Connecting the community @ Admiralty
Admiralty Primary School held its annual Student Leaders Investiture on 29 January 2015 to inaugurate student leaders as Prefects, (Character and Citizenship Education) CCE Ambassadors and (Co-Curricular Activities) CCA Leaders for the year 2015. The investiture ceremony also serves to recognise appointed student leaders for their active participation in contributing to events and programmes within and beyond the school.

This year, the investiture ceremony saw newly-appointed Assistant Vice-Head Prefects, Krystal Pek and Zadok James as the Masters of Ceremony. Our Head Prefect for 2015, Jamie Lim and CCE Head Prefect for 2015, Jaskiran Kaur, led the student leaders from various groups in the walk-in parade.

As the student leaders lined the stage with pride in their faces, Head Prefect, Jamie Lim encouraged her fellow student leaders, in her speech, to lead themselves well and champion the school core values of Graciousness in Conduct, Responsibility in Words and Deeds, Integrity to Uphold and Perseverance for Excellence so that they can influence their peers and schoolmates.

The investiture ceremony ended with the recitation of the Student Leaders’ Pledge. The pledge serves as a reminder to all student leaders to carry out their duties well and be committed to their responsibilities.

On 27 March 2015, our principal and vice-principals, together with a few teachers and a group of student leaders went to the tribute area near the Parliament House.

As we walked there, we saw throngs of people, probably thousands of them, who persisted and queued for many hours despite the long wait of up to eight hours. All of us, including the teachers and our principals, were touched by their actions.

We did not want to add to the long queue even though we had priority to go in. Instead, we went to the Community Tribute Centre at Woodlands Civic Centre. We wrote in the condolence books, expressing our heartfelt thanks to our beloved founding father for all that he had done for Singapore. We also queued up to show our respects to him and as we did so, we saw what selfless deeds Mr Lee had done for the nation. He was indeed a great man! We presented the school’s tribute to the GRC members and thanked them for sacrificing their time to help out.

On the way back, we talked about what we had seen and how we felt about a great man’s passing. All of us agreed that Singaporeans are united as a nation, no matter how different we are, because of the late Mr. Lee’s ideals of meritocracy regardless of language, race or religion.

We also agreed that we should not take advantage of what we have today—internet accessibility, smartphones and other conveniences. All of us also thought that we should be thankful to Mr. Lee and all the pioneers for their contributions in developing Singapore into what it is today.

Reflection from A Student Leader

“Some people queued for almost 10 hours, all with one heart, as one nation, to pay their last respects to Mr Lee Kuan Yew. Volunteers came forward to offer food, drinks and even umbrellas. This showed that Singaporeans care for one another and are willing to help out along the way.”
Primary 5 Learning Journey to Singapore Maritime Gallery

The Primary 5 pupils visited the Singapore Maritime Gallery early this year. The objective of the learning journey was to promote a greater awareness of the need to stay relevant in a rapidly changing world. We also hope to imbue in pupils the importance of constantly being proactive in the face of challenges. During the learning journey, pupils were introduced to the range of imports and exports that the industry handles on a daily basis. Pupils were also introduced to jobs that are available in the Singapore Maritime Industry. Through the learning journey, pupils learnt about the competitiveness of the maritime industry and the need for the Singapore ports and services related to maritime to be one of the best. The big idea of the learning journey is staying relevant as a nation.

DNA Workshop at Singapore Science Centre for Primary 5

Our Primary 5 pupils attended a workshop on Genes and DNA conducted by the Science Centre in March this year. This was an extension activity to tie in with the Science topic - Unit of Life. The objectives of the workshop are to give our pupils a deeper understanding of life sciences topics and issues, stimulate their interest in taking up careers in the life sciences and educate them to be more science literate and to have more views about life science issues and concerns in their adult life.

Pupils from 5 Challenge, 5 Courage and 5 Endurance had a chance to be detectives and forensic scientists at the DNA Detectives workshop. They had to solve a criminal case using various forensic tools. Pupils from the other Primary 5 classes learnt about hereditary traits and extracted DNA from wheat germ at the Genes and Our Traits workshop. The experience was an eye-opener for the pupils as they got to use equipment which they have never seen before!

Primary 6 Learning Journey to Singapore Discovery Centre (SDC) and Army Museum (ARMS)

On 20th March, the Primary 6 pupils went for a learning journey to Singapore Discovery Centre (SDC) and Army Museum (ARMS). This fully guided tour attempts to showcase some of our nation’s challenges and aspirations, and what makes Singapore tick.

At the SDC, the students had multisensory experiences, engaged with the interactive exhibits and displays spanning a myriad of themes. The activities engaged their hearts and minds and they walked away with the knowledge of how and why Singapore is a success today.

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The pupils then hopped onto SAFTI (Singapore Armed Forces Training Institute) coaches and toured the SAFTI Military Institute. The tour took students around the 88-hectare training ground for officers to be, offering a unique glimpse into the life of an officer cadet.

The tour concluded with a visit to the ARMS where pupils looked into what our Army was like in the past to where we have become now, a potent and capable fighting force. This visit traced the humble beginnings of our Army to the numerous operations it has conducted recently.

All in all, the visit gave an insight into how far we have come as a nation, and how, despite our small size and lack of natural resources, we have overcome the challenges.
In early April, the Primary 6 pupils went on an educational trip to explore and appreciate one of Singapore’s treasured man-made preserves, the mangrove swamp. Located in the east of Singapore, the trip to the Pasir Ris Mangrove Swamp was a delight and an eye-opener for our city-dwelling pupils.

The pupils were briefed by the knowledgeable guides and then were split into smaller groups of about 20 each before embarking on the trail. Groups got to experience walking on the boardwalk while quietly looking out for the inhabitants. Our pupils were excited to spot the mudskippers, hermit crabs and even the elusive otters and water snakes. Pupils also learnt how the plants in mangroves adapt to their oxygen poor brackish water by growing roots above the ground to take in more oxygen from the surroundings.

One of the high points of the trail was the beach walk. Pupils got to observe and even touch some live specimens of the beach inhabitants. As they made their way back to the starting point, their trip ended with a wonderful display of a flock of large grey herons nesting in a tree. A couple of these majestic birds even flew low over one lucky group of pupils, as if to bid goodbye to them.

It was definitely an unforgettable experience that sealed the importance of conserving and protecting nature and wildlife. Our pupils walked away from the experience with a newfound appreciation for the environment and its natural inhabitants and with the conviction that everyone has a part to play to conserve the environment.

SwimSafer is a national water safety programme developed to raise the standard of swimming proficiency in Singapore. The objectives of the programme include developing confidence and independence in the water, learning general and deep-end water safety.

In Term 2, 212 of the Primary 3 pupils participated in the programme which was conducted at Singapore Sports School Indoor Swimming Complex. They were made to undergo 7 sessions of an hour and 45 minutes of swim-time each to achieve their swimming certification. The pupils were also taught techniques such as the forward and backward movement, safe entry and exit and personal water safety.

The experience was a challenging one, especially for the non-swimmers. They tried, persevered and they learned from their mistakes. Even though not everyone managed to pass and be awarded with the SwimSafer Bronze certification, we applaud them for their efforts and hope that they will continue to work hard to improve their swimming proficiency.
The Wushu school team has done the school proud in the 11th National Primary Schools Wushu Championship 2015. The school team members achieved numerous individual awards and a division placing through their sheer determination to excel and commitment to the rigorous training sessions. The senior girls were also ranked 2nd in the division across the primary schools.

### Rope Skipping Achievements

Our rope skippers participated in 27 events at the North Zone Primary Schools Rope Skipping Championship on 25 and 26 March 2015. The top four teams in each category and division qualified for the National Primary Schools Rope Skipping Championship on 27 and 28 April 2015.

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**Senior Boys Division: 3rd**

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**Junior Boys Division: 2nd**

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We are proud to say that we are 1st out of 14 participating schools for the Senior Boys Double Dutch event. The team is made up of: Julius Ng Rui Long and Jared Lee Jun Le, both from 6 Enterprise and Sherwyn Michael Dans Macabasco from 6 Gallantry.

In addition, we are 2nd out of 15 participating schools in the Junior Boys Double Dutch event. The team is made up of: Tan Yong Han from 5 Courage, Ong Jun Yang from 5 Endurance, Row Galawain Alexander from 5 Enterprise and Ryan Chen Jia Hao from 5 Graciousness.

The training sessions and recess time practice did not go to waste for they not only received fruits of their labour, more importantly, they also learnt the importance of hard work and resilience.
In the 56th National Primary School Track and Field Championships, our young athletes of the Track and Field team gave their best and made the school proud with the achievements. The achievements were significant for the Track and Field CCA as it enters its 4th year.

Our ‘B’ and ‘C’ Girls made tremendous improvements from last year’s showing by obtaining 6th position in their respective divisions. Notably, Nurulain Hamizah Bte Sariman of 6 Endurance smashed the National records in the ‘A’ Division 100m semi-finals, clocking in a remarkable time of 13.67 seconds. Boon Shi Ling Daura of 5 Graciousness also impressively came in 1st in the ‘B’ Division 200m event, winning our school’s first ever gold medal in the annual Track and Field event. Last, but not least, Alyssa Ivy Ng from 6 Gallantry came in 3rd in the “B” division Shot Put event with a thrown distance of 7.04m. The student athletes learnt that to be champions, they must be willing to work hard and that they should not give up but work even harder if they do not succeed at first.

We look forward to more stellar performances for future competitions. A quote by T. Alan Armstrong comes to mind. “CHAMPIONS do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it. The victorious performance itself is merely the demonstration of their championship character.” Indeed, it is the hard work and intense preparation that makes one a champion.

ESPZen Junior League Under-11 Championships 2015

Admiralty Primary School participated in the ESPZen Junior League Under-11 Championships 2015. The Junior Boys football team went head to head with formidable opponents from the international schools and football academies in Singapore.

The boys gained invaluable experience from the league matches and demonstrated exemplary character and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, which earned them the Fair Play award. The team also achieved a respectable fifth position in the league after a gruelling four-month campaign.

Formation of Junior Girls Football Team

Our junior football girls took part in the National Primary School Football Championships for the first time. They played a total of four games—they lost two games, drew one and won one. The girls were nervous throughout the games. Playing in the tournament for the first time sent shivers down their spine. They fought, they played hard, cried but they did not give up. The girls definitely gained plenty of experience.

Two of our girls, Naurah Bte Mohd Aidilreza and Nadira Nur Dhamirah Bte Mohd Kamal Affendey play for Junior Centre of Excellence, supported by the Football Association of Singapore (FAS). Chan Le Ying Rachel, our team captain, is playing for her own club, Football Plus.

Let’s cheer for the girls and hope they can do better next year.
On 20 November 2014, the Photography Club took part in the National Young Shutterbugs Competition organised by Canberra Secondary School’s Digital Media Design Club. The topic was “Nature and Wildlife” but the categories and the venue were only revealed on the day of the competition.

The competition was held at the Singapore Zoo and our photographers had to take photographs of flora and fauna. There were three themes for the day—Interact, Pose and Zoom. The two teams that participated in the competition did very well.

Siah Ren Jie from 6 Endurance, Ng Yan Zhang from 6 Challenge and Tan Dan Yui Joyce from 5 Challenge won the 2nd prize for the ‘Zoom’ category and got a special mention for their photo for the theme ‘Pose’.

Timothy Ong from 5 Enterprise, Ow Yeong Li Wen from 6 Enterprise and Cristi Goh Wen Jing from 6 Justice won the 3rd prize for the ‘Zoom’ category and got a special mention award for their photo for the theme ‘Interact’.

Our P4 pupils visited ‘Reflections at Bukit Chandu’, a World War II interpretative centre on Pepys Road. This was part of the Malay Language Mother Tongue Fortnight activity. At the centre, the pupils viewed artefacts and a multimedia presentation which got them to contemplate our nation’s war experience and discover how far Singapore has come as a nation. The pupils used iPads to record their experience exploring the centre that is housed in a restored black and white colonial bungalow. This is close to the site of the Battle of Pasir Panjang, in which 1,400 brave soldiers from the Malay Regiment heroically held their last stand against the 13,000-strong Japanese invasion force.

Through the visit, the pupils learnt the value of hard work and the importance of peace and harmony to the survival and success of Singapore. They also learnt to appreciate the sacrifices and contributions made by heroic figures. The pupils also considered the contributions and sacrifices that they can make to contribute to Singapore’s future success.

As part of the Tamil Language department’s Mother Tongue Fortnight activity, the Primary 3 pupils went on a Learning Journey to the Singapore Zoo on 30 March 2015. The pupils spent time at the zoo learning about the various animals. The learning journey was a good opportunity for pupils to converse in Tamil Language and learn more about the language through experiential learning. Pupils had a fun filled time at the zoo interacting with their friends in Tamil and learning about the habitats and characteristic of the animals. The pupils encouraged one another to complete the zoo trail. Pupils worked in groups to complete the given tasks. Pupils assisted their team mates when they faced difficulties in completing the tasks. After the learning journey, the pupils crafted poems on animals. By describing the animals that they saw in their poems, pupils were able to show their learning in the Tamil language. Pupils then presented their poems to their classmates. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the zoo and they are looking forward to going on future learning journeys with their Mother Tongue classmates.
N5 English Language Fiesta

The schools in the N5 cluster organised an English Language Fiesta on 25 May 2015. This is to provide a platform to develop 21st century competencies and for developing self-directed learners, as well as to enhance their interest and passion in learning English Language through fun and meaningful activities. Students participated in activities such as On the Spot Challenge, Readers' Theatre, Spelling Bee and Poetry Writing. Our pupils did the school proud. Anamika Ragu and Jane Sim Jia Zhen from 4 Challenge clinched the 1st prize in Acrostic Poetry Writing. Parul Shrikara Prabhu and Caroline Park from 5 Challenge were 1st runners-up in the Spelling Bee competition.

Chinese Language Ambassadors

The mother tongue Chinese Language curriculum aims to develop Chinese Language pupils into proficient users who can communicate confidently and effectively in real-life situations. In line with this, we have started training Chinese Language ambassadors since 2014 as part of our collaboration with the overseas exchange programmes.

These Chinese Language ambassadors will guide school visitors from China and Taiwan on the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) learning journey, communicating with them in Chinese Mandarin. Prior to the learning journey, they will first do an introduction of our school to the visitors. The programme aims to inculcate in our ambassadors: confidence in public speaking, speaking proper Mandarin, role-modelling of good behaviour and leadership qualities. The Chinese Language ambassadors will be given many platforms to develop and polish their Chinese Language presentation skills. Our ultimate goal is to groom them to be confident users of the language.

Primary 2 Learning Journey

This year, the Primary 2 pupils embarked on a Learning Journey to the McDonald's restaurant at JEM. During the Learning Journey, the pupils had the rare opportunity to visit the kitchen to learn about how ingredients are stored and the different processes involved in food preparation.

In small groups of six, accompanied by a teacher and the restaurant supervisor, the pupils visited the various food preparation stations within the kitchen. Walking into a kitchen that was in full working mode gave them a true experience of what it is like to be working in a fast food restaurant's kitchen. They observed how food was freshly prepared in the kitchen. They learnt new information about food handling, temperature of cooked food, storing of food, wrapping of burgers and how food is specially prepared at various stations.

They also visited the restaurant storeroom to see how food ingredients are stored in freezers and chillers in order to maintain their freshness. At the end of the lesson, they had a better understanding of how small details are taken into consideration when food is being handled and prepared in the kitchen. The visit ended with the pupils enjoying a meal with their classmates. They indeed had a fruitful and fun trip.
The recycling of used cooking oil is a major initiative by the Green Club this year. This programme is a recycling initiative which converts used cooking oil to biodiesel. Admiralty Primary School has partnered fuel solutions company Alpha Biofuels to educate and empower pupils, staff and the public to engage in environmental conservation in an authentic and meaningful manner.

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In addition to that effort, the stallholders at Fork and Spoon, the food court near our school, has also joined us in this recycling project. This collaboration seeks to raise awareness of the benefits of recycling of used cooking oil. We hope to not just get other organisations to recycle but also to introduce to them, the various possibilities of other materials that can be recycled.

As part of the school’s partnership efforts, we collaborated with Mdm Lin Chan, a school parent, in the creation of an art installation for the SEA Games 2015. Mdm Lin is an artist. The SEAS GAMES TORCH UP! Installation embodies the hope to give all children the liberty to dream, to dream without limit and boundaries. Her personal hope is to use art as a platform to help children find their dreams and to ignite the fire to live their dreams.

This artwork installation, A Child’s Dream (ACD) takes its inspiration from trees and children. The tree symbolises determination, security, confidence, strength, courage and perseverance. About 120 students from the Primary 5 and 6 Visual Arts Club, together with some pupils from 5 Challenge and 5 Courage, participated in painting 500 bottles to be used for the sculpture. Each bottle represents the dream of these pupils.

The bottles tied together symbolises the kampong spirit or community spirit unique to Singapore. This spirit of standing united in the face of adversities and challenges was demonstrated in many events, most evidently during the SARS outbreak in Singapore in 2002. Upon completion, the art installation was displayed at the Marina Bay Sands Lotus Pond area during the SEA Games duration as an inspiration and encouragement to the SEA Games’ athletes. After the SEA Games, the school brought display back. It is currently at the Gate A walkway to remind our pupils of their efforts and to continue pursuing their dreams.

Parent Partnership Effort - SEA Games Art Installation

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