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16 Secondary 2 and 3 students led by Mr Jeremy Chen, Ms Sin Puay San and Mdm Sarasvathy embarked on an overseas educational programme on 25th May. The programme was designed to broaden the mind and global perspectives of our students through drawing comparison between Singapore and Hong Kong. The programme also ensured that there were opportunities for cultural immersion and interaction with students in Hong Kong. Through this overseas experience, the goal is to gain greater appreciation of home and a sense of belonging for Singapore.

CMA Choi Cheung Kok Secondary School has many activities for students to participate in after school such as CCAs and Talent showcase. Their CCAs are very similar to what we have in Yio Chu Kang Secondary School. They also have special rooms in which students can go in to have their meals, play games or read books. Our students truly gained a lot from this experience.

"Before the trip, I was thrilled and looked forward to being able to travel overseas with my friends. Although it was not my first time, there were still concerns, as I could not rely on my parents and had to be independent. Through the trip, I learnt to be a more responsible person, to look after my own well-being and that of others. While having fun, we should always keep a lookout for one another. Although it was a short 5-day trip, I learnt many values and it was a fruitful and enjoyable experience."



Vanessa Cheong Hai Ling, 3E1



"At the Geopark, I was very impressed with its construction. I learnt that hexagonal rock columns in Hong Kong are so special because of how they were formed under high pressure."



Chong Zheng Shan, 3E1

The highlights of the trip included a visit to the UNESCO Geopark, School Visit to CMA Choi Cheung Kok Secondary School, the Youth Education Series (Y.E.S.) Programme at Hong Kong Disneyland and a talk by the management of Ocean Park.

"I learnt about some interesting Physics concepts through the Disneyland YES Programme. Now I know how sound and light waves travel and also how difficult it is to design a safe roller coaster so that the carriage doesn't get derailed at high speeds when moving down."



Keong O Kiu, 2A1





16 Secondary 2 and 3 students led by Mrs Ng Shwu Jun, Mr Saravanan and Ms Amelia Tew went on an overseas educational programme on 25th May to Xi An, China.

Through this overseas educational programme, we hope to broaden the mind and global perspectives of our students by drawing comparison between Singapore and China, and providing opportunities for cultural immersion and interaction with students in China. It is hoped that all participants develop a greater appreciation of home and a sense of belonging for Singapore.

The highlights of the trip included a visit to the Muslim Street, Small and Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Terracotta Army, Xi An Historic City Wall and a local school visit to Xi An 85th Middle School.

"From this trip, I learnt to be more independent and look after myself as we were expected to take good care of our own health and make sure we didn't fall sick throughout the trip. I also learnt a lot about Xi An and its rich history and the different dynasties as we went to a few museums. The artefacts told the story of China which were really interesting and significant."



Lim Zi Xuan, 2E2

Our students sat in a class to experience a music lesson conducted for the students from Xi An 85th Middle School. YCKSians were very impressed with how disciplined and enthusiastic the Chinese students were during lessons. After the music lessons, our students attended a physical education class where they had the opportunity to learn a few tricks on how to play badminton better. The session ended with an exciting match of badminton game between our students and the Chinese students.



Xi An was an enjoyable experience. Our students learnt more about Chinese culture through visiting the museum, watching a musical, and walking around the historical site. This trip was unforgettable and fun as everyone soaked in the culture and history.



"My key takeaway from the trip was that we have to appreciate what we have and not take anything in Singapore for granted as the people living in Xi An do not enjoy many of the privileges we have in Singapore, such as good air quality. From the school visit, we saw that the students were very attentive in class and they showed great respect to their teacher. I felt that students in Singapore should learn from the Chinese in terms of self-discipline and respect for others and find ways to actively improve ourselves."



Loh Ming Shuen, 3E1

12th July was dedicated to VIA Day. It was all about showing care for the environment and the community, spreading awareness of environmental issues and concerns to the Ang Mo Kio residents, taking ownership and action in addressing environmental issues and concerns.

The Secondary 1 students were involved in activities pertaining to the Ang Mo Kio neighbourhood. The Secondary 2 students participated in activities supporting various Social Service Organisations such as HCA Hospice, Ling Kwang Home, Down Syndrome Association and AMKFSC Community Network Senior Services. The Secondary 4 students embarked on various Learning Journeys such as HDB ECO Trail, Gardens By The Bay, Ren Ci Nursing Home and Tuas Incineration Plant. The Secondary 5 students went to AMK Senior Activity Centre and participated in Project Zumba and HDB Project Sphere.

The students were engaged in many activities to render their services to the community. Some of the activities included:

- ❖ Project Sphere where students helped with simple cleaning and interacted with the elderly who stayed alone in rental flats in our neighbourhood.
- ❖ Project Zumba where our students engaged the elderly at the Senior Activity Centre.
- ❖ Working with the Town Council to design flyers for Mozzie Wipeout and taking action to heighten awareness.
- ❖ Painting attractive bins to alert people to throw litter in the right place.
- ❖ Engaging different segments of the society with Heartware Network.



Values-In-Action (VIA) Day

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Students felt satisfied and were proud that they were able to do their part for the community. They enjoyed the experience and were optimistic that they could contribute more beyond the school-initiated activities. It was truly heartening to see our students' work displayed around the Ang Mo Kio neighbourhood.

"I felt accomplished as I was able to reach out to the community and distribute the flyers. I can share my knowledge with them about eliminating pests and the residents can also benefit from my sharing."

 Michelle Charmaine Lee, 1E3



"I felt that beautifying the bins and writing litter-free slogans are good ways to encourage the residents to throw their litter in the bins."

 Jelena Raya, 1A1



"I felt satisfied that I was able to do my part for the community and I hope that the residents who saw us picking litter will now start to keep the AMK environment clean and litter-free."

 Choo Yi Ting
Peddy, 1T1



On 16th July, YCKSS hosted the 11th Global Youth Leaders Summit. We had the honour of welcoming our Guest of Honour, Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. This Summit was organised to:

- ❖ Celebrate youth and to provide a chance for youth to discover themselves by learning, leading and serving.
- ❖ Develop positive and desirable character traits, instill leadership skills and knowledge in the youths of today, as well as develop cultural and youth diplomacy.
- ❖ Challenge to disconnect from the digital world and start building authentic relationships through regular and physical 'face-time'.
- ❖ Serve the community in a fun and meaningful way.

"During the talks, I had the opportunity to learn about how we, youths, can connect with other age groups. It was a refreshing experience as nowadays youths spend more time on technology and gadgets. It brought me joy when we gave the elderly the necessities that they needed. They shared their life stories with us and we were able to relate to them."



Suresh Kumar Thiriveni, 3E1



"From the success stories shared during the panel discussion, I managed to grasp interesting concepts and values. Through the engagement session with school leaders from other schools, I learnt that giving back to the community is a gift indeed."



Liu Changbo, 3E1

Student leaders from schools around Singapore and youth leaders from ASEAN countries interacted throughout the Summit. In the afternoon, the student leaders were given certain tasks to complete. They were to purchase necessities for the beneficiary, Bethesda Care Service and visit them to perform an act of kindness. Student leaders had the chance to put what they have learnt into action by visiting the elderly at their homes in Bedok North and buying groceries for them with money from the summit's sponsors.

At the Summit, participants were educated about the importance of connecting to the global world and being more socially aware. Moreover, the Summit also aims to instill leadership skills and knowledge in the youth of today, as well as develop cultural and youth diplomacy.





On 3rd August 2019, 56 students from YCKSS and Pathlight School attended Aladdin the Musical at the Sands Theatre @ MBS. It was to deepen learning of the English Language, to appreciate the Arts and to be equipped with life skills, specifically on theatre etiquette.

Students were formed into eight groups consisting of students from both schools. After watching the entertaining musical, they got back together again on 6th August to discuss and present their reviews of Aladdin the Musical. They commented on the different elements of the musical, such as the acting, music, set up, costumes and props.

Everyone enjoyed the excellent musical performance and the lovable characters, especially the fun-loving Genie. In their post-evaluation of the activity, students also expressed their hopes for more collaboration opportunities with the Pathlighters.

"I used to be a big fan of Broadway shows like Dear Evan Hansen and Book of Mormon, so when I heard the school was organising a trip to watch Aladdin the Musical, I knew I had to grab the opportunity. Not only would I be able to see a Broadway show, I would also be able to interact with the Pathlight students. I figured that it would be an interesting experience so I signed up immediately."

The production was nothing short of spectacular. The first things that caught my eye were the set and props, and how the lighting complemented them. The lighting captured the glitz and glamour of a luxurious life in the palace cleverly ensuring that the light reflected off the jewels on the colourful costumes and also dramatically brought out the contrast to the life of the middle class. Another great example of how amazing the set was was in the way the actors and the theatre set interacted during the rendition of 'A Whole New World'. The audience was taken aback by how Aladdin and Jasmine were seemingly flying through the starry night sky on a magic carpet! To me, it was a great performance filled with a lot of laughter and tears. And it was indeed a great experience watching the musical with the Pathlighters."



Sta Ana Daphnie Jane Isip, 2E1



The theme of this year's National Day is "OUR SINGAPORE" which commemorates our Singapore Bicentennial and allows us to tell Our Singapore story from past to present. The programme was designed to ensure that students will appreciate the significance of National Day and understand the history of Singapore. Students will also learn how Singaporeans overcame odds to become an independent country.

The concert was the segment that brought out the patriotism in both students and staff. There was an array of performances put up by both the students and invited guests. The Dance groups presented an energetic fusion dance number while the Choir performed two crowd favourites: 'Home' and 'In A Heartbeat'. There was also a quiz segment entitled, 'Don't Forget the Lyrics' and a play entitled, 'A Singa Story'.

"I definitely had a lot of fun! It was an amazing experience being an emcee for such an enjoyable and meaningful event!"



S Mithraa, 2E1





National Day lesson package was carried out in the classrooms and during the lesson, students shared their hopes and dreams for Singapore. They also penned their aspirations for Singapore on heart-shaped stickers and pasted it on their Class Tree.

During 'Our Singapore' sculpture competition, the classes put on their thinking hats to create a sculpture based on Landmarks in SG, or Food and Icons of SG.



The highlight of the celebration was most definitely the GetActive Singapore Workout! Everyone was on their feet and grooving to the music video ! It brought back pleasant memories for the teachers as this segment was similar to ACES Day, an experience that they went through during their schooling days.



Bonding on Wheels

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Bonding on Wheels, organised by Yio Chu Kang Community Sports Club, was held on the 24th August. It was a 19 km incredible cycling expedition from Yio Chu Kang Community Club via Coney Island to Punggol SAFRA, mostly using park connectors. The students and staff enjoyed the bonding session with the residents of the community through this expedition.



Other than cycling, the students, staff and the residents had to take part in a group challenge organised by the Yio Chu Kang Community Sports Club. Holding hands and standing in a line, they had to pass hula hoops from the first member to the last member with the fastest timing possible. Some struggled to get the hula hoop across their body while others coolly weaved it down. They interacted with one another and demonstrated strong teamwork, optimism and communication. They were also blessed with very good weather. They enjoyed the cool breeze and were treated to picturesque rivers and canals.

"It was good to see the community come together to bond in this cycling event. We helped one another to check our bikes and adjust the helmets! I would definitely go back to the park connector and revisit the places."



Tan Hong Jun Brayden, 2E2



"I learnt to appreciate what we have in Singapore. It was my first time cycling along the park connectors. Though Singapore is small, we are blessed with nice facilities. While enjoying the breeze and the company of my friends, I hope to be involved in more of such activities."



Liu Zhixian, 3E1

"I felt that the cycling expedition was simply amazing. We enjoyed it so much! This was my first time entering Coney Island. I loved the nature, sea and lovely weather that day!"

Ly Nicolas, 3A2



The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) programme for the Secondary 3 Normal Academic and Technical students was held on 20th and 27th August 2019. NFTE programme is a customised entrepreneurship curriculum which includes modules like Opportunity Recognition, Market Research, Financial Projections and Cost, Marketing and Pitching.



Through this programme, the students learnt business concepts through games and hand-on activities, talks and learning journey by the adult mentors. This programme has activated the entrepreneurial mindset in students, empowering them towards successful futures. The students learnt about public speaking and showed how they were able to think critically when they were preparing for their business proposal presentation. This programme reinforced important values, attitudes and life-skills to help the students meet the challenges of the future and it culminated in BizPlan Presentation. The top three winners from each stream went on to represent YCKSS at NFTE Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge in November 2019.



"I felt very nervous when it was my turn to present and I thought that I would not have the courage to stand in front of the judges. Presenting to the judges was not that easy but I had to overcome it so I told myself to calm down and that I could do it. I am usually very shy but I have learnt to be more confident."



Nur Dianah Bte Ahmad Irshadi, 3T1



The finals were held at the Lifelong Learning Institute on 14th November. Two of our students made it to the grand final round of six finalists who had to pitch their business idea live to a panel of judges from various industries. Kathir Vel s/o Ravinderan of Secondary 3T1 was placed top 6 and Aikel bin Azmi of Secondary 3T2 emerged second runner-up with his passionate and eloquent pitch for his ingenious football themed café.

"One thing I learnt was how to present in front of my class and the judges and how not to be scared even though there were people judging my presentation. I also enjoyed seeing my friends presenting their business ideas. I think NFTE is a good programme for students as it enables us to think about our future and teaches us how to overcome our fear."

Aikel bin Azmi, 3T2



"The journey was tough, but it was rewarding in the end. I would not trade this opportunity for anything else. I'll also try my best to execute my business idea, which is opening a K-pop cafe that produces less waste and is environment-friendly."



Jalene Tan Swee Lin, 3A1

Students who are keen in art and interested in building self-efficacy participated in TAP which ran for eight weeks starting on 3rd July 2019. 20 students learnt various art forms including ink dye on ceramic plates, mixed media art on canvas, paper cutting lamp shade, weaving and photography. Through this programme, participants learnt about perseverance, understood what constituted a positive outlook and reframed their thoughts, developed self and social awareness and practised resilience and cultivated skills to make better choices in life. Students enjoyed the art lessons as they not only learnt about the different art forms but also life lessons and life promoting values. These include having the perseverance to complete their weaving and paper cutting lamp shade and working in teams for the group projects.



At the end of the programme, the students showcased their art pieces at a public space at Kampong Admiralty on 24th August at the TAP Festival. They felt a sense of achievement as they saw their artwork featured as part of a public art exhibition. Our students displayed confidence and good communication skills as they explained their art pieces to the public and taught parents and children the craft of cup weaving in an art workshop conducted at this exhibition.

Students were also engaged in service learning at the All Saints Home where they utilised the skills learnt during the programme to give back to the community. They taught mixed media art to the elderly residents in the home. They showed empathy and compassion towards the elderly and brought them companionship and joy during the session.

"My journey in the Transformative Arts Programme has been a very enjoyable one as I have made a lot of new friends and learnt some new forms of art such as "marbling on water". I also learnt how to weave correctly during one of the lessons and it taught me how to be patient."



Chloe Ang Kay Sim, 1A1



"I have learnt a lot from the Transformative Arts Programme (TAP) as it has taught me both art and moral values. Since joining TAP, I have also met many new friends. TAP taught me that art may not always be perfect and it is about being creative and having fun. I also like how we got to help the elderly and bond with them. I learnt how to socialise better with the public through the art exhibition. I also learnt values such as resilience and to have more patience through TAP. Overall, I really enjoyed this programme a lot."



Wong Kylie, 2E1



Secondary 2 AMD Showcase

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The Secondary 2 AMD Showcase is the culmination of the learning of the Arts, Media and Design modules that ran throughout the year. The Secondary 2 cohort presented an assembly show for the whole school through their song, dance and drama performances. Students from the Short Film Production and Interior Design modules also showcased their work and explained to the audience their creative process and the end products which were fascinating 3-D scaled models.

Students who performed rallied and supported each other as they took turns to perform. Both teachers and students gave positive feedback about the quality of performances. The talents were evident through this concert. This year, the Outstanding Student Awards were presented to five individuals from each of the five modules. These students were awarded for being positive role models to their peers in their pursuit to hone their craft in Arts, Media and Design.

The Outstanding Student Award winners are:

- ❖ Joanne Ang Sui Li of Secondary 2E1 from Dance
- ❖ Aristotle Bonganay Seow of Secondary 2A1 from Drama
- ❖ Lin Zheng Liang of Secondary 2E3 from Music Rock & Pop
- ❖ Ong Zhi Rong of Secondary 2E1 from Short Film Production
- ❖ Soh Hui Yi of Secondary 2E2 from Interior Design
- ❖ Ong Zhi Rong of Secondary 2E1 from Short Film Production

"I felt really honoured when I received the Outstanding Student Award for the AMD programme. I think that this award should be for the entire dance group because each and every one of us was outstanding. I think that our hard work paid off because we had put in a lot of effort and it was really nice seeing everyone enjoying the dance."



Joanne Ang Sui Li, 2E1



"I really enjoyed the AMD performance as I could rehearse with my group mates to perform a song that everyone enjoys. The journey was arduous but we persevered and put up a good show for the school."



Lin Zheng Liang, 2E3

"I enjoyed making short films. Having a passion for producing short films, I am proud to have had the opportunity to create a video for the AMD Showcase. I felt a sense of accomplishment when I finished the work along with my other team members. I am also elated to be able to receive the Outstanding Student Award for the AMD programme."



Ong Zhi Rong, 2E1



Collaboration with Pathlight School

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The Secondary 1 cohort from YCKSS and Pathlight School went on a learning journey to the Singapore Zoological Gardens. Some were involved in a Canon Workshop @ YCKSS, and a sharing on photojournalism at YCKSS which took place in Term 3 and 4.

These activities were organised mainly to enhance the students' awareness of the animals in Singapore Zoo and its role in animal conservation. There were also activities to encourage all to reflect on the importance of conservation. All this was done through friendly integration which enabled YCKSS & Pathlight students to collaborate constructively to collect information and complete a creative language task.



Some of the students were taught by trainers to expertly handle the camera. They were also briefed on how to write captions for the photos taken. During the learning journey to the zoo, students were divided into groups with both YCKSS and Pathlight students. There was good interaction and collaboration among the students and they had fun taking photos and sharing them with one another. Students from YCKSS and PL had good camaraderie and were excited to work together to take photos using a DSLR camera. They came back to share their photos with their teachers and friends.



"When I was working with the Pathlight students, it felt great as we learnt from each other. I have also picked up how to use a camera to take a proper picture and also learnt more about the animals. I can also appreciate the importance of patience as some students needed time to understand what was expected."



Tan Jia Yu, 1A1

"The students from Pathlight made the trip much more fun and interesting! During the zoo outing, we waited patiently for one of the animals to get close enough to us so that we could capture a decent photograph of it. We also learnt about teamwork as we had a lot of fun working together. During the photography workshop and the excursion to the zoo, I thoroughly enjoyed myself working with the Pathlight students. Overall, the zoo trip was very fun and I would love to work with the Pathlight students again!"



Solomon Breanna Conille Oroc, 1E1





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