

Total Defence Day: Together We Keep Singapore Strong

Total Defence Day is marked annually on 15 February in Singapore to commemorate the anniversary of the surrender of the British to the Japanese on 15 February, 1942.

The Total Defence concept involves the participation of every Singaporean in the collective effort of building a strong, secure and cohesive nation that is ready to deal with any crisis. It is a concept that takes into account the small size of Singapore as an island-state with no natural resources, wholly dependent on world trade, and its multiracial population that is key in strengthening the nation.

In school, the CCE department had lined up a series of activities to commemorate Total Defence Day. It started off with the pre-assembly programme on Wednesday, 8 February, with Total Defence videos and quizzes, pupils get to know and understand the reasons for us to commemorate Total Defence Day.



This short video was played during the pre-assembly programme on Wednesday, 8 February. It was about Japanese occupation of Singapore in 1942.



The 5 aspects of Total Defence explained in this interesting short video.

Pupils learned the 5 aspects of Total Defence and how they can play a part in each of the aspects through different activities during CCE lessons. Level specific lessons were carried out by CCE teachers. These activities include:

P1 - Thank You Card

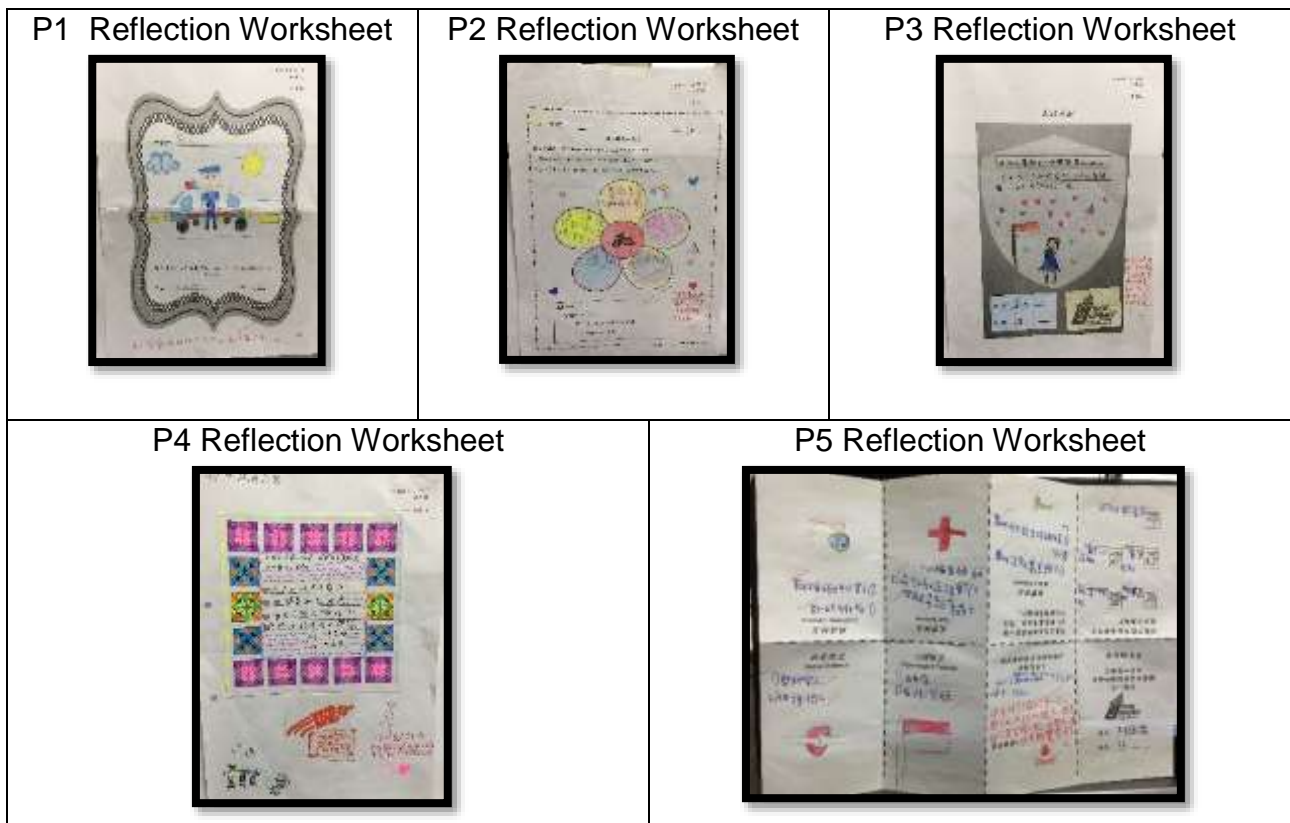
P2 - Snake & Ladder Game & I Can Play My Part Pledge

P3 - Commitment Card

P4 - PPT slides & Making a Quilt

P5 - Mini Booklet

P6 - PPT slides (Quiz)



A Fire Drill exercise was also carried out on Friday, 10 February to get pupils to understand that during times of crisis or disasters, if we know what to do, we can save ourselves and our loved ones and help others too. The fire drill exercise get us prepared and ready so that we can respond more effectively in times of crisis.

The CCE Carnival, which was held during recesses, on Thursday, 9 February and Friday, 10 February, aimed to inculcate good virtues such as helpfulness, enthusiasm, teamwork and cooperation in pupils through fun games and activities.

Through the Assembly programme (engaged Drama Arts to perform a play, "One story, Many Parts" which was held on 10 February), we hope to bring the message, "Singapore is strong and resilient because our people are united and resilient" across to the pupils and teachers.



Let's move forward together as one people! Together, we keep Singapore strong!