

Stephenian Times



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The academic year is almost coming to an end. This year, we have experienced a 13-week Term 3 that arose as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

To ensure that both staff and students stay safe, the school continued to maintain the efforts in ensuring that a series of Safe Management Measures (SMM) such as visual screening, wipe-down routines as well as fixed seating arrangements in the classrooms were implemented. Continuing and maintaining a system for staggered

dismissal was also necessary to discourage unnecessary intermingling of our students at the foyer, where human flow tends to be the highest during dismissal. These measures aimed to help both staff and students keep the pandemic at bay.

As we come to the end of Term 4, the school believes that the teachers, students and parents will welcome the much-needed year-end holidays. This will be a period for all to rejuvenate physically, mentally and emotionally before we embark on a brand new 2021.

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020 TOGETHER, A STRONGER SINGAPORE

Our school commemorated National Day in a special way this year. Adhering to safe distancing measures, we leveraged on Zoom to unite all Stephenians who also completed meaningful learning tasks aligned to the theme for 2020 – *Together, A Stronger Singapore*.

The school celebrated the 55th National Day on 7 August 2020. This celebration took on a special significance as Stephenians reflected on how far Singapore has come in our fight against COVID-19. The ceremony began with a flag-raising ceremony and ended with a segment on 'Recollections', where Stephenians reflected on past and present challenges faced by our country, and how each of us has a part to play in building a stronger Singapore.

Based on this theme, all Stephenians engaged in discussions and shared their reflections, gratitude, hopes and commitment in the pledge cards given to them. Through these activities, the school hopes to instill in all students a sense of patriotism and love for Singapore, as well as to foster unity and a resilient spirit in the face of current challenges faced by Singapore.

It was a truly memorable National Day commemoration for all as we ended the celebration with the "singing" of national day songs (with hand gestures instead of actual singing), and the highlight of the day - the Stephenian Dance.



STAFF RECOGNITION DAY 2020

OUR STAFF, OUR STARS

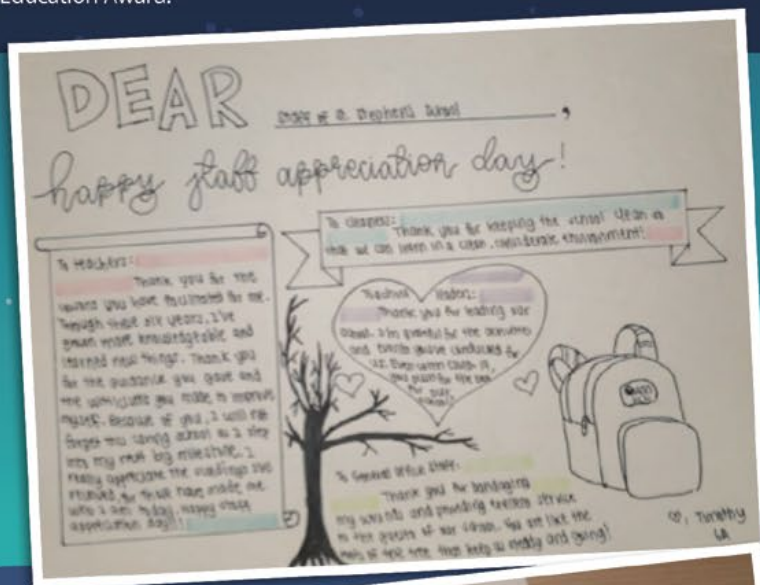
It was a day of fun and celebration for both students and teachers of St. Stephen's School as we came together to celebrate and show our appreciation for the hard work put in by our teachers and non-teaching staff!

Celebrated on 3 September 2020, the St. Stephen's Staff Recognition Day was held in conjunction with Teacher's Day. The theme for 2020 is Our Staff, Our Stars. Teachers came to school that day dressed to the theme.

The special day started with the usual flag-raising, followed by a live streaming of an online concert put up by our own student talents. In view of Covid-19, all activities were conducted via Zoom with strict adherence to safe distancing measures.

The amount of work and effort put in by our students was beyond words. This year, our talented Stephenians showcased their musical talents by performing various song and musical items for their teachers in the segment 'The Stephenian Factor'. Through this segment, not only were students provided with a platform to showcase their musical talents, they were also given the opportunity to say a few words of thanks and appreciation to their teachers and non-teaching staff who had in one way or another, cared for and walked this journey with them.

The celebrations continued with the Principal's address, followed by the presentation of the S4 awards, Long Service Awards and Caring Teacher Award. On this special day, the school also took the opportunity to give recognition to the nominees of the President's Award for Teachers and Outstanding Youth in Education Award.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2020

OUR STEPHENIANS, OUR PRIDE

This year, the school celebrated Children's Day on 8 October 2020. The theme for the celebration was Our Stephenians, Our Pride.

The teachers across all levels came together to put up a pre-recorded concert for the boys. It was interesting to see teachers taking up the challenge to produce their own 'Tik Tok' videos for the boys to enjoy!

There was also a snack party planned for the students as they enjoyed the concert, followed by interesting games such as charades and quizzes planned for them!



ENGLISH P1 CHORAL READING AND P2 READER'S THEATRE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME 2020

The P1 students attended the Choral Reading enrichment programme while the P2 students took part in the Reader's Theatre enrichment programme. Both 10-hour programmes serve to build students' fluency, self-confidence and motivation in speaking English.

As a group activity, these programmes also provided students with the opportunities to learn about the importance of teamwork as they worked with their classmates to perform popular classics such as Lion and the Mouse, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Three Little Pigs.

This year, the sessions ended with a stellar performance showcasing the hours of hard work put in by the students. The performances were recorded into a DVD by the vendor for students to bring home as a memento.



MOTHER TONGUE FORTNIGHT 2020

TRADITIONAL FOOD

It is no secret that Singaporeans are united in their love for great food. This year, the theme of Traditional Food brought all Stephenians together in the midst of the pandemic to better understand the food culture of the different ethnic groups in Singapore. Through a variety of activities, both in the classrooms and on the SLS platform, our students got to learn more about the origin and significance behind some traditional food items such as the 'mooncake', 'kuih koci' and 'ladoo'.



ART WEEK 2020 (PIXEL PERFECT PROJECT)

OUR EVERYDAY

Featuring visual narratives of the everyday lives of our Stephenians, the Pixel Perfect Project encouraged all Stephenians to look for the extraordinary in the ordinary by putting together photos of themselves engaging in day-to-day activities taken during the Circuit Breaker. The theme was Our Everyday and some of the really creative photo journal submissions were also put up in the foyer as exhibits when students returned to school in June for the start of Term 3!



SCIENCE PLASTIC RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

During the period of the Circuit Breaker, an astonishing 1,334 tonnes of plastic waste were generated by households in Singapore. This campaign organized by the Science Department created awareness among our Stephenians on ways to manage their plastic waste, as well as promote active recycling of single-use plastics both in school and at home.

RACIAL HARMONY DAY 2020 MULTICULTURALISM

On 21 July 2020, the school commemorated Racial Harmony Day to remember and learn the lessons of the 1964 racial riots that led to the final separation of Singapore from Malaysia in 1965. This year, the theme is *Multiculturalism*. Through the activities, we hope to instill in our students the importance of embracing ethnic diversity, which is critical in promoting community peace and in anchoring our identity as uniquely Singaporean.

