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Euphoria Primary's VOLUNTEER FESTIVAL

YOU can make a difference!



WHY be involved?

- There are many worthy causes around us and many ways we can contribute to such causes. However, we often do not help out because we do not know that we can!
- Being aware of the needs of others and learning to help out is part of our holistic development as a school and as a country.
- Research has shown that helping others leads to happier and healthier lives for ourselves!

“The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green.”

– Thomas Carlyle

WHO can be involved?

ANY Primary 1 to 5 pupil from Euphoria Primary School. There are at least ten different opportunities and schedules available. Find one at the festival that fits you!

HOW to be involved?

Follow the Volunteer Trail below for a meaningful and memorable volunteering experience.



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Come for Euphoria Primary School's Volunteer Festival on Saturday, 12 March, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



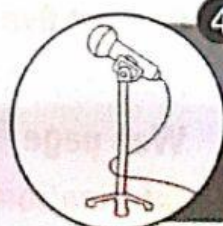
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Visit the booths set up by the various agencies to find out more.



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Fill in the Volunteer Response Form (VRF) with your top three choices and submit it to your form teacher by Friday, 18 March.



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Wait for an announcement of the volunteer allocation and the teacher-in-charge, on Wednesday, 23 March.



5

Report to the teacher-in-charge and be ready to start!

Some highlighted agencies who will be present at this year's festival:

Opportunities: Sing-along Saturdays, special tours to the zoo/Sentosa ...



National Association for the Visually Impaired



Opportunities: Cooking at soup kitchens, distributing food in the heartlands ...

**Food
for
the
Needy**

Opportunities: Trash collection operations and education campaigns ...

**Recycling
Heroes**



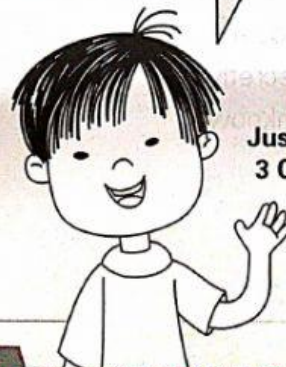
Here are some of what your schoolmates have to say about the Volunteer Festival:

It's interesting to find out what many organisations are doing to care for others. I'm always inspired by them!



**Seraphina Gomez,
4 Empathy**

It was exhilarating when I was allocated my first choice last year. Volunteering at the Singapore Animal Shelter was very memorable for me!



**Justin Wee,
3 Courage**

Choose the most appropriate answer. Write its number in the box provided.

Question Type: Identify Aim

1. What is the **main** aim of the brochure?

- (1) to explain what holistic education is about
- (2) to entertain the pupils of Euphoria Primary School
- (3) to encourage pupils to be more involved in volunteering
- (4) to provide a platform for Seraphina and Justin to share their experiences



Question Type: Purpose of Punctuation

2. Why do you think the word “YOU” in “YOU can make a difference!” is in capital letters?

- (1) It is the first word in the sentence
- (2) It is to make the readers feel important and proud
- (3) It is to focus on the fact that the readers can make a difference
- (4) It is a criticism of the readers who are not making a difference



Question Type: Eye for detail icon

3. Bhavani is very excited and submits her VRF on the day of the festival. She will find out if she is successful _____.

- (1) within a week
- (2) about ten days later
- (3) about one month later
- (4) when her teacher-in-charge announces it.



Question Type: Contextual Clues

4. In the quote by Thomas Carlyle, what word is used to describe the results of good work being done?

- (1) green
- (2) hidden
- (3) secretly
- (4) unknown



Question Type: Supporting Information

5. Khairul has submitted his VRF with three choices listed. Which of the following activities is Khairul **least likely** to be allocated?

- (1) cleaning an animal shelter
- (2) distributing food to the needy
- (3) visiting the zoo with people who are blind
- (4) teaching preschoolers about the importance of recycling



Question Type: Explanation Answer

6. According to the brochure, why should someone actively volunteer?

- (1) volunteering can make us happier
- (2) good volunteers can achieve career success
- (3) volunteering is very popular among young people
- (4) we should surprise others by doing good deeds for them



Question Type: Opinion vs Fact

7. The information in this brochure consists of facts and opinions. Which of the following is an opinion and **not** a fact?

- (1) One of the volunteer activities is to collect trash
- (2) Volunteering at the Singapore Animal Shelter was the most memorable activity
- (3) A primary 6 pupil in Euphoria Primary School cannot participate in the Volunteer Festival
- (4) Pupils can choose from more than five types of volunteering opportunities at the Volunteer Festival



Question Type: True vs False

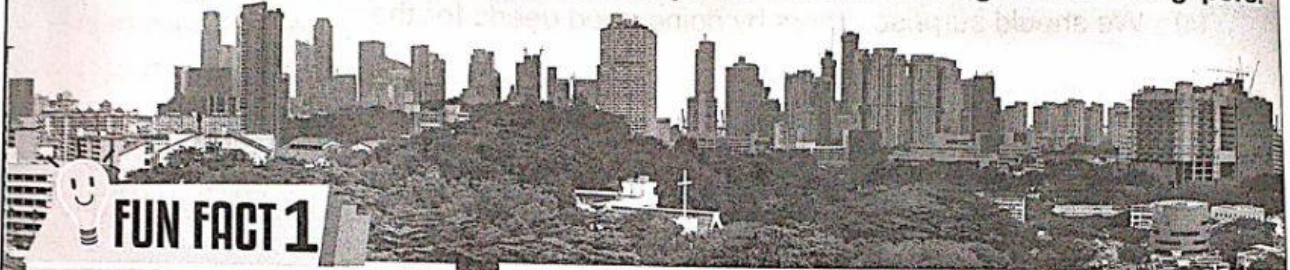
8. Based on the brochure, which of the following is true of the Volunteer Festival?

- (1) Volunteer Festival is a whole-day event
- (2) Thomas Carlyle is one of the organisers of the event
- (3) Volunteers with Food for the Needy may be doing some cooking
- (4) Pupils are to submit their VRFs to the teacher-in-charge



ON THE TRAIL OF TREES

Singapore is known to many as a modern, business centre. Tall buildings, crowded streets and roads filled with cars are common sights. But did you know that our small nation is also known as a City in Nature? There's a good reason for this. Even though Singapore is very urbanised, there has been an intentional effort to plant many trees throughout the city state. The result is a city nestled amidst lush greenery. Let's look at some benefits of having many trees, as well as some common species of trees found right here in Singapore.



FUN FACT 1

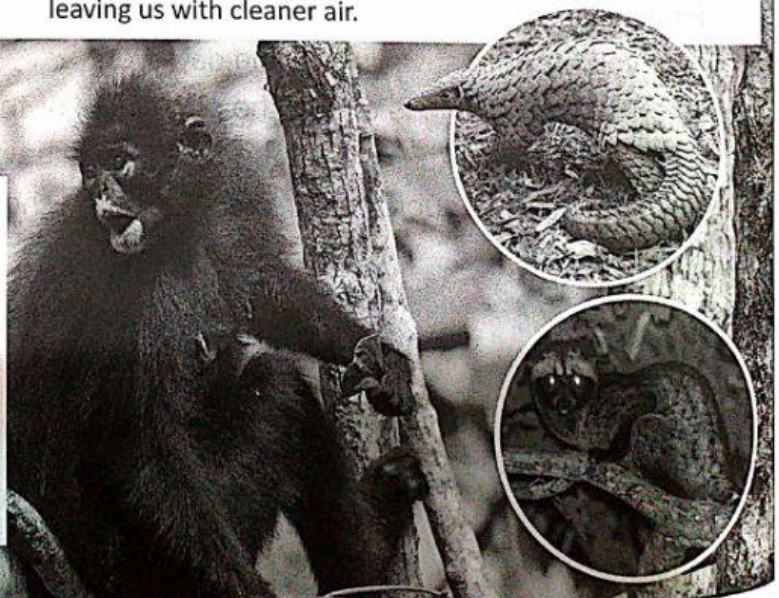
Singapore is serious about trees! This tiny island with a total land area of about 700 km² (50 km from east to west, and 27 km from north to south) has more than two million trees. This is an astonishing figure, especially when you consider the fact that the majority of Singaporeans were reported to be living in urban areas in 2019.

Trees are GOOD for us

- They provide us with oxygen. Through the process of photosynthesis, trees take in carbon dioxide (which we don't need) and release oxygen (which we need).
- They provide us with shade. Protecting us not only from the heat, but also from harmful ultraviolet rays.
- They are beneficial to our health. Studies have shown that being in contact with nature can reduce mental fatigue and stress, and improve our overall emotional well-being.
- They provide us with clean air. The leaves and bark of trees can trap some gases and polluting particles, leaving us with cleaner air.

FUN FACT 2

Trees are important because they provide food and shelter — not just for humans, but also for birds, monkeys, squirrels and other wildlife as well. Did you know that Singapore is home to some uncommon animals such as the Common Palm Civet, the Sunda Pangolin, and the Raffles Banded Langur?



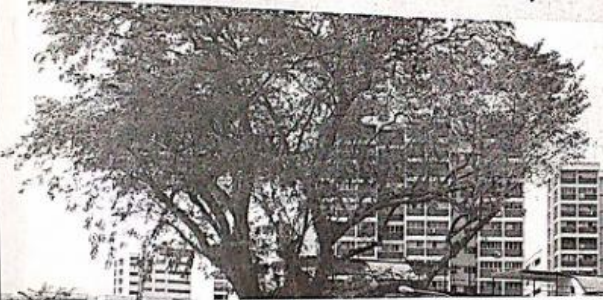
Let us now take a closer look at three species of trees commonly found in Singapore.

Rain Tree (*Samanea saman*)



One of the most common trees in Singapore the Rain Tree, has a crown shaped like an umbrella. Its leaves fold up in the evenings and during the day when the sky is overcast, giving it its name.

Angsana Tree (*Pterocarpus indicus*)



This tree has a drooping, dome-shaped crown. One of the earliest trees to be planted in our city, this species continues to be commonly seen today. It is widely recognised by its flat, disc-like fruits.

Sea Almond Tree (*Terminalia catappa*)



Very distinctive because of its pagoda-shaped and tiered structure, this tree sheds its leaves twice a year. The edible seeds of this coastal tree taste like almond, which explains its name.

Are you able to identify these trees? Here are three more trees with interesting names that can be found in Singapore. Try looking out for them as well!

- (i) The Handkerchief Tree (*Cynometra browneiodes*) has leaves that hang vertically downwards from its branches. Its young leaves look like soft handkerchiefs hanging from the tree.



- (ii) The Leopard Tree (*Libidibia ferrea*) has an ivory and light grey trunk with brown spots, just like a leopard!



- (iii) The Red Lip Tree (*Syzygium myrtifolium*) may be the most beautiful tree here in Singapore, with little white flowers, dark purple or black berries and reddish-orange leaves.

