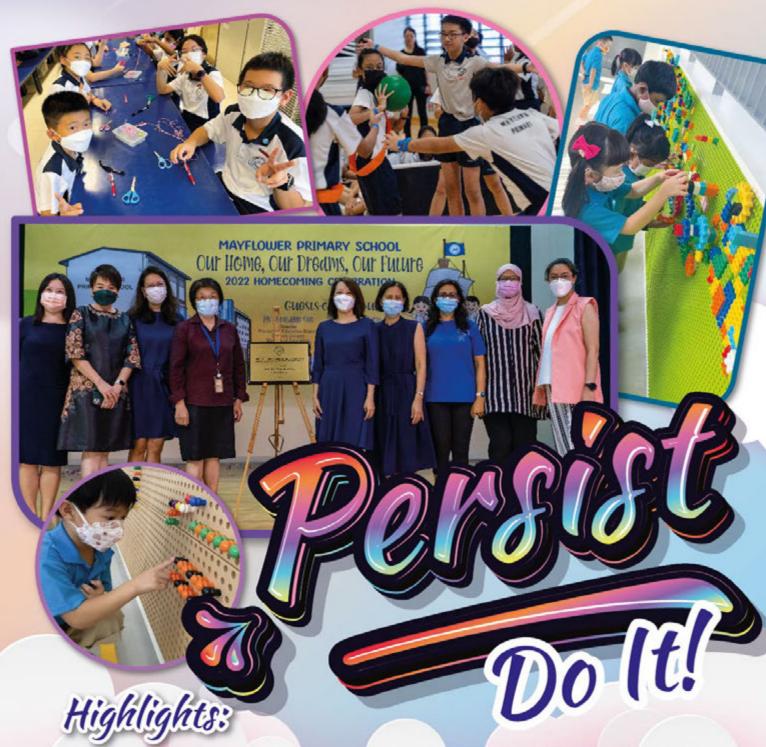
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# Vice-Principal 8 Physical Principal 8 Nrs Winefrede Loo, Vice-Principal

Semester 2 started with new beginnings for everyone as **Mayflower Primary School** was finally able to return to its upgraded Ang Mo Kio Avenue 5 site. To celebrate our return, a Homecoming celebration was held in the school hall on 6 July 2022 with Ms Geraldine See, Director, Pre-School Education Branch, Schools Division officially opening MK@Mayflower and Mrs Lim-Chua Siow Ling, our former Principal as the Guest of Honour to commemorate the completion of the PERI upgrading which she had overseen during her tenure as Principal.

We are especially grateful to Ms Cecilia Lim, our Principal, our Vice-Principal (Administration) Mr Kwok Keng Lian and our Operations Manager Mr Patrick Mariadass who worked tirelessly behind the scenes attending countless meetings on site and off site as well as making site visits to ensure the upgraded site was safe and ready for the move. The physical moving of furniture which



started on the first day of the school holidays, 30 May 2022 took almost 2 weeks, starting with the items from our MOE Kindergarten at MFPS, our Student Care Centre and KCare to ensure that our students who needed Student Care services during the June school holidays would face minimal disruption. As it was a huge task moving the kindergarten and primary school, we are also grateful to our key personnel, office staff and OSOs who had to delay their holiday plans till after the first week of the move to support in monitoring and facilitating the movement of furniture from the holding site to the upgraded site.

Even though we have started functioning in the upgraded site, there are still on-going minor works during the weekends, holidays and after school as we continue to persist and insist that the facilities are upgraded and functioning to the expected standards to ensure a conducive and safe learning environment for our students. During this period when certain adjustments are still being made, there may be some inconveniences and minor delays in using certain facilities. We therefore seek the understanding of all during this period, to bear with some minor inconveniences and delays.

We are glad that our students have adapted well to the bigger site with a much bigger hall where the whole school can gather again for school events like National Day and Teachers' Day celebrations. Additional space such as an Indoor Sports Hall and an indoor basketball court for PE lessons, Science labs, an auditorium, a bigger computer room and library are also much appreciated after having to make do with the limited space at the holding site. In addition to the pre-move familiarisation tour, students on the first day of term 3 also had a walkabout to the rooms they would be using as well as how and where to evacuate in an emergency. Students have by now gotten used to navigating the terrain and familiarising themselves with the locations of the various rooms. As we continue to inculcate in our students through the curriculum and daily life lessons the importance of self-regulation, independent learning and the learning disposition of persistence, we hope that our students will continue to be grateful

and appreciate the time and effort that went into making the upgrading possible by persisting in being self-regulated and responsible Empowered Learners and Empathetic Leaders by taking good care of the new furniture, facilities and their surroundings.

With the resumption of Learning Journeys, camps, the National School Games and Singapore Youth Festival, we are glad that our students who have been patiently experiencing some of the activities on-line or practicing solo or in small groups are able to have face to face outdoor experiential learning and be able to perform and showcase their talents within and beyond the school. To quote Napoleon Hill, an American self-help author, "Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success." May our students continue to patiently persist and persevere in their academic and

non-academic pursuits so that they may taste success.

As the world and Singapore learn to ride out the various Omicron waves safely and as certain measures are relaxed, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all students, parents, and caregivers to continue to comply with existing safe management measures and exercise personal responsibility and not come to school especially if they are unwell or have tested positive.

It has been an exciting semester, with the move back to the upgraded site and the resumption of more activities in and outside school. As we end the year, we wish you and your family a restful year end break. We look forward to our students and staff returning from the holidays safe and ready to start another academic year.



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# A Blank Canvas fo a Convas fo

MOE Kindergarten has always strived to provide a well-designed and purposefully planned physical environment for children to enhance their development through both indoor and outdoor learning and play. While we faced many challenges initially with limited resources and space, the persistence and commitment of the entire Team at MOE Kindergarten@Mayflower (MK@MF) to provide the fundamental of 'Play' which allows children to gather and process information, learn new skills as well as practise old skills is commendable. At MK@MF, our learning environment is always designed/planned with the 'Child' in mind. We always strive to creatively use the available spaces to encourage our children to discover and explore their surroundings to make sense of the world around them.



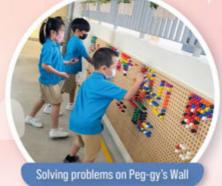


Here are the pictures depicting how the walls around the new campus are transformed from a blank canvas into a masterpiece of captivating learning walls which allow children to make sense of their own experiences while interacting with the materials available. For outdoor, we have a new vertical 'Lego Wall' which is created entirely from Lego bricks. Our children can build different structures using their imagination under the supervision of our teachers. This hands-on activity area also helps our children develop their hand-eye coordination, creativity and imagination, social and emotional skills.

A new 'Word It' wall was created for children to learn the formation of letters in the alphabet and eventually learn to form words and then write them out themselves. This learning area helps to extend our children's language and vocabulary skills via learning from their peers. 'Peg-gy's Wall' provides children with another avenue to develop their fine motor and artistic skills. This purposeful play enables them to develop social-emotional skills such as problem solving and cooperation.



Forming letters on 'Word It' wall



We finally have our MK 'Music & Movement Room' where the children are exposed to different music and songs. The activities create a very jovial atmosphere as they sing along with our teachers to different tunes and sometimes dance spontaneously with joyful hearts, while improving their body coordination and artistic skills.

Learning in a fun environment

At MK@MF, we persist with a 'Can-Do Attitude' to provide the best learning experiences for our children. We are truly proud of our entire team who have persisted and worked tirelessly over the past few months to create this masterpiece from a sheer blank canvas.



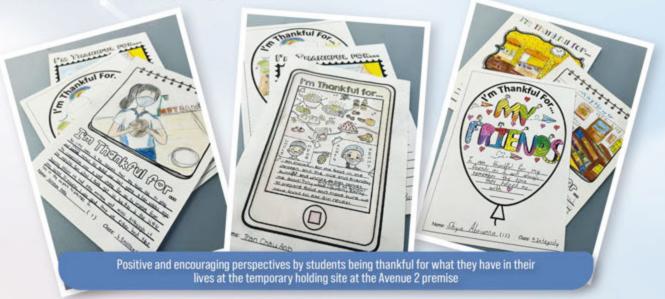
Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness.

Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.

Henri Frederic Amiel

2022 is a year of excitement and change! When Ms Cecilia Lim, our Principal, broke the news that MFPS would be moving back to the Avenue 5 campus in June, everyone was jubilant! This highly anticipated announcement breathed new life and energy into the school, and kickstarted our "all-hands-on-deck" preparation for the Homecoming journey. Besides the physical and logistical preparations, we felt it was equally important that our staff and students set aside time to prepare our hearts for the move. We spent meaningful time remembering and being thankful for all the fun times, memories and good things we shared together at our holding site at Avenue 2, and how we made the best of what we had. In moving to the new site, we also did not forget to take time to feel and express our gratitude to the people who tirelessly worked to make the upgrading of our Avenue 5 campus possible.

The Thankfulness and Gratitude Campaign is a two-part series of activities conducted during our art lessons (Term 2, Week 9 and 10) and on Orientation Day (Term 3, Day 1). Even though the temporary holding site was small, our staff and students were able to look beyond its limitations and be thankful. Many mentioned that all the special rooms were easily accessible, and that the school compound was very cozy.



The Homecoming Celebration was an intimate family affair graced by the Director, Pre-school Education Branch, Schools Division, Ms Geraldine See (MOE) and our former Principal, Mrs Lim-Chua Siow Ling. It was a refreshing experience for all staff and students to gather at the school hall akin to a family reunion to celebrate this new milestone in Mayflower Primary School history! First, we had a procession to usher in the National and School flags, followed by vibrant student performances by MOE Kindergarten (MK), Chinese Dance Troupe and String Ensemble, bringing new cheer and sparkle into our school hall since the last gathering 3 years ago. In addition, we also celebrated the official opening of our MK@Mayflower. The innocent and energetic preschoolers gave the most adorable performance, reminding us to always be curious and fun-loving in learning and exploring our world.





A solemn procession of ushering the National and School Flag by senior members of our uniformed groups into the school hall to start the celebration





Our Principal and guests with the MK @ Mayflower Plaque

During the first week at our upgraded campus, our students penned their thoughts onto "Gratitude Jar" cards. They expressed words of gratitude and encouragement as well as their hopes and dreams for the future, and these "Gratitude Jar" cards were displayed in all the classrooms. We look forward to continuing our journey together at our new campus, daily creating exciting new stories together, and always with an attitude of gratitude.

My Gratitude Jai

I am grateful or the new

Heartfelt messages expressing students' appreciation for what have been done for them at the Avenue 5 upgraded premise

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#### NE Event 1: Total Defence Day (TDD) 2022 - Together We Keep Singapore Strong

We commemorate Total Defence Day (TDD) in our school on 15 February annually to mark Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942. During TDD, we remind our students that Total Defence involves every Singaporean playing a part, individually and collectively, to build a strong, secure and cohesive nation. This year's TDD theme is 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong'.

Our students were able to learn more about the six pillars of Total Defence; Military, Civil, Economic, Social, Digital and Psychological during their FTGP lessons. For example, our Primary 1 and 2 students learnt about safety in school, Primary 3 students learnt about saving water, Primary 4 discovered more about cyberwellness while Primary 5 and 6 students worked on their TDD mini-booklets. As an extension activity during Social Studies, our students had the opportunity to learn the sign languages for the six pillars. Display posters and write-ups were put up at the concourse to allow our students and staff to read more about how their teachers/colleagues play a part in Singapore's defence as well as information about first-aid.



#### NE Event 2: International Friendship Day (IFD) 2022 - Singapore in Asia

In April, our students had the opportunity to celebrate International Friendship Day (IFD). Through this platform, they were able to:

- \* be acquainted with the diverse and colourful culture and traditions of the region and the lives of their peers in other countries
- \* nurture their spirit of friendship and collaboration
- \* keep an open mindset and express an appreciation of the contributions of foreigners living, working and studying in Singapore

During FTGP lessons, our students learnt more about this year's theme, 'Singapore in Asia' and understood why and how Singapore facilitates closer economic, political, social and cultural cooperation within ASEAN and in Asia. Through the Hearts and Hands activities, the Lower Primary students learnt about greetings, currencies and national flowers while the Upper Primary students embarked on creating friendship bracelets.

"I have learnt that we need to treat one another fairly and with kindness despite our differences. We also celebrate our friendships with others from other races.

- Sim Wei Hang, Primary 6 Excellence

"I felt proud that I was able to share about myself and my story on how I came to Singapore. It was a great learning opportunity for my schoolmates to learn about my country such as the type of food we eat and the clothes we wear."

- Saniith, Primary 6 Integrity

#### NE Event 3: Racial Harmony Day (RHD) 2022 - Our Multicultural Mosaic

Our school commemorated and celebrated Racial Harmony Day (RHD) in Week 4 of Term 3 each year to mark the anniversary of the 1964 race riots and celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society. This year's theme, 'Our Multicultural Mosaic' reflects how each community has the space to express its own identity while intertwining with others to depict Singapore's unique cultural diversity. Through RHD, we hope that our students will be able to make friends with people of other races and religions, learn that people are treated equally regardless of their race and religion and appreciate the different cultures.

Our students were given time to reflect and celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society built on a rich diversity of cultures through the lessons and activities conducted during FTGP. Some of the activities that our students had were reciting the Racial Harmony pledge, the Orange Ribbon lesson and role-playing demonstrating appropriate actions to encourage racial harmony. Besides the lessons and activities, some of our students came to school in their ethnic costumes.



their multi-ethnic attire!



ook at our beautiful multi-ethnic attire during Racial Harmony Day!

#### NE Event 4: National Day 2022 - Stronger Together, Majulah!

National Day marks Singapore's independence as a nation. This year, we celebrated our nation's birthday with the theme "Stronger Together, Majulah!" - a call for all Singaporeans to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future. Through the celebrations, we hope that our students would understand the importance of our sovereignty, appreciate the multi-racial, multi-religious society we live in and our ability to weather challenges and know the part they can play to ensure that Singapore remains a good place to live in.

After a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were able to bring back the National Day Observance Ceremony and celebrations back to our school hall! We were proud to witness the representatives from Uniformed Groups forming our flag contingent for the Observance Ceremony. After the Recollections and students' sharing segments, celebrations continued with performances from our Youth Station songwriting competition finalists, MFPS National Day Singing Competition winners and a mass sing-a-long session, led by our Music Department teachers. The fun learning continued in the classrooms, where our students were able to learn more about our nation through activities such as creating buntings, drawing of local food, icons and a quiz.







#### NE Event 5: Primary 5 National Education (NE) Show 2022

The National Education (NE) show has been organised since 1997 to instill a sense of patriotism in students and to bring across the significance of National Day. This annual National Day Parade full dress rehearsal provides an opportunity to inculcate NE values in our Primary 5 students. We hope that through this show, our students will be able to identify ways to show love, care and respect for their nation.

NE Show finally made its comeback in 2022 after a two-year absence! Our excited and eager Primary 5 students attended the show at the Floating Platform @ Marina Bay on Saturday, 9 July. 176 students and 18 teachers were given the opportunity to witness the National Day Parade segment, look at the technologically advanced assets during the Total Defence displays, see the Red Lions' jump and be awed by the dazzling fireworks. Though the students and teachers arrived back in school around 10 p.m., one could still sense their excitement and joy after the show!





"We were grateful to be able to see the Total Defence Display — the technologically advanced assets from the Singapore Army, the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), the firefighting, first aid and counterterrorism operations. We felt so much joy when we heard the dazzling fireworks, our national anthem and pledge."

- Tran Chau Anh and Chloe Sui, Primary 5 Excellence

"We are very grateful that our Primary 5 cohort got to attend the NE show along with other P5 students across Singapore after the show was on break for 2 years. We are also the first group of Hearing Loss students from Mayflower to attend the show."

- Alya Marsya, Primary 5 Resilience

## MFR Games Day is back with a





the different carnival games

▶▶▶ Mr Leong Wai Phang, Year Head-P3 & P4

The Annual Games Day which was held in conjunction with the Children's Day Celebration was a happy occasion for students and staff. The past two editions of Games Day were held on a smaller scale due to the pandemic. After the two-year hiatus, the PE department brought back the joy and thrill of Games Day to Mayflower.

In this event, there were as many as 20 fun filled carnival game stalls for students to explore and participate. This included displaying the fundamental movement skills of striking, shooting, throwing, kicking and targeting. There was also the ever-popular bouncy castle which brought the greatest amusement to students. Of course, students were given the opportunity to showcase what they had learnt during

PE lessons by participating in inter-class invasion and net-barrier games. The winners from these games would bring home the ultimate Challenge Shield!

In addition to the pleasure of playing, these games are essential in developing the spirit of sportsmanship and inculcating team spirit in students. The students also learnt about leadership and working in unity.

To complete the celebration, students were reminded to show gratitude as they honoured their grandparents for caring for them and shaping their development by designing a photo frame for them in the class bonding activities. Most importantly, everyone went home with smiles on their faces as the games brought great enjoyment to all.



# Mdm Suriana Bte Suhaini & Mdm Ong Chong Fen, Teachers I/c of Teachers' Day event We Are Grafeful for YOU!

In the last two years, COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs) had made it impossible for students in schools to experience the school life they had prior to the pandemic. However, as Singapore becomes more COVID-resilient, schools are gradually starting to resume school activities in line with the national COVID-19 SMMs. With the resumption of activities, we are

finally back to celebrating Teachers' Day together in the hall!

With the theme, 'Teachers, We Are Grateful For

With the theme, 'Teachers, We Are Gratetul For YOU!', the day kicked off with dedications from students to their teachers over the Public Announcement system. Students expressed their gratitude to their teachers and were generous with their appreciation and praises for their teachers! After Morning Assembly, teachers and students engaged in a Class Bonding session. Students were thrilled when they discovered new things about their teachers through games.





The highlight of the celebration was the concert in the hall! The concert started with a speech by our Principal, Ms Cecilia Lim. In her speech, Ms Lim applauded the good work of our teachers and their tenacity to persist with strong beliefs and integrity.

This was followed by our students' performances. First, we had a singing performance by twin sisters, Le Xi and Le Rong who sang 'You made a difference' followed by a Guzheng Ensemble of the music piece "春苗"(Spring Miao). Then, we had our Primary 6 student, Sor Yan Ci, who sang the song "Hall of Fame", which echoed the belief that teachers are stars in their own right and they are celebrated for their role in moulding future generations.

After the presentation of certificates to the nominees of the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) and nominees of the President's Award for Teachers (PAT), we had more musical performances by our students. We also enjoyed a skit by our Hearing Loss students and teacher who expressed their gratitude for their teachers through the skit. It was indeed an affirmation



Soh Yan Ci's message to teachers -Be the greatest and be the best!



of our school's efforts to be a more inclusive

Our Hearing Loss students' skit



school!

The hall was filled with more excitement and cheers during the game segment - Fun With 'Chers! Teachers, together with one of our school leaders, Mrs Noelle Chow, put their knowledge to the test when they were pitted against one another in a guessing game. The audience participated along too and it was an absolutely fascinating sight!

# Achievements

▶▶▶ Mr Leong Jing Xiong Merrill, SH PE & CCA (Internal)

As Singapore opened up gradually over the year, we saw the return of face-to-face CCA practices and many national events such as the National School Games (NSG) and the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation. It was a difficult season for many of our students and teachers, as the runway to the commencement of the competitions and performances was very short. Additionally, students and teachers had to juggle with settling into the new school building and making sure that the necessary equipment and infrastructure was in place. However, our students exemplified the mindset of 'Persist - Do it!' and continued to train and practice to the best of their abilities.









The new facilities allowed students to practice better as they were able to train and rehearse in similar environments as the actual competition/performance venues.



#### a) Volleyball - Junior Girls Group D

Our Volleyball CCA made its debut in the National School Games this year after its inception in 2018. Our team of 10 girls met many challenges and difficulties, as this was their first time playing against other schools, and on



a national level. It was heartening to see their persistence in the face of obstacles, and their efforts paid off as they achieved the 2nd position in their Group D matches. Well done girls!



#### b) Track and Field

Our track and field team brought back a slew of awards and achievements despite having many factors stacked against them. We are proud to have these students bringing glory to our school in the National School Games!



NAME	CLASS	AWARD	EVENT
Ee Zu Yi Aaden	4RT	Bronze	Multi-skill event
Colby Choo Chen En	4CT	Bronze	Multi-skill event
Kejora Bte Mokhzani	5RT	2nd 4th	60m 4 x 50m
Bhutada Ayanna Amit	5EC	7th 4th	60m 4 x 50m
Nway Yu Yu Moe	5EC	7th 4th	60m 4 x 50m
Evena Sree Vijay <mark>Babu</mark>	5EC	4th	4 x 50m

#### c) Performing Arts CCAs

It was a long-awaited return for the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation this year. Our students began their tough preparations since the beginning of the year, waiting in anticipation for the official announcement of the SYF's resumption. Although this year's Arts Presentation does not come with an award category, our teachers and students welcomed the opportunity to perform on the big stage once again. We are proud of our students' ability to showcase their skills to the public.





#### Here are the winners for the Malay Writing Contest conducted by EDN Media Pte Ltd.

NAME	CLASS	AWARD
Nur LutfiyaUlfa Binte Muhammad Iradi	3 Resilience	Silver
Nur NatraAsyqilia Binte Hamim	3 Respect	Bronze
Nur QisyaAsyura Binte Muhammad Zaki	3 Excellence	Bronze
AirisSabieha Binti Anuar	6 Service	Silver
NayliAthilah Binte Mohamad Sallihin	6 Respect	Gold
Nur Arienna Bianca Binte Mohammad Noor Irzan	6 Resilience	Silver
Nurul Netrisya Binte Ibrahim	6 Service	Gold
Siti Nur Batrisya Binte Herman	6 Resilience	Silver





### Congratulations to ...

Our HOD Mother Tongue Languages on being conferred the National Day Award 2022 - Commendation Medal



#### Winners of MOE Service Excellence Award (MSEA)

















Our students, parents, as well as former students have responded to the various affirmation platforms by nominating our staff for various awards. The nomination and awards received recognise the effort, hard work and commitment of our teachers and staff.

#### **Award Category**

The Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) aims to acknowledge teachers in our schools who go beyond the call of duty, nurturing the holistic development of their students and ensuring their charges grow up to be confident, independent and resilient learners for our nation.

#### Caring Teacher Awardees 2022











**Award Category** 



The Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) aims to honour the achievements of young teachers who are role models for the teaching profession. These educators motivate, challenge and inspire their students to realise their full potential. They personify deep passion for teaching, youthful idealism, energy and enthusiasm and play a critical role in moulding the future of our nation.

#### Nominations from students / parents / teachers

Mdm Ashini Prasad Miss Bernadette Pung Mr Imran Bin Mahmud Hussin Mdm Noor Aidah Adam



The President's Award for Teachers (PAT) aims to give national recognition to the critical roles teachers play in moulding the future of our nation. These teachers prepare students for life, as well as model commitment to continuous learning and enterprise. They inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

Mdm Ang Chieh Sin Jaselin Mdm Au Yard Wah Mr Cher Kiat Min Kelvin Mr Fan Wengi Mr Fong Kheng Leong Mdm Idma Hanita Bte Mohamed Miss Kok Nyok Lan Miss Lim Jiing Qin Mdm Lim Wen Chye Joey Mrs Loy Shunyu Angeline Mdm Mardiana Bte Mosnee Mdm Nordiana Bte Sani Mdm Ong Wee Hun Lynne Mdm Peh Kai Le Mr Mohammad Shaifudin Mdm Sivakami d/o Sellakumaran Mr Tang Kong Gin Benedict Mdm Yuen Lei Teng Cheryl Mdm Zaharinah Bte Amzah

Nominated for both OYEA and PAT

Mdm Chen Yit Kai Miss Fonseka Halena Nimali Miss Ho Wai Wai Angela Miss Vinlee Toh Miss Wong Shilei Charmaine



#### Happy Retirement Mdm Hasnah Bte Haji Dollah

Mdm Hasnah joined MOE as a Corporate Support Officer on 16 August 1982. She joined MFPS on 01 May 2013 and retired on 08 July 2022. In the 9 years she has been with the school, one of her key duties student admissions and withdrawals. Whenever students needed to transfer in or out of the school, she would be the first-person parents would need to approach for advice on the paperwork to be done. A genial person, she patiently spends time explaining the admissions or transfer processes to both local and international parents. A good cook, she now has all the time to spend with her family doing what she enjoys most. Thank you Mdm Hasnah for your contributions to the school. Enjoy your retirement!



**New Staff** 

### A warm welcome to ...







Newborn

#### Congratulations to

Mdm Lim Xin Run Mdm Deana son, Pang Ze Xi.









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