



East Spring Secondary School

Power of Positive Energy (PPE)

Student Goals/Outcomes for Excellence & Success

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PPE Sharing

Good morning Mrs Jalil, Mrs Mohinder, Mr Chan, teachers and fellow East Springians. I am Muhd Irfan from 3E2 and for today's PPE, I will share on academic excellence, focusing on how I excel in the Malay Language.

Actually, when I was in primary school, Malay Language was one of my weakest subjects. I thought that Malay was an unimportant subject and did not pay much attention in class nor make an effort to improve my proficiency in the language. Apart from that, even though I speak Malay at home, the language we used was informal and that didn't help much with my grades.

But in Sec One, I was introduced to various activities which ignited my love for Malay Language. I remembered that we had to work collaboratively with one another for a debate competition. Before that, I did not have any debate skills but with the guidance and help of teachers and friends, I managed to debate about the topic presented. That boosted my confidence and I started to pay more attention in class. Apart from that, we were also exposed to poetry and lessons were also made interesting with the use of IT such as blogging and fun quizzes.

In addition, the programmes conducted made my love for the language grow. For example, we had the opportunity to watch local plays, we went through various workshops such as gamelan, wayang kulit and silat. During the MT Fortnight, I took part in language games and quizzes. And for the Talent Development Programme, we were given the opportunities to plan and help out in activities such as concerts and MT Fortnight. These programmes made learning the Malay language fun and easy.

For those who are struggling with their Mother Tongue, here are a few tips on how you can improve your Mother Tongue. First, you must read, read and read. Reading is one of the most effective ways in improving proficiency in Mother Tongue. You can read various genres such as newspapers, novels, short stories, magazines, and do make a conscious effort to find the meaning of difficult words to improve your vocabulary. Do watch Warta Berita or news. You should also write regularly, for example you can write poems or blog about your day in Mother Tongue. And of course one of the best ways to improve your Mother Tongue is to converse in the language. Make an effort to speak the language with your friends or family at home but do try to speak in a more formal or proper Malay or Chinese. Be consistent and resilient. For those who are weak in Mother Tongue, you may find it difficult at first but do not give up and keep on trying.

And with that, I would like to end off my PPE with a Malay pantun (which is a form of poetry)

Pergi ke kedai membeli payung

Payung dibeli hijau warnanya

Jika tidak dipecah ruyung

Di mana boleh mendapat sagunya

And that simply means, success cannot be achieved without hard work. So my fellow East Springians. never give up and Aim High, Act Now. Thank you.