

NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

This report covers the period March 2022 to March 2023, the second of the two-year term of office of the current Nanyang Primary School Parent-Teacher Association's (PTA) 15th Executive Committee (Exco).

1. Teacher's Day 2022

PTA has been organising Teacher's Day events since time immemorial. We wanted to make it extra special this time round to celebrate our teachers many roles and sacrifices through the pandemic. We catered Bento lunches with international flavours, deserts and drinks. We decorated the Interaction Room with balloons and fairy lights. There was also a Photo Booth with the "Super-Cher" theme and props for our beloved teachers to take memorable photos. We also designed a Teacher's Day Pouch specially dedicated to all teachers. The PTA also arranged for a well-known street band 闲杂人等(The ETC) to perform. The teachers sang their hearts out and almost brought the house down. We had a gourmet coffee live station run by another singing sensation Chen Diya, who happens to be an NYPS alumna.

2. Children's Day Gifts

The PTA gifts every NYPS child a present for Children's Day. This year for the P1 to P3 students, we decided to give them skipping ropes to encourage an active, healthy lifestyle.

For the P4 to P6 students, we gave them a sports waist pouch which can be useful when they are out exercising. The pouches are versatile enough to hold their belongings like keys, money and even handphones.

3. Good Luck Gifts for P6s

Every year the PTA presents our P6s with a transparent C5 size pouch that is big enough for our children to put in all their stationeries, calculator and the e-Dictionary. This stationary pouch comes without any labels or printed logos and is suitable for use during the exams. It also comes with a removable belly wrap complete with the PTA's well wishes printed on it.

4. Mid-autumn-Festival

NYPS's iconic Mid-Autumn Festival drew over 5000 people. Our army of parent volunteers worked closely with the teachers to ensure a smooth and safe event.

We decorated the school from the walkway to the canteen and meeting point area with lanterns and lights using the "Charming Rabbits" theme. We also created a Gratitude Board for students to leave dedications and messages of appreciation to their respective teachers.

There were also games stalls, food stalls and art and craft corners for the children. Highlights of the day were the students performances as well as the lion and dragon dance.

5. Communications via Chat-groups

QR codes and group chats were created for all levels prior to the start of the year 2023. The P1s QR codes and group chats were created even earlier so that it could be shared during the P1 orientation. It was definitely much more effective as P1 parents were able to arrange play dates among their classmates and even with different classes so that their children could meet up and make friends prior to entering primary school. Communication and cooperation with parents from all levels are prompt. We are able to receive their feedbacks, provide clarity and help to ease their anxiety especially when there were a virus outbreak in school.

6. P1 Orientation Report

After 2 years since the COVID pandemic, we were able to have parent volunteers at our P1 Orientation during the students first 4 days of school. We had 47 parents volunteering during the 4 orientation days. Parent volunteers were deployed as chaperones at the P1 classes, canteen and at the bookshop. Our P1s had a smooth start to their first year in school. For some P1 students it was also a happy occasion to see their parents volunteering at various stations.

7. P6 Year Book

The P6 Yearbooks help our P6s to remember their classmates, school events, CCAs and trends of the time. Yearbook committees are an excellent way for both parents and faculty to come together and create something meaningful for our children. The teachers were also key contributors of the photos inside the yearbook. The students especially enjoyed seeing their P1-P6 photos and also the quotes from their respective form teachers. To help fund design and printing costs, several classes sponsored class pages that were designed by the children themselves. The PTA received a total of \$16,326 in sponsorship from parents. We would like to thank parents and teachers for helping create this unique memory book for our children.

8. Chinese New Year Celebration.

For this year's CNY celebrations, students savored delicious food at the Goodies Tasting Experience, had fun at the Games Stalls, and enjoyed wonderful performances at the Concert held in the Hall on 25th January.

PTA supported the Games Stalls with more than 35 parent volunteers manning 8 game stalls. The students participated in games such as Hoop Rolling, Throwing Arrows in the Pot, Chinese Yo Yo, Spinning Top, Clay Sculpting, and Shuttlecock Making. Among which the Photo Booth and the Balloon Booth were the most popular.

9. Chinese New Year Decorations.

The PTA continued its tradition of putting up Chinese New Year decorations in school. With the covid restrictions lifted, an army of over 70 PVs helped to decorate the school for the CNY bash on 25th January. The decoration team decorated the general offices (CRC, KRC), GO walkway, Hall, canteen and meeting point based on the "Artistic Rabbits" theme. The decorations helped create a festive ambience at all the venues and were well appreciated by the staff and students. There was a lion dance performance at GO and photo sessions at all the P6 classes with a special guest appearance of God of Fortune (财神爷) blessing our school, teachers, staff and students with his pot of gold.

10. Tuan Bai

Tuan Bai (團拜) is one of the key events on our Nanyang calendar. This CNY mass gathering brings together the principals, teachers, staff and alumni of all 3 Nanyang schools, both past and present.

This year there was a last minute switch in venue for Tuan Bai (團拜). We had to recce the new site in NYGH, take down the decor in NYPS and decorate the sprawling NYGH hall and surroundings, all in 72 hours. On top of decorations and the activity booth, PTA had an important mission - to entertain the crowd with 福祿壽!

11. School-wide Value in Action (Donation Drive)

Donation Drive is a form of charity that NYPS conducts every year.

Pupils were encouraged to bring specific items to donate to Donation Drive this year. Collected donations were packed by the pupils to distribute to 2 locations - AWWA Senior Community Home and residents under the care of Lion Befrienders SAC @150 Mei Ling. On 25th January 2023, the PTA delivered 140 bags to the elderly residents at AWWA and 55 bags to the residents at Mei Ling street. The teachers also delivered 160 donation bags to residents at Mei Ling Street. We would like to thank all students, parents and teachers for their support in helping communities in need.

12. PTA Event: Breakfast with the Principal and School Leaders

The 6 sessions of Breakfast with the Principal and School Leaders was held over 3 days from 20th to 22nd March 2023. This is the first series of sessions with the new principal, Mdm Wong.

Based on the inputs tallied and questions raised by parents of P1 to P6 students, similar areas of concerns were observed for the various levels. These include the emotional health of students, cyber wellness, academic rigor, volunteerism, and the overall development of students toward being global minded individuals who are engaged with the community.

A few parents suggested that the school and the PTA could organise annual career fairs for P4 to P6 students by tapping on the expertise of NYPS parents. Through sharing and demonstrating what their job entails, it is hoped that the speakers from various industries may spark interest within the students who may then explore the many possibilities available. This also gives the parents the chance to inspire the next generation workforce.

Held at the school's Chinese Culture Room, the 3-day event, Breakfast with the Principal, was a success as evidenced by the many positive feedback from the attendees. The school had arranged for a variety of breakfast items and drinks which were served at the NYPS Café on the first day, and the Interaction Room on the other 2 days.

Summaries of the various events were written and contributed by the PTA member in charge.