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SPRING ROLL

Semester One

Principal's Foreword

At North Spring, we believe every student has the potential to shine. Our mission is to Grow, Empower and Motivate (GEM) our future-ready Northspringers — equipping them with the necessary 21st Century Competencies (21CC) to confidently thrive in an ever-changing world.

This semester, we continued to carry out hands-on and interactive learning across subjects. We also utilised outdoor spaces like our very own HOLA and turned classrooms into learning spaces where students actively created, problem-solved, and led in learning activities. Cohort camps for all the six levels became more than adventures; they were platforms for students to learn teamwork, leadership, skills and be resilient.

Through Let's SHARE (Students'-Holistic-And-Rich-Experiences) formerly known as Parent-Child-Teacher-Conference (PCTC), we moved away from updating parents about academic achievements and progress. Instead, students took centre stage, sharing their camp experiences and what they had learnt with parents and teachers. This initiative reinforced our belief that when students owned their narratives, their confidence soared. The Spring Roll e-newsletter, with many great articles written by our very own students, further empowered them to develop stronger communication and writing skills as they shared their learning experiences with all.

Let's GO (LEd by sTudentS Given Opportunities) is a student-led programme carried out during recess. Students share their interests by teaching their peers football and chess. This is an extension of the Share-And-Play initiative, where P.E. Champions are empowered to loan sports equipment like footballs, basketballs, and skipping ropes to their peers.

Two groups of Primary 5 students embarked on two overseas trips to Guangzhou, China and Surabaya, Indonesia to deepen their global awareness and cross-cultural literacy. These immersive experiences created opportunities for interactions with peers abroad where students enhanced their cultural understanding of others beyond Singapore.

Now in its second year, the GEM JoL (Joy of Learning) Fortnight blended learning with excitement, igniting learning, curiosity and joy. Integrated with various subjects in the curriculum, GEM JoL made learning engaging, both inside and outside the classroom.

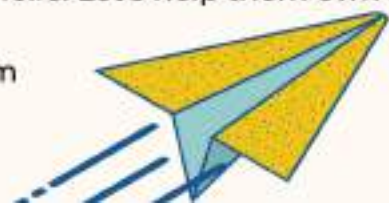
Our PSG (Parents Support Group), as always, rose to the occasion whenever the school needed their support. This year, they organised the International Friendship Day, setting up vibrant booths that showcased Malaysian, Indonesian, Myanmar, Filipino, and Thai cultures. Students enjoyed songs, games, and crafts, experiencing our neighbours' cultural traditions—all thanks to our dedicated PSG! They also supported the National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) by helping run the various fitness stations with many other programmes and activities which we were immensely grateful for.

Looking Ahead

As Semester 2 begins, we will keep creating opportunities for our North Springers to develop their strengths and interests. With the support of our stakeholders, let's continue to Grow, Empower, and Motivate every student to shine as GEMs!

The future is theirs. Let's help them own it!

Mrs Jacinta Lim



HEAD PREFECT

Hi everyone! I am Aleesya, the head prefect in 2025. To me, being the head prefect is more than just a title – it is a golden opportunity to inspire my fellow north springers and support them in as many ways as possible with my team of prefects.



Moving on to lighter things, have you ever wondered what I like? Let me tell you a bit about my hobby. I enjoy singing! (No, I do not mean bathroom singing, haha!) As a passionate singer, I find joy and confidence through music.

Something that has inspired me recently is the SCDF task force that was sent to Myanmar as relief aid. My most important act of service towards fellow north springers is to help them in their times of need. On this note, I would like to leave you with a quote - 'Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.'

Signing off,
Nur Arianna Aleesya Binte Muhammad Nurfarhan
6.1



BASKETBALL

We were playing a very intense match during our National School Games, and were losing. We still continued to be resilient and never gave up. This led to us scoring a beautiful team goal and sparked the start of our amazing comeback. We eventually went on to win the game!



I practise basketball daily at the public court near my house. I train by doing repeated shooting drills. This has greatly improved my reaction time, rebounding skills and aim.

There are some days when I feel tired after school but the thought of training with my teammates and giving our best to grow stronger together motivates me to go for training consistently every week.

Yukin Kumar Vijayakumar 6.2



INTERNATIONAL DANCE

I joined International Dance when I was in Primary 3. While I was selected for the trial session, I wasn't sure if I wanted to join at first. However after a while, I started to really look forward to each session. I enjoy this CCA because the coach is really skilled and we get to learn different dancing techniques in fun ways. During CCA sessions, we always start with physical training to get warmed up for dancing and also build our core stamina and strength.



I've improved my dancing since I first joined the CCA. We learned different physical training techniques, how to be more energetic on stage, and how to smile confidently while performing. We also performed at Ignite 25. We practiced very hard for the event and although the dance steps were difficult, we overcame the challenges and wowed the audience with our performance. I love my CCA!

Senthilkumaran Vidhya Sharvinesh 5.3



STRING ENSEMBLE

It takes lots of effort and time to get people playing in unison as part of a string ensemble. While the piece looked easy at first glance, very quickly I realised that a lot of teamwork and hard work was needed. One piece of music which I used to have challenges in was 'Hornpipe in D'.

I remember feeling extremely anxious as I was not familiar with the notes and playing it looked intimidating. When I started playing, I made numerous mistakes and felt like this piece of music would take me forever to learn but I persevered and my efforts finally paid off after months of hard work.



I'm glad I did not give up as it resulted in me attending the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) - an amazing experience I cannot fully express in words. I still remember how my heart raced with anticipation as we walked onto stage. When we were done, I felt a huge rush of relief that I will never forget. I hope to do better for the next SYF.

Dustine Sarangthem 5.3

WUSHU

Joining Wushu as my CCA has always been my goal. I understand that Wushu requires both physical and mental discipline. The most challenging part for me is building the speed, flexibility, and strength needed to perform well. While the basics may seem easy at first, mastering each move takes a lot of effort and consistent training.

I remember struggling with a new move that required stamina and focus. It was tough at first, but I pushed through the difficulties.



When I finally succeeded, I felt a deep sense of satisfaction. The experience had not only improved my skills but also taught me the value of perseverance.

Through regular practice and guidance from my instructor, Wushu has strengthened my resilience. It has helped me stay focused, overcome setbacks, and continue working towards my personal goals. I believe I can keep improving if I stay disciplined and determined.

Ang Hui Xin Clarisse 5.1



SHOW CHOIR

As the saying goes, "A place where you can be yourself, without judgement, is a sanctuary for the soul." For me, Show Choir is my safe space. While singing and dancing with a group may look easy on the surface, it requires harmony and synchronization which can only be achieved through years of hard work. Around the end of last year, while we were rehearsing for our 125 segment, our coach and teachers complimented us on how confident and synchronized our moves were.



I felt proud and a sense of achievement as a senior. It definitely assured and uplifted us. I also recalled a time when I fell sick and had to miss some CCA sessions. When I joined in the next session, I felt extremely lost. However, my teammates huddled around me, answering my questions and patiently explained the changes to me. I am extremely grateful to be a part of a supportive team!

Than Thar Thar Oleander 6.1



SWIMSAFER



One important thing I learned from SwimSafer is to stay calm and float on my back if I get tired. The first time I entered the pool, I felt nervous because the water seemed deep, but I was also excited! My favourite stroke is the breaststroke because it feels elegant and helps me move easily.

I felt really proud when I swam across the pool without stopping. An important rule is never to run near the pool. Now, I feel much more confident swimming!

Calista Luo Xinlin 3.6

SMILE



SMILE made me excited to eat fruits because I got to try unique ones every week! When I tasted the Kundang, I was shocked as it looked like a mango, but it was a bit sour. My friend's face scrunched up from the taste, and we both laughed.

I didn't expect it to taste that way, but it was fun to try. For the next mystery fruit, I would choose starfruit because it looks cool like a star, and I want to see my friends' reactions!

Chen Jiankai 4.2

READCESS



A book that I always have enjoyed reading is "The Diary Of A Wimpy Kid." I started reading this series when I was in Primary 2. The main character of this children's novel series is Greg Heffley who struggles in his middle school adventures. This book is filled with laugh-out-loud hilarious texts and illustrations by Jeff Kinney.

I was thrilled to unwrap the book jacket when I participated in this READcess "Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover" event. We selected a book at random, unwrapped the surprise and enjoyed the mystery of discovering a new read. I also designed a new book cover for my favourite book series.

Whenever I borrow or buy a book, I make my choice by looking at the interest value of the book cover. However, this READcess event has taught me that we should not judge a book by its cover. I am really grateful to the school that they arranged such a thoughtful and meaningful event.

Nishka Kamplkar 5.2

MTL ACTIVITIES



During the class activity, I learned that people who celebrate Hari Raya wake up even before the sun rises to eat. They fast from sunrise to sunset. That means they do not eat or drink the whole day! I was surprised that even though they cannot eat, they are still very happy and kind. Young children do not fast because they are still growing. I think this is very special and shows their strong faith.

Kate Ysabella De Leon 2.3

Last week, during my Mother Tongue lesson, I learned about three different cultures in Singapore. From the Chinese culture, I learned how to use chopsticks to pick up food. I also got to smell and touch herbs such as star anise and cinnamon, which are used in many Indian dishes. From the Eurasian culture, I learned about a popular dish called Beef Smore.

My favourite activity was using chopsticks to pick up cotton balls. It was difficult for me, but I kept trying. I enjoyed every activity that my teacher prepared for me, and I am grateful to my teacher for making the lesson so fun and engaging.

Khya Zaffran Bin Khairul Anwar 1.3



P3 MUSHROOM KIT



The most fascinating thing I have learned is that mushrooms can grow out of a box and take on various shapes and sizes. I was surprised to see that mushrooms can grow to such a huge size and be golden in color. I would like to try growing different kinds of mushrooms to see what sizes and colors they can develop into.

Malinis Jasmhine Adrielle Radin 3.1



P5 OVERSEAS IMMERSION SURABAYA

Our five-day, four-night school overseas trip to Surabaya, Indonesia, was a fun and unforgettable experience filled with cultural and educational activities.

My favourite part of our adventure was when we took part in a hands-on batik painting activity at Rumah Batik Surabaya. It was exciting to create our own batik designs using traditional tools like the djanting and hot-melted wax.

We also visited the Singapore National Academy and attended their lessons.



Previously, I had never seen such a spacious school with such a small student population. School life in Surabaya was very different from what I am used to in Singapore. I feel that if I were to live in Surabaya, it would be challenging for me to catch up with the lessons.

Throughout the trip, I appreciated sharing a room with my roommate, as I learned to be independent by waking up, getting ready, and managing my belongings on my own. This trip helped me grow, make new memories, and appreciate a different culture. It was truly a special experience I will never forget.

Mishel Mazsherrifah Althea Binte
Mazlan 5.4

P5 OVERSEAS IMMERSION GUANGZHOU

Last week, 14 Primary 5 students and I had the incredible opportunity to take part in an Overseas Immersion Trip to Guangzhou, China. Before the trip, my understanding of Chinese culture was limited to lion dances and dumplings. However, I soon discovered that it is so much more! Chinese culture is rich and diverse, ranging from traditional opera to intricate cloth dyeing techniques.

One of the highlights of the trip was the electrifying Chimelong Circus—a whirlwind of colours, movement, and music. Acrobats flipped, spun, and dove through the air, keeping me on the edge of my seat. Playful clowns brought laughter to the crowd, while a magical menagerie of animals added wonder to the performance. The most breathtaking moment for me was when ballerinas floated gracefully above the stage, soaring like ethereal swans.



This immersion trip taught me to be more responsible and independent while staying in a different country. It also helped me learn how to adapt to new environments and cultures. I am truly grateful for this experience and hope that North Spring Primary will organise more overseas trips in the future!

Krishna Pillai P5.1



P4 MAKING FRUIT SKEWERS

The fruit skewer activity was a deliciously fun way to learn! We worked in pairs to plan and design our own fruity creations, then wrote simple recipe steps to go along with them. It was exciting to choose colourful fruits, practise sequencing words like "first" and "next," and finally get to assemble and eat our skewers. Not only did we learn about procedural writing, we also practised teamwork and enjoyed a healthy treat at the end!

Nurfareeha Binte Achmad Faisal 4.5



SPORTSFEST



During SportsFest, my team played Captain's Ball. We were losing at first, but we encouraged one another and worked together. When my friend missed a catch, we cheered her on instead of blaming her.

During a PE practice session, I struggled to shoot the ball. I kept trying and listened to my PE teacher's advice. After many tries, I finally scored! I learned that resilience and effort help us improve, and teamwork makes challenges easier to overcome.

Liiyashrre Sivabalan 3.5



EL FIESTA



EL Fiesta was one of the best parts of our school term! There were so many fun activities that made English come alive. We cheered for our friends during the stage games, laughed during the Book Character Day skit, and even got to dress up as our favourite storybook heroes. My favourite part was definitely Book Character Day. I loved seeing everyone's creative costumes and walking on stage like a real character from a book. It made me realise how much fun reading and using English can be. I can't wait for EL Fiesta next year!

Quejada Sebastian Louis Cahatol 4.5



YES WEEK



During YES Week, I learned various ways to protect the Earth. One of the things that stood out to me was the use of single-use plastic. I had absolutely no idea that one little bottle of water could leave such a big impact on our planet. When the speaker from World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) showed us pictures of helpless animals trapped in plastic bags, I had guilt written all over my face. Ever since then, I've avoided single-use plastics.

Aye Chan Moe 6.2



PURPLE PARADE

Amidst a flurry of chaos, my group had finally prepared all that was needed for our booth. All we had to do was set them up. At first, I thought it would be a piece of cake, but well, it was the total opposite. I was making a beeline from booth to booth to prepare each one! I was breathing heavily from dashing about within minutes!

Just as I was about to sit for a while, "Welcome to the parade, students!" our teacher announced.



"Wait a minute, is it already time for us to host the booths?" I questioned myself as I stared at my watch in disbelief.

My class had focused on learning about Tourette's Syndrome and my group was in-charge of the game, 'Try to get me!'. We had to fasten Velcro strips on the elbows of the participants and control their movements as the participants tried to get a sponge ball without fail.

I felt proud being a facilitator at the Purple Parade. It is indeed an experience to behold! I am thankful that North Spring has given me a chance to show how North Springers can be inclusive and show compassion while having a whale of a time at fun booths.

Sarathi Sanjana 5.2



PRIMARY 1



I had so much fun at the P1 Adventure Camp! My favorite part was the "GEM Your Hearts Out" activity where we played a game with our group in the school hall. It was so exciting! Through this camp, I got to know my friends better, and we learned how to work well as a team. It was a great experience, and I can't wait for more adventures!

Chloe Destiny Goh 1.7



PRIMARY 2



The camp was fun! There were so many activities for us. Passing the hula hoop was the most fun game for me. I was so happy that my good friend Hamzah was in my team. We discussed how to finish the games more quickly than the other teams. We also went to the ecology. We smelled different types of flowers and guessed what kind of fragrances they had. It was hard at first, but we were able to do it. I love camp!

Ryan Anuhas Wickramarathna 2.6

PRIMARY 3



My favourite part of the P3 Discovery Camp was when we planted plants like tomatoes, carrots and other vegetables! I love gardening so planting the vegetables was truly unforgettable for me! I also learnt to be resilient because I could not complete the appreciation worksheet at first but managed to complete it with my good friend encouraging me. I felt happy when we completed it together! I cannot wait for next year's camp!

Leesha Pillai 3.1



PRIMARY 4



It was a great P4 Camp. The main highlight of the camp for me was pitching the tents. It was not easy to do but my group managed to complete it - teamwork makes the dream work!

I was overjoyed to be given the opportunity to sleep in the tent! It was very warm but fun because it was my first time sleeping together with my classmates.

I also enjoyed the campfire! There were lots of songs and performances. I was sad that it was not a "real" outdoor campfire because it was raining. However, I still enjoyed myself very much! I learnt many things from the camp. I learnt that I cannot do everything alone and I must communicate and take turns to achieve the goals! It was definitely a fun learning experience!

Muhammad Rayyan Qushayyi Bin Jasni 4.1



PRIMARY 5



During the outdoor cooking activity, my friends and I showed great teamwork when one of them cracked the egg for me, easing my nerves. The camp helped me overcome fears, like abseiling, by teaching me to shift from "I can't" to "I can." This experience showed me that with the right mindset, I can face challenges head-on. I also learned that I am more capable than I thought, as I pushed myself to try new things and trusted my teammates.

Karthikeyan Nakshatra 5.3



PRIMARY 6



During the orienteering team challenge, my team got lost at the park, but we worked together to find our way. One friend stepped up as a leader, guiding us calmly. This showed me that teamwork and leadership make a big difference. The camp also made me more confident to try new things, like sleeping in a tent for the first time. I learned that I can be independent and adapt to new situations, even when they seem tough at first.


Ng Yan Kai Aden 6.4



SINGAPORE'S HAWKER CULTURE

**SELECTED ESSAYS BY NORTH
SPRINGERS**

Get ready to whet your appetite for words! Our students have taken a big bite out of Singapore's beloved hawker culture and turned it into sizzling stories and mouthwatering masterpieces as part of their NYAA essay competition submissions. Inspired by the sights, smells, and sounds of local hawker centres, these selected writing pieces celebrate the heart of our island's food heritage. Come taste their creativity!



Hawker Culture!

Undoubtedly, hawker centres are the heartbeat of every neighbourhood in Singapore, showcasing the nation's multicultural heritage. Many Singaporeans have their meals there after school or work, sometimes even bonding with strangers.

The moment I stepped into Tekka Hawker Centre, I was greeted by the rich aroma of sizzling spices interweaved with the boisterous chatter of hungry customers. I was drawn to a stall named "AR Rahman." My father ordered the traditional roti prata with a side of curry. Mr Umar, the stall owner, went to work straight away – his experienced hands moving swiftly. While preparing our food, he recounted how his friends had suggested that he become a hawker because of his spectacular culinary skills. He loved his job, as he believed sharing food is sharing happiness!

Nevertheless, being a hawker was not always sunshine and rainbows—he had to wake up every morning before the sun rose. Cooking for hundreds is also no easy feat. Hearing his perspective, I realised that being a hawker was not as easy as I had thought.

Not long after, I smelled the fragrant spices of the curry. Popping a piece of roti prata covered in Mr Umar's famous curry into my mouth, I felt a burst of decadent flavours! The prata was crispy on the outside but soft and fluffy on the inside. The taste blended beautifully with the sweet and spicy curry.

As I was savouring the dish with relish, I noticed a group of aunties at the table beside me. They were all from different races - two of them were even deaf. However, they were grinning and communicating well. I smiled as I observed them, wondering if other countries have such a heartwarming sight. Hawker centres bring people together from diverse backgrounds, fostering a sense of community regardless of race or status.

I had a wonderful time at Tekka Hawker Centre, occasionally being greeted by the birds walking freely under the tables. I had the unique opportunity to gain insights into hawker life and see Singapore in a different light. I love my special Singapore!

Than Thar Thar Oleander 6.1



Hawker Culture!

Teh O! Teh C! Kopi! Kopi O! Yuan Yang! It may be an alien concept to you, but this is usually how people order tea and coffee like professionals.

Hawker centres. They dot our island nation. They are the heartbeat of any neighbourhood. They also make a vibrant social space for family and friends. But, they are slowly shrinking away.

Truth be told, Roti Prata and Char Kway Teow are life for me! I not only appreciate the hawker centres' multicultural dishes under one roof, but also appreciate their authentic, lip-smacking dishes. Whenever my family and I take a gastronomical journey to many hawker centres like the one at One Punggol, the hawkers will always have a generous hand! They prepare mountains of food for their customers, until customers have to stop them from scooping another mountain of fried rice paradise!

Without a shadow of doubt, I believe that food unites people from different walks of life. It is also great to spend quality time with family over good hawker food. I have many fond memories of how I would always sprint goofily towards one stall in Fernvale with coins clinking in my pockets. The hawker uncle whom I had long since befriended, would skillfully prepare my usual order of an egg toast for takeaway which I would greedily devour at home.

With hawker centres being great places for communal dining, we should never forget the conscientious hawkers that keep our hawker culture alive, as well as keeping us united as one multicultural country. Having said that, we should also appreciate them by thanking them for providing us with more than enough food. They will always be my go-to places, and I will never forget the many good things that they have done for us.

I love the hawker culture and the culinary magic!

Christian Suon 6.2



Hawker Culture!

One delightful Thursday, my English teacher assigned the class a project about interviewing hawkers! Once I heard about it, I began pondering what dish to work on until a thought popped into my head: What about kaya toast?

I went online and found a shop with an extraordinarily historical kaya toast called “Yi Jia,” which meant “one family” in English. Having made up my mind to interview the staff there, I then went to the shop.

As I entered the shop with my parents, I was greeted with warm and welcoming smiles from the owner, who makes the bread, and the cashier, who also knows how to make beverages! After explaining my school project to them, they kindly agreed to the request to be interviewed and provided me with some helpful information!



Their shop has been open for ten years, dating back to 2015! Their bread was special, with a texture unlike any other. To make the dough smoother than other breads, the dough had to undergo one more step than in other shops: being passed through a special machine. This made the bread smoother, creamier, and softer than regular bread. In addition to selling kaya toast and other types of bread, they also sold traditional kuehs, tarts, cakes, Singaporean treats, and many more!



After that, I politely asked the uncle if I could take a picture of him and the shop. Without hesitation, he agreed, and I managed to take a picture of him making beverages, too! I will never forget the splendid taste of the bread and that experience was like a hug on a rainy day.

Nair Aryll Teo 6.3

Hawker Culture!

Hi! My name is Mei. I am trying to uphold my grandmother's legacy. But ever since she passed on, sales at our stall, Yong Tow Foo, have been slow. Newly opened stalls are gaining more popularity. They add hip and trendy twists to Singapore's traditional dishes. Some made the rice blue, while others added cute logos on their signboards to attract a younger audience. It has gotten to the point where no one even comes to my stall anymore. The pressure of my next rent payment was starting to burden me.

Days passed, and my sales slowed down to an even more glacial pace. I barely got any orders. Although I do not want to disappoint my grandmother, I am slowly losing hope. I feel more and more defeated each day. The urge to shut down the stall was becoming almost unbearable.

But today was not a typical day. It was a special day. Today, a famous food critic, Mr Tan, visited the hawker centre where I am located! As Mr Tan walked over to my stall, my eyes grew as wide as saucers when he ordered a bowl of Yong Tau Foo. "Of course!" I chirped.

I showed off my cooking skills, hoping my passion was translated into my actions. The aroma of my classic Yong Tau Foo rose, and Mr Tan eagerly captured photos of me in action. I scooped the rich broth steeped in the deep umami of fermented bean paste. Each selected piece gleamed temptingly. Stuffed tofu, crispy bean curd skin, tender eggplant and many other delights peeked out of the broth.

My chin trembled as I tried to maintain composure. I served him a hot bowl of my original Yong Tau Foo. I watched him eat a spoonful of my dish. His eyes immediately sparkled with glee, and for a second, I thought I was dreaming.

"Wow... I have no words," he simply said, his lips parting in a wide smile.

When Mr Tan posted the article with the photos online, his positive review spread like wildfire. The next day, customers lined up at my stall immediately at opening time. All at once, the weight of the rent pressure was lifted off my shoulders. I served every hungry customer with a smile, feeling incredibly grateful for the continuous support for local hawkers.

Aarush Sharma 5.1



Hawker Culture!

It was a scorching hot Sunday morning. Birds chirped gleefully as sun rays shone across the town. My parents were making a beeline for our favourite hawker centre, Happy Hawkers, with wildly growling bellies. It was my parents' anniversary, so we wanted to start the day on a good note with a hearty breakfast.

As we all stepped into the entrance of the hawker centre, the irresistible fragrant aroma of coffee wafted across the room, making us salivate. I sat while my parents made a beeline to the stall where a friendly hawker stood, slicing a loaf of bread precisely into thin slices with full concentration. The hawker waved a hand at me, signalling me to come forward. "Hello, dear! You look so beautiful today!" she commented politely. "Thank you for that comment, aunty! It made my day!" I replied promptly. I salivated looking at the kaya toast placed on the wooden countertop, precisely cut into a rectangle and slathered with a creamy kaya paste. A piece of glistening butter crowned the delectable ensemble. The hawker, glancing at my face of raging hunger, grinned from ear to ear and continued, "I am the third generation of my family to run this business and we started this stall in 2002, following our mission to provide good food and services that satisfy hungry customers." I grinned at her, my eyes shining with admiration and interest as I saw the passion and love put into her cooking.

Suddenly, a question bubbled in my mind. "How did your family come up with this interesting logo?" I asked curiously staring at the logo on top of the signboard. It glistened with pride as sun rays shone onto it.



"What a good question, my dear! Well, the logo's colours signify our burning passion for business. It also signifies the strength acquired by ensuring excellence from which, we believe, prosperity will follow. Our positive mindset extends from this logo to the food and services we provide. For every service we do, we tend to follow the phrase, 'Better food, better people, better life' always. I stood frozen with my jaw dropped. That was the most inspirational speech I had ever heard!

"Sanjana! Breakfast is served! Come quick!"

My mother's scream awoke me from my thoughts, bringing me back to my senses. I made a beeline back to my table and sat down. What a fantastic start to the day!

Sarathi Sanjana 5.2

Hawker Culture!

Hawker Centres are open-air complexes that house many stalls that sell a wide variety of affordably priced food. They are most conveniently located at the heart of housing estates, usually with some surrounding wet markets. Hawker centres are a unique aspect of Singapore's culture and lifestyle. They are also essential places for social interaction and community bonding. As far back as the 1800s, hawker culture in Singapore came from the early migrant population selling quick, affordable meals on street pavements, in town squares and parks, wherever they could set up their stalls. Their main advertisement is the pleasant aromas of delicacies being cooked, served, and eaten on the spot by hungry passers-by.

So, how do you choose from the hundreds of stalls? The answer is simple. Look for the longest line, of course.

Regarding hawker cuisine, the queue is the best testament to the stall's food quality. Most hawker centres are located within neighbourhood centres of public housing estates, serving as critical communal spaces. There are also hawker centres in business and recreational districts, where people work and play. A lot of people like many different dishes in hawker centres, but personally, my favourite dish in hawker centres is fried bee hoon with chicken wings. If I am honest, I only like some food in the hawker centres, like fried bee hoon, chicken rice, roti prata! In the 1800s, immigrants from China, India, and Indonesia saw street hawking as a viable income source. Plus, it was a way to share the comfort food they grew up with. In those days, they would "carry" their kitchens around with them, with ingredients and utensils balanced on a bamboo pole. Some vendors even milked their cows or goats on the spot for fresh milk. While this food scene was thriving and incredibly vibrant, it was mostly illegal. Garbage was left strewn on the streets. Water and ice could be easily contaminated.

Regarding hawker-style Fried Chicken Wings, Eng Kee is probably the most well-known and most popular, with nine branches across the island. Unlike many hawker chains that hire employees to manage their outlets, all Eng Kee stalls are owned and operated by extended family members. Each family member must first undergo training at the Commonwealth Crescent stall before being entrusted with their stall.

Carbonilla Emmanuel Lizada 5.3







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