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# A VERY SPECIAL WALK- CHALLENGE 2021

YCKSS is a believer in nurturing an inclusive society. As a Satellite School partner of Pathlight School, YCKSS yet again rallied the support of more than 190 students and staff to do their part in championing the meaningful cause of raising funds that will go towards improving the lives of people with autism. A Very Special Walk is an annual fundraising event organised by the Autism Resource Centre (Singapore). Over the years, it has taken on various formats such as a games carnival, a concert, or a mass walk. The 2021 event continues last year's format of a virtual campaign.

By taking part in such inclusive movements, YCKSS hopes for a society where every person will be valued and respected as individuals. Through the efforts of all who participated in one way or other, the school is proud to announce that we managed to raise \$3918 in support of this cause.

*"I took part in this event together with my fellow Secondary 3 Basketballers. It was a great way to bond through participating in this meaningful fundraiser. This was a great opportunity for us to work collaboratively. We really gave our best to make our Challenge a success! This event allowed our CCA Team seniors to role-model to our juniors who also joined in the challenge. We were able to raise greater awareness about individuals with autism. The time spent participating in this event was meaningful and allowed us to spend our holidays productively. My Basketball friends and I would like to share with others that people with special needs are just like us and should not be treated any differently."*

**Dharmaraj Sendhilnathan**  
**Secondary 3E3**



The 2021 theme was “Challenge for Change”. This year, one could select a virtual challenge from one of four categories: Active, Creative, Acts of Kindness, and Custom. These challenges could be completed anytime, anywhere, between 1 June 2021 – 21 June 2021 (21 days). Participants needed to complete the challenge within 21 days; share their journey via preferred social media platform; and raise funds for AVSW during the campaign period. We would like to thank all participants, their family and friends for their kind contributions!



Hao Whyi and Chang Bo ran a total of 21KM for the cause

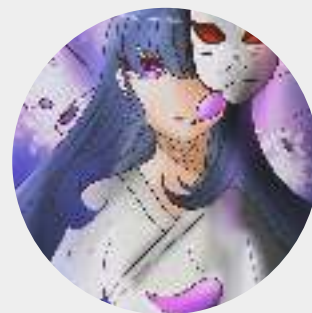
### Yeo Hao Whyi (Alumnus, Class of 2020)

“My former classmate, Chang Bo, and I teamed up yet again for this year’s Challenge. We ran a total of 21 km together. It is our second time taking part in this meaningful cause. I think it is an awesome opportunity for me to raise awareness about individuals with autism and raise funds to support this cause. It is a rare privilege. Ultimately, I hope that society will be able to appreciate their uniqueness, and see that they are not very different from us.”



The YCKSS Chinese Dancers formed a team of 21 to perform splits, bridges and front leg kicks for 21 seconds each

## Students' Art Gallery



Digital artwork by Clariss Chen En



Digital artwork by Clariss Chen En

### Clariss Chen En of Secondary 1A2

“For my Challenge, I decided to share 21 pieces of my digital artworks to raise funds for AVSW 2021. At times, I was worried that I would not be able to complete the 21 pieces but I enjoyed sketching them and sharing my works with others. I was very pleased that my friends and family supported my effort in raising funds for this meaningful event. Through this event, we could promote greater awareness about persons with autism. My wish is for them to be respected and included in society!”



One of a series of Digital artworks designed by students

# 17TH STUDENT LEADERS' INVESTITURE

*Affirming the contributions of our student leaders*

The Student Leaders' Investiture is one of the key annual school events which marks the significant appointment of our Student Leaders and recognises the important role they play in the school. It is a valuable platform to celebrate and affirm the contributions of our Student Leaders.

The 17th Student Leaders' Investiture took place over the mornings of four days from 6 to 9 July 2021. This year's Investiture was special, as it was held in the Parade Square unlike previous years where the event would be held in the School Hall.



Due to the stricter safe management measures this year compared to last year, there were even more constraints faced in the planning and execution of the Investiture. Nevertheless, the school and Student Leadership teachers wished to provide our Student Leaders with a memorable, dignified yet safe ceremony to celebrate their appointments and affirm their contributions. Thus, the Investiture was conducted in small group sizes during the morning flag raising periods over four days. The event was specially hosted in the Parade Square, where each Student Leader would walk up to the podium and receive his or her Letter of Appointment or Certificate of Appreciation personally from a School Leader. This approach, while simple, certainly retained the signature level of the Investiture and allowed the school to continue to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Class Chairpersons were certainly not forgotten! They play an important role in forging class spirit and being a good role model for their peers. They received their collar pins and Letters of Appointment through their Form Teachers, witnessed by and celebrated with the rest of their classmates.



OUTGOING PRESIDENT,  
16TH STUDENT COUNCIL EXCO  
JAZ ANAQI PUTRA JUMAT, 4E1

“Although this year’s Investiture was not the same as previous years’ due to the restrictions, it did not stop the school from recognising the efforts of the Student Leaders towards our school. When I saw my peers receive their Letters of Appointment, I reminisced about the first few days of my leadership journey in the Student Council and how I grew as a leader over the years. Additionally, the Investiture also marks the start of a new journey and greater responsibility in leadership for those who are newly appointed. Regardless of whatever challenges we face in the future, I am confident that optimism and hope will help us to overcome them!”

DID YOU KNOW?

The 17th Student Leaders' Investiture was initially slated to be held in Term 2 Week 9. However, due to the implementation of Full Home-Based Learning in line with the tightening COVID-19 safe management measures, the Investiture was postponed to Term 3 Week 2 instead.



This year, we also had three Untrained Teachers from NIE and University join the school for their attachment! They enthusiastically supported in the execution of the Investiture, and helped out with the emceeing and logistical arrangements. We are sure that this experience had been a memorable one for them too!



# NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

## CELEBRATING SINGAPORE'S 56TH BIRTHDAY

National Day celebration was held on the 6th of August. It helped to instill national pride and it enhanced class bonding.

There were different levels of engagement and competitions for the students and staff. The exhilarating day kicked off with the morning flag raising ceremony. There was an individual participation on Kahoot!, class engagement activity to think of 10 seconds (10s) Actions, inter-class competitions that require the active participation of the whole class (Deck toys & Class Spirit Zoom photo), school-wide participation when showcasing 10s Action & School Clapping, and finally school involvement with "Wishes for Singapore" cards.



The Class Zoom photo competition was a way to use technology to help take a class photo with the limitations posed by SMM. Students were very creative in organising themselves. The winning classes were 1T1, 2E1, 3E1, and 4A2.



### **Karen Koh Sze Yee (XU ZIYI) of Secondary 1T1**

"The National Day Celebration was a lot of fun as it was filled with many different activities. Two of my favourites were the gamification of Singapore Milestones as there were so many mini puzzles to complete and the Class Zoom Photo Competition. To take a nice class photo over zoom, we had to coordinate and help our friends pose correctly to make a heart with our hands on the screen. It was a non-stop fun filled day."

Students enjoyed the DeckToys Class competition as they were very engaged using their PLD to find out and answer questions on Singapore. The game covered milestones in Singapore history from economic achievement to cultural and sports. The winning classes were Secondary 1E1, 2E2, 3T1 and 4A1.

There was a Kahoot! Competition with the whole school involved, we had more than 800 students and staff competing and answering questions on Singapore.

The 10s Action was surprisingly enthusiastically completed. Classes had 10 seconds to dance to the ND theme song, the Road Ahead.

### **Ng Jia Qiang of Secondary 4T1**

"This year National Day celebration was the most memorable one in my life. Even though there was limited physical interactions due to Covid 19, we had so much fun participating in the many exciting activities online. And through zoom, we were also able to take a class photo and even dance with the school!"

Lastly we ended the celebration with an orchestrated clap led by Mr Michael that started a thunderous applause throughout the school as the students clapped in unison.





# NETWORK FOR TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

NFTE Programme



## Sukainah Binte Mohammad Fahrur Razi of Secondary 3A1

"I enjoyed the NFTE experience because it allowed me to get creative with my ideas. The mentors also gave me great ideas and were very patient with me. I was initially quite scared of the judges but they gave me positive feedback that I had not expected at all."

Our Secondary 3 Normal (Academic) and 3 Normal (Technical) students participated in NFTE which targeted at helping to activate the entrepreneurial mindset in students and empowering them towards successful futures. After working on their business proposals, our students presented their final NFTE BizPlan on the 25th and the 26th of August.

The students worked very hard on their presentations over the past few months and every one of them was enthusiastic about putting forth their ideas and persuading the judges to agree with their proposals. Some students already had certain pre-conceived ideas and concepts. Some of the girls found the designs of the jewellery intriguing and wondered if they could come up with their own collection. This eventually led to a remarkable business idea. On the other hand, some students found it nerve-racking to present in front of the judges. But at the end of the day, they polished their presentation skills and rose to the occasion.

The top 3 winners per stream, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) were to represent YCKSS at NFTE Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge in November 2021.



**3NT Top 3**



**3NA Top 5**



**Muhammad Hazmi Bin Suhaimi of  
Secondary 3T1**

“My idea of installing a portable first aid kit on bicycles and PMDs was inspired by the safety talks conducted by our Vice-Principal Mr Singh as well as lessons during my CCA, Red Cross Youth. NFTE has taught me what entrepreneurship is all about. I am very grateful to all the mentors for helping me!”

**Bryan Tan of Secondary 3A1**

“I found NFTE interesting and fun as it was a way to find solutions to the common problems people may have. The inspiration for my business idea was from a problem I faced often: I always lose my water bottle so I thought of a GPS tracking device attached to it. Lastly, NFTE has taught me not to be discouraged by bigger competitors and to be grateful for what I have.”



# Secondary 3 Service Learning

From the start of Term 2 to the end of Term 3, Secondary 3 students embarked on a social project. They started term 2 with researching societal issues that matter to them. They conducted interviews, surveys and online research to gather more information about the issues they were interested in.

Some issues that they were keen to explore were animal abuse, foster care, orphans, environment, food wastage and mental health. From the information and primary and secondary data gathered, students were challenged to find solutions and start campaigns to help their cause.



## *Willingness to grow and lead*

A unique change to Service Learning was that the normal 1 hour given to students to work on the project in class was changed to HBL. Students took the initiative to meet online to plan and design their project. They met at least once in two weeks over Zoom with their group members and teachers.

Students organised booths, designed posters, made Social media campaigns and even a website to help raise awareness for their cause. On Social Media, students engaged the public with polls and questions in Instagram. At the end of the project, the Secondary 3 students presented a sharing of their entire journey with their Secondary 2 juniors. They shared their challenges and successes of the project. Some classes also went a step further to add games to engage their juniors in their sharing. This inspired the Secondary 2s to think about their own service learning project for 2022 and they also gained new insights about societal issues in Singapore.

*Everyone  
can be great  
because  
everyone can serve*

# REDUCE THE WASTE OF PLASTIC



## *Service to self and others*

### **Ang Yuan Hui of Secondary 3E1**

"I learnt that the thought process behind a Service Learning Project is much bigger than what it looks like. When we had to do research, I realised it can be hard to find sources specific to Singapore and so we needed to conduct primary research such as interviews and surveys."

### **Capuyan Celestine Isleonor Bautista of Secondary 2E2**

"I learnt that Service Learning is not easy, but from my senior's experience, it inspired me to help in issues related to animals. I feel that this has prepared me for my Service Learning next year."

## *Love for learning*

### **Mohammed Ilaan of Secondary 3T2**

"Service Learning has helped me gain some values and not to be shy. While working with my classmates, I did well for the project because it was something more fun and authentic. I got to bond with my friends as well."

### **Dela Cruz Nicole Aira Hernandez of Secondary 2E1**

"A strong learning point from listening to my seniors present was that mental health does not only include depression, but also anxiety, OCD and eating disorders. I felt the sharing was really good because I could see the amount of effort they put into the slides and the Kahoot!. These made their presentations enjoyable."



# TEACHERS' DAY

Teachers' Day Celebration this year was held on 2nd September. It was a special day dedicated to show appreciation to the teachers. The virtual event was organised around the theme, Inside Out in Yiotopia (creatively meshing Disney's Zootopia and Inside Out).

The Celebration kicked off with the Principal's address via Zoom. Parents, alumni and students expressed their appreciation through e-cards and slides that warmed the hearts of our teachers. The Student Councillors presented a heartwarming drama skit. There were also song and dance performances featuring the talents of students. An exciting Kahoot! game was well received by students and teachers as they brainstormed to get the correct answer in the shortest time possible.



## **Koh Ruo Le of Secondary 3E1**

“I enjoyed the performances arranged for us through Zoom. There were performances such as drama skit and the violin performance which were excellent. Due to the pandemic and strict measures, it was definitely not easy for teachers as well as performers to come together and arrange these items for us. Apart from that, I think that the activity the students enjoyed most was the Kahoot! segment. We participated in the Kahoot! quiz using our personal learning device. It was a good chance to understand more about our teachers. Overall, it was quite a wonderful experience. Most of us also took this chance to show our appreciation by giving our teachers cards and gifts and wishing them “Happy Teachers’Day”

**Leora Tan Ying Shan of Student Council  
Exco Committee**

“Teachers’ Day was very meaningful for me as I was able to help in the planning of the celebration. I acted in the skit which was very interesting as it was my first time being part of a performance. The Kahoot planned by the Exco was also very fun and entertaining. Through this Teachers’ Day, I am very thankful for the hard work they have put in especially during the pandemic. All the performances were wonderful and enjoyable. I hope that the teachers enjoyed the celebration. Thank you for your hard work, Teachers!”

“I really enjoyed the 2021 Teachers’ Day Celebration. It was filled with fun games and my class clinched 5th place! Another memorable highlight was the video produced by our Student Councillors. It was very entertaining seeing my friends acting and the video as a whole was highly enjoyable.”



# GRADUATION CEREMONY 2021



The Graduation Ceremony was held on the 30th of September and 1st October for the Secondary 4N and 4E/5N respectively. It was to give our graduating students a formal send-off as a school. It was the first ever virtual Graduation Ceremony for YCKSS due to SMM. Our Principal, Mrs Carol Lim delivered a message for the graduating classes. A representative from each class also delivered a heart-warming speech of their journey with the school in these four or five years. They took this opportunity to recollect memorable moments and to celebrate the achievements attained as individuals and as a class. Their recollections were reminders of a wonderful time spent here and that the school has done the right things in enhancing their lives and leaving a legacy for them. Closing the event, the School Leaders and teachers formed a Guard-of-Honour line for the graduating students as they were dismissed. As they walked through the school corridors, their juniors clapped in unison and shouted our best wishes and encouragement for their exams.



*Take pride in how far you have come...*

*... and have faith in how far you can go*

**Putt Heng Fong of Secondary 4A1**

“I would like to congratulate everyone in Sec 4A1 as we have all made this incredible journey together. I personally think that our Graduation Ceremony was one of the best celebrations that I have ever attended. I think that I can speak for everyone that it was extremely heart-warming and this wonderful memory will be forever etched in our minds and our hearts. I would also like to thank everyone, especially our school leaders and teachers who made this celebration possible. Lastly, I would like to wish my class all the best in their future endeavours.”

**Nur Amelia Farid Long of Secondary 4E3**

“I enjoyed the Graduation Ceremony very much as I was able to look back on the good times I had with my classmates and peers of four years. The final walk as a class leading to the foyer was memorable as the whole school was showing their appreciation to the graduating classes through their cheers and the atmosphere was very lively.”

**Caeshia Leigh Bernardo Limpin of Secondary 4E1**

“Class of 2021’s graduation is one of a kind. Never did I think that my graduation ceremony in YCKSS would be a virtual one, but I think that’s what made it very special. The video montages brought everyone on a trip down memory lane as we watched ourselves blossom through photos and videos, which made some of us shed a tear or two (or maybe even more)! Parading down the classroom blocks gave us a sense of pride with everyone cheering for us as it was our last time walking through the school’s corridors. Seeing teachers cheer on for us definitely spurred us on to push through this stressful period and finish the last lap with grace.”





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