



SPRING ROLL

E-NEWSLETTER

NORTH SPRING PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S FOREWORD

Content creator. YouTuber. Social Media influencer. Cybersecurity strategist.

These are some new age careers our young generation may hold in the near future. There is one common thread that unifies many of these new age jobs – the capability in having competent written and spoken communication. For example, a cybersecurity strategist is expected to provide accurate and timely intelligence warning and decision-making to defend the digital domain.

Hence, we see our Spring Roll e-newsletter as one of the many platforms we offer our North Springers to write to a wider audience i.e. they write articles on school events for their peers, teachers, parents and anyone else who browses through our e-newsletter. This way, they hone their skills to convey information with clarity and precision. It is also a meaningful way to pause and reflect on all our school experiences we had so far through the lens of our North Springers.

Right now, we are at the halfway mark of the year 2024. It was a busy yet terrific first half of the year. Bringing out the joy of learning and empowering our North Springers continue to remain the cornerstones of what shapes them. We are delighted to announce that we have made significant inroads in more ways than one.

First, we have brought about heightened engagement within and outside of our classrooms. Joy of learning is pervasive across all subjects through well thought-out activities that are very much aligned to the curriculum. We had cohort camps for all six levels and I must say it was an absolute delight to see all the smiles from students to teachers to parents. In this edition, we feature our SPARK CCAs and it gives us so much joy to see our North Springers grow from strength to strength.

We closed Semester 1 with GEM JoL fortnight which offered a unified experience for all our students. The primary aim is to marry purposeful learning with a large dose of happiness so that our students strive in everything that they do effortlessly.

I began this foreword by envisioning our North Springers in new age jobs and how writing is an essential skill they should be armed with when they go out into the world as adults. It is also our hope that they find joy and motivation in everything they do.

GROW and glow bright GEMS!

Mrs Jacinta Lim



BASKETBALL

OUR SPARKS

Basketball training has been tough since we started training for competitions. We always started with intensive physical training and then focused on technical drills. I remember various occasions when I simply could not dribble anymore as my arms were aching. Despite being exhausted, I remained determined to improve and practised other skills instead.

I recalled our very first match when we went up against a physically bigger Queenstown Primary and we were down 0-10. We did not give up and persevered to win the game narrowly! This game really tested our teamwork and resilience. I'm proud to say we came out stronger!



Saw Valentino Silas
6.1



WUSHU

OUR
SPARKS

I chose to join Wushu because I thought it was cool, but I did not expect to push my limits as hard as I have this semester. Having been in this CCA for two years, I have learned that Wushu requires discipline and strong teamwork. While we have disagreements from time to time, we encourage each other to work hard and learn from our mistakes. Many of the routines are quite challenging, but it gives us great satisfaction and pride to eventually perform at school events and even represent the school at the National School Games.

Practicing Wushu has positively influenced my understanding of respect and discipline. I can apply these values in my daily life as I set my targets and work hard to achieve them. I am grateful for this unique opportunity and for everyone's support. I hope to continue pursuing this passion of mine in secondary school.

Phun Xinya 5.1



SHOW CHOIR

OUR SPARKS



Show Choir is an incredibly fun CCA where you get to sing, dance, and make new friends. One important life lesson I have learned in Show Choir is that making mistakes doesn't matter as long as you give your best and have fun. Through my CCA, I have managed to overcome my fear of performing on stage in front of a live audience. It was especially amazing to conquer that fear alongside my friends! Show Choir has also taught me to be resilient as we face challenges and work hard for each performance. I have come to realize how enjoyable it is to perform for a live audience that grooves along with your performance. I always look forward to practice sessions because they provide a great opportunity to hone my singing skills while spending time with my friends after school. It has been a fantastic journey in Show Choir, and I look forward to continuing to mesmerize the school with our performances!

Laforteza Savannah Nyla Rae Sandoval, 6.1



STRING ENSEMBLE



OUR SPARKS

Being in the string ensemble has given me opportunities to perform in events like IGNITE. I've also made many new friends! This year, I will be performing in the Singapore Youth Festival with my peers. At times, it is challenging to play in an ensemble as everyone needs to listen carefully and play in harmony. Once, we were unable to hear each other well and we did not play time. However, after a few rehearsals, we achieved the harmony that we wanted.

Zia Elise Francisco De Los Reyes, 5.1



CUB SCOUTS

OUR SPARKS

One day, my Cub Scout friends and I attended a special Cub Scout session that was unlike any other. Our teachers, Akela and Bagheera (the fond names we use for our Cub Scout CCA teachers), had planned a bouldering trip! We were all elated at the thought of activities outside of school. Alongside bouldering, our mentors also taught us how to tie various knots, including the butterfly knot and loop knot. We truly enjoyed this session as we learned many new things.

Back at school, we continued learning about different knots during our CCA sessions and had the chance to apply them during our tent pitching activities. We ended the term with an outdoor cooking session - making popcorn and s'mores in a mess tin!

This year, I was appointed the Sixer of my group, and I have learned many valuable skills from leading my members.

Hafsa D/O Masood, 6.2



INTERNATIONAL DANCE

OUR SPARKS



I have been part of the International Dance CCA since P3, and I've learned so much during my time with the amazing members. I've mastered various dance steps and can now match the rhythm of fast-paced songs. The most captivating aspect of dance for me is the ability to express myself through body movement. When I first started dancing, it was challenging to follow the rhythm with the steps. To overcome this, I listened to the music every day and practiced to perfect the rhythm. I also worked on improving my dance technique daily. I've had the opportunity to perform at assembly, and I am eagerly looking forward to participating in my first SYF 2024 to showcase the dance I've learned in my CCA.

Saito Yuha 4.2



EL FIESTA

Participating in the English Fiesta was an amazing experience. Dressing up as my favourite book character was especially fun since I built my costume from scratch using recycled materials. It was rewarding to see my efforts come to life! Watching the TED talk participants was equally inspiring; their eloquence and insightful presentations left a lasting impression on me. Overall, the event was a blend of creativity and inspiration!

Bao Thu, 6.1



MTL

FORTNIGHT

OUR EVENTS

I am glad to be able to participate in my school Malay language carnival this year. From the carnival, I learnt to be more attentive and outspoken through the challenging games that the teacher had prepared. The game increased my knowledge of using the correct words as a team. My favourite activity was the 'Bang! Bang!' game. I liked it because it required us to be quick in our actions and words. I felt happy and proud of myself for participating actively throughout the carnival.

Farhanah, 3.2



During Mother Tongue Language Fortnight, I learnt to play the Indian instrument, Parai, which consists of a drum and two sticks. The teacher taught us how to hold the long stick (Sundu kuchi) and the short stick (Adi kuchi). I was on cloud nine when I was able to master the basics of the drum Parai. I was thrilled and enjoyed every moment of it. My friends and I are grateful to our school and MTL teachers for providing us with this amazing opportunity.

Alen Joe Nirenj, 4.4



P6 MUSEUM BASED LEARNING JOURNEY

OUR EVENTS



Nose-drinking cup

The trip to the Asian Civilisations Museum was both meaningful and fun! The museum educators were extremely friendly and shared lots of cool facts about ASEAN history and the many contributions of early settlers in Singapore. I had a blast, especially when one of the museum educators showed us a weird-looking cup from China. We all guessed what it was for, and then we were shocked to find out it was designed so that people could drink through their noses! 🤪 It was truly an eye-opener to see so many ancient artifacts in real life! We definitely learned a lot from the museum, and I can't wait for our next adventure!

Daileg Sophia Louise Diyco 6.3

SPORTSFEST!

OUR EVENTS



During SportsFest, teamwork and sportsmanship were key! In a thrilling game of Captain's Ball, our team faced a challenging moment as the opposing team, swift and determined, had possession. Instead of panicking, we remained cool, calm, and collected. My friend passed the ball to me, and I spotted a teammate open in space. I passed it to her, and she scored! Even though we didn't win every game, we celebrated every goal together. This experience taught me that working as a team and maintaining a positive attitude can make all the difference in the game!

Alyena Soh Qi Yun, 3.3



WORLD WATER WEEK

OUR EVENTS



During World Water Week, I learned about numerous important things. For instance, instead of letting the tap run while brushing my teeth, I can use a mug of water. We also used paper shaped like water droplets to jot down ideas for saving water, such as using a mug while brushing teeth. Another significant lesson was the importance of avoiding water waste, as conserving water is crucial. Learning about these simple yet impactful methods to help preserve water was fascinating.

Lana Eryna Binte Muhammad Khairufi, 4.4.



STEM WEEK

OUR EVENTS

During STEM week, we did lots of cool activities that were both fun and challenging. One of the projects we worked on was making a chair out of cardboard without using any adhesive materials. It was tricky because we had to figure out how to make it strong without glue or tape. Another project involved creating a circuit board using copper tape, LED bulbs, and one battery. I had trouble getting two bulbs to light up, so I asked my science teacher for help. While making the cardboard chair, our first design failed because the legs were too weak. To fix this, we designed stronger legs, and finally, our chair was successful. Overall, it was an exciting week full of learning and problem-solving!

Aye Chan Moe Oo, 5.2





I love doing heuristics because they're tricky and make you think about the problem in different and interesting ways. The volume activity we did was particularly fascinating because it showed me how to determine liquid volume quickly and accurately. For instance, I can easily find out if two small bottles hold more than one big bottle using the volume formula.

Counting numbers is another activity I enjoy. I often turn it into a fun game where I try to count as many numbers as possible in order, as quickly as I can. It's like a mental race against time, and it always keeps me on my toes.

Hriday Nagothu, 5.1



MATH





ENGLISH



We started an edible garden and the experience was simply unbe"leaf"able! We used pots made from coconut husks that are really good for the environment and perfect for our little seeds. Every day, we took care of our seeds by watering them and watching them grow. It was amazing to see the tiny plants start to sprout. This awesome project taught us all about plant growth and sustainability, and it's just the start of our green adventures!

Troy, 4.2





I love nature and was excited when my teacher gave me this mushroom growing kit. On the third day of my exciting mushroom growing journey, I saw tiny mushrooms coming out of the bottle! I was fascinated to see that the mushrooms could actually grow taller than my palm. If I could conduct another experiment, I want to find out if mushrooms need warmth to survive.

Ishani Murali, 3.2





JOL

MOTHER TONGUE

I enjoyed the "Guess My Ambition" activity the most because I love to solve puzzles and this time, I got to do it with my friends!

The puzzles were quite challenging but in the end, I managed to complete them with the help of my friends. After the activity, we compared our answers and laughed because we were happy that most of us had similar ambitions. As they say, birds of a feather, flock together!

Nur Nalia Khalisah Kamalludin, 2.5





JOL

SWIMSAFER

One important thing I learned from the SwimSafer programme is that it is important to stay calm when we are swimming. If you start to panic, you might end up sinking because you could use up all your energy, and that can make you sink even more. So, it is important to remember to keep calm and try your best while swimming. I enjoyed the SwimSafer programme because it was fun, and it made me more confident in water.

Guzman Julia Ray, 3.4



READCESS

JOL

The book that I really enjoyed reading is "Diary of a Wimpy Kid". I like this book because it has many funny and interesting stories which make me laugh. There are also many examples of interesting vocabulary and vivid description that I learnt from. By participating in READcess, I enjoy reading more! It also gave me the opportunity to read different genres of books.

Mi Houlin, 2.2





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SRINIVAS PRAGATHI 1.8



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NGIAM LE XUAN JAZELLE CHLOE 2.4



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TAN LIANG YEE 4.6



NAOMIE ROSE UYKEE LEE 6.5



P1 CAMP



The most fun part of the day camp was throwing parachutes. It was amazing! Our teacher read us a nice story about "Dan the Flying Man." I really liked it! Watching our parachutes fly high in the air made me giggle with glee. I sang songs and cheered with my friends in class. We also took pictures at HOLA and did funny poses. Sharing my parachute with Elsa was great! At recess, we ate yummy cereal. I can't wait for next year's camp in Primary 2! My friends and I were tired but happy to be part of the day camp.

Amanda Tan Han Man, 1.6



P2 CAMP



I was very excited about our Exploration Camp, and it did not disappoint because it was so much fun! My favorite part of the camp was the GEM picnic because I've never experienced a picnic before. Having one with my friends was the best! I also got to know my classmate, Ethan, better during the camp. We worked together in the "GEM Your Hearts Out" activity and solved the puzzle with our groupmates. Every activity was special and unforgettable.

Ishan Ajesh, 2.6



P3 CAMP

I had been stoked to attend the Discovery Day Camp for weeks and was almost exploding with excitement when the day finally arrived. My favourite part of the camp was the “Egg Drop” challenge when we brainstormed various ways to drop an egg without it breaking. We finally decided to take leaves to wrap the egg and threw it from a height. Amazingly, it worked! I liked the challenge because it helped me to be creative.

I had a great time during the activity and look forward to my Primary 4 Camp next year. My friends and I were tired but happy that we got to enjoy the day camp.

Ishwinder Singh Sivia, 3.1



P4 CAMP

Our first activity involved problem-solving. The game consisted of interesting problems which we had to creatively and collaboratively solve. It was fun to be able to solve them after intense discussions with my friends! During the camp, I also learnt how to put on pillow covers and bedsheets. It was my first time doing it and I can now help my parents to do so at home!

There was one incident where I needed to use the toilet at night, but I was afraid to do so. My friend was also scared but we gathered the courage to visit the toilet together. I was glad we managed to overcome our fear and I felt very proud of our bravery to do so. What an experience!

Prisha Singh, 4.5



P5 CAMP



During the Primary 5 outdoor adventure camp, I faced my fear of heights by trying rock climbing. At first, I was trembling in fear. However with encouragement, I took on the challenge. As I climbed higher, my fear faded and was replaced with determination. With every step, I felt stronger. When I finally reached the top, the view was incredible! It taught me that trying new things is scary but facing my fears brings rewards. Now, I'm more confident to tackle challenges head-on.

Zoey Andenea Kinaranirbita, 5.4



P6 CAMP



The camp experience taught me to embrace new challenges and try unfamiliar activities. It highlighted the importance of collaboration and perseverance, even when working with individuals we may not necessarily get along with. Additionally, it encouraged me to venture into uncharted territory, fostering a mindset of curiosity and exploration. Through the camp, I discovered my capacity for leadership and the significance of listening to and considering the input of team members. Furthermore, I realized the importance of delegating leadership responsibilities, recognizing that effective leadership involves empowering others within the team.

Lui Rui Yu, Zachary
6.4



GEM JOL FORTNIGHT





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