



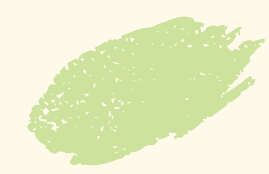
Let's Talk About School!

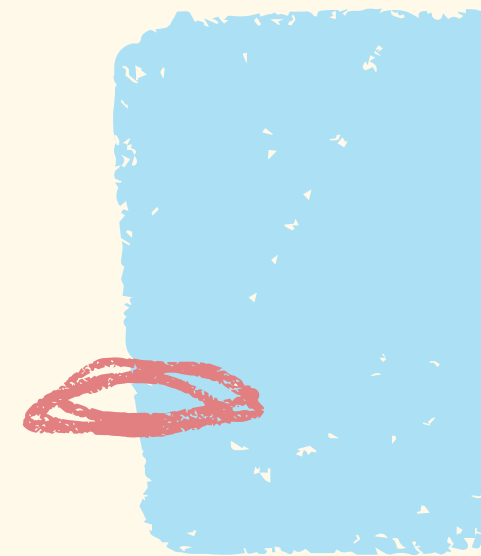
A Family Conversation Card Set





How to use this card set:

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1. Gather your family – parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, aunts & uncles (within SMM guidelines)!
 2. Bring this kit to your next family gathering - you can either print it out or use it digitally!
 3. Grab some food & drinks.
 4. Pick a card & start the conversation going!





School Building



Permaisura Primary School building (1960s).

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore.



Spectra Secondary School building (2010s).



School Building

Did you know? The old Permaisura Primary School building is a typical H-shape building, commonly built in the 1960s. The building, together with the old building of New Town Primary School, became the first MOE Heritage Centre in 2011!



Let's talk about your school building!

Do you know when was your school built?

Were there any special locations or rooms in the building?

Where was your favourite spot in school and why?





Classroom

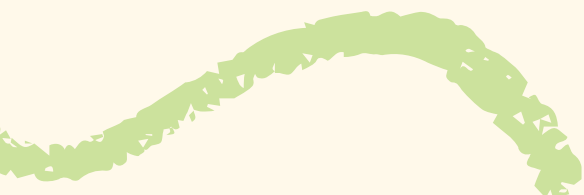


Classroom in 1970s.



Classroom today (2020).

Communications and Engagement Group, Ministry of Education.
Photo taken before COVID-19.



Classroom

Blackboards used to be the norm in classrooms and during recess time, students will use the colourful chinks, blue, green, red, yellow, white; and doodle on the board. Of course after that the teacher will make "duty group" wipe the board...

Memory of Terence, from the Singapore Memory Project

Old school desk used in the 1950s



Let's talk about your classroom!

What material was your table made of?

Did you use a blackboard or a whiteboard?

Recall and share a memorable incident that happened in the classroom!





Lesson Time

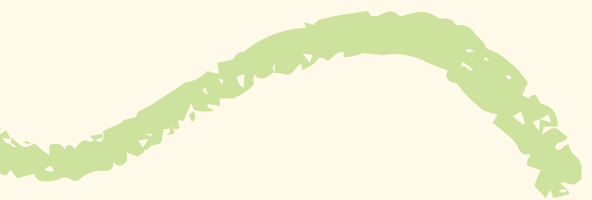


Science lesson in the 1970s.



Science lesson today (2019).

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Lesson Time

1952-1958. Anthony Road Girls' School - my primary school - had a school field, and after a rain, my classmates and I would catch tadpoles or collect frogs' eggs for the class Nature Corner. We watched the tadpoles developed into frogs.

Memory of Mrs. Wee Joo Lun, from the Singapore Memory Project

**Picture cards for
Primary 4 Science.**



Let's talk about lesson time!

What did you like best about your lessons?

How did you take notes?

What tools did your teachers use to teach?

What was your favourite subject and why?





Canteen



Canteen in the 1980s.

Gan Eng Seng School Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



Present-day canteen (2020).

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Canteen

When I was in primary 4 in 1969, the school canteen was called 'tuckshop'. I didn't know why they called it 'tuckshop'. It was only 5 cents for Malay kueh and only 10 cents for nasi lemak. When it was recess time, they announced it by knocking a big bell. I am happy during my time.

Memory of Jamilah Bte Shariffi, the Singapore Memory Project



Dorset School canteen (1971).
*Dorset School Collection,
courtesy of National Archives of
Singapore*

Let's talk about recess time!

How much pocket money did you have?

What did you usually eat for recess? How much did it cost?

How much time did you have for recess?
What else did you do during recess time?





Library



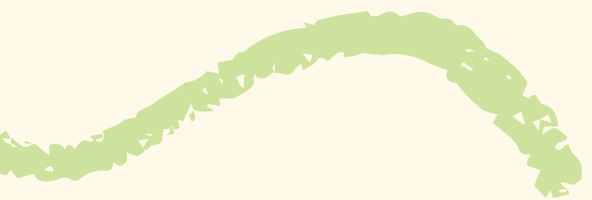
School library in the 1980s.

Shin Min Public School Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore.



Present-day library (2019).

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Library

1974 to 1980. Whenever there's "Library Period", the whole class of primary school students will rush to the school library to borrow their favourite books. There will be a librarian on duty who will stamp the due date on the slips attached to the library books and also on the individual students' library card. There were no "self registration borrowings" like today!

Memory of Marini A. Majid, from Singapore Memory Project



Let's talk about your school library!

How big was your school library and what facilities were available?

Did you have any lessons there?

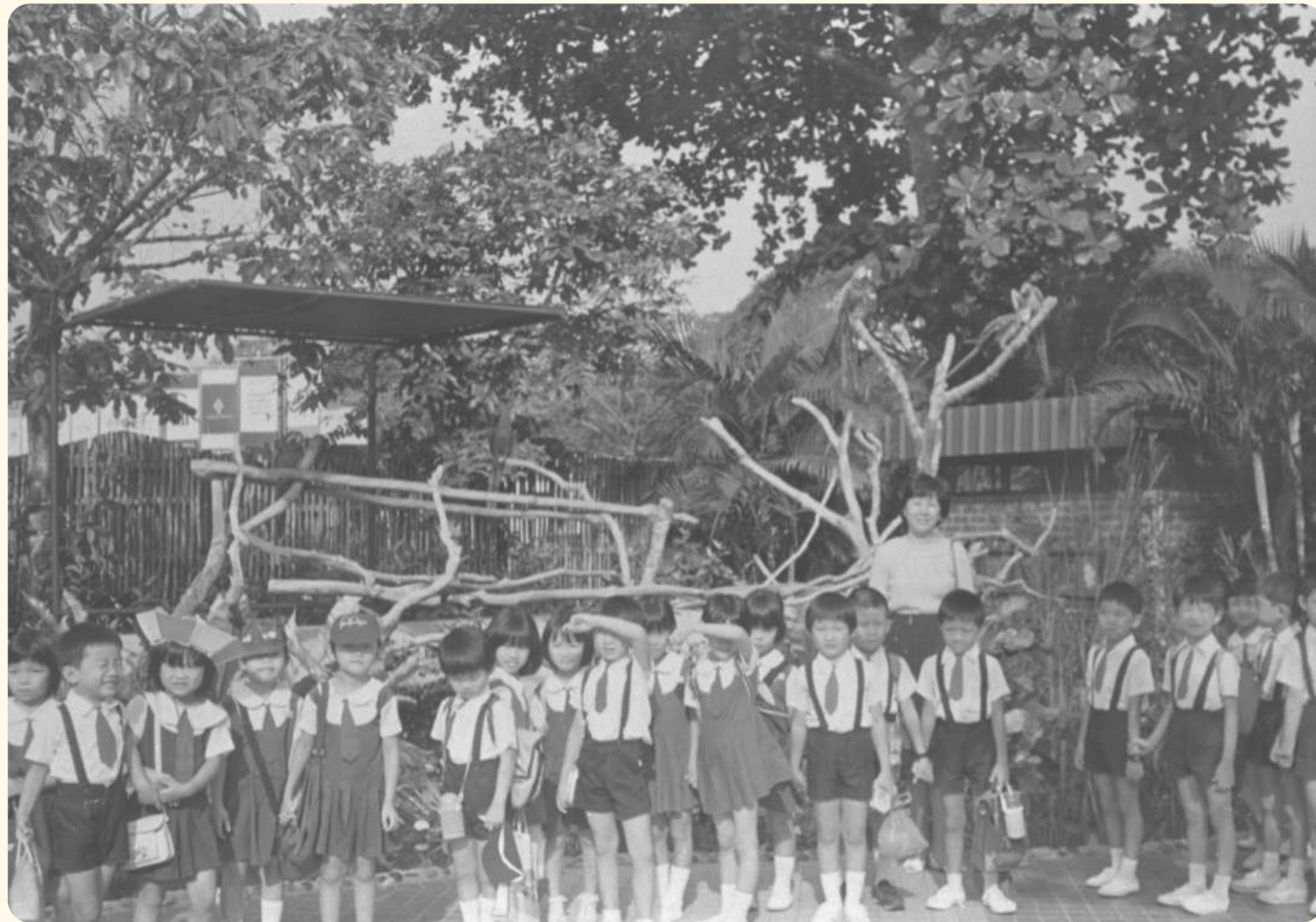
How often did you visit the library?

What did you enjoy most about visiting your school's library?





Camps & Excursions

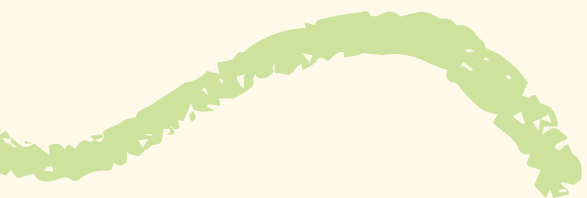


School excursion to the Singapore Zoological Gardens (1986).

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore.



Students at Outward Bound School (2017).
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Camps & Excursions



Students on a Learning Journey to the old MOE Heritage Centre (2015).

Let's talk about school camps and excursions!

What were the places you visited on school trips?

When was your first school camp? Did you enjoy the camp?

Share about an memorable incident during a school camp or trip!





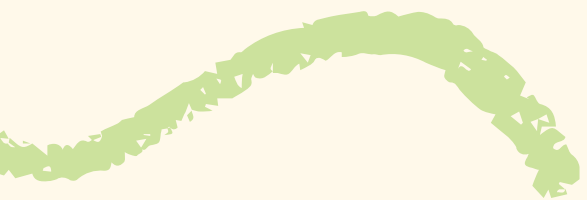
Cross Country



Chestnut Drive Secondary School's scenic cross country route (1983).



Cross Country in the present (2019).
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Cross Country

"I fondly remember the annual cross country of 2011. The school cross country event that year was held at the Sengkang Riverside Park... I was really pleased as I managed to run through the whole route without stopping... After the event, some of my friends from CCA and some of our seniors stayed behind and went kite flying at the park. Although it had become very hot, we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly flying our kites and having a good laugh.

Memory of Nikki Suwanee Pereira from the Singapore Memory Project

Let's talk about cross country runs!

Where was it held?

How long was the route?

Did you see anything interesting along the way?





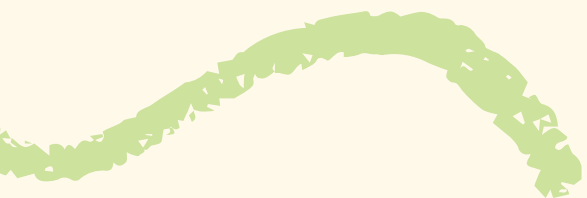
Celebrations





National Day celebrations (1995).



Racial Harmony celebrations (2018).
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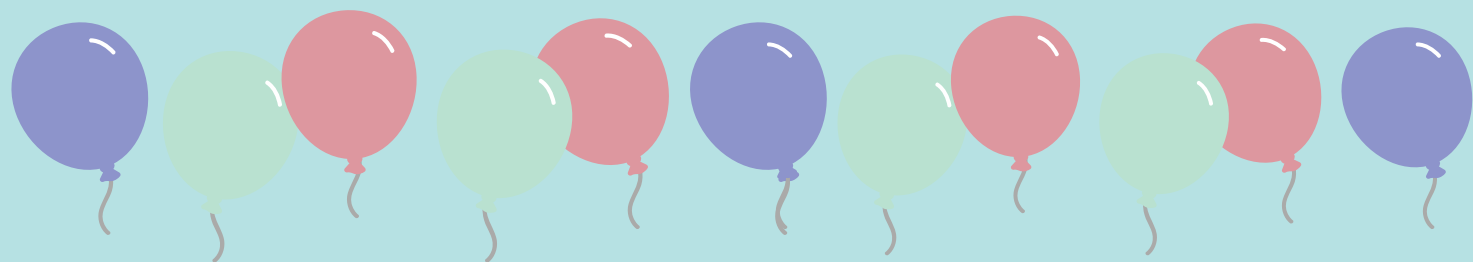


Celebrations



In primary school and secondary school, we used to have sing-along sessions during National Day celebrations. My favourite National Day songs are "Home" and "Where I belong". I really enjoyed myself during these sing-along sessions. We no longer have these in polytechnic....

Memory of Lau Jing Wen, from the Singapore Memory Project



Let's talk about celebrations in school!

What were some celebrations that took place in school?

Which was your favourite? Why?

Did you perform during any of these celebrations? Share about one memorable performance!





Singapore Youth Festival



Band display at the first SYF (1967).

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore.



SYF performance at a shopping mall (2018).

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Singapore Youth Festival

It was a nerve-wracking day for me, as it was the first time I was participating in a competition. Throughout the whole performance, I was shaking due to my nerves and when it was finally over, my nerves did not settle down, as I still had to wait for the results. When it was announced that we got a silver, I was elated, and it was my motivation to continue with my music career.

Memory of Ryan Son, from the Singapore Memory Project



Let's talk about the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF)!

Have you participated in the SYF before?

If yes, which event did you participate in?

How did you feel about taking part?

If not, have you ever attended a performance?

Where was it held?





Technical Education

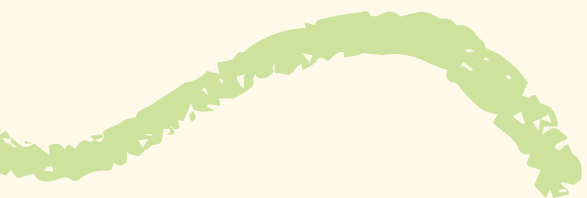


Students during woodwork lesson (1960s).



Technical Workshop in schools today (2020).

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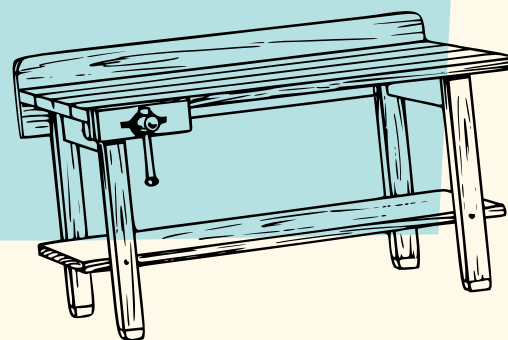


Technical Education



Some students took Domestic Science lessons instead of Technical Education.

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore.



Let's talk about Technical Education!

Did you take Technical Education (or Design & Technology) in school?

How did you feel about this subject?

What was the favourite item that you made?



Physical Education



PE Lessons in the past (1952).

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore.



Trampoline lessons during PE (2019).

Communications and Engagement Group, Ministry of Education.



Physical Education



Pull-up bars are a common sight in schools

Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection,
courtesy of National Archives of Singapore.

Let's talk about Physical Education!

What did you do during P.E. lessons?

Which was your favourite activity?

Did you take part in any inter-class competition?





We hope you had fun and continue to have conversations with your family! You can check out some of our other resources here:



MOE Heritage Centre
Virtual Gallery



School Histories Online
Repository

