

Stephenian Times



2020 Term 1

First Week of Primary One

2nd January 2020 marked the beginning of a grand new adventure in primary school education for our Primary 1 Stephenians. Names were exchanged and friendships were forged as they met new faces and made new friends and buddies. Like young adventurers, they explored new compounds within the school together. Who knows what memories and experiences have in-store for these brothers-in-arms in the years to come?



Back to School Programme for P3/P4

Blossoming Friendships

Positive relationships encouraged pupil motivation and engagement in learning.

To kickstart 2020, a two-day Back to School Programme was planned to establish positive pupil-pupil and teacher-pupil relationships. The programme included ice-breakers, team bonding activities, tone setting and banner making. The pupils had so much fun and it was such a wonderful school experience that they longed for the programme to continue for another day. With smiles all around, it was a fresh and positive start to the year.



Bonding Day for P5/P6

The Primary 5 and 6 pupils bonded with one another and their teachers over the first two days of school when they returned after the long holiday break. They had getting-to-know-one-another games, Captain's ball and telematches. They also had talks on routines and expectations. It was two days of enjoyable bonding for both the pupils and teachers.



Chinese New Year

Year of Happiness and Prosperity

This year, we ushered in the Year of the Rat. Pupils and teachers put in a great amount of effort to decorate the classrooms while the school was draped in red with the help of our SPARK parent volunteers, adding to the festive mood. The school leaders officiated the start of the ceremony by playing drums and writing Chinese calligraphy. The concert was followed on by a quiz. Of course, the highlight of the Chinese New Year concert was the highly anticipated lion dance performance, brought to us by our very own St Stephen's Old Boys Association (SSOBA)!



Inaugural Service

Welcome to the Lasallian and Stephenian Family

On 13 January, the Inaugural Service was held to welcome new staff and pupils to the school. It was a service dedicated to welcome our new staff and P1 pupils to our Stephenian family. Our guest-of-honour, Brother Collin Wee, FSC, Director of Hope House, presented a candle to our new staff to welcome them to the teaching fraternity. The traditional 'Welcome to the Family' was sung as the rest of the school warmly welcomed our P1 pupils who had recently joined the Lasallian and Stephenian family. The service concluded with the singing of 'We are Lasallian'.



Total Defence Day + COVID-19

Braving Challenges as a School

We commemorated Total Defence Day on 14 February 2020. This year's theme was 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong'. We wanted to encourage our pupils to put Total Defence into action in their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones. In standing up and overcoming challenges that come our way as one united people, we show that our greatest strength lies in being united and resilient.



Soap Up, Wipe Down, Throw, Wash

Amidst the COVID-19 situation, the safety and well-being of the boys remain our school's top priority. Steps were taken promptly to segregate the boys right from the first day of school after their return from the Chinese New Year holidays. Health stations were set up and vigilance taken to monitor everyone's temperature. The boys were reminded repeatedly to wash their hands, to refrain from touching their faces and to avoid coming to school if they are unwell. The Wipe-down routine for common areas, like the canteen, was carried out daily, instilling a sense of social responsibility. In doing his part to keep the school canteen clean, each pupil exemplified the school mission of being 'Men for Others' and putting others before self.

A variety of activities created an engaging and meaningful Total Defence Day experience for pupils. A Total Defence Day lesson package was put together to provide an understanding of how COVID-19 has impacted the community. The package provided useful pointers for pupils on how they can play their part by being socially responsible, practising good hygiene habits and demonstrating resilience in braving challenges together as a community!

Prefects' Investiture

Leading Oneself, Inspiring Others

The Prefects' Investiture was held on 21st January 2020. It was a very special day for all the prefects of St. Stephen's School as they renewed their pledge and were presented to the school as members of the St. Stephen's Prefectorial Board 2020. The Head Prefect of 2020, Marc Loh Ming Zhe will be assisted by two Vice-Head Prefects, Linus Timothy Tan and Dylan Lee Yile in leading the School Prefectorial Board to perform duties to the best of their abilities for the year. The school has placed its faith in this group of pupils to lead fellow Stephenians to be 'Men of Integrity' and 'Men for Others', espousing the school vision of creating a community of caring, confident and independent learners, serving and excelling for the glory of God. It was truly an honourable moment for all in the Prefectorial Board that day.

Executive Committee Members of 2020

Head Prefect	Marc Loh Ming Zhe (6A)
Vice-Head Prefects	Dylan Lee Yile (6E) Linus Timothy Tan (6A)
Committee Members	Chor Min Xian (6E) Sim Wei Wen Rafael (6A) Cheah Jing Fu Timothy (6A)

