



MONTFORT MOMENTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



2022 marks our 106th year of founding. While the COVID SMM measures had initially restricted our preparations, we were glad that as we drew closer to the Feast Day of our Founder St Louis Marie de Montfort, the SMM measures were relaxed. We were indeed blessed that we were able to come back together as whole family to commemorate and celebrate our Founder's Day with a Mass and a school blessing.

As we restart many of our programs and move back to a semblance of how things were pre-COVID, I will like to give thanks to our teachers and staff who have worked so hard to keep our students safe and to ensure that our students learning was not too significantly disrupted. Despite the challenges, we kept up our good spirits and helped each other along. The display of care and concern from everyone was evident for all to witness.

Despite the many restrictions placed on us, our teachers and parents were very creative and we created many memorable events and as we read through this issue of our Newsletter, let us be reminded of our resilience and appreciate all those who have worked so hard to put all these programs and events in place. It is with great excitement and anticipation that we also look forward to the rest of the year ahead.

Age Quod Agis (Do Well In Whatever You Do)

Mr Wilbur Wong, Principal

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Start Right Programme 2022

We ushered in the new school year 2022 with our “Start Right Programme” for all levels. On the first day of school, our newest Primary 1 members were warmly greeted by our delightful Dino mascots, supported by our MJPC. The boys were introduced to the new school environment by the staff members with different programmes for the day while their eager parents ‘followed’ these activities via “live stream”.



The rest of the levels participated in various exciting programmes over the week to establish strong class bonding with their teachers and classmates. There were also many interesting and meaningful talks via online platforms, hands-on activities and games organised for the classes to learn to better support their peers and sharing strategies to build stronger friendship through our Growth Mindset package.



We kicked off the year by sharing with all Montfortians on Growth Mindset Strategies to start them right by inculcating the values of G.R.I.T. This allows them to discover their own strengths as well as the strengths of their classmates. Form Teachers also used this time to establish the class rules and routines with their respective classes.

Amidst the Covid situation and having to suspend mass assemblies and gatherings, we have done well as a school to remain positive and resilient for the start of a new school year. All Montfortians participated whole heartedly in all the activities. We believe that the good start into our first week of school will help us to grow and strengthen our Montfortian family in the year ahead.

Age Quod Agis



Can I try this



Discipline in Scouts



My Art side

CCA Selection Day

CCA Day was an exciting day for all Montfortians from Primary 1 to 6. Students went to visit the various Co-Curricular Activities booths so that they would be able to sign up for one that interests them the most. They also went through a lesson on values in Sportsmanship as part of their CCA journey in Montfort.



Part of the team



Strike that shuttle



High Kick in
Taekwondo

Many of our students enjoyed the demonstrations and performances from the Aesthetic CCA clubs. They also had the opportunity to try out the activities at the respective Sports CCA and Aesthetics booths such as Badminton, Football and Guitar.

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Lunar New Year 2022



classroom bonding activities



classroom activity

Our School ushered in the Year of the Tiger on 31 January. The Lunar New Year (LNY) celebration commenced with Class Bonding Activities where our students displayed their creativity using recycled materials to make tiger-shaped pencil holders, craft tiger puppets for classroom decorations, and tiger heads. The students had a fun time doing the handicraft and learning about Lunar New Year culture, such as understanding the symbolism of Tiger in Chinese culture. Following that was our LNY concert via Zoom. There were messages by our School Leaders and performance by the Parent Volunteers group, Mother Tongue teachers and Montfort Secondary School Wushu team. Online Kahoot quiz further heightened the festive mood. Drawing the concert to a close was mass singing and exchange of CNY greetings between teachers and students.



happy



zoom backstage scene

Together We Keep Singapore Strong

Singapore fell to the Japanese on 15 February 1942. Eighty years later, we still commemorate this important day – Total Defence Day (TDD).

We mark TDD annually as a reminder of what could happen to us if we cannot defend Singapore ourselves, and to strengthen our resolve to keep Singapore safe, secure, and sovereign. The Theme for this year's TDD remains the same as the previous year – "Together We keep Singapore Strong".

In Montfort, we encourage our students to ponder the following questions" - In times of pandemic and endemic, how do we play our part to keep Singapore strong?

On 15 February 2022, we embarked on the principles of "No Play", "No Freedom" and "No Choice"; special rooms and all play areas were temporary closed during recess and all food stalls sold only porridge, sweet potatoes and plain water. The rationale allowed our students to experience the difficulties and sufferings that our forefathers had gone through.

We simulated an Emergency where Air Raid Sirens were played – these signified the start and end of electric power disruption for 15 minutes. These allowed our students to experience the inconvenience and discomfort in the daily activities during the war.

A Fire drill / Evacuation route during the 3 recesses was also carried out. These further allowed our students to be ready and stay prepared in times of emergencies.

Several class-room activities from P1 to P6 students were also carried out the previous Friday during our FTGP period.



Only Plain bottle water on sale



Only porridge with sweet potatoes on sale



Students enjoying their porridge cooked with sweet potatoes

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MT Fortnight (Chinese)

The start of Term 2 was an exciting one with the Mother Tongue Fortnight activities to engage our students in their respective MT languages and kindling their love for it.

Like previous years, MT Fortnight continued to have a wide range of activities for the students from all their respective levels to participate such as:

- P1: Grain Painting
- P2: Traditional Shuttlecock making
- P3: Kite Making
- P4: Peking Opera Mask Making
- P5: Fan Painting
- P6: Lantern Making

In addition, displaying boards at our canteen showcased all kinds of traditional food made of rice by the 3 different ethnic groups. Students also watched videos on how to make these traditional food and its culture. Students truly enjoyed and really appreciated the session very much.



MT Fortnight (Malay)



Our Malay Languages Department organised Mother Tongue Fortnight in Term 2. The theme for the event this year “My Culture, My Food” aims to foster in our students the passion for cultural learning. Pupils learnt about the different types of *Ulam* (Salad) used in Malay Cooking. Some of those are *daun kari*, *pucuk ubi*, *daun salam* and many more. Pupils were also tasked to guess the names of the salads correctly. They had the opportunity to make their own *Sambal Belacan* using the authentic *batu lesung*.



Through display of Malay Traditional *Kuih* such as *talam ubi*, *putri salat*, *kuih bakar berlauk* and many more, pupils learnt about the different type of Malay traditional delicacies. During the spices workshop, pupils had to identify the different spices such as cinnamon sticks, cloves, fennel and many more. It is important that through these activities, pupils had the opportunity to use Malay Language and deepen their sense of belonging and rootedness to their culture.

Mother Tongue Fortnight – Tamil Department

The Mother Tongue Language fortnight activities is organized annually. Its aim is to create an immersive environment for the learning and appreciation of Tamil Language and also to provide a suitable platform for students to actively learn the language and culture in an authentic way.

The theme for this year is “Our Language, Our Culture, Our Food”. Students learnt about the Rich history of the Tamil Language through songs and Drama. They had the opportunity to act out the skit. Through these activities, students had the opportunity to use Tamil Language in a fun and engaging way.

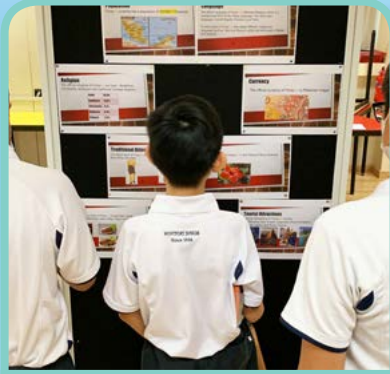
During the workshops the students learnt about the usage of banana leaf in Indian culture and making of clay pot. Moreover we had a exhibition on the Indian traditional food in the canteen during recess. All these activities would have deepen the students sense of belonging and rootedness to their culture



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International Friendship Day



ASEAN Gallery Walk



ASEAN folk tales @ the library

In Singapore, schools commemorate International Friendship Day on the 2nd Friday of April annually. Led by the Primary 5 teachers in collaboration with the CCE department, interactive learning activities were planned and carried out to engage and enthuse our MJS students.

To showcase the colourful cultures and traditions of our ASEAN neighbours, a mini exhibition was set up for the school to enjoy. Comprising of solely Primary 5 Social Studies projects, students across all levels were able to tap on the information presented on panel boards to carry out self-directed learning armed with their ASEAN passport, a pen and of course... a burning curiosity!

For 2 weeks in April, selected traditional ASEAN games were weaved into the school's PE lessons. Coupled with a short history of the games' origins, it provided the students a greater understanding and appreciation of the lives of their peers living in ASEAN. In addition to that, animated ASEAN folk tales were also screened during the classes' respective English library periods. Through the video reviews which all students were required to complete on paper, valuable life lessons and morals were explored and shared.

To end off International Friendship Day with a bang, 2 differentiated Kahoot! Zoom Challenges were held across the various levels. As students from the different classes competed with one another in a test of knowledge and speed, they were also reminded of the key learning objectives and facts associated with the event.

106th Founder's Day

Montfort Junior celebrated her 106th Founder's Day and a myriad of activities and events were organised which lasted a fortnight. One of the highlights of the events was a Thanksgiving Founder's Day Mass which was held on Tuesday, 26 April 2022. Celebrating Mass with Montfort Junior were Rev Fr Jovita Ho and Deacon Simon Ho. With the easing of SMM, the school was able to hold this celebration in the school hall with the whole school in attendance, including Bro Dominic Yeo-Koh, Supervisor of the Montfortian-Gabrielite Education Institutions, Mr Francis Lim, Executive Director of St Gabriel's Foundation as well as parents. It was a grand occasion and was a sight to behold.

As part of our Founder's Day Celebration, on Thursday, 28 April 2022, Rev Fr Edward Seah, the Archbishop of Singapore's representative for Archdiocesan Commission For Catholic Schools, was at Montfort Junior to bless the school as she celebrates her 106th Founder's Day. The event was witnessed by the whole school who gathered around the school's assembly yard on th different levels. The event was beautiful.



Complete Founder's Day Project



Fringe Activity To Celebrate 106th Founder's Day



Mr Wong Addressing The School Before The Blessing



Rev Fr Edward Seah Blessing The School With Holy Water

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Celebrations Day

Our annual Celebrations Day is a very memorable event for Montfortians. It marks the day we celebrate academic achievement and holistic development. Each class, 7 Montfortians who exhibited the CHRISTE values were awarded trophies and certificates. Due to COVID-19 safety measures, the event was held in individual classes.



2022 MJS CCA Achievements

Montfort Junior allows students who are taking part in CCA to discover their interests and talents while developing their competencies. In addition, the CCA programmes also provide opportunities for these pupils to represent the school in various National School Games. This is also to instil school pride and confidence among them.

We would also like to thank our athletes for taking part in the competitions listed below.

Sports & Club	Competition
Badminton	NSG Badminton Championships Senior – 2 nd Runners-up (North Zone)
Football	NSG Football Championships
Table Tennis	NSG Table Tennis Championships
Wushu	NSG Wushu Championships (Individual) Xuan Ilyas of 6 Compassion



Wushu



Table tennis



Football



Badminton

Strategic Thrust 2

Developing a Professional and Nurturing Staff



Bro Dominic addressing the staff during AGM to kick off the start of the new year



Teachers Attending A Workshop On Relational Circles



Mr Francis Lim, Executive Director OF St Gabriel's Foundation Addressing the Staff

Staff Development

Schools exists for students and teachers are the key to the students' education. In Montfort, we strongly believe in the professional development of every staff. Staff are encouraged to attend relevant courses and workshops to further develop themselves professionally.



Workshop On Regulation Corner



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2022 Parents Engagement Session (PES)

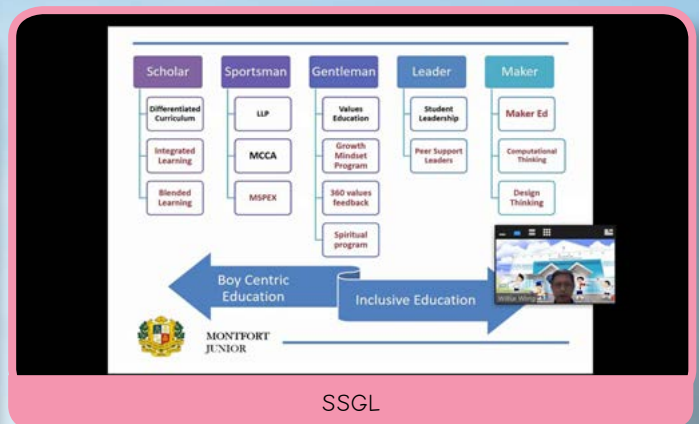


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Parents from Primary 2 to 6 were invited to join our first PES of the year in the second week of the first term via Zoom. Over the three sessions, it catered to the needs of the various blocks. We had our Principal welcoming all into the new academic year with a brief sharing on our school focus. It was followed by the sharing from the respective Form Teachers such as various subject expectations, matters surrounding class administration, updating the general school matters and also highlighting our school homework policy. We hope to start the school year with a strong school-home collaboration so that all Montfortians can have a fruitful year ahead with teachers and parents working well together.



MSTeam



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Inclusive Education (AWWA Partnership)

Inclusive Education has always been a part of our Montfortian Education.

This is the vision of our founder, St Louis Marie de Montfort. Our founder's core values are Inclusion, non-discrimination, respect, and participation of all. As Montfortians, we follow our founder's direction and create a conducive environment for every child in our school. A school that is inclusive of all sections of society without discrimination.

"In your life, it is your aim to assist the poor, the outcasts, the despairing and the lame. All those by the world rejected, on your love have greater claim." (Hymn 149)

In Montfort, we want everyone to be treated the same and we strive to uplift young minds both academically and mentally. As an additional resource, teachers are paired with coaches as they continue their mission to develop every Montfortian to be A Man For Others.



Learning From the Experts



Staff Attending A Workshop On Inclusive Education

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MJPC Activities Semester 1



1. December 2021 Holidays Activities – Eco-trail & Ant Museum

2021 was a better year than 2020. However, with overseas travel still restricted, MJPC approached ECO-Trail and the Ant Museum to provide discounted tickets for our Montfortians and their family. It turned out to be great fun and educational at the same time. The boys and their families thoroughly enjoyed themselves with the chance to bond over the holiday activity.

2. Engagements with Class Reps

2022 marks the first time there are Parent Class Representatives for all the classes, from P1 to P6. It was therefore for our Principal, Mr Wong and the MJPC timely to engage them with the Class Representatives. Through the creation and engagement of the Class Representatives, we hope to forge a stronger community of support for our Montfortians and their caregivers with greater sharing and open lines of communication.



Engagement with P1 & P2 class reps



3. Start of the School Year 2022 – Dinos and Balloons! (4 & 5 Jan 2022)

2022 started off with a bang, or to be more accurate a ROAR, as MJPC welcomed our Montfortians back with Dino mascots. It helped to ease the anxiety for our P1s and added some cheer to our P2 to P6 boys as they started a new school year with lots of fun and challenges ahead. Thanks to all the parent volunteers for being such good sports in donning the suits and spending hours making Dino balloons for our P1 boys, bringing out all those unforgettable smiles. What better way to start the school year, right?

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4. Chinese New Year Decorations – (20 – 27 Jan 2022)

CNY celebrations are not complete without decorations! As in the past, parent volunteers worked with MJS teachers to decorate the school with lanterns, potted plants (kindly provided by MJPC's Mrs Koh) and other CNY decorations, to usher in the year of the Roaring Tiger!



5. Healthy Bento Competition

Everyone likes a challenge and what better challenge than one that is healthy! Early this year, MJPC started a competition with attractive prizes for all participants and the winners of course! We were so happy to see the efforts put in by the participants. The prizes were given out by Mr Wong during the Breakfast with Mothers on 22 April. A BIG Congratulations to winners - Hannah, mum of Timothy (4R) and Jemila, mum of Jaazriel (1C) and a HUGE Thank You to all who participated! We would also like to extend our appreciation to NHG, MJS and MJPC for sponsoring the prizes. MJPC hopes to organize more competitions in the future so watch out for them!

6. Caregiver's Connect

The first Caregivers Connect session for 2022 took place virtually on 25 March. Healthy Eating was an engaging session with parents and professionals sharing tips and information on how to ensure a healthy diet and lifestyle for our children. As always, it was a session that provided an opportunity for our caregivers to share and enhance their caregiving journey. As they say, it takes a village to raise a child and every little effort helps. The next instalment of Caregivers Connect will be in July this year so watch out for it and do sign up. Hopefully we can all meet in person!



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7. Breakfast with the Principal

On 22 April, we were finally able to restart the in-person Mother's Breakfast with Mr Wong. It was such a pleasure to have so many mothers show their overwhelming support for the initiative and the event was full to the brim! A number of topics were discussed – from shifts in the education system to subject banding and sports. Engagements such as these allow for candid discussions between parents/ caregivers, the school and MJPC, to understand and discuss issues of importance and obtain valuable feedback. With the re-opening of in-person events and the removal of limits on gatherings, MJPC will organize more in person events to continue to promote and foster an inclusive MJS community.



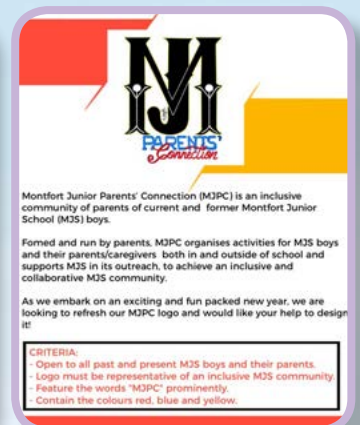
8. Resumption of Recess Activities

2022 looks to be a better year for our Montfortians as recess activities continued to slowly but steadily open up a little more. Our boys have been able to enjoy their favourite activities at the Tinker Shop, Lego Room, Marble Machine Room and the library. As the health and safety of Montfortians are of utmost importance, disinfection and cleaning will continue, with numbers controlled until we can fully open up the spaces safely for our children.



9. Design the MJPC Logo Competition

MJPC is looking for a new logo and who better to design it than the community we represent! Let your creative juices flow and email us your creations!



10. Come Join Us!

Follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MJPCConnection> OR get in touch with us via your class chat groups. *We are looking forward to hearing from you soon!*

Staff News

New Staff



Ms Jessalyn Lee Yi Yun



Ms Li Jiaxin



Mdm Tan Wan Joo

Promotion list for year 2022

Ms Zhu Jiayi
Mr Tan Chun Leng (Chen Junlong)
Ms Zheng Kelu
Ms Tan Yi Ying Bettina
Mr Goh Swee Teck
Ms Zuraidah Binte Mohd Ariff
Ms Gomes Alicia Bernice
Mdm Loh Ai Ling
Mr Muhammad Nizam B Shahri
Mdm Raihanah Binte Yahya
Mdm Siti Rukiah binte Wahidin