



Monday, 25th April 2022

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians

MF/22/010

We have completed 5 weeks of Term 2 and it has been an exciting term as we implement the changes to the Covid19 Safe Management Measures.

Vision: A Learning School with a GIVER³S Heart

At Zhangde Primary School, we strongly believe that building good character in our students must be at the core of any education they receive. If they have good character, learning anything, or any subject, will be second nature to them. We have consciously and explicitly infused character development into all our curriculum and co-curriculum programmes to develop students with a *GIVER³S Heart*!

- a) CCA competitions and tournaments have started. Yay! Our students are training hard, building team spirit and are very excited to be able to engage in healthy competitions with students from other schools.
- b) In building character, we believe that *A Growth Mindset* drives motivation and achievement. Our VP Engagement sessions with P5 and P6 this term are also focused on the set of Growth Mindset books and stories, where we revisit the key messages in the Zhangde Growth Mindset curriculum. We thank members of our school Parent Support Group for taking the time to share with our students across the different levels. Our P6 students were privileged to have our 2 parents, Mr Willie Goh and Mdm Germaine Ong, conducting their sharing in person, face to face. It is important to reinforce messages like these in our children at home whenever the opportunity arises.

Level GM Key Message		Parent Support Group
P1	We Exercise Our Brain To Make It Grow	Mr Santosh Singh
P2	Mistakes Help Us Learn & Grow	Mr Tang Hong Sing
P3	Believing in The Power of "Yet" is Persistence	Mdm Lee Cher Hoong & Mdm Mumtaz Begum
P4	Challenges Are Opportunities	Mdm Lee Cher Hoong & Mdm Mumtaz Begum
P5	Path to Mastery = Effort + The Right Strategies	Mdm Linda Nguyen
P6	Be Inspired & Inspire Others	Mr Willie Goh & Mdm Germaine Ong



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c) Character building through innovation was one of the objectives of our Project TIGUR (Traditional Innovative Games using Recyclables). This interdepartmental collaboration, between the Mother Tongue Languages and Science & Art departments allowed our students to come together in teams and to create games with recyclable materials. Dr. Li Hongying, a scientist from A*Star who is a school partner, was our guest and she shared with all our P5s the importance of caring and

looking after our environment.



d) Science Teaching at P3 got exciting with the topic on 'fungi and bacteria'. Students not only learnt about the parts of the mushroom and how mushrooms reproduce, they were also tasked with cultivating and harvesting their own mushrooms. Every student was given a 'mushroom growing kit' to cultivate and harvest the mushrooms 3 to 4 times. Students cultivated, harvested, and cooked the mushrooms at home. Students learnt responsibility with the task assigned to them. The fun added bonus was engaging their family members in the process with them.

e) 'Buddy Letter Writing', another interdepartmental collaboration, has been a feature in our school's character development programme for some time. Time is structured into the morning FTGP (Form Teachers' Guidance Period) for our students to reflect how important it is to have a heart of gratefulness. Students are encouraged to write notes of thanks or appreciation to their buddies, friends, or any staff of the school. This is then delivered to the relevant people to brighten up their day.



f) Class breakfast time is also scheduled into our term calendar to build class bonds, strengthen student-student and teacher-student relationships, by allowing for time to eat, talk and even play before the start of the usual routine for the day. This helps



to build a positive classroom culture.



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g) International Friendship Day saw Winnie the Pooh (named the Ambassador of Friendship at the United Nations in 1997), an icon of friendship, greeting our students as they arrived in school and interacting with them at recess time. During this week, our students learnt so much about the importance of friends and how to build and sustain friendships. Activities ranged from learning about Our Singapore, about the World, the ASEAN Story and the Ukraine Experience. We worked very hard during this International Friendship Day to help our students appreciate the diversity among us.



Having a good character is the basis of being a responsible, contributing, and well-rounded person and citizen. Every student is a unique individual and Zhangde will continue to strive for the best education we can provide for our children as we have always been doing. I assure you that we will work harder to build good character in our children to make sure that they grow up to be better people, principled adults, ethical leaders, and wonderful human beings.

Mrs Rita Dass
Principal