly match.

## **EAS Appreciation Day**

Every year, we acknowledge and thank our Executive and Administrative Staff (EAS) for the invaluable services rendered to the school. This year, our EAS took a break on this special day to watch a performance specially prepared for them by the Prefects. The Prefects customised ceramic mugs, inscribed with the names of the EAS, as a gift for them. The school leaders presented this gift and other tokens of appreciation to the EAS.



# Teachers' Day Celebration

"There is a little magic in every teacher." This phrase was our theme for this year's Teachers' Day. Students showed their appreciation to their teachers through various ways and platforms. There were handwritten notes, e-notes on online platforms and little gifts from their hearts presented to their teachers. They also put up a mini concert showcasing their talents in singing, dancing and musical recitals. It was a roller coaster of emotions for both students and teachers.





"Soar high in the direction of your dream", teacher-student bonding time





A heartfelt song performance from our Senior Prefects

#### School Awards

Sustainable South West Awards 2021 Commitment Award Green Schools @ South West 2021 Award Stars for Dublic Health, Environment Protection and Junior Environmental Ambassadors Sustaining Toilets as Restrooms Awards Programme 2022 Platinum Star Award

Aesthetic & Performing Arts Draw MyStamp Story Art Competition 2022 Low Jiayu Charlotte , 3 Harmony (Bronze) Singapore Youth Festival Design Challenge Phyu Hnhn Htet San, 3 Care (Certificate of Participation) SOTA Primary 6 Art Competition Sasmitha Senthilkumar, 6 Care (Top 50 Finalist) SYF 2022 Youth Station Project Chua Jia Rui Allycia, 5 Care (Honourable Mention) Niyaz Rifa'ie, 5 Care (Honourable Mention) Nur Safeera, 5 Harmony (Honourable Mention) Aryan Zubarie, 5 Harmony (Honourable Mention) Lutfi Aryan Hurairah, 5 Respect (Honourable Mention) Yu Youvi, 5 Respect (Honourable Mention) Selvakumar Mahanth Raj, 6 Perseverance (Honourable Mention)

### CCA: Red Cro Excellent Unit Awards for the year 2021 All Members (Gold Award)

#### CCA: Drama Club

SYFGoesOnline! The Young Playwright Presents Nur Ezra Bin Nur Rahman, 4 Graciousness (Shortlisted and featured in the SYF online showcase)

#### CCA: Wushu

National School Games (NSG) Er Yue Rou, 4 Respect (4th in the 32-Style Tai Ji Jian event)

#### CCA: Footbal

Assumption English School Football Challenge Cup (Champion School) Kavinesh Gandhi Rengaiyan, 6 Care Muhammad Rizque Sufi, 6 Care Shameel Putra Rudy Ashmooni, 6 Care Aqeil Haleif, 6 Integrity Yasin Rafiqi, 6 Perseverance Muhammad Faiq Anaqi, 6 Respect Muhammad Rifque Sufi, 6 Respect Naufal Harith, 6 Respect Muhammad Rifque Sufi, 6 Respect (Individual MVP award, Individual Top Scorer award)

CCA: Angklung & Kulintang Ensemble, Choir, Chinese Dance, Indian Dance, Malay Danc

Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) All members of the Performing Arts CCA (Participated in the 2022 Arts Presentations)

#### ninton, Football, Netba CCA: Bad National School Games (NSG) (Sportsmanship Award)

Esther Ling Zhi Tong, 6 Respect Wong Kai Foong, 6 Perseverance Muhammad Rizque Sufi, 6 Care Muhammad Rifque Sufi, 6 Respect Sharyse Kuek Rae Ern, 6 Perseverance Lee Yu Xuan Ashley, 5 Care

#### Academic: Mathematics

Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools 2022 (SMOPS) Silver

Rameshkumar Srivikash, 6 Perseverance Bronze Aristeides Tay Jia Kai, 6 Perseverance Wang Congshan Donovan, 6 Integrity Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad 2022 (SASMO)

Edric Yong Yik Siang, 6 Integrity Sundaram Paviesh, 6 Integrity Silver iu Yue, 4 Respect Huang Zihan, 4 Respect Sanika Tiwari, 4 Graciousness

Wang Congshan Donavan, 6 Integrity Bronze

Jacquelyn Khor, 4 Graciousness Hou Qianxun 4 Respect Shin Dong Yoon, 4 Respect Han Yuchen, 4 Perseverance Javier Tan Yi Jie, 4 Perseverance Rishav Kundu, 4 Perseverance Tan Yi Xuan, 4 Perseverance Chan Kang Zhe, 4 Responsibility Jayatra Panda, 5 Care Lee Ming Hui, 5 Care Lim Yu, 5 Care Woo Oscar Hanxiong, 5 Respect

Kok Ka Xun Jayden, 5 Respect Zheng Jiayu, 5 Respect Gan Zi Ru, 6 Integrity Thanmaya Suresh, 6 Integrity Aristeides Tay Jia Kai, 6 Perseverance Honourable Mention Jeevith, 4 Graciousness Saravanan Mey Varshana, 4 Perseverance Jagan Wu, 4 Perseverance Mahesvaran Aarya, 4 Perseverance Sarah Ali Asgar Bhagat. 5 Care Babu Bhavesh, 5 Respect Tegbir Singh, 6 Integrity Annual Mathlympics for all Singapore Primary Schools 2022 Silver Lee Yu Xuan Ashley, 5 Care Zheng Jiayu, 5 Respect National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore 2022 (NMOS) Silver Kok Ka Xun Jayden, 5 Respect Bronze Ashton Wong Wei Chieh, 5 Respect Woo Hanxiong Oscar, 5 Respect Zheng Jiayu, 5 Respect Honourable Mention Ashwin Ram Gokulakrishnan, 5 Respect Phong Jing Ru, 5 Respect Natesh Theias, 5 Respect

Ashwin Ram Gokulakrishnan, 5 Respect

#### Joey Jong Ruo Yi, 5 Care Academic: Science

**Our Achievements** 

Junior Science Whiz Challenge 2022 <u>5th Prize Team</u> Chatterjee Abhinav, 6 Perseverance Rameshkumar Srivikash 6 Perseverance Wong Kai Foong, 6 Perseverance 11th – 20th Scorer (individual) Chatteriee Abhinay, 6 Perseverance (School Tour and Home Winner) Rameshkumar Srivikash, 6 Perseverance Home Viewer Winner Wong Kai Foong, 6 Perseverance <u>1st – 10th Scorer (Individual)</u> Aristeides Tay Jia Kai, 6 Perseverance NUS High Singapore Primary Science Olympiad 2022 <u>Silver</u> Choy Meng Hon, Kayden (Cai Minghan), 5 Care Bronze Natesh Thejas, 5 Respect Zheng Jiayu, 5 Respect Merit Lee Ming Hui, 5 Care Lee Yu Xuan Ashley, 5 Care Olivia Low Yen Xiu, 5 Care Science Buskers Competition 2022

Judges' Award Daniyal Eilhan Bin Rudie Hirman, 4 Responsibility Ng Hong Jun, 4 Responsibility

### Academic: English

SOTA Primary 6 Creative Writing Competition 2022 Top 20 Finalists Aristeides Tay Jia Kai, 6 Perseverance <u>Top 50 Finalists</u> Jeevan Kumar Nitish, 6 Perseverance

#### Academic: Mother Tongue

The 5th Text Recital Competition for Primary and Secondary Schools Bronze in Xichen, 1 Graciousness Wong Shi Xuan, 1 Harmony Silver Ma Kexin, 4 Responsibility Hou Qianxun, 4 Respect Cepat Tepat Quiz 2022 Finals - 2nd Iffa Umaira Binte Neziman, 6 Integrity Adisti Nismara Nazeli, 6 Integrity Kitti Faerani Binti Kamuludin, 6 Perseverance Alya Arisha Binte Mohammad Azri, 6 Perseverance Tirukkural Vizha 2022 2nd Prize Loganathan Sudha Sharvika Sri, 2 Care Ramesh Kumar Srivikash, 6 Perseverance <u>3rd Prize</u> K. Praghadheeshvaran, 2 Resilience Radhakrishnan Saikeerthana, 6 Integrity Motivation Prize Akbar Basha Rumaana, 3 Perseverance Manickam Jayakumar Sudhiksha, 3 Care



This newsletter also serves as a special memento for the BVPS family. Feel free to use this space to collect autographs and write thank-you notes to your friends, teachers and BVPS staff!



