

CKPS Goes Green

Learning Days on Sustainable Textiles

Updates from the PIE Club - Part 1

July - a month filled with green and sustainable activities at CKPS!

Throughout July, the school joined the nation-wide Go Green SG movement, an initiative led by the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment that rallied the community to take collective action towards a sustainable future for Singapore. CKPS, the PIE Club and The Circular Classroom, a social enterprise set up by PIE Club members & alumni, partnered on two exciting activities to raise environmental awareness among students and encouraged sustainable actions:

- Learning Days “Threads of Unity and Sustainability”
- Art Competition “Imagine your Green School”

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In this week's PN, we share with you outcomes and photos of the Learning Days. In next week's PN, the PIE Club is proud to present to you the winners of the Art Competition.

Learning Days *Threads of Unity and Sustainability* *12 - 14 July 2023*

This project focused on the textile industry and its impact on the environment. Responsible production and consumption are key to prevent environmental degradation and combat climate change. The Learning Days "Threads of Unity and Sustainability" helped build a green mindset among CKPS students and encouraged them to commit to sustainable textile practices, for example by rethinking the use and lifespan of their school uniforms.

Through hands-on craft activities, quizzes and information boards, students learnt what textiles are made of, the basics of textile production, why the textile industry is one of the biggest polluters of the environment and what each of us can do in terms of sustainable textile practices to protect the environment.

A highlight of the project was the creation of the Singapore map of Unity and Sustainability, a large artefact jointly woven by students out of recycled paper strips. The artwork was set up on time for the Racial Harmony Day Celebrations at school with the following message: Like a colourful and strong fabric is held together by many threads, each of us contributes to our society and can help make Singapore a green, liveable and climate-resilient home.

Photo: Teamwork makes the dream work. Parent volunteers in action preparing for the Learning Days.





- 3 days experiential learning during recess
- Over 400 students across all levels participated
- More than 30 Parent Volunteers, collectively contributing over 300 hours of their time and skills
- Over 600 prizes for students created out of recycled materials

After the Learning Week for students, the PIE Club and The Circular Classroom also organised a Craft Workshop for interested Parent Volunteers. Following an expert talk with Grazyna Pulawska from the Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENForum) on the environmental and social impact of the textile industry, over 20 volunteers showed their handcraft and sewing skills and helped create a 2-meter tall Merlion out of recycled CKPS school uniforms for the National Day Celebrations at school.



Threads of Unity and Sustainability



Photo: Guest of Honour, Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo, and CKPS Principal, Mrs Cheng Huey Teng, during the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Merlion, created out of 100% recycled school uniforms, made its grand entrance at school during Singapore's National Day Celebrations. Ms Jessica Tan, Deputy Speaker of the Singapore Parliament and Advisor to East Coast GRC Grassroots Organisations, graced the event as Guest of Honour. Promoting Singapore as a green, sustainable and liveable city, the Merlion will now remain at CKPS as a permanent feature and demonstrate the school's and PIE Club's strong commitment and work in the field of environmental education.

Check out this video which captures our innovative work on environmental education & the CKPS National Day Celebrations!



CKPS wishes Singapore a Happy National Day!