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Shaping young minds with real-world stories

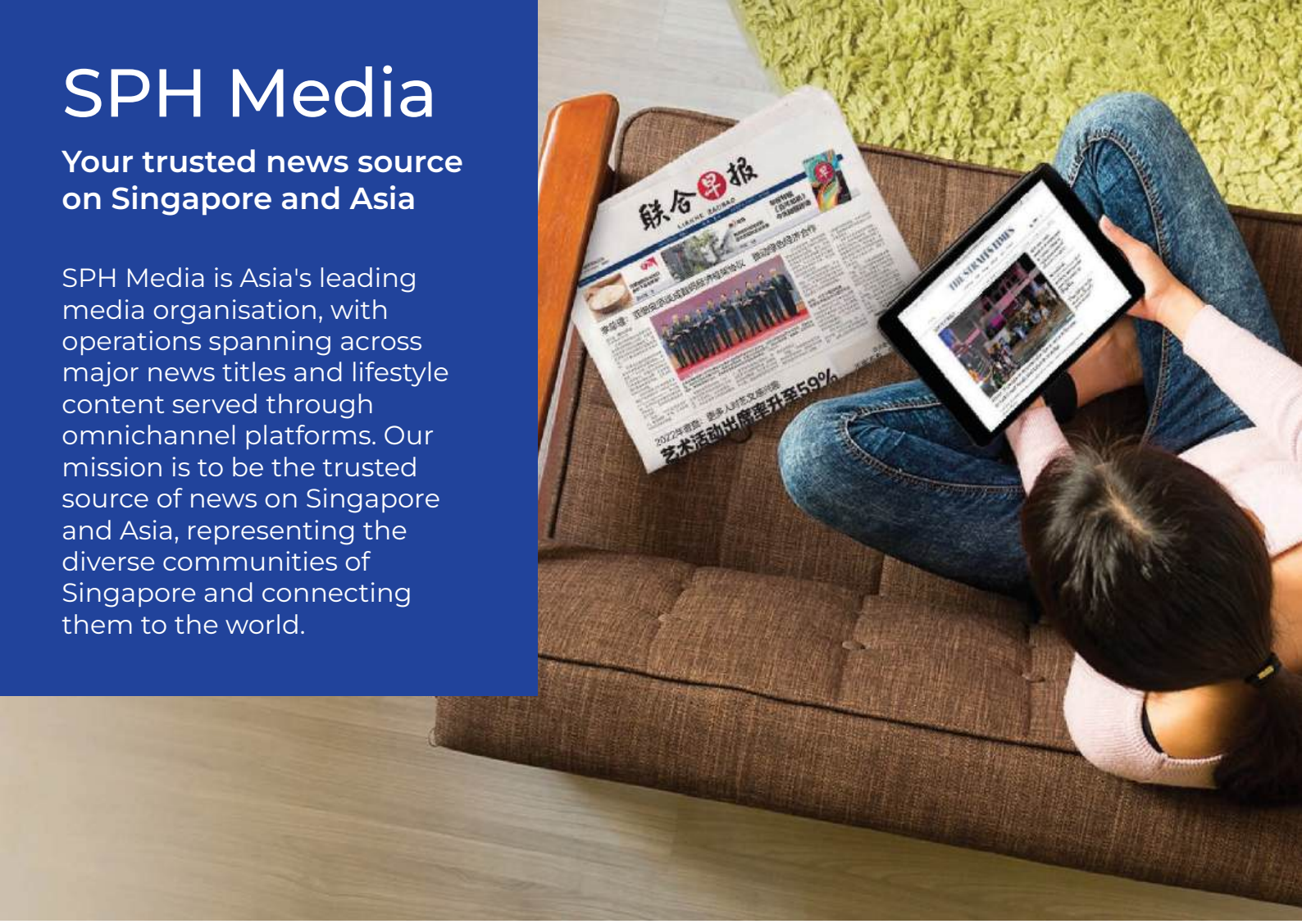


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Student publications

SPH Media's student publications describe **the world in words:** age-appropriate, credible current affairs delivered in a way that sparks curiosity and critical thinking.



Every issue is a step to connecting students to what's happening around them.

Make sense of the world and Singapore's place in it

Bite-sized, easy-to-grasp news helps students connect classroom learning to real-world events.



Build critical thinking skills

Every issue connects students to hone their thinking skills, which is necessary for the future of work and citizenship.



Become confident speakers and conversationalists

Diverse perspectives strengthen students' ability to express and write with clarity and confidence.



Empower young minds for their future

Exploring global and local issues shapes informed, thoughtful individuals ready to navigate a complex world.





Kindergarten levels	Primary levels	Secondary levels
Thumbs Up Little Junior	The Straits Times Little Red Dot	The Straits Times IN
Berita Harian Cilik Cerdik	Thumbs Up Junior / Thumbs Up	zbCOMMA
Tamil Murasu Baalar Murasu	Berita Harian Gen G	
	Tamil Murasu Maanavar Murasu	

A word from our EDITORS



"The Straits Times IN and Little Red Dot are students' first stop to understanding the adult world they are growing up in — where the news is conveyed at a level that is relevant for them. We share the same goal as educators: We want our students to grow into good civic-conscious citizens, with local and global situational awareness."

Serene Luo
- Schools Editor, The Straits Times



"早报校园是本地中小学生最佳的学习伙伴！

《小拇指》用最简洁的文字，激发低年级学生对世界最大的好奇。跟着小拇指一起看世界、玩游戏！用《大拇指》学习看新闻，了解热门话题，增长知识也为考试做好准备！《逗号》通过早报校园网数码平台，向中学生输送更及时丰富的华文资讯和多媒体内容，学习休闲两不误！"

杨漾
– 早报校园主编



"Gen G telah dapat diubah suai hasil interaksi yang aktif dengan para guru dan pelajar. Maklum balas dan idea anda telah memberi inspirasi kepada kami untuk menghasilkan penerbitan yang lebih baik. Kami juga ingin menarik minat mereka untuk menggunakan dan mempelajari Bahasa Melayu dengan cara yang kreatif melalui acara-acara dan pertandingan yang kami anjurkan untuk menjadikan pembelajaran Bahasa Melayu lebih menyeronokkan."

Norhaiza Hashim
- Editor Audiens dan Perkembangan Berita Harian



மாணவர் முரசு, ஆசிரியருக்கும் பெற்றோருக்கும்,
பிள்ளைகளை நன்கு வழிநடத்தும் ஒரு துணை இதழாய் இருக்க முயற்சி செய்துவருகிறது தமிழ் மொழி கற்றலுக்கு முக்கியதுவம் கொடுக்கும் சிங்கப்பூரில், மாணவர் முரசு ஒரு நல்லதொரு கருவியாய் உங்களோடு செயல்படும். உங்களின் கருத்துக்களை உள்வாங்கி மாணவர் முரசு அதன் உள்ளடக்கத்தை மாற்றிக் கொள்ளத் தயாரய் உள்ளது. ஆசிரியர்களாகிய உங்களோடு இணைந்து மாணவர்களுக்குத் தேவையான கருத்துக்களையும் மொழி பயிற்சிகளையும் மாணவர் முரசு மூலம் அளிப்போம்.

த ராஜசேகர்
- ஆசிரியர், தமிழ் முரசு

For age 9 to 12

The Straits Times Little Red Dot

News tailored for kids

Who says reading the news is too much for young readers? With Little Red Dot's bite-sized approach, they will be able to grasp complex topics with ease. We break down big ideas, from presidential elections to the intricacies of misinformation so that our readers can understand more about the culture, history and happenings of our Little Red Dot.



Empower young minds through the news

From current affairs and science to history and media literacy, Little Red Dot delivers the news to students in a way that sparks curiosity and builds critical thinking. Each issue equips young readers with the knowledge they need to make sense of the world — and the confidence to ask deeper questions about it.



NEW

Look out for the return of Big Day Out - where pupils mesh learning with team challenges and games. Also, our revamped pop-up newsroom will help kids understand what goes on behind the scenes of producing Little Red Dot.

Bring lessons to life with meaningful content

With Little Red Dot, every lesson becomes more engaging and thought-provoking. Everyday news turns into powerful classroom tools with age-appropriate articles and activities that integrate easily into English language, social studies, or CCE lessons, helping pupils learn actively and think critically.



LRD (Print)
+ LRD ePaper
+ ST ePaper (Tue)

20 issues
$13.00
per student/year*

28 issues
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per student/year*

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Prep smarter with stories that matter

Little Red Dot delivers English exam prep like no other — through compelling, real-life stories. From oral practice to situational writing and comprehension, pupils hone their English using engaging, authentic content designed to both sharpen their language skills, and build their awareness of the world around them. It's English prep, made relevant.

Explore the world

Little Red Dot broadens readers' horizons by exploring everything from scientific concepts like space exploration to life lessons from famous figures. We carefully curate our stories so that each read serves a purpose. Even for younger or reluctant readers, Little Red Dot will naturally attract and encourage them through its visually engaging pages.

Fresh themes every week, deeper learning every time

Each issue of Little Red Dot dives into a weekly theme — from culture and the environment to science, technology, or headline events. With four dedicated pages per theme, students explore big ideas in context, helping them connect classroom learning to the world beyond it.



Learning journeys, workshops and resources

Applied learning programme workshops*
For students aged 13 to 19, offering engaging, real-world learning experiences.

Professional development for educators*
We regularly support teachers with training opportunities. In 2024, the Little Red Dot Teachers' Forum focused on using print, digital, and multimodal news to enrich lessons and build critical news literacy.

Monthly teachers' companion (We heard you!)
Based on educators' feedback, this resource provides curated news, lesson ideas, and activities that connect current events with classroom themes.

*Subscribers enjoy exclusive rates. For details, email: cirschool@sph.com.sg

For age 13 to 17

The Straits Times IN

Life from a youth perspective

IN is the only student publication that goes deep into what it means to be a teen in Singapore today. Students can find out what is happening in schools around the island and how other teens are pursuing their passions in and out of the classroom. There are original stories to entertain, be amazed at or be inspired — all featuring young people who demonstrate a drive to explore their world and make their mark.



Supporting education goals through the news

IN is suitable as a resource for readers of all levels. It is an English or social studies teacher's handy companion. Its timely content can further be used to bolster media literacy, critical thinking and CCE lessons. IN's stories provide contextualised viewpoints that improve a young person's understanding of the local and global affairs, while also casting an eye on future trends.





IN (Print)
+ IN (Digital)
+ ST ePaper (Mon)

20 issues

$14.00
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English prep series

For five issues, IN provides what a student needs to practise for their English exams. All the components are covered, from essay writing and oral skills to comprehension exercises. In addition, there are also useful pointers that can help them avoid common pitfalls and sharpen their skills.

Themes for teens

Each year, IN constructs special themed issues using original content that help students understand their curriculum by exploring specific topics in depth. This rotating cycle of themes includes the environment, the arts, social issues, culture and technology. These issues are not only packed with useful information, they are also eye-catching and thought-provoking.



Accessible anywhere

IN's content can be read on the go through an app on your phone or tablet. Favourite stories can also be clipped to be read again or collected for future reference. Students will also be able to read The Straits Times' ePaper through the app.



For age 5 to 6

Thumbs Up Little Junior 《小小拇指》

Thumbs Up Little Junior Print

20 issues

$24.00
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具有本地色彩的学前儿童刊物

- 原创绘本故事和系列视频
- 简短有趣的中英双语新闻
- 幼儿生活常识内容
- 趣味游戏、儿歌和手工

小小拇指简介

- 李光耀双语基金支持，免费分发给报读主要业者计划的幼儿园K1和K2学生
- 开放给其他幼儿园和家庭订阅

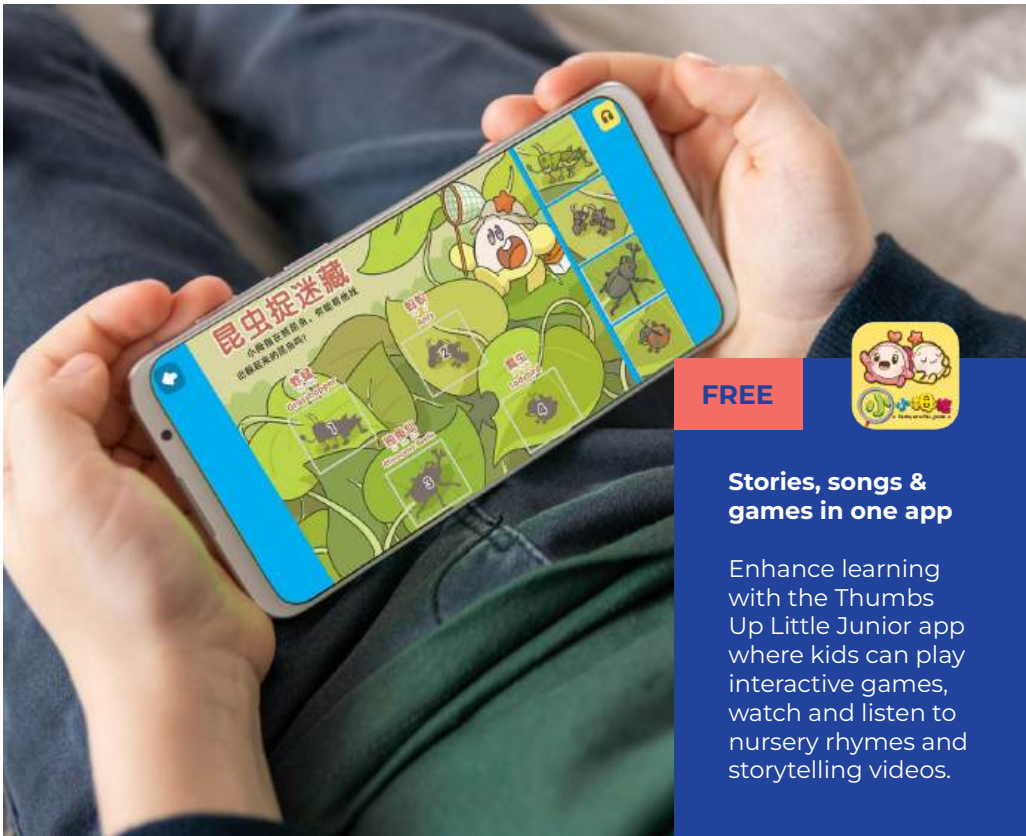


Fostering early reading & Chinese learning

Thumbs Up Little Junior's age-appropriate content and activities are specially created by educators for beginner-level readers to foster early reading habits and Chinese learning.

From stories to activities

Features include original stories, bite-sized news with English snippets, and fun activities.



FREE

Stories, songs & games in one app

Enhance learning with the Thumbs Up Little Junior app where kids can play interactive games, watch and listen to nursery rhymes and storytelling videos.

For age 7 to 9

Thumbs Up Junior
《小拇指》

Thumbs Up Junior Print + Digital via ZBSchools

20 issues

$19.00
per student/year*

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欢迎学校订阅合作
(新闻教学、活动分享)!

让华文学习融入生活

- 专题知识版：配合学校课文主题并加以延伸，以图文并茂的方式介绍自然科学、人文等课外知识。
- 国内外新闻：适合低年级学生阅读的新闻语料和阅读活动(由在职教师编写设计)。
- 小一至小三课后练习及技能训练，巩固课堂知识。
- 贴近学生的校园生活故事。
- 与当期课文主题一致的手工、游戏及漫画内容。
- 小三模拟综合复习试卷。



Learn applicable phrases

While reading relatable stories about school life, readers can learn applicable phrases and vocabulary to better express themselves in Chinese while going about their daily routine.

Adapted stories for kids

Both local and global news stories are edited by experienced teachers to suit the reading ability of young readers. All curated news content is also age-appropriate which serves as a reliable information resource for the young.



学习之旅

配合学校新闻中心学习之旅，编辑团队为7至12岁学生推出互动趣味讲座，并结合丰富的新闻资源，加深学生对各类主题的认识。



- 早报校园网（ZBSchools.sg)题库资源丰富，教师可通过平台布置作业。
- 网站提供线上字典、文字语音转换和汉语拼音等功能。
- 举办免费线上分享会，辅助教师更有效地使用校园网。

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For age 10 to 12

Thumbs Up
《大拇指》

为小四至小六生提供适龄的新闻语料，内容图文并茂，持续培养学生们新闻阅读的习惯。

丰富的应考资源和新闻预料

《大拇指》邀请资深教师合作，每年定期推出全新《看录像说话》系列，以及“拇指小学堂”应考系列视频，为老师提供丰富、主题式的教学资源，为学生提供方便使用，容易理解的复习材料。

Thumbs Up
Print + Digital
via ZBSchools

20 issues

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欢迎学校订阅合作
（新闻教学、活动分享）!



Curriculum meets curiosity

With topics that align to the themes and concepts explored in the school curriculum, Thumbs Up guides young readers to explore topics beyond the classroom.

Voice your views

With the《大头条进校园》video series, students will have the opportunity to express their opinions on screen, strengthening oral expression and exam performance.

NEW



Reporter’s Corner
Publish your school stories here!

小记者园地
欢迎各校同学投稿校园活动新闻!



Online learning made easy!

On ZBSchools.sg, you can assign homework to students, make use of the hundreds of practice questions in our question bank to assist teaching. Students can also use in-built text-to-speech, pinyin and dictionary, and many other learning tools to facilitate their learning.

For age 13 to 17

zbCOMMA《逗号》

zbCOMMA Digital via ZBSchools + ZB PDF (Wed)

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用新闻开拓学生视野

- 读报教育栏目“话题”“新闻消化室”和“说说看”， 深入浅出介绍热点新闻
- 配合资深教师出题,帮助学生针对新闻做独立思考, 巩固听说读写技能
- 内容贴近课文主题方便学习和巩固



NEW

- 升级版早报校园网更实用好玩!
- 第二季 《Teen你敢敢说》谈话节目强势回归!
- 全新话题街访系列视频!



紧跟课程辅助学习

- 随刊推出“看录像说话”系列，主题口试视频，配合版面问答参考题。
- 每逢4月和8月，推出华文综合复习试卷
- ZBSchools.sg平台提供口试练习
- 教师可通过平台布置作业
- 紧跟课程辅助学习
- 新闻搭配视频
- ZBSchools.sg电子学习平台提供自习工具如线上词典、文字转成语音和汉语拼音功能举办免费线上分享会，辅助教师更有效地使用校园网

For age 9 to 16

Berita Harian Gen G

Pick up new vocabulary through real stories

Gen G's Ehwal Semasa section features up-to-date current affairs articles in clear, comprehensive Malay. Tailored for different reading levels, each article includes vocabulary explanations, a follow-up question, and a fill-in-the-blanks activity to reinforce learning.

Ruangan Ehwal Semasa Gen G menampilkan laporan-laporan ehwal semasa yang mudah untuk difahami para pelajar. Setiap laporan mempunyai pembelajaran kosa kata baru dan peluang mengisi perkataan sesuai dalam laporan.







Learning journeys and workshops

Learning journeys for students*
Tour a real newsroom, try podcasting and journalism, explore career pathways, and join fun competitions and workshops that bring the Malay language to life.

Educator engagement workshops*
From the Gen G Appreciation Lunch Event (2024) to the Berita Harian Newsroom Tour (2024) and our upcoming Podcast Competition (2025), educators gain hands-on experiences — from making videos and exploring digital transformation to learning podcasting as a storytelling tool to strengthen students' speaking skills.

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Gen G web access

Multimedia platform for anytime, anywhere learning; improves reading, speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills.

Student contributions

Teachers are invited to submit their students' finest essays and poems for publication in Warkah. These written works serve as model compositions- offering inspiration, guidance, and a meaningful connection through relatable, creative expression.

Guru-guru diundang untuk menghantar karangan, pantun atau sajak para pelajar bagi ruangan Warkah bagi memberi inspirasi bagi mereka dan menjadi karya contoh bagi para pelajar yang lain.

Word games

Discover the joy of Malay through fun games and puzzles while building your vocabulary along the way.

Teroka permainan bahasa dan teka-teki yang menyeronokkan bagi membina kosa kata.

Gen G (Print + epaper) + BH ePaper (Mon)

20 issues

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Essay writing

Get tips for penning the best composition through Gen G. Readers will be able to sample well-written essays and poetry and pick up writing techniques.

Stay updated on the latest news by joining our Telegram Channel!

Watch our TikTok video on Gen G Young Journalists Camp 2024.

For age 4 to 6

Berita Harian Cilik Cerdik

Appealing to young readers

With vibrant illustrations, colourful graphics, Cilik Cerdik makes learning Malay exciting and accessible. Its engaging, easy-to-follow stories are designed to capture young readers' interest and help them understand the content on their own.

Building blocks for early readers

Fun and interactive word puzzles designed to help preschoolers build and explore their Malay vocabulary.



Cerita-cerita menarik yang mengandungi kosa kata bagi meningkatkan penguasaan Bahasa Melayu bagi para pelajar.

For age 4 to 5

Tamil Murasu Baalar Murasu

Funded by the Lee Kuan Yew Fund for Bilingualism, Baalar Murasu is a monthly Tamil magazine specially created for preschool children aged 4 to 5.

இரு மொழிக் கல்விக்கான லீ குவான் யூ நிதி ஆதரவில் மாதம் தோறும் வெளிவரும் பாலர் முரசு, 4 முதல் 5 வயது வரையிலான பிள்ளைகளுக்காகச் சிறப்பாக உருவாக்கப்படுகிறது.

இளம் பிள்ளைகளையும் மாணவர்களையும் ஈடுபடுத்தும் வகையில் வண்ணமையமாக வடிவமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பாலர் மரசு தமிழ் மொழி கற்றலுக்கு உதவுகிறது.

- எளிமையான, வயதுக்கு ஏற்ற தமிழ்மொழி உள்ளடக்கம்
- கவனத்தை ஈர்க்கும் கேலிச் சித்திரங்கள்
- விளையாட்டுகள், நடவடிக்கைகள்
- இந்தியப் பண்பாட்டையும் பண்புகளையும் பிரதிபலிக்கும் கதைகள், கருப்பொருள்

சிறு வயதிலிருந்தே பண்பாட்டு அடையாளத்தையும் இருமொழி ஆற்றலையும் வளர்க்கும் அதே வேளையில் தமிழ்க் கற்றலை ரசிக்க வைக்கிறது பாலர் முரசு.



உங்கள் பள்ளி, பாலர் முரசு இதழைப் பெறுவதிலும் மேலும் கற்றுக்கொள்வதில் ஆர்வம் கொண்டிருந்தால், உதவுவதிலும் நாங்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியடைவோம்.

For age 6 to 12

Tamil Murasu Maanavar Murasu

தொடக்கப்பள்ளி மாணவர்களுக்கு பயன்படும் இந்த மாணவர் பதிப்பை சிங்கப்பூரின் ஒரே தமிழ் நாளிதழான தமிழ் முரசு வெளியிடுகிறது.

மாணவர் முரசு வரலாறு

தொடக்கநிலை 1 முதல் 6 வரை பயிலும் மாணவர்களுக்கென சிறப்பாக
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TM MM/IM (Print) + TM MM/IM ePaper (Mon)

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- Motivational Stories: Inspiring stories to encourage students and promote positive values
- Quizzes: Engaging quizzes to test students' knowledge and understanding.

உள்ளடக்கம்

- மாணவர்களை ஈர்க்கும் வண்ணமயமான பக்கங்கள், படங்கள். சித்திரக் கதைகள். எளிமையான மொழி.
- சிறு பிள்ளைகளின் எழுத்தாற்றலை வளர்க்க, மாணவர் படைப்புக்கான இடம்
- மாணவர்களின் தமிழ்மொழித் திறனை மேம்படுத்த உதவும் எளிய தமிழ்மொழிப் பயிற்சிகள்
- தமிழ் மொழியின் இலக்கணம், அமைப்புபற்றிய புரிதலை மேம்படுத்தும் பாடங்கள்.
- பிள்ளைகளை ஊக்குவிக்கவும், நேர்மறையான விழுமியங்களை விதைக்கவும் உதவும் கதைகள்.
- சிறுவர்களின் பொது அறிவு வளத்தைப் பெருக்க அவர்கள் புரிந்துகொள்ளும் வகையில் உலகச் செய்திகள், சிங்கப்பூர் செய்திகள்.
- சிந்திக்கவும் சிரிக்கவும் வைக்கும் துணுக்குகள், விளையாட்டுகள்



நோக்கம்

மாணவர்களின் தமிழ்மொழித் திறனையும் மொழியைப் புழங்குவதில் அவர்களது தன்னம்பிக்கையை வளர்ப்பது; தமிழ் மொழிமீது அவர்களின் ஈடுபாட்டையும் பற்றையும் வளர்ப்பது; அறிவு புகட்டி, அவர்களை மகிழச் செய்வதை நோக்கமாகக் கொண்டுள்ளது மாணவர் முரசு.

சிங்கப்பூரில் உள்ள அனைத்து பள்ளிகளுக்கும் மாணவர் முரசு பிரதிகளை விநியோகிக்கும் பணியை 2021ஆம் ஆண்டு தமிழ் முரசு தொடங்கியது. 1935ஆம் ஆண்டு தமிழவேள் கோ. சாரங்கபாணியால் நிறுவப்பட்ட தமிழ் முரசின் துணை இதழாகத் திங்கட்கிழமை தோறும் மாணவர் முரசு வெளிவருகிறது.

70 ஆண்டுகளுக்கும் மேலாகச் சிங்கப்பூர்த் தமிழ் மாணவர்களின் உற்ற நண்பனாக விளங்குகிறது மாணவர் முரசு.

Editorial activities during school visits

When schools visit us, our reporters share insights about their work — including how they conduct interviews and upload news stories. After that, the editor of Maanavar Murasu gives an introduction to the student tabloid, explaining its history and the types of articles it features.

We also introduce our editorial team and give students a chance to interact with them. By the end of the visit, students gain a better understanding of both Tamil Murasu and Maanavar Murasu newspapers. We encourage them to consider joining Tamil Murasu in the future when they grow up.



Learning journeys and workshops

Learning journeys for students*
Open to all levels, from sharing sessions with journalists to immersive newsroom visits that inspire young learners.

Educator engagement workshops*
We offer ongoing training opportunities to support teachers in their professional growth.In 2025, a AI Tools for Tamil Language Teaching Workshop was conducted to equip educators with practical skills to enhance lesson plans and content creation through platforms like ChatGPT and Gemini.

*Subscribers enjoy exclusive rates. For details, email cirschool@sph.com.sg

Beyond the classroom:

How Wellington Primary School connects students to real-world news

At Wellington Primary School, teachers from various departments are tapping into the power of student publications to make lessons more relevant, spark curiosity, and help students connect learning with real-world issues.

Mrs Anitha Aruljothi (Head of English Department), Ms Insan Nadiah (English and Mathematics teacher), Mdm Paramesh (Subject Head VIA and Character & Citizenship Education teacher), and Ms Wendy Au (Head of Department for Character and Citizenship Education) regularly use The Straits Times Little Red Dot (LRD) to bring age-appropriate, thought-provoking news into the classroom.

Similarly, Mr Muhamad Shahzulhari Johari, Malay language teacher, incorporates Berita Harian Gen G as an engaging resource to strengthen language skills while deepening students' understanding of Singapore's culture and heritage.





Bridging the gap between lessons and real-world issues

Finding age-appropriate, relevant current affairs content can be challenging, as mainstream materials are often too complex or irrelevant for younger students. LRD and Gen G bridge this gap by providing accessible, meaningful articles that support comprehension and lively classroom discussions.

By integrating these publications into lessons, teachers spark curiosity, encourage dialogue, and create opportunities for students to connect classroom learning with local and global issues in ways that feel immediate and meaningful.

English language
We integrate LRD in multiple ways, beginning with short articles tied to weekly themes as tuning-in activities to spark discussions. These articles also support comprehension skills such as annotation, identifying main ideas, and analysing headlines.

The seasonal oral topics featured in LRD are particularly valuable during PSLE oral preparation. We use the publications selectively, particularly when covering Stellar topics, with the Teachers' Companion guiding us to align articles closely with current themes.

Additionally, the back sections provide structured practice in grammar, vocabulary, synthesis, editing, and comprehension, using real-life texts that motivate students, particularly those who find comprehension challenging.

> **In class, we select LRD articles with debatable content to encourage inquiry-based learning. These articles often present issues without clear-cut answers, sparking engaging and thoughtful discussion.**
>
> **- Mrs Anitha Arulijothi,**
> **Head of the English Department,**
> **Wellington Primary School**

Social studies
To introduce current global affairs, we regularly use LRD's “Around the World” feature. Students often connect these stories to content they encounter on platforms like YouTube and TikTok, which sparks richer classroom discussions.

Recently, we also referenced the publication for an article on SG60, which was part of a series leading up to National Day. We discussed key points in class and got students to write gratitude messages on “What do you want to thank Singapore for?”. The series deepened their understanding and inspired more thoughtful reflections.

Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)
As our vision is to nurture concerned and thoughtful citizens, we utilise LRD's newsroom articles on current events in Singapore to raise students’ awareness of important social issues.

For instance, when discussing an article on migrant workers, we will ask simple questions like, “What are your thoughts on their contributions?” or “Have you ever interacted with a migrant worker?”. These open conversations allow students to reflect honestly, and often lead to deeper discussions about appreciation and foster a more inclusive school community. Even small gestures, such as greeting them with a smile, can make a difference.

Through such articles, students are encouraged to grapple with complex questions, develop critical thinking, and gain a deeper understanding of the society they live in.







Malay language
Many of our students, especially those in the middle and higher ability groups, struggle with understanding certain words, their meanings, contexts, and correct usage.

The Berita Harian Gen G publication helps us explain complex words in real-life situations, giving students a clearer sense of how to apply them. We also use different sections of Gen G for comprehension, composition, or vocabulary, which are all aligned with the exam syllabus.

For example, we often share compositions written by primary school students in Gen G, which sets a clear standard of good writing and gives our students something concrete to aim for in their own work.



Engaging students through visuals and relevant content

Students are particularly drawn to the contemporary topics and vibrant visual elements. We find that the colourful pictures and engaging cover images spark their curiosity and encourage them to read more. For example, recent features on space captured their interest, especially when aligned with classroom topics.

In classes, striking visuals help students who may struggle with text engage more easily. Additionally, fun elements like crossword puzzles and comics attract many students, providing an enjoyable entry point before they delve into the articles. These interactive and visually appealing features make the publications accessible and appealing to a wide range of learners, including those with varying abilities.

The publications also offer valuable insights into Singapore's cultural heritage by highlighting traditional music, games, language, and food. It helps students connect with customs and practices that might otherwise be overlooked. This encourages a deeper appreciation of the cultural roots passed down from their parents' and grandparents' generations.

> **This balance of tradition and current affairs nurtures not only students' knowledge but also a strong sense of identity and global awareness.**
>
> **- Mr Muhamad Shahzulhari Johari, Malay language teacher, Wellington Primary School**

How real-world issues spark classroom interest

Beyond sparking interest, we see real value in giving students exposure to real-world issues, especially in today's context. Families may not always have the time or resources to discuss current affairs in depth, and schools can help bridge that gap. This becomes a shared responsibility between school and home, where classroom learning supports what students may not otherwise encounter at home.

When we bring in articles from the publications, it creates opportunities to extend learning beyond the core curriculum, helping students stay connected to what's happening around them. Even students with lower reading abilities benefit when teachers guide them through the content. For instance, many were unaware of the recent sinkhole incident until it was discussed in class through LRD. By making such issues accessible in school, students are able to join conversations at home or with peers more confidently, fostering both awareness and a stronger sense of belonging.

> **Students carry fragments of stories with them. That awareness stays with them, a knowledge they didn't have before but now keep forever.**
>
> **- Madam Paramesh, Subject Head VIA, Wellington Primary School**

Informed and engaged:

Presbyterian High builds critical thinking, empathy, and communication skills through news

Presbyterian High School principal Angeline Chan and English Language & Literature teacher Jobeth Williams are equipping students with more than academic knowledge — they are helping them navigate life beyond the classroom.

In an era of unfiltered digital information, students needs reliable sources to stay informed and think critically.

In an exclusive interview, Mrs Chan and Mrs Jobeth Williams shared how ST IN helps students with credible news and diverse perspectives, helping them develop critical thinking, empathy, and effective communication skills. By utilising ST IN, students not only broaden their understanding of different viewpoints but also cultivate the habit of reading widely and expressing their ideas with clarity and confidence.





Beyond the feed: expanding perspectives and building critical thinking in students

Broadening horizons outside the social media bubble
Many students today get most of their news through social media, which often filters content based on algorithms. They end up seeing only certain types of news based on their interests. ST IN helps overcome this by exposing students to a wider range of current affairs they might not encounter on their feeds. This broad exposure not only informs them about global events—such as ongoing conflicts, major business closures, or significant accidents—but also encourages empathy, both for others and within their own classrooms, by showing them multiple perspectives and diverse life experiences.

Sharpening critical thinking & media literacy
Relying on social media can sometimes mean encountering biased or inaccurate information. Having a student newspaper like ST IN in school gives students a trustworthy source of news. By engaging with well-structured articles, students begin to see that there are multiple points of view and learn to question, evaluate, and analyse information critically.

In class, we often discuss fake news and how to identify trustworthy reporting. ST IN provides a trusted reference point while building the skills to navigate today's digital world responsibly.

> **Exposure to different opinions and events around the world helps students move beyond their own circles and become more open to other points of view. The value of being informed about the world they live in cannot be overstated.**

- Mrs Jobeth Williams,
English Language & Literature teacher,
Presbyterian High School



Helping students communicate with confidence

Our students usually read the newspaper on Mondays, and we sometimes set aside class time for them to catch up or to highlight key articles. We then use these stories to spark discussion, encouraging students to share their thoughts and perspectives openly. Over time, these exercises have strengthened their confidence in communicating, broadened their curiosity, and expanded their understanding of the world.

To make the experience more meaningful, we often select articles that connect with what we are covering in class. At times, the topics align seamlessly with our lessons, sparking even richer conversations. Even when they are not directly tied to the curriculum, the included exercises are thoughtfully designed and often complement the O-level syllabus, which broadens students' knowledge while sharpening both their language and critical thinking skills.

Adapting news for all reading levels

No matter how the learning landscape changes, every class has students with different abilities. Some are very proficient readers, while others may find reading more challenging. Teachers need to cater to these varying needs.

The main Straits Times newspaper, which covers a wide range of topics, may not always interest students. By adapting articles from the main newspaper into a simpler, accessible format, ST IN makes it easier for students of all reading levels to engage with current events and participate meaningfully in class discussions.



We want students to see that English is not just for essays or comprehension, but also a tool for communication in every aspect of life. Using newspapers, they experience language being used in a truly authentic way.

- Mrs Angeline Chan,
Principal, Presbyterian High School



Nurturing confident bilinguals through meaningful learning in the digital age

For many students at Bukit View Primary School, learning their mother tongue languages can feel like a challenge in a predominantly English-speaking environment. Yet the school views bilingualism as an essential skill that helps students communicate confidently and engage meaningfully with the world around them.

Head of Department of Mother Tongue Languages, Mrs Kimberley Lin, and Chinese Language teacher, Miss Chai Hui Min, have found that Thumbs Up《大拇指》makes the language more accessible and engaging. The school also subscribes to Berita Harian Gen G and Tamil Murasu Maanavar Murasu (TM MM), extending support across different mother tongue languages. With its catalogue of age-appropriate articles, students are encouraged to speak and think in Mandarin, sparking curiosity, motivating discussions, and helping them feel more at ease using their mother tongue alongside English.

In this interview, Mrs Lin and Miss Chai shares how she integrates Thumbs Up《大拇指》into her lessons and why it has become a key resource for nurturing students' bilingual abilities while fostering a love for learning in both languages.



Extensive reading through student publications connects language with culture, trends, and current affairs, showing students how their Mother Tongue links to the world around them.

- Mrs Kimberley Lin,
HOD of Mother Tongue languages,
Bukit View Primary School



Making Mandarin accessible and relevant

The publication is more accessible than mainstream newspapers, which are written for the general public. It helps students practise reading Chinese characters while engaging with content that feels relevant to them.

Our students are generally drawn to relatable topics such as current affairs, food, and local culture. Of course, every class has different dynamics, so their interests can vary widely.

Integrating into lessons for bilingual learners

Each week, I select news articles to share in class. Students are then given the chance to choose the articles that spark their interest. Based on these, I curate and prepare lesson materials, such as PowerPoint slides, and design group activities where students discuss and present their thoughts.

Although some students find it challenging to discuss in Mandarin, the regular practice helps build their confidence and speaking skills. I also guide them with pinyin and questioning techniques to deepen their comprehension.

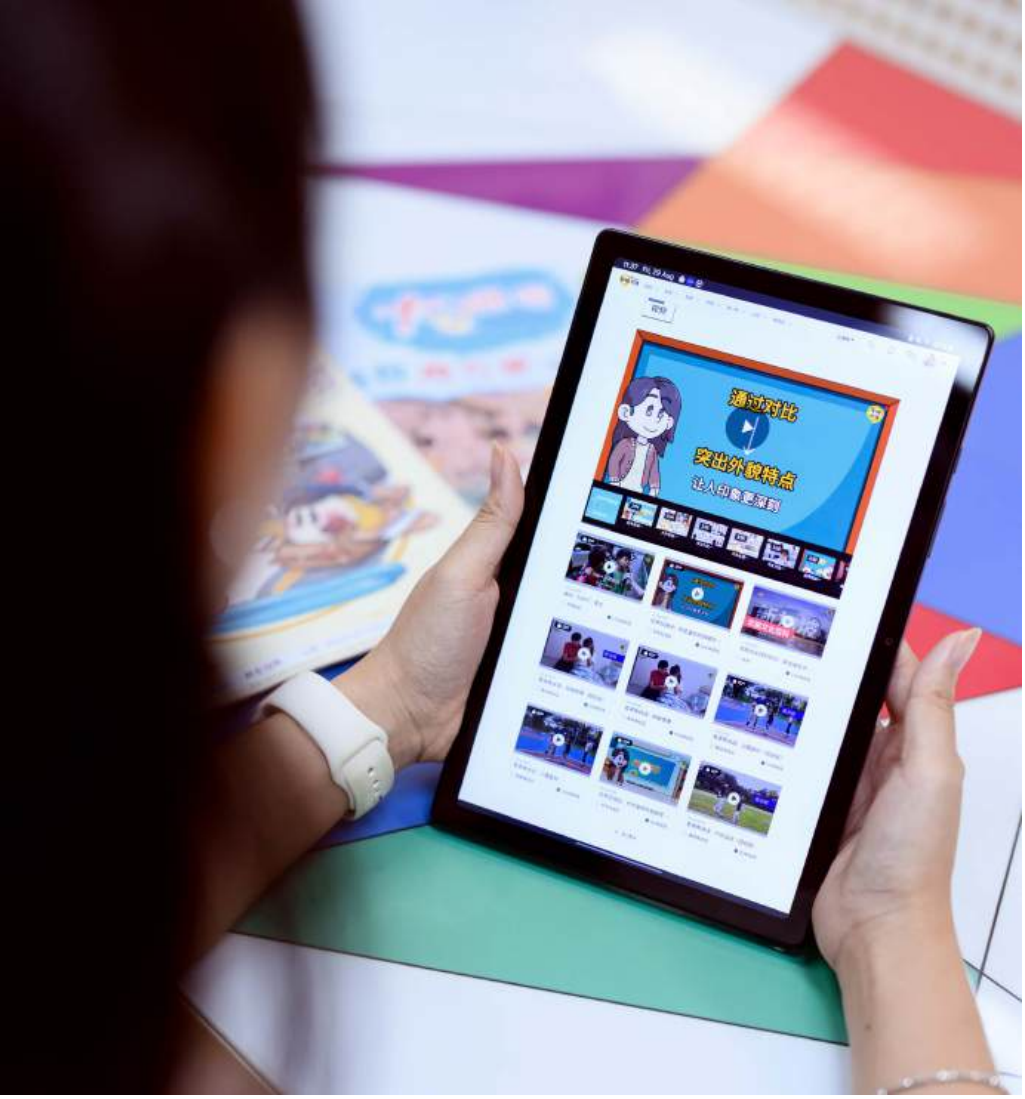
One lesson we had that stood out was on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The article immediately captured the students' curiosity. We explored Chinese terms related to AI and robotics, and I asked them to reflect on the pros and cons of AI in schools. The lively discussion showed how the topic could spark both interest and critical thinking.





> I would like to bring more authentic materials into the classroom so that the students can find relevance to their mother tongue, and also they can relate to current affairs.

- Miss Chai Hui Min,
Chinese language teacher,
Bukit View Primary School



Engaging students through digital features

The e-version on zbschools.sg brings Thumbs Up《大拇指》to life in the classroom, offering a range of features designed to support every learner. Pinyin annotations help students who are still developing their reading skills, while built-in short videos complement the articles, making concepts easier to understand and sparking lively discussions. Interactive elements also allow students to explore topics at their own pace, and search functions let them revisit content or dive deeper into subjects that interest them.

Overall, having exposure to the publication builds a habit of reading. Students often raise their hands eagerly to ask about headlines, plots, and meanings. Allowing them to shortlist their favourite articles before I make the final selection gives them a sense of autonomy and motivation.

> **These experiences allowed students to observe real-world applications of their learning and gain a broader perspective of language and media.**

- Mrs Kimberley Lin,
HOD of Mother Tongue languages,
Bukit View Primary School



Pricing List

	Student Publication	Package	Retail Price	EXCLUSIVE School Price*
01	**The Straits Times Little Red Dot (LRD)**	LRD (Print) + LRD ePaper + ST ePaper (Tue) 20 issues	NA	**$13.00** per student/year
		LRD (Print) + LRD ePaper + ST ePaper (Tue) 28 issues	$56 per student/year	**$15.00** per student/year
02	**The Straits Times IN (IN)**	IN (Print) + IN (Digital) + ST ePaper (Mon) 20 issues	$27.50 per student/year	**$14.00** per student/year
03	**Thumbs Up Little Junior (TUPLJ)**	TUPLJ Print 20 issues	$48 per student/year	**$24.00** per student/year
04	**Thumbs Up Junior (TUPJ)**	TUPJ Print + Digital via ZBSchools 20 issues	$50 per student/year	**$19.00** per student/year
05	**Thumbs Up (TUP)**	Thumbs Up Print + Digital via ZBSchools 20 issues	$60 per student/year	**$24.00** per student/year
06	**ZbCOMMA (ZBCM)**	ZBCM Digital via ZBSchools + ZB PDF (Wed) 20 issues	$50 per student/year	**$30.00** per student/year
07	**Berita Harian Gen G (GEN G)**	GEN G (Print) + GEN G ePaper + Berita Harian ePaper (Mon) 20 issues	NA	**$10.00** per student/year
08	**Tamil Murasu Maanavar Murasu (TM MM)**	TM MM/IM (Print) + TM MM/IM ePaper (Mon) 25 issues	NA	**$12.50** per student/year

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Term 1

JAN		
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FEB		
03	Tue	Issue 2
10	Tue	Issue 3
24	Tue	Issue 4
MAR		
03	Tue	Issue 5

Term 2

MAR		
31	Tue	Issue 6
APR		
07	Tue	Issue 7 **English prep issue - Oral & essay focus**
14	Tue	Issue 8 **English prep issue - Oral & situational writing focus**
21	Tue	Issue 9
28	Tue	Issue 10
MAY		
05	Tue	Issue 11
12	Tue	Issue 12
19	Tue	Issue 13

Term 3

JUN		
30	Tue	Issue 14
JUL		
07	Tue	Issue 15 **English prep issue - Oral, essay and situational writing**
14	Tue	Issue 16 **English prep issue - Paper 2**
21	Tue	Issue 17
28	Tue	Issue 18
AUG		
04	Tue	Issue 19
18	Tue	Issue 20
25	Tue	Issue 21
SEP		
01	Tue	Issue 22

Term 4

SEP		
15	Tue	Issue 23
22	Tue	Issue 24
29	Tue	Issue 25
OCT		
06	Tue	Issue 26
20	Tue	Issue 27
27	Tue	Issue 28

2026 Publishing Calendar

Term 1

JAN		
19	Mon	Issue 1 **CCE: Total Defence Day (Digital Only)**
26	Mon	Issue 2
FEB		
02	Mon	Issue 3
09	Mon	Issue 4
MAR		
02	Mon	Issue 5 **CCE: Budget (Digital Only)**
09	Mon	Issue 6 **CCE: International Friendship Day (Digital Only)**

Term 2

MAR		
30	Mon	Issue 7
APR		
06	Mon	Issue 8
13	Mon	Issue 9
20	Mon	Issue 10 **English prep issue - Oral focus**
27	Mon	Issue 11 **English prep issue - Essay focus**
MAY		
04	Mon	Issue 12 **English prep issue - Situational writing focus**
11	Mon	Issue 13
18	Mon	Issue 14
25	Mon	Issue 15 **Themed issue 1**

Term 3

JUN		
29	Mon	Issue 16 **CCE: Racial Harmony Day (Digital Only)**
JUL		
13	Mon	Issue 17 **English prep issue - Paper 1 & 2**
20	Mon	Issue 18 **English prep issue - Paper 1 & 2**
27	Mon	Issue 19
AUG		
03	Mon	Issue 20
17	Mon	Issue 21
24	Mon	Issue 22 **CCE: National Day Rally (Digital Only)**
31	Mon	Issue 23

Term 4

SEP		
14	Mon	Issue 24 **Themed issue 2**
21	Mon	Issue 25

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Term 1

JAN		
09	Fri	Issue 1
23	Fri	Issue 2
FEB		
06	Fri	Issue 3
27	Fri	Issue 4
MAR		
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Term 2

MAR		
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24	Fri	Issue 8
MAY		
08	Fri	Issue 9
22	Fri	Issue 10

Term 3

JUL		
03	Fri	Issue 11
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31	Fri	Issue 13
AUG		
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Term 4

SEP		
18	Fri	Issue 16
OCT		
02	Fri	Issue 17 **Children's Day**
16	Fri	Issue 18
30	Fri	Issue 19
NOV		
13	Fri	Issue 20

2026
Publishing Calendar

Term 1

JAN		
06	Tue	Issue 1
20	Tue	Issue 2
FEB		
03	Tue	Issue 3
17	Tue	Issue 4 **Chinese New Year***
MAR		
03	Tue	Issue 5

*To be delivered on 19 Feb 2025, Thu.

Term 2

MAR		
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APR		
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20	Mon	Issue 7
27	Mon	Issue 8 **Exam Bumper Issue** **(To be delivered with 20-Apr Issue)**
MAY		
04	Mon	Issue 9
18	Mon	Issue 10

Term 3

JUN		
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JUL		
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24	Mon	Issue 16

Term 4

SEP		
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OCT		
05	Mon	Issue 19
12	Mon	Issue 20 **Holiday Bumper Issue** **(To be delivered with 5-Oct issue)**

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15	Wed	Issue 8 **Exam Bumper Issue (with 8-Apr Issue)**
22	Wed	Issue 9
MAY		
06	Wed	Issue 10
20	Wed	Issue 11

Term 3

JUL		
01	Wed	Issue 12
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29	Wed	Issue 14
AUG		
12	Wed	Issue 15
19	Wed	Issue 16 **Exam Bumper Issue (with 12-Aug Issue)**
26	Wed	Issue 17

Term 4

SEP		
16	Wed	Issue 18
30	Wed	Issue 19
OCT		
07	Wed	Issue 20 **Holiday Bumper Issue (with 30-Sep Issue)**

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2026
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Term 1

JAN		
12	Mon	Issue 1
19	Mon	Issue 2
FEB		
02	Mon	Issue 3
09	Mon	Issue 4
23	Mon	Issue 5
MAR		
02	Mon	Issue 6

Term 2

MAR		
09	Mon	Issue 7
16	Mon	Issue 8
30	Mon	Issue 9
APR		
06	Mon	Issue 10
20	Mon	Issue 11
27	Mon	Issue 12

Term 3

JUN		
29	Mon	Issue 13
JULY		
06	Mon	Issue 14 **Youth Day***
13	Mon	Issue 15
20	Mon	Issue 16
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AUG		
03	Mon	Issue 18
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Term 4

SEP		
14	Mon	Issue 20
21	Mon	Issue 21
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