



THE PEPS NEWSLETTER



ASPIRE



OUR ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to our Sports Day Champion House! Your determination, teamwork and sportsmanship have led you to victory. Well done on this outstanding achievement!

SCHOOL LEADER FEATURE



(From Left to Right) Mdm Chu Sing Ee, Ms Joy Sim, Mr Bucktha Seelan & Mrs Chay Gek Noi

Every Student Matters, Every Staff Counts

Our Principal, Mr Seelan

Mr Seelan's favourite part of being the Principal is interacting with students from different backgrounds. He wants every student to know that they are important to him.

Since joining PEPS, Mr Seelan has worked hard to improve the school and has introduced many positive changes. These include upgrading the toilets and conference room, as well as building a stronger sense of pride among students. He has also expanded the range of CCAs available, giving students more choices to pursue their interests.

Mr Seelan is equally committed to improving teachers' welfare. Excitingly, a new newsroom will soon be built beside the basketball court for students to enjoy. Mr Seelan's greatest challenge is trying to keep up with various issues and trying to understand students' challenges. He wishes to support every student in their learning in PEPS.

BY JOSEPH YEO, CAYDEN KOH & SUN LANXI (P5)

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Primary 5 3D2N Camp

July 16-18, 2026



Get ready for an exciting adventure! Enjoy three days of fun, teamwork, and unforgettable memories as you challenge yourself and forge new friendships.

* Characters Alive Day cum Racial Harmony Day commeration!

July 20, 2026

Dress up as your favourite storybook character or in traditional ethnic attire and join in the celebration!

SCHOOL LEADER FEATURE



GETTING TO KNOW OUR VICE PRINCIPALS

When **Mrs Chay** first came to PEPS, she was excited because she had heard many good things about the school. She was also happy to learn that many of the students here are eager to learn and do their best.

She is looking forward to visiting the Primary 5 students at camp and celebrating special occasions together with the students such as National Day, Teachers' Day and Children's Day.

Mrs Chay is proud of the students for their enthusiastic participation during Sports Day. She is also proud of those who received awards on stage for their achievements in the Math Olympiad and coding competitions.

Mrs Chay hopes that students can continue to grow in managing their relationships with others and building positive friendships within the school community.

As a Vice-Principal at PEPS, she looks forward to greeting students each day. It brings her great joy to welcome students in the morning and say goodbye at the end of the school day.

BY SHARIFAH ZARA DARWISYAH, MABEL LEE & VERONICA LOO (P5)

Mdm Chu believes that everyone has the potential to be their best, and she hopes to help others realise that potential. She feels that the world needs people with different talents and strengths to make it a better place. "When we believe that everyone can contribute in their own way, we learn to respect differences and empathise with the challenges that others may face."

In her free time, Mdm Chu enjoys learning about what is happening around the world. She likes reading both online and printed materials, such as books, magazines and newspapers.

Did you know? Before joining PEPS, Mdm Chu was a Chinese Language teacher. It was a career path she chose after graduation, and one that she has never regretted. She enjoys sharing her passion for the Chinese language and culture, and hopes to pass it on to others because it is an important part of the identity.

Mdm Chu's advice to both teachers and students is to listen before judging. Everyone has their own perspective, and by showing respect and understanding towards one another, we can create a school where everyone has a part to play and feels valued.

BY ZHAO XIAOJIU & CLAIRE TIA (P5)

Ms Joy was from West Spring Secondary School before transiting to the primary school setting and joining PEPS this year.

A nature and music lover, Ms Joy looks forward to learning from and growing together with the staff, and supporting the school community in the best way she can.

TEACHER FEATURE



(From Left to Right) Mrs Kumutha Selvan, Mr Zulkarnain Daud & Mr Ashari Saifee

Our Head of Department (PE & CCA) Mr Zulkarnain Daud

Before joining PEPS, Mr Zulkarnain taught at Jurong Primary School. He feels that the teachers at PEPS are very kind and that the administrative managers are extremely helpful. He also enjoys working with the PE teachers, whom he finds fun to talk to, and he enjoys teaching the students. He is looking forward to the Primary 4 and Primary 5 camps, the NAPFA tests, and the National Day celebrations.

BY SHARIFAH ZARA DARWISYAH, VERONICA LOO & KELLY LAI (P5)

Our Level Head (MTL) Mdm Vanitha Arivalakan

Mdm Vanitha's life motto is **"In a world where you can be anything, be kind. A small act of kindness can change someone's entire day!"** Before coming to PEPS, she was in the Character and

Citizenship Education Branch where she did curriculum planning and resource creation. Prior to that, she taught Tamil Language at Bukit Panjang Primary School.

A little known fact about her is that she worked in the equine industry for a short time before joining the teaching profession, so she does have some knowledge of tack and saddlery. Her best teaching experience is always that 'aha!' moment. When a student who has been struggling with a question understands it, his face lights up with a big smile.



BY ARIEN SEAH, ANSELM SIMONS & CHEW EN LE (P5)

Mr Tay Choon Hong, Our Chinese Language Senior Teacher

Before joining PEPS this year, Mr Tay began his teaching journey at Chua Chu Kang Primary School, where he taught Higher



Chinese and Character and Citizenship Education. From 2021 to 2025, he was seconded to the National Institute of Education, serving as a lecturer and mentor to pre-service teachers. His first impression of PEPS has been incredibly positive. He appreciates the warm and supportive culture within the PEPS Family. He finds the students active, enthusiastic, and full of energy.

Mr Tay enjoys cycling around Singapore to stay active. He has a keen interest in technology. He spends his free time "vibe coding" to create interactive educational web applications.

His life motto is, **"Embrace new ways of learning to inspire and help every student write their unique story."**

By GARETH BOO, LUKE ANG & WEI YUNXI (P5)

Mr Ashari Saifee, Our PE Teacher

Before joining the PEPS family, Mr Ashari Saifee taught at Bukit Panjang Primary School, Yew Tee Primary School and Woodgrove Primary School. He enjoys going for long runs, playing almost any sport. He also enjoys playing board games. A passionate football fan, his favourite team is Chelsea FC.

As a Physical Education teacher, Mr Ashari aims to help students develop competence and confidence in movement while ensuring they enjoy the learning process. He also looks forward to collaborating with and learning from his colleagues at PEPS, working together to equip students with lifelong skills and the confidence they need to shape their own active futures.

WELCOME TO OUR
PEPS FAMILY!

TEACHER FEATURE

Mr. Leo Chin Choon, Our Mathematics Senior Teacher

Mr Leo's favourite part of being a teacher is the sense of satisfaction when students are able to fulfil their potential and do well in their studies. One challenge he faces is working with students who misbehave and avoid tasks assigned by their teachers.

During the weekends, Mr Leo enjoys jogging and gardening. His favourite subjects are Chinese Language and Mathematics. He puts a great deal of effort into preparing for his lessons, often spending more than an hour on preparation.

Before joining PEPS, Mr Leo taught at Nan Hua Primary School.

By JOSEPH YEO, CAYDEN KOH
& KELLY LAI (P5)



"I feel a great sense of satisfaction when my students fulfil their potential and do well in their studies."

—Mr Leo



(From Left to Right)

Ms Khor Ting Yan
Mdm Lum Wai Mung
Mr Leo Chin Choon
Mdm Low Pei Qi

**"Classroom
is where the
magic
happens."**

—Mdm Lum

Mdm Low Pei Qi, Our Level Head (Mathematics)

Mdm Low is a friendly teacher who enjoys all things related to art. In her free time, she likes exploring different parts of Singapore with her son.

Integrity is an important value to her. She believes that no one is perfect and that as long as we do our best, that is what truly matters.

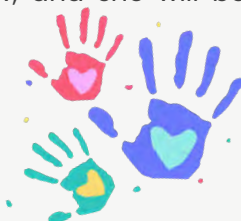
Students can always approach Mdm Low, and she will be happy to lend a listening ear.

By SUN LANXI & HANSAVARDHINI SARAVANAN
(P5)

Ms Khor Ting Yan, Our Subject Head (Aesthetics)

Ms Khor enjoys rock climbing, bouldering and making quilts. Before joining the Arts Education Branch, she taught at Yew Tee Primary School and Zhenghua Primary School. She hopes to bring meaningful and relevant arts experiences to PEPS students by engaging them with living artists and authentic arts encounters that help them make sense of the world around them through art.

Ms Khor believes that teaching influences the way she makes art and sees the world, and making art and the way she sees the world, in turn, influence her teaching.

**Mdm Lum Wai Mung
Our Level Head (English Language)**

Mdm Lum's life motto is, "If you don't try, you 'll never know." Before joining PEPS, she taught at Nan Hua Primary School and St. Andrew's Mission School. Throughout her teaching career, she has always taught English Language.

Mdm Lum enjoys reading during her free time. While she loved thrillers when she was younger, she now prefers reading biographies and non-fiction books.

Her favourite part of the school is the classrooms because, as she puts it, **"That is where the magic happens."** A little-known fact about her is that English Language was not her first choice of subject to teach—she had actually wanted to teach Mathematics!

By CHEW EN LE, JAVIS FOO &
ZHAO XIAOJIU (P5)



**WELCOME TO OUR
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CELEBRATION

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Welcoming the Year of the Horse



The Chinese New Year celebration at PEPS was a joyful and exciting start to 2026! One of the biggest highlights was the God of Fortune mascot, whose playful "67" hand sign had everyone laughing and smiling. The festive performances kept spirits high, and students also enjoyed experiencing the newly installed air-conditioning in the hall for the first time. It was truly a fun and refreshing celebration to kick off the new year!

BY YANG JINGXUAN &
WANG YUNSHAN (P5)



CELEBRATION



Embracing Culture, Celebrating Together

HARI RAYA

The Hari Raya celebration at PEPS was a joyous occasion filled with exciting activities and games for students to enjoy. During the concert, students showcased their talents through silat and traditional Malay dance performances. The Primary 5 Muslim students performed a lively dance to the song 'Ketipak Ketipung Raya', while the Primary 2 students delighted the audience with a fashion show featuring traditional Hari Raya costumes. What made the celebration special was that it was enjoyed by the entire school community, not just the Muslim students.

BY AYRA ZAFIRAH, VERA ONG &
ARUMUGAM HANIGA LAKSHMI (p5)

"As one of the dancers in the concert, I learned the importance of perseverance and teamwork as we worked hard to perfect our dance steps for the performance."



NATIONAL EDUCATION

TOTAL DEFENCE DAY

On 17 February 2026, we commemorated Total Defence Day. Total Defence consists of six pillars, and everyone has a part to play in keeping Singapore strong and resilient. This year's theme, "Are You Ready for Disruptions?", reminded us that disruptions can happen anytime and anywhere, so it is important to be prepared.

To help us stay ready, our school conducted various exercises such as a fire drill, a lockdown drill, a food disruption exercise and an electricity disruption exercise. We are grateful that our school took many steps to prepare us for different situations.

Through the commemoration, we learned the importance of staying calm and being prepared when disasters strike. Together as a school community, we hope everyone will remain safe, resilient, and ready to respond when disasters strike.

BY CLAIRE TIA & ZHAO XIAOJIU (P5)



**TOGETHER WE KEEP
SINGAPORE STRONG**

School Event

ASPIRE Redemption



ASPIRE Redemption Is Here!

Our students were excited to redeem their rewards. Our hardworking and helpful parent volunteers shared that they enjoyed being part of the event and found the experience both exciting and interesting.

Our parent volunteers also suggested some improvements. They felt that posters could be put up to guide students on how to queue during ASPIRE Redemption. In addition, they observed that the crowd could be quite loud and messy at times, and suggested that more could be done to encourage students to behave appropriately.

Now, let's hear what our fellow schoolmates have to say about their ASPIRE Redemption experience!

BY HANSAVARDHINII, VIHAAN SUDHIR DESAI & DHAARANI (P5)

"I used ASPIRE stamps to exchange for free stickers. I am so happy! Hope we can have more of such redemptions," Kate Chua.

"Some of the items I wanted to redeem were only available in Term 4's redemption. However, I am grateful for the toys and digits which I could redeem," Cayden Foo



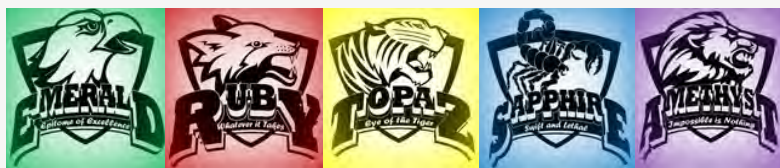
"See what I got!"
Valerie Lai

ABIG 'THANK YOU'
TO OUR
PARENT VOLUNTEERS!



School Event

OUR ANNUAL SPORTS DAY!



Sports Day was a fun-filled and exciting event for everyone! Students eagerly looked forward to running their best, winning points for their houses, and even earning medals for themselves. Our dedicated parent volunteers had also helped prepare for the big day at Millennia Institute, where the event was held.

As students from the different houses geared up to race against one another, one question lingered in everyone's mind, "Which house will be crowned the Sports Day Champion?"

Without further ado, let's take a look at some of the main highlights of Sports Day!

BY VALERIE LAI (3R) WEE JIA WEN & CHEW EN LE (P5)



All the houses proudly showcased their mascots and had a wonderful time doing so! The parade was filled with excitement, energy, and house spirit as students cheered enthusiastically for their teams.



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SPORTS

FLOORBALL

BY TEO WAN QI (6I)



When I was in Primary 3, floorball caught my interest because it looked like an exciting sport that requires speed. One of my teachers encouraged me to give floorball a try, and after a few sessions, I really enjoyed the way the game is played.

One of the biggest challenges I faced was improving my skills. At first, I found it difficult to keep up with the pace of the game and understand its tactics. However, with regular training and guidance from my coaches, I became more confident and gradually improved my skills.

Through floorball, I have also learned the importance of teamwork. Every player has a role to play, and we need to communicate well, trust one another, and work together to create scoring opportunities. Without teamwork, it is very difficult to succeed and win games.

Representing the school in competitions was both exciting and nerve-racking. Although I felt very nervous during my first match, playing alongside my teammates gave me confidence. The competitions taught me how to stay calm, work as a team, and never give up, regardless of whether we won or lost.

To all my juniors who are interested in joining the floorball team, I would encourage them to give it a try, even if they have never played the sport before. Be willing to learn and do not be afraid of making mistakes. **With dedication and a positive attitude, you will continue to improve and become a very good player.**

TRACK & FIELD

BY AZRAQI HILMAN (6I)

Sports has always been an important part of my family. Inspired by my family's love for sports, I started athletics and hip-hop dancing at the age of four. As I became more involved in track and field, I decided to focus on athletics and have enjoyed challenging myself and improving with every competition.

I usually train once a week, increasing to twice a week before competitions. While I sometimes put pressure on myself to do better, I remind myself not to compare myself with others and instead focus on becoming a better version of myself each day.

Balancing sports and studies is challenging. However, I have learnt to manage with the support from my parents and elder sister. I also make sure that I set aside time to complete my schoolwork before training.

Representing PEPS at this year's National School Games (NSG) was a memorable experience. As the Floorball Captain, I led and encouraged my teammates, and I also competed in three Track and Field events. Although I did not win any medals, **I am proud that I gave my best and am grateful for the valuable lessons, friendships and memories I gained.**

*Enjoy the journey and
have fun along the way.*

My advice to all juniors is to follow their interests, try new sports, and take every opportunity to learn through competitions and school events. Sports is not just about winning—it teaches discipline, teamwork, perseverance and resilience. Most importantly, enjoy the journey and have fun along the way.



LEARNING JOURNEYS

P3 LJ to River Wonders

River Wonders is Asia's first and only river-themed wildlife park.

During our learning journey, we explored many fascinating zones and discovered a variety of animals. We visited the Mekong River Zone and the Nile River Zone, where we saw an interesting fish called the giraffe catfish. Its scales resemble the spots of a giraffe. We also saw the green anaconda and learned that it lives in sluggish streams, swamps, and rivers. Along the way, we spotted frogs of different sizes too.

At the panda enclosure, we saw both the giant panda and the red panda. We were excited to hear that there were capybaras in the mini forest, but unfortunately, we did not manage to see them. Nevertheless, we were treated to a spectacular view as we walked through a tunnel surrounded by fishes.

We truly had a wonderful and memorable time at River Wonders!

BY TINA SU , OLIVIA LIM & AIDEN SYAKIL (P3)



P3 LJ to Geylang Serai

BY SERENA TAN, ROSHINI VELMURUGAN
& MUHAMMAD RIFQI (P3)

The school organised a learning journey for all P3 students as part of the Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) curriculum. This learning journey also supports students' learning in Social Studies by deepening our understanding of the heritage and culture of Singapore beyond the classroom context.

After the learning journey, we learned the contributions made by the Malay communities in the development of Singapore.

The learning experiences were guided by trained volunteers to reinforce students' learning of the Malay heritage and culture in Singapore. We also had a lot of fun seeing, smelling and tasting new things!



LEARNING JOURNEYS

P5 LJ to Science Centre

BY WEI YUNXI & SU YUQIAO (P5)

On 1 April, our class, together with some selected friends from another class, went on a learning journey to the Science Centre Singapore. The bus ride was filled with laughter and conversations as we made our way there.

Before the programme began, we explored the interactive exhibits in the spacious entrance hall, including a fascinating hand sculpture. Our teachers then gathered us and brought us to the large central auditorium with its towering ceiling and stage, where science shows are held.

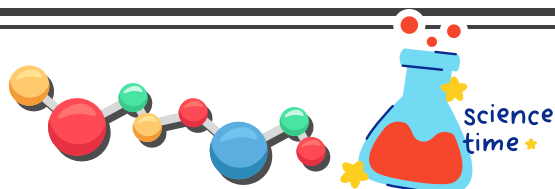
Next, we went to a room beside the Curie Room, where an instructor guided us through a series of experiments on electricity. We began with simple activities, such as connecting batteries to light bulbs, before moving on to a memorable experiment. In groups, we placed a copper wire into one cup of liquid

and a steel rod in another connecting them to a battery. To our amazement, the steel rod slowly became coated with copper, turning brown. When we switched the two items around, the copper coating gradually disappeared from the steel rod. We were all amazed and couldn't help shouting, "Wow!"

Many, if not all, of us enjoyed the lesson on conducting electricity. Although both of us had visited the Science Centre Singapore before, this trip gave us a deeper understanding of science while making learning fun through hands-on experiments.

Besides learning scientific concepts, we also learnt the importance of cooperating with one another and being patient while working in groups.

Overall, we found the learning journey to the Science Centre Singapore captivating and well organised. We hope to visit it again!



P6 LJ to Sungei Buloh



During the learning journey to Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, students studied plant and animal adaptations in a rich coastal ecosystem. They observed food webs in nature and learned about the importance of sustainability and protecting the environment.





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