

SINGAPORE



Fuhua Primary School

Fuhua Primary School is a leader in environmental education among primary schools. The school adopts a holistic and integrated approach towards developing their students' character and skills through a range of curricular and co-curricular activities. The school's environmental education approach is aligned closely to the school's mission of "Every Child a Lifelong Learner, Responsible Leader and Gracious Citizen" where every student is encouraged to be a socially-responsible and environment-friendly individual.

The Environment Education Programme at Fuhua Primary School encompasses the Community Involvement Programme (CIP). The programmes are weaved into the instructional and non-instructional aspects of the curriculum and cuts across different disciplines such as Science, Art, Health Education and Infocomm Technology. All levels of students are involved in the Environment Education Programme which covers environmental topics such as nature conservation, dengue prevention, the ecosystem in the mangrove swamp and wetlands. Environmental education is closely tied to values education to teach core values such as care, respect, integrity, perseverance and enterprise.

The school has put in place environmental infrastructure to support its environmental education efforts. The school building has been certified as a Water Efficient Building since 2008. Recycling Corners are created for staff and students to deposit recyclable items. The school also collects rainwater for the fish ponds, general cleaning purpose and for watering plants. The school also has a Constructed Wetland to educate the students and visitors on the importance of conserving wetlands. Adjacent to this Constructed Wetland is an e-Learning Hub where teachers use technology to engage students in deeper research and discussions, thus enhancing their learning.

The school also actively initiates programmes and activities to reach out to the larger community on environmental education, such as the sale of recycled items to raise fund for the less fortunate. Pupils from the Green Club who are the school's environmental champions act as ambassadors and conduct workshops to kindergarten children, their parents and residents of the neighbouring condominium. During these workshops, the participants are taught ways to set up gardens in a bottle to prevent mosquito breeding and to conserve water.

Fuhua Primary School actively seeks and initiates partnerships as part of its environmental education efforts, be it partnering the government environment organisations or those in the private sector. The school co-hosted the Just One Earth Seminar in collaboration with Commonwealth Secondary School and organised the Annual Primary School National Photography Competition – Nature Through Our Lens for all primary schools in Singapore to appreciate nature through the art of digital photography. In 2011, Fuhua Primary School hosted the National Primary School Water Festival 2011 with the Public Utilities Board (PUB). This event provides a platform for pupils in primary schools to showcase their innovative projects on water conservation efforts. This year, the school partnered the National Environment Agency (NEA) to organise the Youth for the Environment Day (YED) 2012 for schools in the West Zone. YED is a dedicated day for young people to take ownership of the environment and to safeguard, nurture and cherish it for future generations.