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Yu Neng Primary school maintains an excellent record in its sporting pursuits, especially in our CCA Table Tennis. This year, our Senior Girls achieved 3rd position in the East Zone and our Senior Boys and Junior Boys emerged as East Zone Champion! In the Nationals, our Senior and Junior boys came in 2nd and 4th, respectively.

In addition to that, two of our senior boys, Zenden Lin and Zeke Ng, emerged the Overall Individual National Champion and 3rd, respectively, for the National Primary Schools Table Tennis Individual Championship.

The CCA Table Tennis is spearheaded by Mdm Ong Boon Leng and a team of highly dedicated teachers, Mr Haniffa, Mr Jason Toh, Mdm Roslinda, Ms Liu Chang and our two experienced and committed coaches, Coach Liu Jian and Coach Tang Zhe.

The school team boys and girls had shown great determination and grit in all their matches. They were committed from beginning to end with great team work. We applaud their effort and a total credit must be given to the team, teachers and coaches. Way to go, Team Yu Neng!

Staff Highlights



I am blessed to begin my learning journey in Yu Neng. I look forward to serving the school and gaining knowledge from the experiences of my colleagues to be the best I can be for the students.

"Experience is the teacher of all things." - Julius Caesar

Mrs Vivien Ong

School Achievements

Community in Bloom Awards	Gold Award
Singapore Green Audit	Lotus Sustained Achievement Award

Staff Achievements

MOE Excellent Service Award (EXSA) Awa	rd 2016
Chua Meng Joo	Star Award
Ng Lay See	Star Award
Janet Lee	Star Award
Mohamad Haniffa Bin Mohd. Yassin	Star Award
Phan Huey Ju	Gold Award
Toh Chor Choo	Gold Award
Yeo Chi Kin Shawn	Gold Award
Alawiah Bte Hosni	Silver Award
B Kartiany	Silver Award
Ong Boon Leng	Silver Award
Rohayu Bte Mohamad	Silver Award
Syafiqah Binte Mohamed Faiz	Silver Award
Tan Ah Im	Silver Award
Zuraida Akbar	Silver Award

Student Achievements

Infocomm Club	
National Coding Competition 2016	Silver Award
National Cyber Wellness Advocacy Competition	Top Five
National Primary Schools Games Creation Competition	3rd Position
National Coding Competition (Primary)	Silver Award
National Primary Games Creation Competition	3rd Position
Floorball	National Level
Senior Boys	2nd Position
Junior Boys	4th Position
Badminton	National Level
Junior Boys	Top 8 Position
Senior Girls	Top 8 Position
Senior Girls National Individual Championship 2016 (Junior Boys)	Top 8 Position 3rd Position
National Individual Championship 2016	
National Individual Championship 2016 (Junior Boys) Mathematics Club National Mathematical Olympiad of	
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Staff Award

2016 National Day A	Award
Nurisham Ismail	The Long Service Medal



I am deeply honoured to have been given the opportunity to be part of the Yu Neng Family. As our world evolves and changes with the times, as educators, we have an important task to equip our pupils with lifelong learning skills as educators. I look forward to working with everyone to achieve this goal! As C S Lewis said, "The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts."

Mr R Shankar

From the Principal's Desk

My dear Yu Neng pupils,

Throughout this year, I have been sharing with staff and students about the concept of growth mindsets based on the work of Carol Dweck. We have learnt that people with "fixed mindsets" stop trying when confronted with a challenge because they have convinced themselves that they are not good at it. People with a "growth mindset" on the other hand, believe that the brain is like a muscle that can grow stronger through hard work.

Have you heard about the three-lettered word "YET"? Well, let me share a secret with you - the word 'YET' is a really POWERFUL little word. It can help us move from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset! How? Well, for a start, just remember that it is not that you can't do it; it's that you can't do it YET. In other words, just because you haven't gotten something right yet, it doesn't mean you should quit.

The following diagram is a useful reminder for us

10 Growth M	lindset Statements Z
what can	I say to myself? GROWTH MIND
INSTEAD OF	TRY THINKING
I'm not good at this.	Owhat am I missing?
I'm awesome at this.	2) I'm on the right track.
I give up.	SI'll use some of the strategies we've learned
This is too hard.	O This may take some time and effort.
I can't make this any better.	5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying.
I just can't do Math	() I'm going to train my brain in Math.
I made a mistake.	Mistakes help me to learn better.
She's so smart. I will never be that smart.	3 I'm going to figure out how she does it.
It's good enouigh.	Is it really my best work?
Plan "A" didn't work.	Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!
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Let me share the Story of the Pencil with you to help you better understand what having a 'Growth Mindset' means:

A long time ago a Pencil Maker was preparing to put an important pencil in a box. Before doing so though, he took the pencil aside. He said, "There are five things you need to know. If you can remember these five things you will become the best pencil you can be."

"First: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone else's hand."

"Second: Sharpening is painful, but it is critical if you want to become a better pencil."

"Third: Because you have an eraser, you can correct most mistakes you make, though some may be

harder to erase than others."

"Fourth: You may or may not look all that great on the outside, but remember that it's what's inside that's most important; in fact it's your most important part"

"Fifth: Whatever surface you are used on, make sure you leave your mark. No matter how hard, rough or easy, you must continue to write."

So - what can we learn from this Story of the Pencil?

1. Be humble. Just like the pencil, you must often be carefully guided by someone else e.g coaches, mentors and people who care.

2. Stay sharp. Feedback is painful at times, but without it you will become dull. Constantly take the time to sharpen your skills

3. It's okay to make mistakes. Embrace the mistakes as opportunities to learn. Learn, erase and become better!

4. Believe in yourself. We all come in different shapes, sizes and colors – just like pencils. But it's what is inside that matters the most.5. Don't give up. There will be times you will wonder if it is worth it, but people depend on you so keep on going. Know that you can make a difference!

We have come to the end of yet another colourful and exciting year at Yu Neng. I hope that you will spend your holidays meaningfully – preparing for the new academic year as well as having quality bonding time with your loved ones.

I look forward to welcoming all of you back to school in Jan 2017. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mrs Clara Lim-Tan Principal



Message from Vice-Princ<u>ipal, Mr Nic</u>holas Tan



Dear Yu Neng pupils,

How time flies! Ten months have passed and we are coming to the end of the 2016 academic year.

In Semester 1, I shared with you during one of the school assemblies how we should aspire and dream big. We should not be distracted by things around us or be affected by discouraging comments that might stop us from achieving the goals we have set. During the talk, I encouraged you to learn from our National Para-Swimmer, Yip Pin Xiu, who dares to dream and pursue her passion despite her physical condition. Her resilience and tenacity have made her the first Singaporean to win multiple gold medals at the Paralymic Games.

Was it easy for Yip Pin Xiu to achieve what she has in those competitions? Surely not. She has spent a lot of time in training and learning new strategies to improve her swimming skills and lap timings. Yip Pin Xiu has truly demonstrated how we should have a 'Growth Mindset' when we face challenges. Instead of allowing the 'Fixed Mindset' to convince us that we are likely to fail or that we do not have the talent to achieve our dream, we should be determined to learn, explore new strategies and seek input from others when we are stuck. With time and effort, we will able to learn and improve and move closer to achieving our dream. In the coming holidays, I hope that you will adopt a 'Growth Mindset' to explore how you can better yourself in whatever you do and you will take on the challenge wholeheartedly, learn from your setbacks and try again till you see your dreams come true.

Message from Vice-Principal, Ms Emily Yee



Dear Yu Neng pupils,

How has the year 2016 been for you? Has it been a rewarding year where you have discovered and learnt new things? Has it been a year where you have grown in knowledge and wisdom and learnt from challenges that you face? If you have answered a resounding yes to the two questions above, I would like to congratulate you for you have indeed grown from where you have started at the beginning of 2016. This is something worth reflecting as we come to the end of the year.

There is a quote that says "The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday". I think this is indeed something we should all aspire to be - a better person than we were before and not compare ourselves to others. This is also in line with the Growth mind-set that we have always believed that all our pupils should have. Each of us is unique in our own ways and have our own strengths and talents. If we resolve to put in our best effort to try something, we can overcome challenges and learn something valuable out of it. We can 'grow' our skills, character, strengths and knowledge and emerge stronger and wiser than before.

To the P6 graduating cohort, I would like to wish you all the best as you graduate from Yu Neng and move on to secondary schools. This will be a crucial milestone for you and I encourage you to continue to embrace the growth mind-set mentality and make the most out of the exciting learning journey you would experience in secondary school life. We also hope you would make time to contribute back to your alma mater, Yu Neng, and be an inspiration to your juniors whenever you can.

As we look forward to a brand new year in 2017, let us be reminded to live up to our school motto 'Light up and Shine'. Let us walk this journey together and help one another grow and 'shine' in our own ways!



Values-in-Action -Pay-it-Jorward SG Bears Project

Following the resounding success of last year's inaugural Values-in-Action (VIA) project, Pay-It-Forward (PIF) SG Bears, we continued with the whole-school approach in our signature project this year as a lead-up to our National Day celebrations in August.

In collaboration with our strategic partners, The Business Times and The RICE Co Ltd, the project supports two children's charities – 'The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund' and 'The Business Times Budding Artists Fund'. On 5 August 2016, all our pupils, staff and parent volunteers came together to have a hand in making 1600 pieces of SG bears. Each bear is unique and special as each of them is made from a myriad of fabric pieces of different textures and colours. Through this project, we hope to remind our pupils and staff to take the initiative to make the world a better place through acts of kindness which have a multiplying effect when one reaches out to another. Our pupils benefitted from this meaningful experience as they not only demonstrated our school values such as resilience, perseverance, responsibility and compassion but also picked up an important life skill - sewing.

On 27 August 2016, the SGBears were brought to the Singapore Rhapsodies Concert event at Palawan Beach in Sentosa. A group of Yu Neng staff, parents and pupil volunteers spent their Saturday evening helping out to raise funds for ChildAid through the sales of these limited edition SGBears. Through this event, we also aimed to inculcate in our pupils, the spirit and value of kindness and Paying-it-Forward.













Growth Mindset



Pupils' Reflections (Scouts)

We feel proud that we won the Frank Cooper Sands Gold Award as we had worked hard together to achieve this. We did our best in the assigned projects such as selling the donation draw tickets, doing household chores during Job Week, going on site visits and cleaning the beach. The tasks were challenging at the start but with determination and perseverance, we succeeded in completing all the tasks well. We felt that the efforts we put in were all worthwhile!

Pang Jin Heng 4-1

Izaac de Souza 4-1

Renee Tee 4-1

"No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment."

- Carol S. Dweck, Mindset: The New Psychology Of Success





Pupils' Reflections (Info-comm Club)

Our team took part in the 2nd National Coding Competition organised by Springfield Secondary School and Curriculum Planning and Design Division, MOE. The theme for the competition was 'Environment Protection through Recycling'. We created a game about recycling using Scratch 2.0. We faced a number of challenges during the competition such as coming up with the right game ideas that were in line with the theme and was attractive enough for players to try our game. We also encountered another challenge which was to code the game within 3 hours with minimal help from teachers. As this was our first attempt at an on-the-spot competition, we did our best to stay calm and focused on the task given till we succeeded in winning the Silver Award. The feeling of success was definitely priceless!

Toh Yi Xuan 5-2

Cheryl Ho 5-2

Charmaine Thoi 5-3

Lee Teck Chu 5-4

"People may start with different temperaments and different aptitudes, but it is clear that experience, training, and personal effort take them the rest of the way."

- Carol S. Dweck, Mindset: The New Psychology Of Success



Pupils' Reflections (Malay Dance)

Nearing the date of our SYF competition, we had more intensive dance practices with our instructor to perfect our dance movements. There was no doubt that these practices were tiring but we did not take that as an excuse. We continuously persevered to perfect our dance routines and work on the feedback given by our teachers. The support and encouragement given to us also motivated us to improve and make our performance even better.

Musfirah Bte Mohammed Ali 5-3

Nurfitriyana Bte Mohammad 5-5



Reflections from National Education Show 2016



The NE Show was awesome. Imagine the "Spartan soldiers" coming down the steps right next to you. The soldiers looked so smart in their armour but they were actually our National servicemen performing for the show. The pyrotechnic fireworks around the stage were spectacular when we saw the myriad of colours light up the night sky.

Andria Jannna Bambang Riandy, Teamwork 5-2



Before we left the stadium, every one of us played our part in keeping the stadium clean. I helped my teachers to clear the garbage bags after my friends and I disposed all our wrappers and dinner boxes into them. My favourite part of the show was the finale because it was the first time that the physicallychallenged people were invited to the stage to perform.

Dominic Tan Han Yang , Teamwork 5-1



It was my first time celebrating National Day with thousands of other Primary Five children from other schools. Even though we came back late to school after the NE show, I was grateful that I could have the chance to watch the show. The theme for this year's National Day is "Building Our, Our Singapore of Tomorrow".

Jamie Lee Pei Hui, Teamwork 5-2



During the last segment of the show, we saw iconic buildings like Changi Airport, Marina Bay Sands Hotel and even the trees of the Gardens by the Bay looming in front of us. It was breathtaking as the 3-D structures looked so real-like. At that moment, the audience was reminded to work hard and play their parts in building Singapore of the future.

Ivie Poh Yong Qi, Teamwork 5-1



I went to the National Stadium to watch the National Education Show in July. It was the best experience I have ever had in my life. I was so excited that I did not sleep the night before. It was so exciting when we saw the participants from the army, navy and Civil Defence as well as from the secondary schools march right in front of us.

Zhong Daoying, Teamwork 5-1



My friends and I had a great time celebrating Singapore's 51st National Day. We waved our miniature Singapore flags as we sang the popular National Day songs. We took the opportunities to snap memorable shots with our mobile phones. The most shocking thing was when we saw the huge "stone" that Badang, the legendary hero, was going to throw into the river moving over our heads.

From the NE Show, I learnt that Singapore overcame many obstacles in the early years before it developed into a modern city today.

Yap Jun Ming, Teamwork 5-1

National Day Celebration

The school celebrated Singapore's 51st National Day with the National Day Observance ceremony at the parade square on 8 August 2016. This year's parade commander, Ahmed Firdaus, gave the cue for the marching in ceremony to start. The members of the Prefects' Executive Committee marched in, carrying the Singapore flag in perfect synchronisation to the slow march, followed by the scouts contingent. The master-of-ceremony, Mdm Aishah, led the school in the recollections segment. The school choir led by Mrs Ignatia Leng and Mdm Eymani sang "My people, my home", together with the rest of the school. Our head prefect, Lee Yu Xuan, led the school in reciting the pledge.

Mdm Marie Yong shared the picture montage of our pupils making the SG bears before our pupil emcees, Remus Ng and Chu Yan Cheen, started introducing the programme in the hall. The energetic boys from 4-1, with their Cajons, joined forces with the choir members to sing everyone's favourite 'Tomorrow's Here Today'. The quiz mistress, Mdm Jamilah who hosted the "Don't forget to remember" segment gave our pupils and a parent volunteer and even our principal, Mrs Lim-Tan, a chance to answer the questions. The pupils were totally mesmerised when they witnessed Badang (also known as Mr Christopher Cheng) heave a 'huge rock' and throwing it at the aisle during the re-enactment of the legend. The special moment arrived when Mr Ngiew and every one of us used sign language for the singing of the National Day song "Home".











Teachers' Day 2016

The celebratory programme kicked off with the reading of the Teachers' Day message by Mrs Lim-Tan who then proceeded to present members of the non-teaching staff with tokens of appreciation for their dedicated service to the school. Mrs Lim-Tan remarked that apart from teachers, the non-teaching staff also contributes to the inviting and enriched environment in school and they deserve recognition.

This year, instead of the typical concert filled with performances, the celebrations took on the form of a "Game Show" interspersed with mini-performances such as a ballet dance, solo piano recital and a modern dance routine during the interludes. This novel concept thought of by Mdm Maryam certainly helped to excite the students in the audience as they cheered on their teachers who were called up on stage to participate in the various game segments.

Modelled on the "Minute-to-Win-It" tasks, the games enabled teachers to have fun showcasing their hidden skills while students had a whale of a time supporting them. The student emcees, Remus Ng and Izzac De Souza, certainly played their parts in enlivening the mood. Everyone truly had a wonderful time and teachers really appreciated the efforts put in to make the "Game Show" a success.









Children's Day 2016



Staff and pupils had great fun doing the mass workout together.



Head Prefect, Lee Yu Xuan, rang the historic school bell for the first time this year.



There are the winners of the Double Skipping Telematch.



The 'Saleem Family' sketch was original and hilarious.



We like the Teachers' Choir singing Semoga Bahagia.



The Twist was most entertaining as our teachers performed for us.



Mrs Lim-Tan reminded us to cherish our childhood and make a positive difference.



The classroom scene as enacted by our creative teachers was entertaining.



Our staff sang 'We are the World' during the finale.

Lower Primary Sports Day 2016

On Thursday, 6 October 2016, Yu Neng Primary School held its annual Lower Primary Sports Day. Every pupil had the opportunity to represent his or her class in a relay competition. There were three events at each level and each event assessed skills that had been taught during PE classes as spelt out in the new curriculum. The skills were pitched at different levels - easy, moderate and challenging to provide every child the opportunity to participated in a sports competition.

That day was special for our P1 and P2 pupils as their parents were there to witness their participation. The pupils appreciated the social and emotional bonds they built with their friends as they competed together. Pupils also became more resilient as they learnt from their experiences in preparation for the competition. It was a memorable event and we would like to thank everyone who had contributed to making it a success.

Below are the list of the class winners:

	P1 Up the Ladder	P1 Over the Rainbow	P1 Zig and Roll
1st	P1-1	P1-3	P1-3
2nd	P1-5	P1-5	P1-6
3rd	P1-3	P1-1	P1-5

	P2 Golden Egg	P2 Over the Rainbow	P2 Ziggy
1st	P2-1	P2-6	P2-1
2nd	P2-3	P2-5	P2-5
3rd	P2-5	P2-3	P2-3



Project Clean Plate

Yu Neng Primary School is known for being an environmentally friendly school. The students and staff have been actively involved in various recycling projects over the years. The latest recycling project embarked by the students and staff is Project Clean Plate, a food waste composting project. The aim of this project is to minimize food waste generated by the canteen vendors and students by turning the food waste to compost.

As part of our community outreach, we are thrilled to announce that Yu Neng Primary School has recently collaborated with OCBC Bank and BreadTalk to widen the reach of our project. The collaboration was officially launched on 16 August 2016 at BreadTalk Headquarters located at Tai Seng Street. The launch was attended by the chairman of OCBC Bank, Mr Ooi Sang Kuang, BreadTalk CEO for ASEAN Region, Mr Frankie Quek and Yu Neng Primary School Principal, Mrs Clara Lim-Tan.

Four students from Yu Neng Primary School Science Club, Maybelle Myint, Darran Ng, Yeo Xiu Ping and Goh Yew Joe, shared with the guests the processes involved in the project. With this collaboration, we hope that more organizations, schools and individuals will do their part in saving the environment.









Our Journey as Parent Volunteers

Parental involvement in a child's schooling is crucial. Beyond supervising their studies and talking to them about their experiences in school, parents have found it beneficial to be a part of the Parent Support Group (PSG). Here in Yu Neng, the PSG is seeing a growing pool of parents who avail themselves to support the school's activities either on a regular or ad-hoc basis. Not only do they gain a greater understanding of the school's culture and programmes, their active partnership with the school has also enhanced the school environment. They also find support from other parents through this network. Ultimately they are better able to support and encourage their child in his/her learning and personal growth.

At the Racial Harmony Day (RHD) celebration in July, 23 parents came together to distribute traditional snacks such as nonya kueh and ear biscuits to pupils. Some parents came garbed in traditional costumes to soak in the festive mood together with their children. Two PSG dads, Mr Ong Sin Chwee and Mr Michael Tan, even dressed up as "kacang puteh man" to man their "carts", bringing back fond memories of an icon seldom seen by children nowadays. Sin Chwee (P1 parent) and Michael (P4 parent) are both full-time working parents but try to take leave to help out whenever possible. Sin Chwee shared, "The experience has been fantastic. The school staff are very supportive and always join in. Most importantly, my daughter is very happy when she sees me in school helping out and will share with her friends." Stay-at-home mom Ms Eileen Lee (P2 parent) added, "It has been a very fun experience where all the parents come together to create special and fun learning experiences for the children....very fulfilling to see happy smiling children enjoying the activities."

Another full-time working parent, Ms Denise Lee (P1 parent), found her first-time volunteer experience at RHD "memorable and eye-opening". Initially concerned that she would not have spare time to help out, she was won over by the PSG's warmth and reassurance that any support would be useful, no matter how small. Said Denise, "The PSG are welcoming....they are very patient and explain that most volunteers are working and thus they need a big pool of volunteers. I got to know other parents and my child introduced his friends to me after the event. He is proud to see his mother in school." Convinced that the experience strengthened parent-child bonding, Denise subsequently got her husband to help out at the next event.

The PSG regularly communicates with its members via Whatsapp and Facebook, providing updates to parents on school events as well as sharing useful information and parenting tips. In turn, members provide constructive feedback for improvements to school programmes and its environment. During the four months of preparation for the Pay-It-Forward Project, the PSG utilised these communication channels to rally support of the project, from the donation of upcycled pieces of cloth, the pre-event packing of sewing materials to the post-event quality control checks and packing of bears. Collaborating closely with the school, it also helped to coordinate communication with non-PSG parents who had earlier indicated their interest to help in the project. This year, the PiF project on 5 August 2016 witnessed a massive turnout of more than 120 parents!! In the process, several parents decided to join the PSG as they found their volunteer experience meaningful. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents from different walks of life who came together to lend their support.

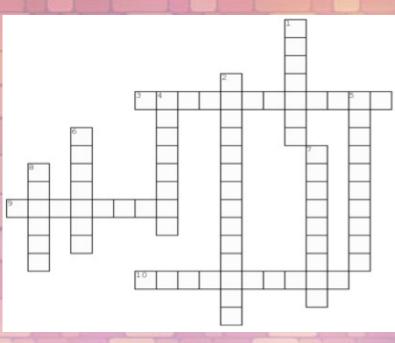
Being involved in the PSG provides various opportunities for parents to journey with their child through their primary school years. It sends a clear signal to a child of a parent's deep concern for his/her holistic development. Visit YN's website today to find out more about the PSG and how you can become a member of a network of parents seeking to enrich our children's education.

It takes a village to raise a child.

Madam Heng Sue San Chairperson Parent Support Group 2016



Crossword Puzzle



Complete the crossword puzzle by completing the phrases in the clues below. It will be easy if you know our school's vision, mission and desired Yu Neng student outcomes really well. Have fun!

Across

3. _____ in actions

9. to nurture ______ thinkers

10. to nurture _____ learners

Down

1. a community that ______, learns and leads

2. _____ in actions

4. an inviting and ______ environment

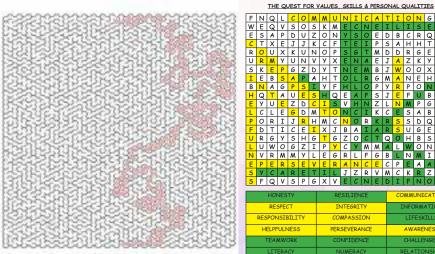
5. respect and _____ for others

connected community 6. a

7. _____, our compass

8. to nurture _____ leaders

Last edition's Answers





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