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Highlights:

NYAA-Ping Yi Coffee Table Book

Celebration of Success

Dear Parents and Partners,

A Term of Achievement and Excellence



Left: Ping Yians manning the 3D Doodling booth at DesignFaire 2018

Right: Russian educators visiting Ping Yi



(a) Upcoming Event: Launch of NYAA-Ping Yi Coffee Table Book during Speech Day

We are proud to announce that on Friday 29 June, a coffee table book featuring photographs taken by Sec 3 student leaders and the photography club will be launched during Speech Day. A collaboration between National Youth Achievement Award Young Photographers' Network and Ping Yi Secondary School from March to April 2018, the Photo Documentary Project showcases life in the Chai Chee Community seen through the eyes of students.

(b) Past Events

Singapore Day in London (24 March 2018): Ping Yi showcased innovative Design and Technology projects in the MOE showcase during Singapore Day, a signature event organised to evoke in Overseas Singaporeans a sense of pride and optimism in the nation's future.

DesignFaire 2018 (29 March 2018): Organised to enable students to learn about real-life design applications and discover the science of flight, DesignFaire 2018 successfully brought together several secondary schools to take part in fun activities such as a FPV drone piloting experience, 3D doodling and a Motobrush workshop and race.

ECG Learning Journeys (February - April 2018): To be able to make informed choices for their future, graduating students visited Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Immigration and Checkpoints Authority, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, A*STAR Fusion World, Mind Care Clinic at Farrer Park Hospital, Tiny Island Productions and the State Courts.

School Visit by Russian Educators (17 April 2018): 23 delegates from the Russian Ministry of Education in Moscow visited Ping Yi to learn about innovative school programmes, including the Applied Learning Programme, Makers Space and Knowledge Building.

(c) Celebration of Success

- 2018 East Zone Basketball Fair Play Award - Ping Yi B Division Boys
- Tamil Inter-School Debate (Sorkalam) 2018: Best Speaker - Suyamprakasam Varadaraj (Class 401)
- Man-of-the-Match International Cricket League: 29 March 2018 - Shameer Hussain (Class 402), 5 April 2018 - Mohamed Azlan (Class 401), 19 April 2018 - Suyamprakasam Varadaraj (Class 401)
- Bright Ideas Challenge 2018: First Runner-up - R Hemma, Sharifa Roshani, Nazeeba Banu, Aliashafreen (Class 301)

Announcements

Free Lessons for Parents

Want to know how to help your child in his/her studies? Learn English Language and Social Studies in small bites!

Dates:

5 May - Oral

7 July - Essay Writing

4 Aug - Editing & Grammar

6 Oct - Social Studies

Source-based Skills

3 Nov - Social Studies

Structured Response

Questions

Time: 3 - 3.30 pm

Venue: Palm Cove

To register, please contact Ms Faizah Hussain - Parents' Support Group Secretary (9474 1310) or Ms Nyta Toon - Assistant Secretary (8869 1968).

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(c) Celebration of Success (continued)

- 17th Inter-Schools National Scrabble Championship 2018: C Division Team Event: Champion [Bowl (II) category] - Goh Ji Ming, Mariah Al-Giptiah, Lim Hui Fang, Yusuf Bin Abdul Razak and Muhammad Raden Iqram (Class 201)
- 7th Inter-School History Challenge War & Diplomacy History Card Game 2018: Semi-finalists - Thomson Sebastian Ian Rupert (Class 311), Muhammad Ilhan B Mohd Sulaiman and Alhadi Bin Alba (Class 401)
- 12th Inter School B Division Tchoukball Championships 26th: Third Position - Girls
- National Police Cadet Corps Unit Overall Proficiency Award 2017: Gold

(d) Events in Terms 2 and 3

Term 2 /Week	Date	Event/Activity
7 - 8	Wed 2 May - Fri 11 May	Mid-year Exams
9	Mon 14 May	Marking Day
	Tues 15 May- Wed 16 May	Checking of Scripts
9 - 10	Thurs 17 May - Thurs 24 May	Sec 4E/5N Mother Tongue Intensive Programme
10	Thurs 24 May	Sec 1 & 3 Meet-the-Parents Session
June Hols	Date	Event/Activity
1	Mon 28 May	'O' Level MTL Exam
	Wed 30 May	'O' Level MTLB Exam
1-2	Wed 30 May - Tues 5 June	Sec 4/5 June Intensive
Term 3 /Week	Date	Event/Activity
1	Fri 29 June	Speech Day
2	Mon 2 July	Youth Day Holiday
	Tues 3 July	NYAA Ceremony
2 - 4	Wed 4 July - Mon 16 July	'O' Level MTL Oral Exam
2 - 3	Thurs 5 July - Thurs 12 July	'N' Level EL Oral Exam
6	Tues 31 July - Fri 3 Aug	'N' Level MTL Oral Exam
6 - 7	Mon 30 July - Tues 7 Aug	'N' Level Prelim Exams
7	Wed 8 Aug	National Day Celebrations & Sports Carnival
	Thurs 9 Aug - Fri 10 Aug	National Day Holiday & School Holiday

(e) Parenting in a Nutshell: Tips to build up the love for Mathematics

Mathematics helps to nurture skills related to reasoning, creativity, abstract/spatial thinking, critical thinking, problem solving and communication. Some of the greatest hurdles in the process of learning Mathematics are due to the lack of practice and ability to link the knowledge to everyday life. Here are some ways to engage your child in different types of mathematical thinking.

- Talk about Mathematics in a positive way. A positive attitude about Mathematics is infectious.
- Encourage persistence and resilience. Some problems take time to solve and your child may not be successful in solving initially but with encouragement, he will be able to do it!
- Encourage your child to experiment with different approaches to Mathematics. There is often more than one way to solve a Mathematics problem.
- When your child is solving Mathematics problems ask questions such as: Why did you...? What can you do next? Do you see any patterns? Does the answer make sense? How do you know? This helps to encourage thinking about Mathematics.
- Connect Mathematics to everyday life and help your child understand how Mathematics influences them (i.e. shapes of traffic signs, walking distance to school, telling time).