



HGP

HEARTBEAT

Bringing out the Best in Every Child, Together



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*Diversity is having a seat at the table. Inclusion is having a voice.
Belonging is having that voice be heard.*

Liz Fosslien

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Many Voices, One Heartbeat

At the beginning of the year, one of the Primary 6 classes participated in a debate lesson during their English Language period in the newly opened E2ICC (Emerging 21st Century Competencies) Learning Space. They took on the roles of the proposition and the opposition as they argued their cases on the motions presented. At the end of the session, the focus was not on which team emerged victorious, but rather on how they learnt to present their viewpoints while also listening to differing perspectives on the same topic.

In a heterogeneous country like Singapore, giving everyone a voice and embracing diverse perspectives have become increasingly important in building trust and social cohesion. Likewise, at HGP, we value every point of view to foster a deep sense of belonging within the school. When HGPians learn to listen to the plethora of voices around them, they not only develop greater empathy and appreciation for others' perspectives, but more importantly, strengthen the collective heartbeat of the school.

In this issue of HGP Heartbeat, we present several key highlights from recent school events through the lens of our students. For instance, Nurul Syifa recounts her stressful yet uplifting experience as an emcee during the school's Hari Raya Puasa Assembly Programme in March, while Alia, Audrey, and Jaslyn share what left a strong impression on them during this year's inaugural EL Week. Beyond the school, the spirit of exploration and discovery is vividly captured by Qi En, Sarah and Ganeesa, who participated in the school's overseas learning journey to Hanoi last November.

As we read the beautifully crafted narratives by our students, let us also listen to their voices and step into their shoes to better understand what they thought and felt during those moments. In doing so, we not only recognise diversity and foster inclusion among HGPians, but also deepen our sense of belonging to the school; through the fusion of many voices into a stronger, shared HGP heartbeat.

Mr Jason Goh
Principal, Hougang Primary School

Hanoi Through Our Eyes

Reflections from Overseas Learning Journey



Chua Qi En, 6 Excellence

During the pottery activity, I realised it required much more patience and effort than expected. At Ban Mai School, I was struck by how proudly students sang their national anthem, which made me reflect on our own practices. At Bavi Homestead, I learned how much hard work goes into growing rice and fishing, reminding me not to waste food.



Sarah, 6 Aspiration (2025)

The pottery and fishing activities were new and enjoyable experiences for me. Seeing Hanoi's chaotic traffic and different water systems made me appreciate Singapore more. I was also impressed by how confidently students at Ban Mai School sang their anthem. This journey taught me to respect different cultures and be more open-minded.



Ganeesa, 6 Excellence (2025)

Visiting Bavi Homestead left the biggest impression on me, as I learned about cooking, fishing and local life, and saw the resilience of the people. At Ban Mai School, students sang with pride and confidence, which made me reflect on my own attitude. This experience taught me the importance of perseverance and resilience.





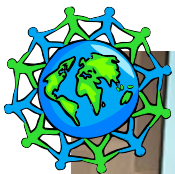
A Day of Learning and Connection with LEO Academy Trust



On Tuesday, 10 February 2026, we were delighted to host a visit from LEO Academy Trust, an organisation from Sutton and Surrey in England. The group comprised 40 students from various primary schools and six staff members.

The visitors experienced a rich programme that included a guided school tour, classroom lessons in Science, Mathematics, Art and Physical Education, as well as a lively recess featuring activities from Safer Internet Week and English Week.

The guided tour brought them to key learning spaces such as our School Library, E2 ICC Learning Space, Lower and Upper Indoor Sports Hall, Student Care Centre and MOE Kindergarten playground. The visit provided a meaningful opportunity to share practices and foster connections across schools.



International Friendship!!

Voices from the Stage and Gallery



Where Art Comes Alive for Primary 4 Students

Primary 4 students visited the National Gallery Singapore for a meaningful learning experience.

They explored a variety of artworks, shared their thoughts, and gained a deeper understanding of Singapore's art and culture.

Through role-play activities, students imagined themselves as characters in the paintings, making the experience both fun and engaging. They also completed simple sketching and reflection tasks.

Rebekah of 4 Diligence shared her excitement: "I felt like I was inside the painting and it was fun acting as the people in the artwork."



Celebrating Chinese New Year with Joy and Friendship

I was an emcee for the Chinese New Year celebration this year, and it was a truly enjoyable experience. I worked alongside Joy, Yanlin, and Zlatan, and together, we created many fun memories. For example, Yanlin cracked jokes backstage, which helped me feel less nervous and more relaxed before going on stage.

Even though we were already friends before this event, having the opportunity to work together allowed us to bond and strengthen our friendships. It was truly an unforgettable experience for me.

Kuah Ya Le, 6E



Stepping into the Spotlight: A Hari Raya Story

Standing backstage, my heart pounded as I prepared for my debut as an emcee. Despite weeks of practice, I was filled with "what-ifs". However, the moment I stepped into the spotlight, my nerves faded and everything flowed smoothly.

The concert was lively and memorable, from the powerful gong strike to the entertaining performances. The highlight was the 'Serumpun' music video, which brought cheers from the audience. As a Malay Dance member, I was especially inspired by the graceful professional dancers.

Being the voice of the concert made this Hari Raya celebration truly unforgettable.

Nurul Syifa Binte Amzah, 6 Faith

Voices, Verses & Friendships Come Alive: EL Week 2026!

EL Week 2026 was an exciting and enriching experience filled with engaging activities that strengthened our love for the English language.

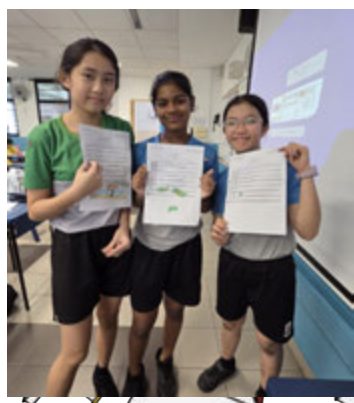
A key highlight was the Reader's Theatre based on Coolie Boy, where we practised expressive reading and confident performance in front of an audience, including visiting students and teachers from Leo Academy. The presence of our UK visitors added a special spark, as we interacted, shared experiences and formed meaningful connections despite initial shyness.

Primary 5 students also enjoyed the Acrostic Poetry Workshop, where they expressed their

personalities and creativity through poems. In addition, interactive iPad word games made learning vocabulary fun and engaging.

Overall, EL Week was not just about language learning, but also about building confidence, fostering friendships and expressing creativity. It was truly a memorable week that we look forward to experiencing it again.

Alia Saedipour, Audrey Poa and Jaslyn Su
5 Aspiration



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Smart Choices, Strong Voices

A Weekend Without Screens, A Mind Full of Stories

During Screen Healthy Weekend, I chose to read a book instead of using my mobile phone. At first, I kept wanting to use my phone to talk to friends, but I reminded myself to focus on the book instead. Soon, I became interested and fully engaged in the story as time passed quickly.

I realised that stepping away from technology helped me reconnect with my thoughts and imagination. Since then, I have often chosen reading over using my phone. This experience taught me the importance of self-control and balancing screen time for a healthier lifestyle.

Nurul Syifa Binte Amzah, 6 Faith



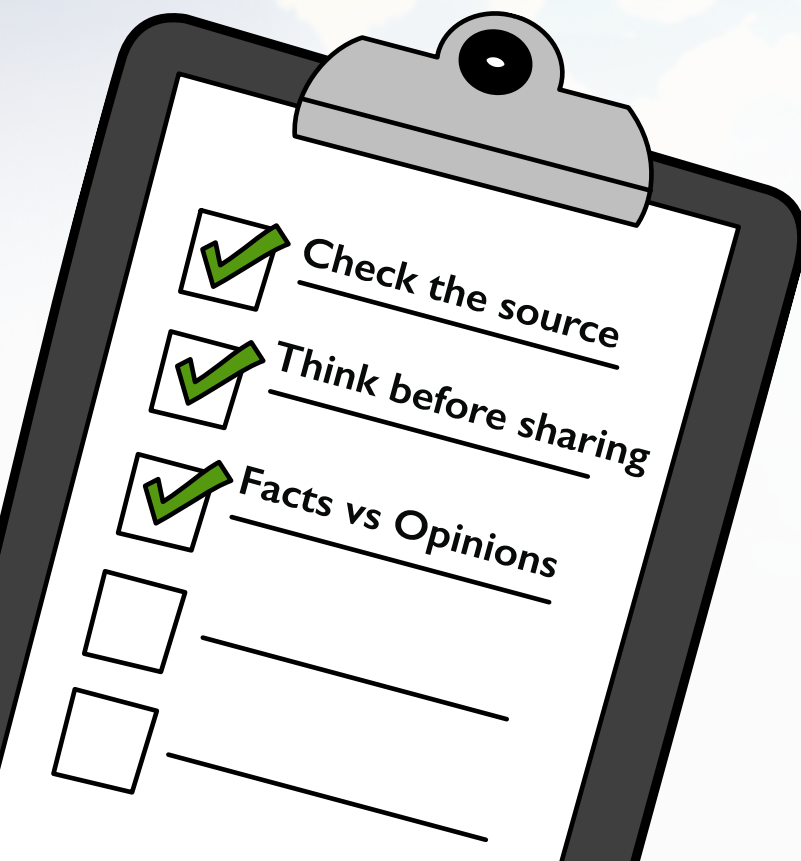
Let's Stay Safe Online!

The internet is useful and fun, but it can also be complex and risky, with dangers such as misinformation and phishing. To stay safe online, we must be careful and make smart choices.

Firstly, we should always check the source of information before sharing it. If something seems too good to be true, we should verify it using trusted sources. Secondly, we should think carefully before posting to avoid leaving unwanted digital footprints. Lastly, we must evaluate information critically and distinguish facts from opinions, especially on social media.

By practising these steps, we can stay safe and responsible online users.

Lee Yuu Jay, 6 Faith





Hands-On, Hearts-On: Total Defence Day 2026

What a thrilling day it was at Hougang Primary School on 16 February 2026! The school buzzed with excitement as the school commemorated Total Defence Day with an array of interactive activities that brought the six pillars of Total Defence to life for students.

A key highlight of the day was the visit from police officers from the Singapore Police Force, who shared their experiences and patiently answered students' many questions about their work in keeping Singapore safe. The excitement was palpable as students had the chance to sit inside an actual police car, exploring the equipment and technology that officers use daily.

"It was our first time being in a police car. It was so cool to see what the police use," shared Amber Heng and Ariel Er from 2 Excellence. "The seat was very soft!" they chimed.

Another popular activity saw students trying on authentic firefighter costumes and learning to handle

the fire hose. This engaging hands-on experience gave them valuable insights into the important work of emergency responders and their role in protecting the community. Focusing on Digital Defence, pupils created digital posters to raise awareness about scams, combining creativity with important cybersecurity education.

Throughout the day, students who completed activities were invited to sign the Total Defence Day banner, symbolising their collective commitment to Singapore's security and resilience.

"Total Defence Day reminds us of the Japanese Occupation," shared Han Xuanyin & Beth Lim from 6 Faith.

They also shared that they particularly enjoyed the Total Defence Day song, noting its catchy melody whilst recognising the important message it conveyed.

The celebration successfully combined education with hands-on learning, ensuring that the vital message of Total Defence resonated meaningfully with students whilst making the experience both memorable and enjoyable.

"Total Defence Day reminds us to be grateful for what we have today—food, security and peace," reflected Li Zi Xuan from 6 Faith.



PI P2 & P5 VIA Spreading Festive Cheer to Seniors

In preparation for their meaningful interaction with seniors, our Primary 1 and Primary 2 students participated in an empathy workshop conducted by Fei Yue. Through this session, students gained a deeper understanding of the experiences of the elderly and learnt to communicate with care, and respect.

In the lead-up to Chinese New Year, the students expressed their heartfelt wishes by creating festive greeting cards for the seniors. Each card was thoughtfully designed, reflecting the students' sincerity and joy in giving.

On the eve of Chinese New Year, our Primary 5 students further extended this spirit of giving by engaging in art and craft activities with the seniors in school. The session was filled with laughter, meaningful conversations, and warm connections across generations.

Through these VIA activities, students not only spread festive cheer but also developed empathy and a stronger sense of social responsibility, embodying the true spirit of giving during the festive season.



Lessons from the Volleyball Court

This year's NSG volleyball experience was both exciting and challenging. Training was tiring, especially while balancing schoolwork and PSLE preparation, but careful planning helped manage responsibilities.

At first, I felt nervous and often doubted myself, but I gradually learned that mistakes are part of growth. Encouragement from teammates, family and friends helped build my confidence before matches. Although I sometimes wish I could redo certain moments, I truly enjoyed the experience of playing with my team and representing my school.

Olivia Koh , 6 Excellence



The NSG volleyball competition was a meaningful journey for our team. We performed well and progressed to Tier One, with every member contributing, whether on court or from the bench through support and encouragement.

As the competition progressed, I became more confident and learned to play with less fear by following my coach's advice. The experience taught me the values of resilience, teamwork and respect, and showed the importance of perseverance and unity in a team.

Shaun Zheng Cheng-Xiang, 6 Faith



Transforming Coffee into Art Expressions



We are pleased to share that selected artworks by our Art Club members were featured in a public exhibition at Sengkang Public Library.

Titled “Brewing Creativity: Coffee as Art”, the exhibition showcases students’ exploration of coffee as a painting medium. Through experimenting with different tones, layering techniques, and creative ideas, students discovered how an everyday material can be transformed into expressive artworks.

This exhibition celebrates our students’ creativity, effort, and willingness to try new approaches in art.

Brass Band Experiences Music Beyond the Score

Our Brass Band members had the enriching opportunity to attend the Side-by-Side with PWO concert, where they experienced a live performance by professional musicians.

The concert provided students with valuable insights into musical interpretation and performance techniques. By observing the professionals in action, students were able to better visualise how pieces can be expressed with clarity, dynamics, and musicality.

Many students shared that watching the performance deepened their understanding of the music they are learning and inspired them to refine their own playing. The experience not only enhanced their appreciation for music but also motivated them to strive for higher standards in their performances.





HGP Cub Scouts in Action at Founder's Day 2026

Hougang Primary School Cub Scouts made new friends from other schools and showcased their traditional games booth at the Founder's Day celebration. For many, it was their first time taking part in such a meaningful event, and all scouts received a special edition 2026 Founder's Day badge.

Vashista Vishnu Vardhan of 5 Aspiration shared his excitement in helping to set up the booth. Muhd Mika Emaan Bin Abdullah of 4 Brilliance said, "It is my first time seeing so many scouts from many other schools!"

Keira Yap Xi Tong of 6 Diligence and Shanmugasundaram Lakshalini of 6 Aspiration were delighted to receive their badges after completing their activity passports, making it even more meaningful as it was their final year as HGP Cub Scouts.

Cub Scout leader Zheng Haowen of 6 Faith took on the responsibility of organising the booth and shared, "Scouts CCA gives me many opportunities to be a leader... we took turns to man the booth."



A Glimpse into MK@Hougang

Let us take you through the exciting events and celebrations that our MK children have experienced since the beginning of 2026, all part of nurturing “Purposeful Learning Today” for “Purposeful Learners Tomorrow”.



Celebrating Traditions and Togetherness this Chinese New Year



MK children celebrated Chinese New Year through meaningful in-house and school-based experiences. They wore traditional attire, created festive crafts, enjoyed a lo hei, and learned about cultural traditions. At Hougang Primary School, they also performed confidently, watched a lion dance and martial arts performance, and deepened their appreciation of Chinese culture. These meaningful opportunities also supported their social development, as they learned to engage with others respectfully and joyfully.

Young Minds Shine at the WOW Exhibition

From 1 to 28 February, children showcased their inquiry-based learning at NEX Library through drawings, crafts and documentation of their ideas. The exhibition allowed them to share their learning journey with families and the public, building confidence, pride and a stronger sense of achievement.

The exhibition also allowed families and members of the public to gain a better understanding of the children’s experiences in MK. It served as a meaningful platform to celebrate their growth, creativity, and learning.





Strengthening Partnerships at Life@MK

On 6 March, parents gained insights into the MK curriculum, including English and Mother Tongue Language learning, as well as preparation for Primary 1, through sharings done by K1 and K2 English and MTL teachers. Parents gained a clearer understanding of the expectations of preschool education. The session strengthened home-school partnership by helping parents better support their child's learning journey.



Discovering Learning at MK@Hougang Open House

Held on 7 March, the Open House welcomed families into MK's learning environment. Parents explored classrooms, viewed children's work, and learned about the curriculum. Many left reassured and impressed by the engaging spaces and strong foundation provided for children.



Festive Fun and Learning at Hari Raya Celebration

Our centre celebrated Hari Raya on 26 March with joy and excitement, giving children the opportunity to learn about this meaningful cultural festival. They came dressed in traditional attire, took part in a festive catwalk, and created Hari Raya-themed art and craft pieces.

Children also tasted traditional kueh and bandung, experienced a lively mass dance, and enjoyed the

story The Moon over Geylang Serai, which deepened their understanding of local traditions.

The celebration was further enriched by parent sharing, which gave children authentic insights into Hari Raya customs at home.

The experience helped children appreciate the values of togetherness, while building their confidence and social skills.

Building Smiles and Strengthening Bonds at HGP

The Staff Welfare Committee (SWC) at Hougang Primary School continues to enhance teachers' well-being by fostering a positive and supportive work environment through a series of meaningful initiatives. The year began with thoughtfully curated welcome packs, providing teachers with essential items such as healthy snacks and stationery. Throughout the term, teachers were treated to delightful perks, including breakfast spreads and ice cream days, adding moments of joy to their busy schedules. Valentine's Day was marked with a simple yet thoughtful gesture, as each teacher received a jar of honey.

A highlight of the term was "Random Unity," which featured two engaging themes. Teachers

first participated in a lively stripe or polka dot-themed dress-up, showcasing their creativity and adding a vibrant touch to the school environment. This was followed by a meaningful segment where teachers dressed in blue and brought along an item close to their hearts to symbolise unity. The enthusiastic participation and sporting spirit of the teachers made the event both engaging and memorable, strengthening the sense of camaraderie within the school.

The SWC has demonstrated its dedication to caring for staff well-being and fostering a strong sense of unity, contributing significantly to a positive and uplifting school culture.

