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The National Day celebration was held on 8th August to celebrate the nation's 57th birthday. It was a chance to reflect on the past year as well as envision the future ahead together as one.

The Uniformed Groups formed the contingent in the school hall. The flag-raising ceremony was a momentous one as the singing of the National Anthem was played live by the school Band and the recitation of the Pledge was led by the Parade Commander.

Classes spent time bonding with their Form Teachers as they engaged in the National Day theme for 2022. This year's National Day theme was "Stronger Together, Majulah!". This theme is a call for all Singaporeans to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future. "Stronger Together" reminds Singaporeans that unity in our diversity is what makes us stronger. Communities, families, and friends form the bedrock of our nation's strength and resilience. "Majulah", which means "onward", encapsulates our hopes and spirit as a nation and is a rallying call for Singaporeans to strive for a better future, and grow from strength to strength as we emerge from COVID-19.

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

Singapore's 57th birthday



"I was so excited to be given the opportunity of being a student reporter for the National Day celebration. I went around interviewing the students who participated in the parade and the performances. It was heartening to hear how proud they were to participate in the celebrations. Majulah Singapura!"

Priscilla Loi, President of Drama Club

“It was fun to gather together to celebrate National Day in the hall as covid restrictions have been lifted. I was happy as this will be my last year in YCKSS. I was thrilled to be singing the community songs as a school and joined school friends in waving our mini Singapore flags proudly. It was also a joy to go up on stage with my Form Teachers to receive the prize for the inter-class National Day TikTok Competition.”

Joash Emmanuel Sam, Secondary 4E1



SERVICE LEARNING

YCKSS Social Studies Research Programme
Service Learning through Issue Investigation

As part of the progression of skills in the YCKSS Values-in-Action Programme, all Secondary Three students embarked on a Service Learning project in Term 3. Through the Service Learning projects, YCKSians express care and commitment to make a difference to the community by addressing a societal issue they identified and want to work on. The Service Learning projects help students to demonstrate the school values, namely Gratitude, Respect, Optimism, Wholeheartedness, Teamwork and Honesty.

What is unique about the YCKSS approach to Service Learning? Service Learning is conducted in collaboration with Humanities teachers to enable students to take the Issues Investigations skills they have learnt in Social Studies and apply them to a real world problem in their community. This is a key feature of the YCKSS Social Studies Research Programme. Through this project, students learn how they can make a difference to the community and find interesting ways they can implement to address the issue which they have identified.

SKANDAN POLEPALLI SANTHOSH, SECONDARY 3E1

“My journey taught me to communicate more effectively with my group members. With great team work, we managed to work together to make a difference to underprivileged children in Singapore.”





Throughout Term 3, Secondary Three students were guided to conduct research on societal issues applying their investigative skills. Based on this work, they planned and executed a Service Learning project. The planning took place from June to mid-August and put into action between mid-August to the September holidays. The students then extended their learning by presenting their insights and learning reflections to the Secondary 2 students.

With the relaxation of COVID-19 Safe Management Measures, some students got the opportunity to reach out to the community and make a direct impact on the residents. Thus, Secondary 3E3 were able to carry out a project at AMKFSC Community Services Ltd. & Comnet @ 510. Another class, Secondary 3E1, also found it meaningful to reach out in person to Ramakrishna Mission Boys' Home.

LIM XIN TIEN, SECONDARY 3E2

“My journey throughout the whole cycle of Service Learning taught me that everyone has strengths in different areas such as presentation skills or editing skills. I had a chance to practise teamwork so that we could complete everything within the deadline. I also learnt to overcome the challenge of researching relevant information on our own so that we have substantial information to plan a good project.”

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

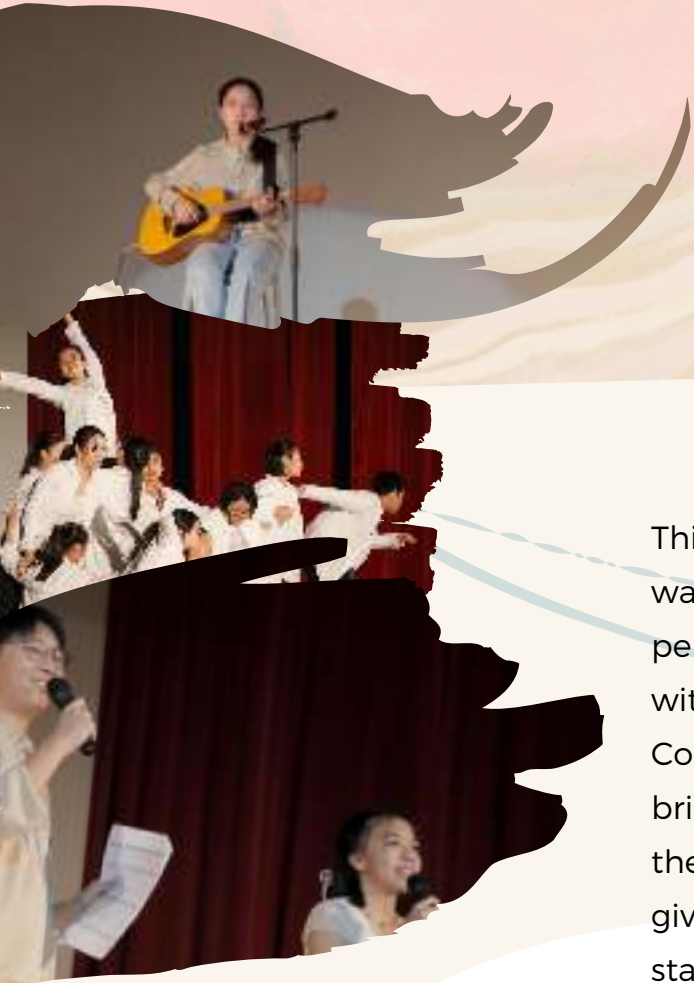
The chosen theme for Teachers' Day 2022 was adapted from Walt Disney's animated musical, Encanto. "Encanto" means miracle or enchantment in Spanish. Therefore, this year, Teachers' Day Celebration was celebrated in high spirits and came in three main segments: signature skit by The Student Council; Classroom Engagement session; and the whole-school Concert segment.

Aligned to the theme of Encanto, our Student Councillors directed and starred in a filmed skit, beautifully arranged, and produced by Media Club CCA. The message of the skit affirmed that every individual is gifted with talents and strengths, and at times one may not be able to recognise one's own unique strengths, needing the help of others to allow us to discover them. A teacher is one person who can help students on that journey of discovery. Through the skit, the Student Councillors, representing the student body, expressed their deepest gratitude to all teachers for always seeing the good in their students, for always giving YCKSians the opportunities to shine, and for the invaluable guidance to encourage their students to be the best that they can be!



“Teachers’ Day Celebration this year was special for me as I could finally experience a whole school-wide concert and lead the event together with the other members of the Student Council EXCO after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. It was also a great feeling of accomplishment when we saw the smiles on our teachers’ faces. I was thrilled that we created an atmosphere of excitement and joy throughout the celebrations. This reassured us that the months of continuous effort in planning for the event paid off.”

Zavier Wong, Secondary 3E2 (The Student Council EXCO)



The second segment, called Classroom Engagement, saw a series of creative and well-curated items led by the class leaders to express their appreciation to their Form Teachers for their continuous effort in supporting and journeying with them throughout the year.

This was followed by a lively concert segment that was delightfully put together by several student performers. The concert ended on a very high note, with our groovy teachers and parents from Parents Connect dancing to BTS's hit song, Dynamite! The brilliant effort was greatly appreciated, evident from the delighted audience's roaring cheers. The support given by the crowd was deeply heartening and the staff members also enjoyed themselves tremendously!

“As the emcee for this key school event, I was nervous initially but took up the challenge as I wanted all staff members to feel entertained and appreciated. It was a heartening and eye-opening experience for me as I gradually saw myself and all performers improving over the rehearsals in pursuit of excellence to provide quality experience for our teachers.”

Timothy Wong, Secondary 3E1 (Emcee)



GRADUATION CEREMONY

Our Graduation Ceremony was celebrated on the 29th of September. It is a formal send-off by the school for our Secondary 4 and 5 students who have journeyed with us for four to five years. It also serves as a platform to recall the memorable moments of shared school life together and to celebrate the achievements made. The School Leaders, teachers and parents expressed heartfelt best wishes and encouragement for their upcoming national examinations and hopes for a bright future.

The day kicked off with dedicated time with Form Teachers. Teachers issued students the 'Letter to your future self' that they had written when they were in Secondary One, way back in 2019. Some students were pleasantly surprised to receive these letters penned by their younger self, while others had no recollection of having written these letters. The students had fun exchanging gifts with each other and took many photos with their friends and teachers to capture these special moments.

The Graduation Ceremony started off with a meaningful address by our Principal followed by a vote of thanks delivered by student representatives of each class. This was followed by the exciting and much awaited Presentation of Best Class Award. Finally, the assembly of students rose to sing the school song with gusto one last time. School staff formed two long lines in the hall towards the exit to formerly wish the graduating seniors a warm farewell as the students walked out, united as a class one last time.



“The event was both poignant and celebratory as teachers delivered their well-wishes and class representatives recollected their experiences and memories. The video featuring CCA teachers, AEDs, HODs, office staff and the school leaders was a highlight as students got a glimpse of the fun side of their teachers.

Seeing the videos of my journey through the four years in school touched me. When I was walking down the hall as teachers were saying goodbye to us, that was the moment I truly realised that it was really the last day of school.

The graduation ceremony was an unforgettable memory. It made me really treasure the times I spent in this school and made me feel grateful for all the people I had met.”

Tricia Lim Shuen 4E1





PURPLE CARNIVAL AND FIESTA

A day before the Purple Fiesta @ Pathlight School, YCKSS held The Purple Carnival on 26th October. The main event was set up at the ground level of our Indoor Sports Hall to support inclusion and celebrate diversity and to uphold and celebrate our Satellite Partnership with Pathlight School. Timing the two events closely helped to strengthen the message of inclusivity.

The Purple Carnival @ YCKSS kicked off with a weekly distribution of Purplicious snacks and beverages to both YCKSS and Pathlight School staff over the month of October. In week 1, Deloba puff pastry and Nescafe mocha were distributed. The ensuing three weeks, staff were treated to Glico Pocky (Blueberry Yoghurt) and Ribena, Meadows coconut wafers and Bonz Chocolate Cereal Drink, JagaRico crackers (Umami Seaweed) and Pokka Kiyo Kyoho grape drink. The staff were pleasantly entertained to receive edible snacks that were all purple!

On the day itself, the ground level of the Indoor Sports Hall took on the appearance of a Carnival. It was filled with Arcade Games such as Daytona USA, Basketball, Bishi Bashi, Air Hockey and Time Crisis. These arcade games were very popular with both YCKSS and Pathlight students. Students formed long queues just to try their hand at these games.



“I was happy to see our students giving way to Pathlighters and encouraging them during the games. Some also played games with them.”
SEN Officer Nur Hidayah Bte Saharudin



Added to the mix of options, there were also traditional Carnival Games such as XL Mug Slider, Balloon Darts, Archery Toss, Coin Toss and miniature Golf Course. Students who were hungry were excited to see that there were live food stations handing out popcorn and purple candy floss.



At the Studio I.M. (Inclusive Messaging) Station, there were staff volunteers who were busy distributing purple ribbons in support of the “Let’s All Go Purple” Campaign. In support of inclusion, students and staff penned advocacy messages on #Wish4Inclusion.



As part of integration programme efforts with our Pathlight School partner in schooling, a face-to-face Learning X-Change Session was reintroduced this year between two classes of Pathlight students and our Secondary 3TI students. Together, they participated in the Brainy Moves Programme which focused on inclusive team-building, team-bonding, cooperative play and building of SEL competencies.

**“I am so impressed with this event! It was so well-organised and I am impressed with the entire set-up.”
A Pathlight student**



THE PURPLE FIESTA @ PATHLIGHT SCHOOL

The Purple Fiesta was held on 27th October at Pathlight Campus 2. YCKSS was invited to play a part in this large-scale event. Our students leaders took on the active roles of carnival booth managers and our students were participants at the Carnival.

Our students leaders had fun manning the interactive booths such as Power Soccer, Weighted Nerf Gun and many other fun booths. Similarly, our invited student participants had fun at the many booths and took opportunities to sample the titbits at live food stations such as the popcorn and candy floss.



“To me, it was a fun, interesting and heartwarming learning experience. It was so nice to be given the opportunity to connect with the Pathlight students and interact with them. I felt that indeed the Purple Fiesta is necessary for us to forge friendships and celebrate this special Fiesta together! I have learnt to be more open-minded. I look forward to having a chance to participate in another event with the Pathlighters, or just be able to interact with them again.”

Siti Mariana Binte Jamari, Secondary 3E2

“From today’s Purple Fiesta at Pathlight School, I learnt to help others get comfortable with their surroundings. I also felt that today’s experience was meaningful since I’ve met one Pathlight friend whom I already know in YCKSS and spotted him there. I was grateful to talk to many Pathlighters and managed to interact with more.”

Wong Rui Qi, Secondary 2E1



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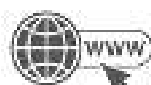
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