

## Chinese New Year Celebration



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By Mohammad Qarl Zeyyan Bin Mohammad Khairin, 1 Graciousness

I enjoyed myself during the Chinese New Year celebration. In the hall, I saw the lion dance and I saw the teachers getting oranges. In the classroom, I coloured a hongbao. I went home early and I felt great.

By Austin Cai Xuhuzhang, 1 Graciousness

I enjoyed myself during Chinese New Year. In the hall, I saw people wearing red clothes. In the classroom, I colored a hongbao and received a dragon mask. I felt happy.

By Jovial Chew Yan Fei, 1 Graciousness



I came to school so excited because it was Chinese New Year eve, and it was a half day! At 8.50 a.m. we went to the hall. There were so many performances. I saw groups of people singing in different levels and saw people playing Guzheng. The song was so beautifully played. After the song, a big, big monster called Nian broke into our school and I thought I was going to get burnt by fire. But then, we defeated Nian. I watched a Wushu performance, and we went back to the classroom. We made a dragon and at 10.30 a.m., we went home. I had a wonderful Chinese New Year, and it was the most enjoyable and memorable day of my life.

By Zhang Jiayi, 2 Integrity

A few months ago, my class celebrated Chinese New Year. We made a dragon. The dragon's eyes kept coming out and I could hear people complaining because it was so hard. Some people gave up. Some parents were helping us too. After that, we went to the hall to watch the concert. The concert was so amazing. My eyes widened as I watched the performances. All the performers did very well. Suddenly, a lion came. It was called Nian, and everyone wanted to touch it. But it was so far away. At the end, a loud sound came. Everyone was trying to see where the sound was coming from. It was from a firecracker and a lot of colourful plastic bits came out. A lot of people wanted to catch them but only some could. Then we went home. We had an enjoyable day.

By Giselle Noura Bak Binte Irffan Bak Kai Xing, 2 Integrity



During Chinese New Year eve in school, we made a dragon using recyclables. After that Mdm Akhila and Mdm Zhang showed us some slides to learn more about Chinese New Year. Next, we went to the hall. There was a Chinese New Year dance competition. The winners were shown on the screen. My friend, Zi Jun, played the Guzheng in a performance. The song made me feel energetic. There was also a Wushu performance. They were fabulous. It looked like they had practiced for a long time. There was a lion dance too. Mr Fadzeel and a few teachers danced to a Chinese New Year song.

The Nian was there. We screamed at the top of our lungs. Mr Chen and Mr Hamri rushed to the general office and called some other teachers there for a meeting. Mr Chen told the teachers the news. The teacher suggested that they should get some Wushu people. They should wear red shirts and make loud noises as the Nian was afraid of red things and loud noises. The God of Fortune came and threw confetti. We all wanted to catch the confetti. And there were more performances. It was such an enjoyable day.

By Lim En Ci Klariss, 2 Courage



## Total Defence Day – Lockdown Drill



I experienced the lockdown drill for the first time in Admiralty Primary School. We locked the door and we hid under the tables. I felt scared.

By Jezebel Hong Mingzhen, 1 Graciousness

The drill took place on 15 February. We pushed our tables and chairs against the wall and hid. I was scared because bad people might break into our classroom. So we needed to keep very quiet. It was my first time experiencing this drill. It was scary but exciting.

By Chan Xing Yu Chester, 1 Challenge

All the classes took these steps:

- Step 1: turn off the fans and lights.
  - Step 2: move the tables and chairs to the doors and sides.
  - Step 3: put the black plastic sheet.
  - Step 4: hide under the table.
- I felt that it was a bit hot.

By Zane Soh Jun An, 1 Integrity





## Chinese Dance Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation



I think we performed well. The movements were on point. The outcome was good. If I would have smiled more, it would have made the dance much more spectacular.

The leg movements on the ground were synchronized and the movements were coordinated. I feel proud of the performance even though we made mistakes. It was still a top-notch performance and definitely an experience to learn from.

I feel relieved. It was nerve wracking at first and I thought I would have felt upset if something was done wrongly. However, we all make mistakes. As the saying goes "No one is perfect". All the movements were sharp all our hard work and efforts definitely paid off.

The experience has grown a sense of responsibility in me. Sometimes during the practices we would be released very late. So, I had to manage my time and do my homework and all my other daily activities in one day.

The experience was indeed fascinating and interesting. It reminded me of all those tiring practices and repeating the dance over and over. This was something everyone could learn from and would be etched in my mind forever. Even though I was hesitant about wearing the costume at first, I got used to it. This makes me relate to our school mascot, Tottie and Hoppy. We should always be a hardworking Tottie in a humble Hoppy. This journey was a meaningful one.

By Koh Ruo Xuan, 6 Enterprise

I think I performed quite well. I did my best. I think the team performed well but we could have done much better by smiling more. Some of us were nervous; we didn't do as well as we could have. But overall, I think that our hard work has paid off. When I looked at the video of our performance, I felt that our performance was quite well done. I think that this SYF makes me understand more about having a growth mindset and I will definitely apply it more effectively in my daily life. I think I want to remind myself that it is normal to face obstacles in our daily lives. We just have to do our best to overcome it. In conclusion, I think that this SYF is a memorable event and a very good experience. If our results are not as expected, I don't think that we should be sad. SYF is just milestone, and we should move on no matter what.

By Elyse Lim Yuhuan, 6 Courage



## Wits and Words Debate Competition



Participating in the Wits and Words debate competition was an unforgettable journey for me. Engaging in the debates provided me with invaluable learning opportunities. Despite our team not clinching victory in any of the rounds, we can still depart from the competition with pride, knowing that we gave our all and the matches were closely contested.

I owe much of this experience to the unwavering support of my teachers, Mdm Zakiah and Ms Reen, who tirelessly motivated us throughout the preparation process. Furthermore, my enthusiasm for debating was also a factor of motivation for me to take part in this competition.

In our first-round discussion, we took a stance advocating for the beneficial effects of disciplining children. We gathered plenty of evidence to support our stance, highlighting both the long-term benefits and immediate positive effects for parents. We spent extra time with our teachers gathering information and crafting responses to counter the opposing team's arguments. One smart tactic we used was to give the opposing teams strong points to discuss, making it harder for them to argue against us.

During the debate, I felt nervous because I was worried about doing well and facing challenges from the other team. I felt pressured to present our arguments effectively and respond to their points. Also, speaking in front of people made me anxious. But even though I was nervous, I tried to stay focused and help our team win. During the debate, my team faced many challenges from the other side. Sometimes we struggled, but we worked hard to stay calm and focused. We remembered the points we learned in our extra study sessions and responded to their arguments. A memorable moment in the competition was when I had to craft a reply speech for our team. I felt the pressure as I stood up to speak, knowing our team's success depended on my reply speech. Despite feeling nervous, I relied on our preparation.

In a nutshell, this debating experience has improved my thinking, speaking, and research skills. Debating also teaches us to craft arguments, express ideas clearly, and persuade others, boosting confidence. Additionally, it helps with organizing thoughts and managing time. In conclusion, I would like to say that this debate was a lovely experience for me and I do encourage everyone of you to join debates as well. It's a truly rich experience indeed.

By Vemula Yashdeep, 6 Courage



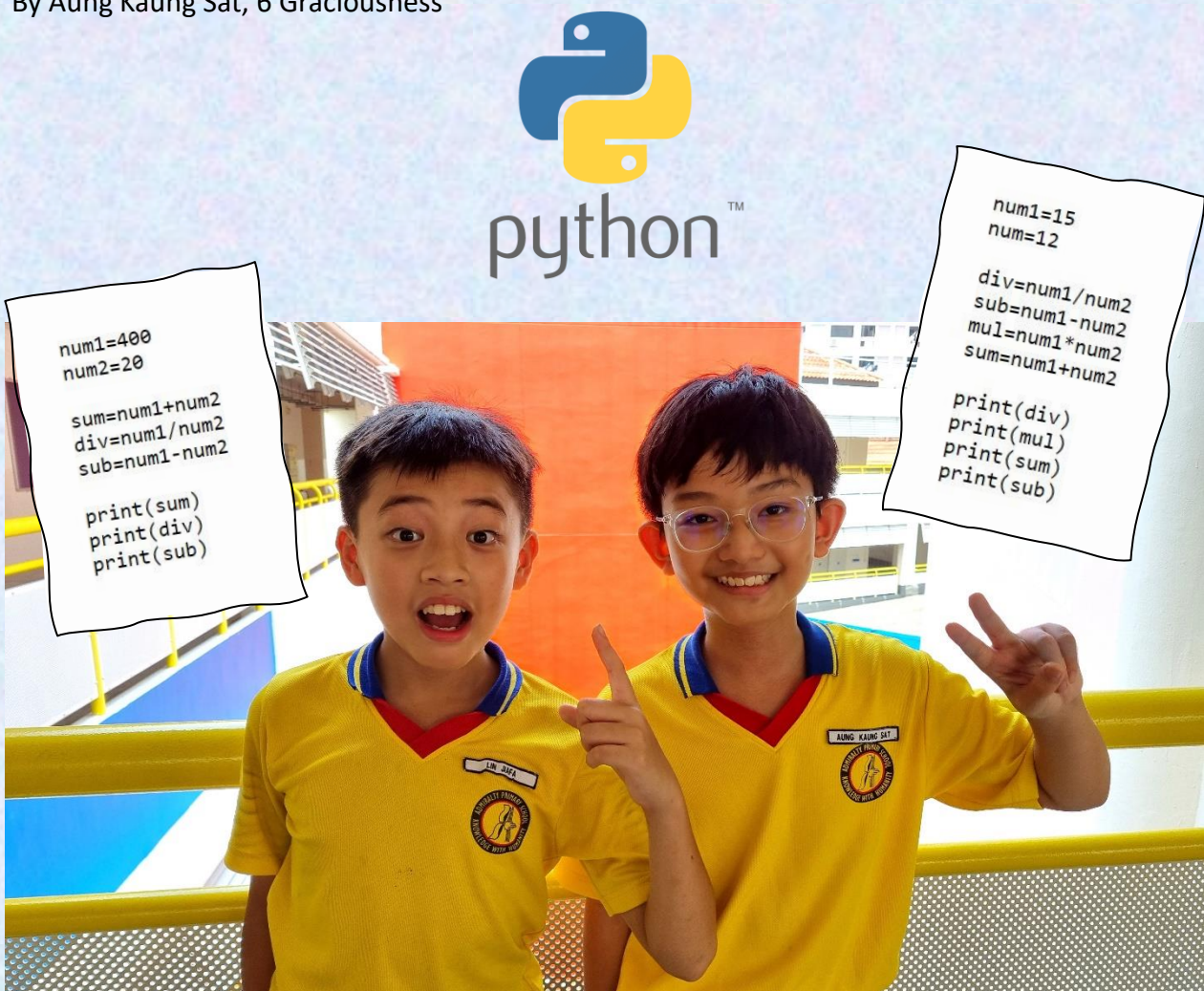
## Reflection on the P6 Python Programming Course

My favorite part of learning Python Programming was learning the input. I found it challenging when I had to ask the user to input two numbers and print the total sum. I overcame it by asking Mdm Sharmila and paying very close attention to her explanation. I did not find Python interesting at the start but as I got along, I found the project more and more enjoyable. One advice I would give to someone who is starting to learn Python is to pay attention to the instructions. If you miss a point, nothing will work. Overall, I think the programming course is fine and that it is worth your while joining it.

By Lin Jiafa, 6 Graciousness

My favorite part of learning Python was the different commands and how we made different things. I believe Python would help us with our DSA application so that we will be accepted by the secondary school we would like to go to. I have always thought that Python was difficult but it was not. I encountered issues such as not being able to code and not being able to get my code to work. I then slowed down the coding so that I would not mess it up. Overall, I think learning Python was fun and helpful. I was able to do codes by myself without any other person's help.

By Aung Kaung Sat, 6 Graciousness





## Adiji (Welcome) Chief Scout Event

On 2nd March 2024, Admiralty Cub Scouts went for the Adiji (Welcome) Chief Scout event at the Choa Chu Kang Stadium. The aim was to formally welcome President Tharman Shanmugaratnam as the Chief Scout and to commemorate Founders Day.

I was so excited when Mr Tharman came over and shook my hand. He was a tall and friendly man and it was my first encounter with the President of Singapore.

The highlight of the event was to make the largest human fleur-de-lis with our Chief Scout and break the world record. We lined up in 2 rows and walked towards the field. Slowly, each and every school came in and we formed the human fleur-de-lis. I feel proud because using teamwork, all of us lined up properly and broke the world record.

All of us participated and successfully formed the fleur-de-lis. I felt that this was all about brotherhood and about scouting. I understood more about teamwork - if one person failed to do something, we all failed. We must include everyone and not leave anyone out. If we include everyone we will have more friends and friends are important. Just like in the Adiji Chief Scout event.

Liu Kaiyi Mckenzie, 4 Challenge





The Adji Chief Scout event was a national event which included scouts from all levels, and I was games booth master for my school's game, Toss the Ball. It was a game where you have to answer a question about scouts. If you answer all the questions correctly, you get 3 throws. But if you answer wrongly, you only get one throw.

The highlight of the event was when President Tharman high-fived with me. Since I was a games booth master, I learned new knowledge when researching the questions and creating the game. During the event I met scouts from all ages from cub scouts to venture scouts. I felt proud meeting all the scouts. There were even some secondary school scouts did not know some things that I did. I also felt excited as it was my first time participating in a national event.

One thing I could have improved on was that I could have spoken louder so that people could hear me better. As a scout, I tried applying the scout law, "A scout has courage in all difficulties" by speaking smoothly and trying not to stutter. If I have the chance, I would go for an event like this again. I definitely feel proud to be a member of the Singapore Scouts Association. Although I did not get to see the other school games, I'm glad to have represented my school during the event.

Dillon Joshua Jai, 5 Graciousness



The fleur-de-lis (an important symbol for scouting around the world) formed at the event.

Photo taken from <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/president-tharman-welcomed-as-chief-scout-with-record-setting-human-formation-of-scout-emblem>



## Scouts Investiture



I felt excited, proud and nervous at the Scouts Investiture. I felt excited because I wanted to get my full scout uniform. I felt proud when my mother put on the scarf for me. I was nervous because I did not know what was going to happen.

As a scout, I want to achieve the Akela award to help people and go for camps. I want to achieve the Akela award because that is the highest award that scouts can achieve. I want to help people not only to get the badge but I feel happy when I help someone. I want to go for camps because I have never gone for one before and I can learn survival skills there.

I practice the scout law daily by helping my mother carry things when she needs help. I also make friends and maintain good relationships with them. I demonstrated courage to persevere when I overcame difficulty with the 8 times table.

Ethan Chua, 3 Courage



## World Water Day and Earth Day

World Water Day has been held on 22 of March every year since 1993. World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. There were ten Primary 5 scouts who went to Dunman High School where we learned about Water Security, Water Pollution, the Four National Taps and many more. Let me recap what I learned - I learned that the Four National Taps are local catchment, imported water, Newater and desalinated water. There are 17 reservoirs in Singapore. With all the information, we gathered together after school, prepared posters, games, Kahoot games to help our fellow Admirals understand the importance of water conservation. This exercise was held to teach the school how important each droplet of water is.

Earth Day has been held on 22 April every year since 1970. Earth Day is an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect earth's natural resources for future generations. The Primary 5 scouts brainstormed ideas, prepared slides, scripts and pictures for a presentation to let the whole school know what World Water Day is. I really enjoyed myself as I learnt many skills such as public speaking and presentation.

Ranesh Balachandran, 5 Gallantry