A Vibrant Connected Community that Aspires, Learns and Leads

The Singapore Bicentennial Edition

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If you recall, in the last edition of Spotlight Yu Neng, I had challenged you to imagine and think …

“... if Sir Stamford Raffles was still alive and had the opportunity to visit Yu Neng, what would you choose to show him and tell him about our school? …”

Thanks to my creative Editorial Team, this special edition of Spotlight Yu Neng builds on this challenge and threads together some of our signature school programmes, events, people and spaces that we are proud to showcase and share.

DISPOSITIONS TO LEARN FOR LIFE

Join us on this unique journey to revisit and experience some of the joyful learning adventures that have taken place this past Semester 1 at Yu Neng Primary. These include our P1 Orientation, Bicentennial kick-off, learning journeys, hosting overseas visitors, Sports Day, P3 Project Work Week, Health Promotion Week to name but a few. In the process, see if you are able to identify the four key learning dispositions we want to encourage and strengthen in all our Yu Neng students i.e. Readiness, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Relatedness. Learning dispositions are positive behaviours and attitudes towards learning. They are important for students in their journey as life-long learners who will have to face the challenges of an increasingly complex world.

AN INVITING AND ENRICHED ENVIRONMENT

Apart from strengthening learning dispositions in our students, we believe very much in creating a safe, nurturing yet stimulating learning environment for them. This is in line with our School Mission: together we create an inviting and enriched environment that nurtures passionate learners, creative thinkers and caring leaders. We are constantly looking for ways to enhance the learning environment and I am very pleased to share with you that our PERI upgrading works (which started at end 2017) are well underway and should be completed by the end of the year.

Our students can look forward to benefitting from additional facilities such as classrooms with sinks, student care centre, band room, dance studio, PAL rooms, outdoor jogging path, a face-lifted outdoor experiential learning (OEL) Eco-garden and even an enhanced school library and a MakerSpace. I am confident that these new facilities will encourage greater interaction and self-discovery, and facilitate experiential and hands-on learning.

The Singapore Bicentennial in 2019 marks the 200th anniversary of Sir Stamford Raffles’ arrival in Singapore – a key milestone in our rich and storied history. But our story did not start in 1819. It actually began in 1299.

For over 700 years, we have been open to a diverse flow of people and ideas, and connected to wider geopolitical currents, all of which shaped our evolution. Our history is a rich and expansive one – the journey of an island that has never been constrained by its shores, but has always been made from more.

Each of us is in some way connected to and intertwined with others in this history. 2019 could be the time for us to explore how our past has formed us, discover what this means for our future, and find our way for the future to come.

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NAGIVATING NEW WORLDS, TOGETHER

Even with a robust curriculum and enhanced physical spaces in place, nothing can be achieved if not for our People. A big shout-out to passionate YNPS staff, our awesome YN Parents Support Group (PSG), our YNPS School Advisory Committee (SAC) and all strategic partners. Thank you for all your hard and heart work, belief and trust. We appreciate your tremendous support and contributions and look forward to shaping the future of Yu Neng with you.

Well, 2nd semester looks set to be a really exciting one and the 3rd edition of our YN Learning Festival is just round the corner – Sat 13 July to be exact! Don’t miss out! Have you registered yet? Do bring your family and friends!

Wishing everyone a great Semester 2 ahead!

Yours-in-education,
Mrs Clara Lim-Tan, Principal
One morning, Mr Wan Wee Pin, the Project Director from the Singapore Bicentennial Office visited Yu Neng Primary School to tell the students all about the exciting bicentennial celebration taking place in Singapore this year.

From the back of the hall, more people started walking in! Samsui women and the Orang Laut – all the people who contributed to Singapore in the past.

Then, out of nowhere, two men appeared on stage, walking around like they were looking for something. I quickly realised that it was Sir Stamford Raffles and Major-General William Farquhar! Was history coming alive in Yu Neng?

This got the students very excited and they showed off their knowledge of Singapore’s history in a quick quiz.
Right in front of the Yu Neng students, Sir Stamford Raffles and Major-General William Farquhar signed a treaty with Sultan Hussein and Temenggong Abdul Rahman, allowing the British East India Company to set up a trading post in Singapore. It was amazing to see such an important part of Singapore’s history!

Hi children!
Did you enjoy today’s assembly programme?
Yes! We were just talking about how Singapore has changed so much in 200 years. And it was really exciting to see Sir Raffles in Yu Neng Primary School.

Yeah! I really enjoyed learning more about Singapore’s past. Singapore must have been so different then. Now, we are a modern city with tall buildings and cool technology.
Sir Raffles and his friends were still in Yu Neng during recess. They hung around in the library and the students had the chance to chat with them. The students had a whale of a time listening to the stories from them.

Listening to the stories, the Yu Neng students learned so much about Singapore and how she prospered and grew in the last 200 years.

Sir Raffles and Major-General Farquhar also listened attentively as the students shared about what school in Singapore is like today.

There was even singing of local songs! It was a very exciting recess.
Many students then proceeded to view the colourful and interesting display on Singapore’s history. They also took part in quizzes to demonstrate what they had learnt. It was then that some students noticed something interesting.

Yet all too soon, the students all had to say goodbye to the visitors from the past.

Sir Raffles! You haven’t left!

Would you like to join me and my friends in the Bicentennial Celebration?

It appears so! That is strange. Everyone else seems to have gone back. What should I do?

Until I figure out how to return home, why not?
The celebration continued. Sir Raffles joined in the fun with students during Art@Play - The Making of the Diversity Tree.

These leaves were then put together to create a Diversity Tree, a meaningful symbol of the Yu Neng community.

The students all had a lot of fun putting their thumbprints on the leaves. The different coloured thumbprints represented the diversity of students who study in Yu Neng.
Once the leaves were decorated with the students’ thumbprints, it was time to put them up!

Did you see the Diversity Tree? Isn’t it great? It symbolises that we are one united people, regardless of race, language or religion.

I loved seeing how much fun the students had working together with their friends to make the Diversity Tree. It is like how all of you work together to make the country a success.

Look at our beautiful Diversity Tree! It’s the combined effort of so many students.

Indeed! Shall we go look at some other activities?
We celebrated International Friendship Day to deepen the understanding of Singapore’s ties with the other ASEAN countries.

IFD was made more colourful when the international students in Yu Neng Primary School came in their national costumes.

Students from India, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam shared some interesting facts about their home countries. It was very educational!

The Yu Neng choir then took to the stage and awed us with their angelic voices. Everyone enjoyed their performance.

The celebration was not over! During recess, the Parent Support Group organised a variety of exciting activities for the students to take part in.
The students even had the opportunity to try on the national costumes from various countries.

The students got up close and personal with a world map. There was so much to learn!

Wasn't that a fun assembly? I enjoyed making the friendship bands as well. Did you get one, Sir Raffles?

I did indeed. Thank you. It is very heartening to see how various countries can cooperate and work together towards peace and prosperity. The friendships between these countries are very important.

Yes, friendships are very important. Let's go have a look at how we all learn with our friends in Yu Neng.
Students from Regent School in Bali visited Yu Neng Primary School as part of the WorldClass@Yu Neng programme, where the students get the opportunity learn more about other countries and appreciate their roots in Singapore.

The students from Regent School were warmly welcomed by our Vice Principal, Mrs Tay.

The students were also introduced to their Yu Neng buddies and immediately new friendships were forged.

The students from Regent School were engaged in many activities in and out of the classrooms together with their Yu Neng buddies. The students had a lot of fun throughout their experiences.
Bali School Visit

In 2017, the 50th anniversary of Singapore’s and Indonesia’s diplomatic relations was celebrated in an event known as RISING50.

Did you know?

The students from Regent School put up an amazing cultural performance on the second day of their visit. Our students also performed a Malay Dance. The audience truly enjoyed the performances.

Did you know?

It is such a great opportunity for all of you to get to know people from other countries.

Everyone agreed that this exchange was a wonderful opportunity for the students from both Singapore and Bali to develop stronger relationships and enhance global sensitivities.

Yes! With today’s technology, it is easy for all of us to keep in touch with our friends from all over the world. How did you keep in contact with those from overseas?

In 2017, the 50th anniversary of Singapore’s and Indonesia’s diplomatic relations was celebrated in an event known as RISING50.
The Primary 1 and 2 students visited the Singapore Philatelic Museum to learn more about the history of stamps in Singapore. The guide engaged the students with fascinating stories about Singapore’s history. Students had the chance to share their ideas and opinions with others too. They even had a chance to dress up in traditional clothes and put up a performance. All in all, it was a fun and educational trip to the Museum.
The Flat Stanley Project is an educational project that was started in 1995 featuring paper cut-outs based on the title character of the 1964 children’s book Flat Stanley. The project was designed to improve the reading and writing skills of elementary school students, while also promoting an interest in learning about different people and places.
The Primary 1 and 2 students took a break from the classroom and made their way into the neighbourhood for some authentic learning. The Maths Trail was designed to give the students a chance to apply their mathematical skills in the real world.

As they explored the neighbourhood of Bedok, they checked out the prices of fruits and learned some budgeting skills.
The name Bedok has been in existence since the time of Sir Stamford Raffles. The town’s name is most likely derived from the Malay word ‘Bedoh’, as there used to be a mosque in the area that would sound its drums 5 times daily to signal the prayer times.

Did you know? Students really enjoy learning outside the classroom. With technology, it is even more convenient to do so.

Education has changed so much since I was a student. New technology has certainly made a huge difference.

Our school is always trying new ways to make learning fun and meaningful for us! I really enjoy coming to school.

With the help of some technology, the students got their work done. They also had the chance to look around at the other shops and explore the neighbourhood.
The Primary 6 students went on a Learning Journey to Fort Canning to learn more about the history of Singapore. Everyone was excited as they waited to enter the exhibition.

Singapore’s story continued to be told through fascinating drama, technology and videos. At each act, the students learned more and more about Singapore’s history, challenges and success.

Singapore’s early history came to life with a stunning water display. The students were completely engrossed in the story.
The students even had the chance to meet with the Member of Parliament of Sembawang, Mr Amrin Amin.

Having journeyed through all the acts, students penned down their thoughts and wishes for Singapore.

I loved how everything has been put together in such an accessible way.

This was a really enriching and educational learning journey! And there is still more!
The primary 5 students made a trip to Marina Barrage to learn more about how Singapore manages water and the 4 National Taps.

They were taken on a tour through an exhibition and told how Singapore manages her water supply.

They even had the chance to see the water cycle in action in Singapore!
Near the iconic Singapore skyline, the students learned a lot and developed a greater understanding of how important it is to conserve our natural resources.

Did you know? Did you know?

Singapore has been able to work together and come up with good solutions to the challenges that she faces with a strong national identity and hard work.

Singapore never had much natural resources. That was why trade was so important.

It is very impressive. I hope that Singapore will continue to innovate and survive.

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Like how Singapore has ensured her water security. It's good to see everyone take Singapore's defence so seriously. I can't wait to see how this day is commemorated.

The teachers of Yu Neng came to school in their military uniforms to honour the people who serve in our military.

Today we are commemorating Total Defence Day! There will be a performance in the hall and some classroom activities. We commemorate this day to remind ourselves that we all have to play our part to defend Singapore.
Each year Total Defence (TD) Day is commemorated on the 15th February. It marks Singapore’s fall to the Japanese in 1942. The commemoration of Total Defence Day seeks to remind people of the sufferings endured by our forefathers during the Japanese Occupation.
It was a nice afternoon and several students gathered in the Indoor Sports Hall for the annual Amazing Flying Machine competition.

As Sir Raffles walked through the Yu Neng Indoor Sports Hall, a paper plane whizzed past his ear, arousing his curiosity.

It is amazing what can be done with just a piece of paper! And you say there are machines that can carry people and fly nowadays?

I always knew that Singapore was in a great location. I’m glad to hear that it still continues to be beneficial for Singapore.

Yes and in Yu Neng today, we celebrate our diversity as well! If you stay long enough, you’ll get a chance to see some of them!

Students took folding their airplanes very seriously, putting to use the Science concepts they learnt.

Did you know? Changi Airport has been ranked as the World’s Best Airport for the past 7 years and is one of the world’s busiest airports by international passenger and cargo traffic.
Perhaps this is how I can return home! I should speak to the students to find out more about the planes in Singapore. In the meantime, you should take a look at some of the great work by the students of Yu Neng here.

It ended in smiles, with the winners receiving prizes and moving on to represent the school in the Inter-school competition.

It was a successful and enjoyable day for everyone involved.
Semester 1 was a really exciting time for all of us in Yu Neng Primary School. Here’s a look back at some of these events.
February Recollections

CCA Open House

Launch of Parent Engagement Practices with Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim.

Chinese New Year

Primary 5 Camp @ MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre
March & April Recollections

5 Minutes of Fame

Primary 5 Mathematical Kite

Immersion Visit (Hong Kong)

Health Promotion Week

Sports Day

Zoo Learning Journey

Sungei Buloh Learning Journey
May Recollections

Coffee Chat @ YN

Hari Raya Concert

Kidzania Assembly Talk

Primary 1 World of Work

Primary 2 Project Work

Parent Teacher Child Conference

Science Center Learning Journey
Thank you for the warm welcome to the Yu Neng family. I am excited to embark on a journey of valuable learning experiences with everyone. My philosophy for learning is that each child is unique and learns in a different way. My aim is to ignite every individual’s passion for learning. As Carol Dweck says, “Love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes and keep on learning.” Let’s not be put down by setbacks but use them as springboards for lifelong learning. Light up and shine!

I have taught in 2 Primary schools before joining the Yu Neng Family. I have been teaching Maths, Music and English in both the schools. I was also involved in uniform groups like the Boys’ Brigade and the Girls’ Brigade and was also in charge of an Angklung CCA Performing Group (an Indonesian instrument). Hope to know you more as we interact in the coming days.

Hi everyone. I am having a wonderful time in the Yu Neng family. I am looking forward to learning something new about the students every day and teaching you something different. Let’s continue to grow and have fun together!

I am deeply honoured to be part of the Yu Neng family. I look forward to an exciting and fulfilling journey here with both the students and my colleagues. To all Yu Neng students, “Live a life full of humility, gratitude, intellectual curiosity, and never stop learning.” ~ Gza

I am grateful to be given the opportunity to be a part of the Yu Neng family. Given the rich history of this school, I am excited to be able to contribute and strengthen the school’s values and beliefs as we march towards the school’s next key milestone, its 85th anniversary. Together with my colleagues and students, I look forward to enriching the learning environment and experience here at Yu Neng.

This year, we welcomed several new teachers to the Yu Neng family.

As a teacher I firmly believe that all children can learn if they want to. If you have seen my Wordless Book you will know that as long as you put in the effort and work with your teachers you will learn something every day. Soon you will hear “Wow! Amazing! Astounding!” from people around you. Wishing you a fabulous learning journey at Yu Neng Primary.

I love what I do and I am doing what I love. Educating.

I am honored to be here at Yu Neng Primary School to educate and learn together with my students. Indeed, with sincerity, I am able to achieve my best. Together, we can make a difference!
**Mdm Syarifah Fatimah**

Thank you for the warm welcome! I am happy to be part of the vibrant learning community at Yu Neng Primary and look forward to growing with the staff, students and parents of the school.

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**Mdm Xu Qianhao**

A big thank you to Yu Neng family for welcoming me warmly!

A teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning. I hope to have a nice journey with Yu Neng family.

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**Mdm Tuty Atiqah**

My heartfelt appreciation to the Yu Neng community for the warm welcome. I am looking forward in embarking on this new exhilarating milestone with open arms, learning from my colleagues and sharing knowledge with my students. Let's shine together.

“I have learnt from intelligent men… and which I have repeated to them (the locals).”
Munshi Abdullah (from Hikayat Abdullah)

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**Ms Winnie Goh**

It’s a privilege to be part of the Yu Neng family and I am thankful for the many opportunities for me to make new discoveries about my students, fellow colleagues and myself everyday! This year, as we celebrate Singapore’s bicentennial, let us remind ourselves to appreciate the past, seize the learning in the present so that we can build ourselves with knowledge, skills and good values to prepare ourselves for the future. I certainly look forward to exciting times ahead with Team Yu Neng!

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**Mdm Sim Li Hiang**

It’s my pleasure to be part of the Yu Neng family. The caring and understanding staff in Yu Neng has enabled my transition to primary school teaching a smooth and welcoming one. I look forward to a fulfilling and exciting journey of teaching here.

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**Mrs Lai-See Ngiap Yian**

Joining Yu Neng is a refreshing change from teaching in an all-boys secondary school! I look forward to working alongside the students and staff here. It is heartwarming to have lovely colleagues who have been helping me adapt to this new environment.

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**Ms Ng Qian Hui**

I have had great teachers who believed in me and they played a part in shaping me to become who I am today. Now, I choose to teach because I hope to pay it forward. To teach is to learn twice. I am thankful for the wonderful colleagues here and I look forward to a meaningful learning journey with the Yu Neng family.
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