

MALAY LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

CPS 2024

WHAT'S NEW?

1. Hari Raya Celebration
2. Cepat Tepat!
3. National Writing Competition
4. MTL Fortnight

This year's Hari Raya celebration at CPS was filled with joy. We had a lot of fun participating in level activities. One activity involved designing a poster about Hari Raya on an Instagram printout during our Mother Tongue lessons. My friend and I drew a mosque to commemorate our experiences attending the congregational prayers on the first day of Hari Raya. Once we had finished decorating our posters, we hung them on our class noticeboards. It was nice to see the different perspectives on Hari Raya from my classmates!

The Hari Raya concert was a blast! Performances such as the samba percussion, the Malay cultural dance group, a dance item by our teachers, and dikir barat by the students, along with the games held, made the celebration very lively and exciting! It was heartwarming to be able to spread the joy of celebrating Hari Raya in school. By sharing each other's culture, we learn to respect and honor one another!



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CEPAT TEPAT!

This year, four Primary 5 pupils were chosen to participate in a programme called "Cepat Tepat." It is a competition where pupils from various schools test their knowledge of Malay language grammar, vocabulary, idioms, and more! The competition was organized by the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee at the MOE Language Centre in Bishan in May 2024. The aim was to strengthen and broaden pupils' knowledge of the Malay language and culture.

Despite only participating in the first round, pupils gained valuable experience as they navigated challenges of accuracy and time. They were very proud to have been selected to represent CPS in this competition. They believe that with hard work and perseverance, CPS pupils participating next year will perform even better!



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MALAY LANGUAGE WRITING COMPETITION

This year, selected Malay language pupils participated in a Malay Language Composition Writing Competition organized by EDN. The competition was held in September, giving us the chance to craft our own stories based on a specific topic. We worked diligently to create the best compositions, applying the writing techniques we had learned throughout the year. Drawing inspiration from our favorite books, we developed unique storylines, putting in a lot of effort to edit our initial drafts and produce the best versions of our stories.

This experience was both enriching and educational. We learned a great deal throughout the process and gained confidence in our writing skills. We believe that participating in such competitions not only offers opportunities to deepen our understanding of the language but also challenges us to persevere through the creative process. The Primary 4 pupils won the gold award, while the Primary 3 and 5 pupils received the silver award. We are incredibly proud of the compositions we finally produced!



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Mother Tongue Language Fortnight Activities

Primary 1: Music and Movement Enrichment

The Primary 1 pupils embarked on a five-week enrichment programme to develop their oracy skills. They learned to express themselves dramatically through voice and movement, building their confidence as they worked together to perform a selection of Malay folk songs, such as "Enjit-Enjit Semut." The programme successfully sparked the pupils' interest and boosted their confidence in using Malay language in the classroom!



Primary 2: Traditional Delicacy Making & Young Entrepreneurs Competition

During the Primary 2 MTL Fortnight activities, pupils learned how to make the Malay traditional delicacy, ondeh-ondeh. They chose their favorite Malay traditional delicacies and created models of them using modeling clay. Pupils also had the chance to develop their entrepreneurial skills by "selling" their clay creations to their classmates as creatively as they could. Some even sang catchy jingles to attract potential "buyers"!





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Primary 3: Traditional Malay Games

The Primary 3 pupils were given the opportunity to explore traditional Malay games such as tapak kuda, lereng, and gasing. In addition to hands-on experience, they also learned the theoretical aspects of the games, like tying the knot before spinning the gasing. Overall, they had an enjoyable and enriching experience!

To encourage creativity while engaging in traditional games, the Primary 3 pupils participated in a spinning top competition. Using recycled materials, they crafted their own spinning tops from items like erasers, stapler bullets, tape, and straws. Pupils competed to design the most durable and longest-spinning top. Those who managed to spin their tops the longest were crowned the winners!

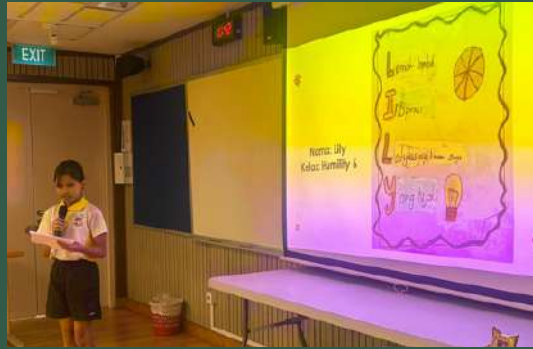
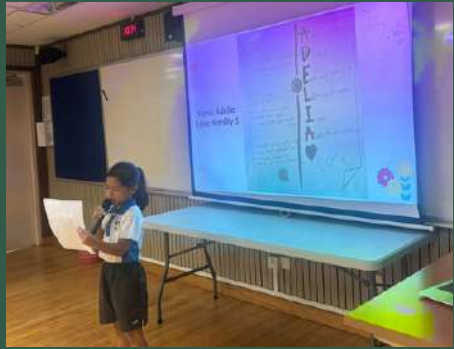
Primary 4: Cultural Camp

The Primary 4 pupils participated in a cultural camp that introduced them to various aspects of Malay culture. They engaged in crafting the bunga manggar—a traditional decorative flower often used in Malay celebrations—and had the chance to play the gamelan, a form of traditional Malay Orchestra. Pupils were thrilled to experience both the artistic and musical elements of Malay culture.

They also had the opportunity to write and recite Malay puisi, a form of poetry. Pupils crafted haikus that reflected their names and personal interests, enjoying the art of expressing themselves through short, structured verses. This activity allowed them to explore the creative side of the Malay language.



Primary 4: Cultural Camp (Gamelan, Bunga Manggar, Poetry Recitation)





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Primary 5: Young Journalist Programme

In Term 3, the Primary 5 pupils participated in the Young Journalist Programme, which aims to encourage pupils to use the Malay language in their daily lives. They were introduced to various components of journalism and learned how to combine these elements to create an article for a magazine about the school staff. This involved conducting interviews and taking photos of the school staff members assigned to them. They then used PowerPoint to compile the information into a cohesive article.

This was an exciting and unique experience that allowed pupils to use the Malay language in a meaningful way. It also taught them the value of perseverance, as they navigated challenges along the way. They were thrilled to have the opportunity to write some of the articles featured in the school newsletter and look forward to applying what they've learned in future school publications!



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Primary 5: Lyric Writing Workshop & Competition

The Primary 5 pupils participated in a lyric-writing competition during the MTL Fortnight. They attended a workshop led by the renowned singer and songwriter Mr. Mohd Khair Yasin, who taught them how to write song lyrics using metaphors and rhyme. After the workshop, they tried writing their own lyrics to their favorite songs and performed them in front of their classmates. Although it was nerve-racking, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

A few pupils were selected to represent their class and performed in front of all the Primary 5 pupils studying Malay. They were thrilled to hear the beautiful voices of their peers! This activity provided them with the opportunity to explore and express themselves through songwriting



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Recess Activities!

During MTL Fortnight, CPS pupils had the opportunity to engage in various Malay language and cultural activities. They learned to play the traditional game batu seremban, participated in a word-forming activity, and even tried their hands at puppeteering with Wayang Kulit props. This enriching experience allowed pupils to explore Malay language and culture outside their usual classroom setting in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere!

