



Connection

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Editor's Note

As the school settled in to the new norm in the second semester of 2020, our students continued to make us proud with their resilience, innovative thinking and graciousness – realising the school's vision of 'Self-directed Learners, Confident Leaders, Caring Citizens'.

We would like to thank all our parents and community partners for working together with us hand-in-hand to provide a learner-centric and values-driven education. We hope that Bukit Viewans will continue to experience the joy of learning through the school's quality programmes and wide variety of opportunities.



Our School Vision

Self-Directed Learners

Despite the Safe Management Measures (SMM) put in place, our Primary 1 to Primary 5 students were able to engage themselves during the annual Mother Tongue Fortnight. Read on to learn how Bukit Viewans developed their love for the Mother Tongue languages through the exciting and meaningful activities.

Confident Leaders

Despite not having a camp this year, our Primary 3s had an enjoyable time while learning to work together during the Primary 3 Class Bonding Day. Our little ones, the Primary 1s and 2s also had the chance to display sportsmanship in the Lower Primary Games Day.



Caring Citizens

Discover how innovative the Primary 6 students were to show their care for others through the BVPS Heartbeat event where they raised funds for The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund.



Mother Tongue Fortnight 2020

This year, the annual Mother Tongue Fortnight was a collaborative effort between the Mother Tongue Department and the Racial Harmony Day (RHD) committee. Bukit Viewians immersed themselves in a variety of exciting cultural activities which enabled them to develop a love for their Mother Tongue language.

The series of activities were launched with an interesting video where the school leaders enacted cultural traditions such as lighting the lamp, playing the *kompang* and cutting the red ribbon.



Ethnic food tasting



Among the activities, our P1 and P2 students had to record a song of their choice and uploaded their videos on SLS. Being self-directed learners, they put on their creative hats and came up with their own dance steps and props.

A few of the videos were showcased during the RHD e-concert. It was truly amazing to see the various performances from our talented students!



Learning the Mother Tongue language through songs and dance

"My Chinese language class friends and I had to sing a song. I had fun performing in front of my classmates! I also learnt to write Chinese calligraphy. It was the first time that I wrote with a Chinese brush and ink. It was very interesting."

- Quek Jun Hong Curtis,
P1 Perseverance



Chinese Mask Painting

Primary 3 Class Bonding Day

In August, the Primary 3 students had the opportunity to participate in a Class Bonding Day. Adhering to SMM, the students took on group challenges and learnt about cooperation and teamwork. The activities also helped to develop their confidence and communication skills. Through the class treasure hunt activity, the students bonded with their form teachers and built stronger friendships amongst themselves.



Working together to achieve the group target



All ready to start the Bonding Day!

"Although the Treasure Hunt was quite challenging, the class managed to complete it as everyone had to put on their thinking hats and work together to solve the puzzles. I had an enjoyable time bonding with my friends and teachers!"

- Phong Jing Ru, P3 Responsibility

Jumping high to reach our goals!



Receiving the Most Outstanding Team Award



Being Innovative through E-CCAs

CCAs are essential in the holistic development of students. As such, BVPS staff and students innovated to have their CCAs online, termed as e-CCAs. The e-CCAs allowed students to practise their skills and enjoy their CCAs from home. Even those from the school-based student care centre got a chance to participate in the e-CCAs in school. We are heartened to see our students having an engaging time and looking forward to every e-CCA session, with full support from their parents.

An e-CCA session for the Wushu members



Creative art pieces from the Art Club



"In Art Club, we learn about innovation and creativity. During the e-CCA sessions, I was amazed at how my teacher and instructor innovated their lessons and used their creativity to make our e-CCA sessions enjoyable. I loved creating the beautiful pieces of artwork using the Zentangle Method online. It was so interesting!"

*- Anahita Ansari, Art Club member,
P5 Graciousness*

Our Angklung Ensemble during one of their e-CCA sessions



Friends of the Soaper 5 - Our Safe Management Ambassadors!

The Ministry of Education (MOE) created the Soaper 5 – a band of young superheroes who guide our students in keeping themselves and their friends safe and healthy.

In BVPS, our students were nominated and trained to be Safe Management Ambassadors (SMA). They took great pride in their role and were highlighted on MOE's Facebook page.

Read the diary entry from one of our SMAs on how they became confident leaders as they demonstrated how everyone can play a part in the fight against COVID-19.

Ministry of Education, Singapore
21 August

The Soaper 5 have found new allies in the fight against the virus – in the Safe Management Ambassadors (SMA) of Bukit View Primary School. Easily identified by their Soaper 5 badges, these students remind their classmates to put on their masks once they finish their meals and stay 1-metre apart even during recess – among other precautionary measures to keep each other safe.

Each class elected four to eight students to take up this new leadership role. The selected students then took an online lesson to prepare them for their duties.

Hear from the students who have stepped up to keep their school safe. #Soaper5 #SGUnited #SingaporeTogether



Dear Diary,

My role is to ensure that my schoolmates follow the school's SMM so that our school is a safe place for everyone. I need to remind my classmates to:

1. Wear their masks correctly.
2. Keep a safe distance from one another.
3. Refrain from talking when they are eating during recess and snack break.
4. Wash their hands with soap and water before and after eating.
5. Carry out the wipe-down routines in the canteen and classrooms.

It's not easy, but I persevered and tried my best. Furthermore, knowing that we, SMAs, have the support from our teachers, we can go to them if we face any difficulties.

I am proud to be an SMA and always look forward to the next day where I strive to carry out my duties diligently. Thank you to my teacher for giving me this opportunity!

Love,
Jolyne Burm, P4 Graciousness

Science Buskers Champions!

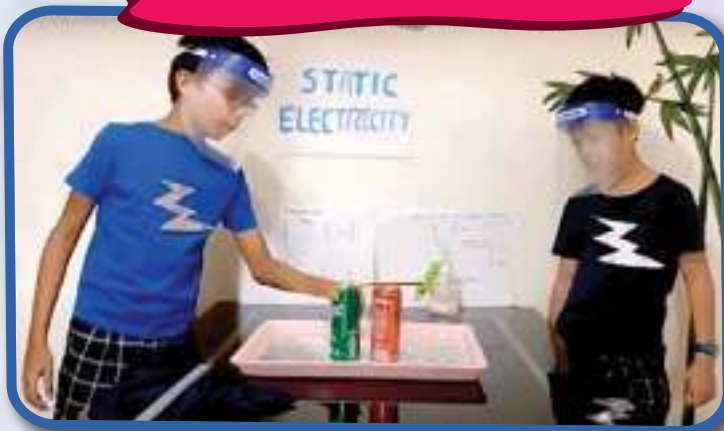
Science Buskers Festival is a competition organised by Science Centre Singapore where participants used their communication skills to demonstrate science concepts creatively through a 'show-and-tell'.

The competition attracted over 200 entries nationwide and we are proud that 3 of our teams were shortlisted for the finals with one of them emerging as the champion! Click on the pictures to watch our young scientists in action!



The other two shortlisted finalists – The Scientist of Oz and The Spell Masters

Our Champions - The Flash Boys!



Lower Primary Games Day



As part of the Children's Day celebration in October, the Primary 1 and 2 students had an exciting Games Day. Through this event, our little ones participated actively in fun and healthy physical activities and demonstrated the values of perseverance and integrity. Every one of them went home with beaming smiles as they each received a medal for their sporting efforts!

Racial Harmony Day

This year, the school commemorated Racial Harmony Day (RHD) and National Day differently through online video conferencing platforms.

The theme for RHD was “Multicultural Singapore” and Bukit Viewans came to school dressed in their ethnic outfits to celebrate the occasion. In one of the activities, a Kahoot! Quiz, the students learnt about the importance of racial harmony. They particularly enjoyed dancing and grooving to the song “Food Paradise”!



National Day

The theme for this year's National Day celebrations is ‘Together, A Stronger Singapore’. Bukit Viewans enjoyed a special line-up of activities such as Lego-building and creating a banner for Singapore. They also participated in ‘Sing Bukit Viewans’ to create a beautiful song montage of the song ‘We are Singapore’. Through the activities, everyone had a greater understanding of how to overcome the challenges to emerge as a stronger and more united Singapore.



Teachers' Day and e-Arts Festival

The Teachers' Day celebration this year was special as it was held virtually in conjunction with the school's annual Arts Festival. Teachers from the Aesthetics department and the Staff Well-being committee, as well as the prefects, came together and worked collaboratively to organise this wonderful event.

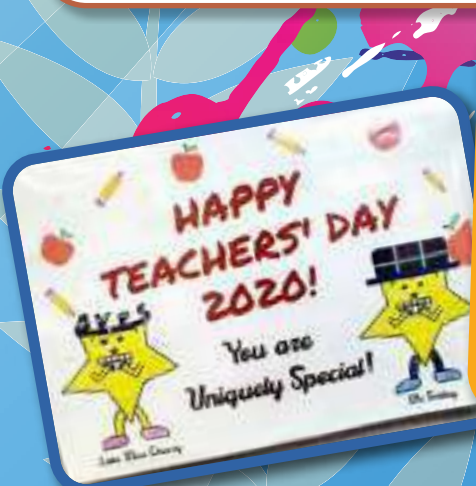
One of our Long Service Award recipients, Mrs Magdalene Sebastian



Behind the scenes



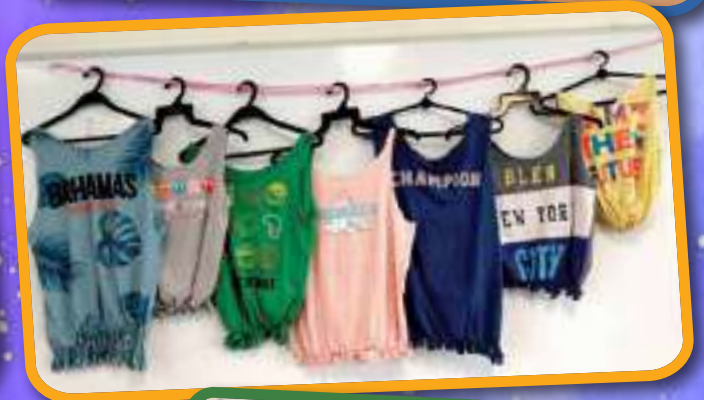
Not only did the event created opportunities for Bukit Viewans to show their appreciation to their teachers, but it also enabled them to appreciate the different Arts forms. Everyone enjoyed the online performances by the dance CCAs and the showcase of beautiful art pieces by the students. It was definitely a memorable and joyous celebration for all of us in BVPS!



Primary 6 Values-In-Action BVPS Heartbeat

In October, our Primary 6 students started their Values-In-Action (VIA) project 'BVPS Heartbeat'. The project was part of the school's Gracious Living in Our World (GLOW) programme with the aim of cultivating environmental awareness amongst the students. At the same time, it provided opportunities for students to be caring citizens through VIA.

The P6s were actively engaged in the Design Thinking process during the project. They interviewed fellow schoolmates to gain empathetic understanding before they began to ideate and create innovative items for sale which were made out of recyclable materials. They even came up with a promotional video so that they could raise as much funds as they could which would go to the Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund.



On 13 November, it was finally the big day! All staff and students came in full force to support the cause. What an amazing effort to show that BVPS cares for the community!



Caring Teacher Awards

Caring? Inspiring? Dedicated? Do these words remind you of your beloved teacher? Held every two years, the Caring Teacher Awards (CTA), organised by the National Institute of Education Singapore, pay tribute to teachers who show care and concern for the holistic development of their students, and go the extra mile to ensure that their students grow up to be confident and independent learners. Heartiest congratulations to our deserving 2020 CTA winners!



*Picture was taken before COVID-19

2020 CTA Winners:

- Mrs Kumutha Selvan
- Mrs Serene Seah-Ng Tse Ern
- Mdm Siti Shahira Bte Sapade
- Mrs Selena Ang
- Mdm Raihanah Bte Mohd Yusop

"I'm pleasantly surprised and honoured to receive the award. I've always felt that we, teachers, have a very significant role to play in a child's life and development. I believe that we will spare no effort to ensure that each child will not only be given a fish to eat, but will also eventually know how to catch a fish themselves. My hope for my students is for all of them to do well in life, and grow up to be responsible, caring and compassionate people in the society."

- Mrs Serene Seah-Ng Tse Ern, P6 teacher



Our Achievements



Academic Mathematics

Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad

Gold

Wang Siqi, P2 Integrity
Edric Yong Yik Siang, P4 Graciousness

Silver

Rameshkumar Srivikash, P4 Harmony
Wang Haoyu, P5 Responsibility

Bronze

Aristeides Tay Jia Kai, P4 Graciousness
Gan Zi Ru, P4 Graciousness
Sundaram Paviesh, P4 Graciousness
Vriya Prashantkumar Soni, P4 Graciousness
Chatterjee Abhinav, P4 Harmony
Thanmaya Suresh, P4 Harmony
Cheng Guanzhe, P5 Graciousness
Fu Qianhui, P5 Graciousness
Guo Yuchen, P5 Graciousness
Huang Yihan, P5 Graciousness
Sophia Curic, P5 Graciousness
Wang Zi Xin, P5 Graciousness
Ifza Nasim, P5 Responsibility
Lee Quan Loong, P5 Responsibility
Wong Zi En, P5 Responsibility
Zheng Yong Le, P5 Perseverance
Elysa Low Ern Yin, P6 Integrity
Wu En Ping, P6 Responsibility

Annual Mathlympics For Primary Schools

Bronze

Cheng Guanzhe, P5 Graciousness

Dhruv Gupta, P5 Graciousness
Kikkeri Sreevathsa Siddharth, P5 Graciousness

English

Scholastic Writing Competition

2nd Prize Winner

Teo Chun Jiu, P3 Care

3rd Prize Winner

Sarvesh Kanthamani, P4 Harmony
Nur Azirah Binte Nurazhar, P6 Integrity

Science

Science Buskers Festival 2020

Champion

Jeevan Kumar Nitish, P4 Graciousness
Sharique Hyder Bin Muhammad Safie, P4 Graciousness

Mother Tongue

21st International Chinese Language Competition

Silver (National)

Wang Yixuan, P6 Responsibility

Bronze (International)

Wang Yixuan, P6 Responsibility

Tamil Folk Dance Competition @ Boon Lay Community Club

3rd Prize (Group Dance)

Shivakumar Nikhitha, P4 Graciousness

Towards Excellence

Prakasam Srinidhi, P4 Graciousness
Senthil Shri Varsha, P4 Harmony

Pongal Festival Thirukural Competition @ Ayer Rajah Community Club

2nd Prize

Natesh Thejas, P3 Care

Muthamizh Vizha 2020

Special Prize

Balasubramanian Suhanthan, P2 Integrity

School Awards

National Day Awards 2020

Commendation Medal

Mdm Cheng Joo Hiang (Year Head)

Public Administration Medal (Bronze)

Mdm Kwek Ling Ling Irene
(Vice Principal (Administration))

Sustaining Toilets As Restrooms (STAR)

Programme organised by Restroom Association Singapore 2020

Platinum STAR Award

LOO Kidz Award

Lim Yi Cheng Jorgen, P2 Harmony

Cleaning Industry Award

Mr Wong Fah