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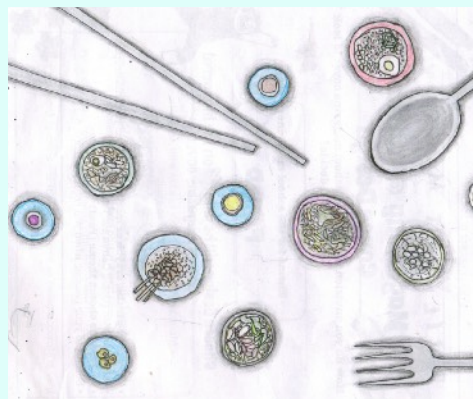
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A TAO NAN SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2021



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MAKE ME!

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FLAVOURFUL FOOD POETRY



HUNGRY FOR SOME GOOD FOOD POETRY?
ENJOY A CHUCKLE OR TWO ON US!



Brave and humble rice.
Through seasons to give us life.
Can't do without it.

Ashlynn Chng 5I

SHAKE SHACK CHEESEBURGER,
SCRUMPTIOUS, JUICY, CRISPY FRIES.
SO GOOD FOR THE SOUL.

AADEN NG 5L

My favourite snack's Mochi,
It doesn't taste like kimchi.
Nice but kinda gooey,
Some people find it chewy.
Anyhow, it's food that's not salty.

Keira Tan 5J

CRISPY AND CRUNCHY,
SALTY, FRIED, YUMMY, SOGGY.
SOFT ON THE INSIDE.

POUR XIN MING 5I

This is a delicious chocolate cake,
A cake that I helped my mother bake.
It doesn't look great,
But it's sure worth the wait,
So we made one more for God's sake.

Cathleen Tay 5G

THERE ONCE WAS A TINY VEGGIE.
AND HIS NAME WAS MISTER PEA.
HE POPPED OUT OF HIS POD,
AND LANDED WITH A PLOP.
AN ABSOLUTE TRAGEDY!

SHANNON GOH 5I

There once was a cow named Dawn,
Who loved to eat sweet corn.
The farmer got mad,
Which made the cow sad.
So no more corn for poor Dawn.

Shanice Foo 5G

I don't eat food that makes me vomit,
It's something I really cannot commit.
If I eat blindly,
My throat will contract tightly,
For I simply cannot swallow it.

Jansen Lin 5I

SPICY AND YUMMY,
SALTY AND DELECTABLE.
HOW DELICIOUS LAKSA IS!

DELIA GOH 5K

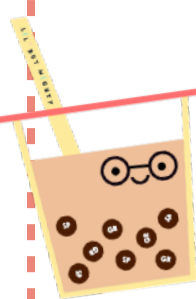
Food for Thought!

IN THIS ISSUE, WE ZOOM IN ON ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACES IN SCHOOL: THE CANTEEN. HEAR WHAT THE TAONANITES ARE TALKING ABOUT IN BETWEEN BITES.



I would LOVE to have a **fast food stall** in our canteen as many of my classmates, like me, share a strong liking for this delectable delight!

Kenneth Tan 5K



I would like to see a **bubble tea stall** in the school canteen as I enjoy bubble tea. I am sure that there are many people who have a sweet tooth, just like me! This stall will definitely be very popular!

Gracie Tan 5G

I would like to have a **ramen stall** with healthier options in the school canteen. I love ramen as it is absolutely delectable. Eating it gives me energy and makes me happy. Many of my classmates enjoy ramen too.

Clairene Tan 5G



A **Japanese stall** in our school would be nice. Ever since the exit of the Japanese stall, our canteen was never the same.

Bryan Soh 5L

WHAT IS A STALL WHICH
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
ADD TO THE CANTEEN?
WHY?



I would like it if the **fried noodle stall** could expand. It is a very popular stall and snaking queues form every recess. It would be great if the stall can take up two counters so more students can enjoy the noodles.

Wang Yuehan 5K



An Indian cuisine stall in our canteen would be perfect! I love Indian food and this will also expose the students to Indian culture. There will also be a wider variety of food available!

Nathan Wong 5J



I would like a stall that sells **steak**. It would be nice to have some western food in our canteen.

Ang Zee Yang 5K



I would like a **Japanese ramen stall** to be added. This is because students should be able to have the chance to try food from different cultures so that they can learn more about other countries.

Alyssa Zaid 5K

I would like to see a **pizza stall** added to the canteen as we do not have much exposure to Italian food. Also, I love pizza and it is very filling. I am sure that students would buy it almost every day!

Vera Oh 5G





4 SNACKS YOU MUST TRY



HERE ARE SOME LIGHT SNACKS TO NIBBLE ON. TRIED & TESTED!

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SNACK RATING:



Reviewed by Aaden Ng 5L

BANKAKU SAKU SAKU NIKKI CRACKERS

Take a bite of the Bankaku Saku Saku Nikki crackers and you will be immediately transported to the land of the rising sun. The savoury crackers come in shrimp and scallop flavours. Personally, I prefer the scallop crackers. They are no ordinary crackers as only premium ingredients are used and that explains the hefty price tag.

They are packaged in a pretty box and each box comes with 5 packs of this delectable treats. Priced at \$12, it is not a snack you would take every day - only on days you truly deserve to spoil yourself!

Find this snack at Japanese supermarkets!

JULIE'S CHEESE SANDWICH

I love this snack because it is very yummy and creamy. I was first captivated by the packaging because I am a fan of cheese. It is priced reasonably at \$5. Each big pack has 12 individual packets with 4 sandwich crackers each.

As you open a packet, the sweet and salty aroma of cheese will hit you almost immediately. Cheese-lovers would be satisfied with every bite of the biscuit!

Find this snack at all major supermarkets!



SNACK RATING:



Reviewed by Mikaela Lim 5G

Photo credit: <https://www.julies.com.my/product/cheese-sandwich/>

MUJI SEAWEED ROLL RICE CRACKERS

Do you love Japanese crackers? Try MUJI's Seaweed Roll Rice Crackers! These crackers have a thin piece of seaweed wrapped around them. They taste salty and slightly spicy with a delicious aroma of seaweed. Not only that, the crackers are pretty filling and curb hunger pangs.

There are about 20 pieces in a packet and each packet is \$2.30. However, I wish that there could be a little more seaweed on each cracker. That would make this snack even more delicious!

Find this snack at Japanese supermarkets!



SNACK RATING:



Reviewed by Keira Tan 5J

LOACKER MINIS WAFERS (VANILLA)



SNACK RATING:



Reviewed by Denzel Wong 5I

Wafers have always been one of my favourite snacks. Therefore, I am most excited to try out Loacker Minis in vanilla flavour. Once opened, a faint aroma of vanilla will instantly be detected. There is a loud crunch when I bite into the crispy wafer. However, the wafer is slightly dry and many small wafer crumbs will fall out of the packet when opened.

Overall, this irresistible snack is definitely a bang for your buck and will curb sudden hunger pangs. Just don't forget to open the wafer over a piece of tissue to avoid creating a mess!

Find this snack at all major supermarkets!



5 Questions With...

WHERE DO OUR BELOVED TEACHERS GET THEIR ENERGY FROM? DO THEY HAVE CRAVINGS? FIND OUT IN A JIFFY!



Mdm Lau Ying Xi

What do you usually have for breakfast?

I usually eat bread with peanut butter.

We are sure you have a busy schedule. How do you ensure that you have your 3 meals a day?

I try to eat when I have the time to or I will make time to eat.

How often do you snack? What do you snack on?

I snack on nuts and biscuits when I am marking to relieve stress.

What is your favourite food in school and why?

Wonton noodles because I really like the combination of the chilli and ketchup sauce!

What is a food you often crave?

I occasionally crave for a cup of coffee.

What do you usually have for breakfast?
I have some bread from BreadTalk or any other bakery.

We are sure you have a busy schedule. How do you ensure that you have your 3 meals a day?

Well, I grab something fast. I have to eat or I will go on a binge. I have to remind myself to eat as I've been raised to eat my 3 meals a day by the clock. When I am really busy, I grab something light.

How often do you snack? What do you snack on?

I snack when watching Netflix at home. I snack on mixed nuts and a variety of fruits.

What is your favourite food in school and why?

Prawn noodle soup from the fishball noodle stall as it is a healthier choice.

What is a food you often crave?

Usually, I crave a cold drink such as Coke Zero.



Mdm Cassandra Oh



Mdm Jayasri

What do you usually have for breakfast?
I have a cereal beverage.

We are sure you have a busy schedule. How do you ensure that you have your 3 meals a day?

In the morning, I have a cereal beverage because it is faster, and lunch is not an issue as I will usually go back to have my meal. As for dinner, I will have it in the evening.

How often do you snack? What do you snack on?

I snack in between classes and when I'm marking. I usually find myself snacking more in school than at home though. I would snack on healthy nuts like pistachios and sometimes, on biscuits. Having said that, I am guilty of indulging in unhealthy snacks like potato chips too. Even though I do enjoy having them, I make it a point not to have too much at any one time or as often.

What is your favourite food in school and why?

I usually would take the biscuits available in our teachers' lounge. Occasionally, I would buy the economy rice and dishes from the canteen. Our school pantry provides teachers with a variety of biscuits that helps us to keep our energy going throughout the day. The biscuits go very well with my cereal drink in the morning so I usually take that. It's quite filling and satisfying. I don't need a lot, so I just take about two or three biscuits and I'm good to go.

What is a food you often crave?

Well, that would be greens. I love my vegetables - broccoli, kang kong and cai xin! I love green leafy vegetables tossed with garlic and stir-fried lightly. So simple yet so delicious!

What do you usually have for breakfast?
Cereal and eggs.

We are sure you have a busy schedule. How do you ensure that you have your 3 meals a day?

Haha! I get hungry during mealtimes and even at other times! I eat when I'm hungry.

How often do you snack? What do you snack on?

I hardly snack. Should I snack, I will take dried fruits and nuts.

What is your favourite food in school and why?

Food from the Muslim stall. Tasty and provides a balanced meal!

What is a food you often crave?
Sashimi.



Miss Praise Teo



ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEK 2021

AADEN NG 5L, DELIA GOH 5K, KEIRA TAN 5J

An annual event organised by the English Department and Parent Support Group (PSG), English Week, was held in Term 2.

"English Week is an innovative way to allow students to learn English," Miss Lam May Fong, the Head of Department English, said.

During the event, students participate in recess activities, online activities and also enjoy speeches presented by fellow schoolmates every morning. This year, students took part in games such as Spelling Bee and Guess the Idiom.

Through games and hands-on activities, students are able to have fun and be engaged in learning. In the process, good habits of speaking and writing standard English are cultivated.



In particular, lower primary students seemed to be the most eager to take part in the activities. To encourage more upper primary students to participate in future, a parent volunteer shared her thoughts.

"Coupons that allow students to borrow more English or Chinese books from the school library for that week can be printed and laminated," said the parent volunteer who helped out during English Week.

For students who took part in the activities, they would have reaped the benefits.



"I liked taking part in the recess activities such as Guess the Idiom. I can still remember new idioms that I have learnt!" said Caroline Watt from 5J.

The week was soon over. However, students can look forward to next year's English Week with more fun activities to engage them and help them brush up on their English.

AN EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

**ASHLYNN CHNG 5I, JANSEN LIN 5I,
POUR XIN MING 5I**



The National Day celebration this year was an extraordinary one. For the first time, we celebrated our nation's birthday from our own homes.

Nonetheless, this did not dampen our spirits and we were all able to enjoy the National Day performances! The Colour Party parade and concert segments were carried out virtually and students were still able to enjoy the celebration.

"I felt sad as we could not be at school to celebrate physically. However, I feel happy that I was at least able to do it on Student Learning Space (SLS)," said Josh Seah from 5I.

During the celebration, Mr Chan Chun Sing, the

Minister of Education, gave a speech.

"These past few months have been challenging for all of us," said Mr Chan. He also shared a story about two secondary school students who showed care and concern towards their friend.

This truly showcases the Singapore Spirit of reaching out to those in need. In the midst of this pandemic, our teachers have been beacons of strength and our school attendants have been working tirelessly to keep our school clean.

This experience has certainly brought out the best in Taonanites and all Singaporeans.

Despite the celebration being online, the students enjoyed this year's National Day celebration.

"We can wave our flags at home and wear red and white. The feeling is similar to past years' celebrations!" said Zhang Zhuoxiang from 5I.

As a nation, Singapore has overcome many challenges and obstacles before. Now, we are facing another one and this time, we are going to do it again.

With the conclusion of the National Day celebration, the students sincerely believe that Tao Nan School and Singapore will emerge stronger from this pandemic, ready for the road ahead.



DELICIOUS DIY (DO-IT-YOURSELF!)

IF YOU ARE BORED, TRY
THESE EASY RECIPES NOW.

EASY SORBET

Do you have a sudden craving for a sorbet? Do you simply NEED one? Well, you have come to the perfect place.

YOU WILL NEED:

1. A cup of juice
2. A bowl of ice
3. 2 plastic resealable bags (one big, one small)
4. A cup to serve the sorbet in

STEPS:

1. Pour the juice into the small resealable bag. Seal the bag.
2. Place the small bag into the big one.
3. Pour ice cubes into the big bag and add some salt. Seal the bag.
4. Shake the bag well for 4 minutes.
5. Open the bag and scoop out the sorbet. Serve it in a cup.

VOILA! A DELICIOUS SORBET. DIG IN!



REFRESHING!

BY
ASHLYNN CHNG
5I

Do Nut
throw that
away!



NUTELLA MILK

Picture this: You wake up one morning and you see that your jar of Nutella has almost nothing left.

Don't throw it away! Try this recipe instead.

YOU WILL NEED:

1. A jar of Nutella (almost empty)
2. Milk (just enough to fill half the Nutella jar)

STEPS:

1. First, add milk to the jar.
2. Next, close the lid and shake the jar.
3. Pour the milk that is well mixed into a glass or drink it straight from the jar. (Warm milk will help the Nutella mix better!)
4. Add ice cubes and enjoy!

**I HOPE THIS RECIPE
HAS BEEN USEFUL TO
YOU!**

BY
SHANICE FOO 5G



Photo Credit:
Alexis Sim 5L



SPLENDID SCHOOL LIFE!



WHO ARE THE PEOPLE AND WHAT ARE
THE EVENTS WHICH MAKE UP YOUR
SCHOOL EXPERIENCE?

My form teacher, Mrs Tan.
Makes her lessons very fun.
In school, she teaches and cares.
To misbehave, we wouldn't dare.

Denzel Wong 5I

When I got full marks for my compo in P3
Jubilant
A dolphin swimming in the ocean
A bird spreading its wings

When I realised that I did the wrong assignment
Dejected
A poor dog being abandoned by its owner
A lion losing its mane of hair

Oh, how splendid school is!

Tan Yu Kai 5L



My best teacher, Mrs Chew.
She's not mean, she's really cool.
You're lucky if you see her walk by.
Why don't I? Sigh.

Imran Tan 5G

My best friend's name is Clairene Tan.
She is shy but full of fun.
She would eat anything that has chilli.
Sometimes she is very silly.

Mikaela Lim 5G

Our school principal, Mdm Poh.
Greets the students with a hello.
She has done lots to serve the school
And she never loses her cool.

Ayden Poon 5K

Do you know Ms Lam?
She is very fun, in sum.
And whenever she comes to school,
She always looks fresh and cool.

Brian Chan 5L

On Sports Day,
I was as fast as a cheetah
and as free as a bird.

During lessons,
I am as busy as a bee
and as industrious as a beaver.

Never a dull moment in school!

Alexis Sim 5L

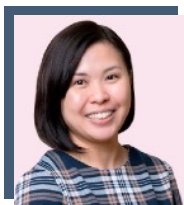
My favourite friend is Nathan;
He is hardly ever beaten.
Not only is he intelligent,
He is never belligerent!

Tan Zheng Kai 5L

BEST WISHES FOR OUR P6 STUDENTS!

Dearest P6 Students,

Just like the story 塞翁失马焉知非福 and the object metaphor of tornado eye which I have shared during your class talks, my wish for all of you is to continue to embrace positive thinking and display the school value of perseverance as you prepare for examinations amidst the changing circumstances. I am fully confident that with growth mindset and consistent efforts, you will be able to turn your dreams and aspirations into reality! All the best and enjoy your lifelong learning journey!

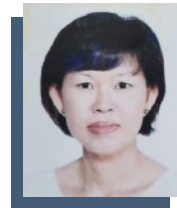


Mdm Poh Qinyu
Principal

All the best, take pride in what you do and it is the effort that counts.

Your results are not a representation of you, but the effort is. Even after your PSLE, I hope that you will continue to read widely and regularly, and never stop learning.

All the best P6s!



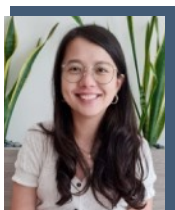
Miss Lam May Fong
HOD English

Smile when you see dark clouds approaching because
After the storm, you will see the silver lining.
Smile when you feel you can't breathe when climbing up a mountain because
When you reach the summit, a majestic view awaits.
Smile when you sail into choppy waters because
You will soon get to enjoy the calm that follows.
Smile when life deals you with hard knocks that seem impossible because
When you work hard to overcome them, you emerge a warrior.
And smile when you see someone in need because
when you extend your hand to help, you become stronger together.
A smile can seem so simple but it can mean so much. Smile and be happy always.



Miss Agnes Chow
Vice-Principal [EO]

All the best! You have come such a long way and I hope you will always remember the words of Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh. "You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."



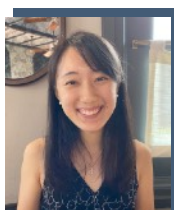
Miss Tan Hwee Jing

The key to success is self-confidence. The key to self-confidence is preparation. Use these remaining days before the PSLE to prepare well. Be confident in the exams. With effort, you will surely succeed. All the best P6ers!



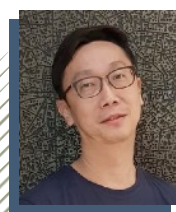
Mr Teo Wei Loon

All the best to all P6s! The entire school is supporting you all the way. As you run the last lap towards PSLE, do remember to enjoy the process and never forget the joy of learning!



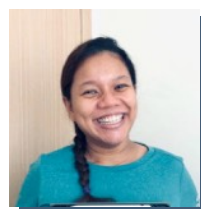
Miss Adeline Ong

今年小六会考采用了新积分制，相信这会让大家倍感压力吧？我认为这就像是面对持续的疫情一样，只要我们做好准备，以坚定信心迎战，要考获自己期望的成绩并没有想象中的困难。考试期间，请以平常心去应考，把试卷当作是复习卷，认真作答，仔细检查，相信一定会做得最好！



丘老师

Take pride in how far you've come and have faith in how far you can go. Keep practising the school values of perseverance, sincerity, love, responsibility, respect and integrity as you navigate through your PSLE. All the best!



Mdm Siti Nurfarah