

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LIANHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

1946



Lianhua Primary was founded in 1946 as Lian Wah Public School just after World War 2 by a group of pioneers who wanted to provide education to the children. Their collective effort and vision paved the way for many young boys and girls to receive a quality education so that they could eventually build a bright future for themselves.



1964



Mr Ding Cha Yee took over as principal. The school continued to make significant progress during his tenure and grew to become one of the premiere schools in the Bukit Timah area.

1987



Lian Wah Public School was converted to a government school and renamed as Lianhua Primary School. It moved to Bukit Batok area and held its classes in Dazhong Primary School while the new school premises were being constructed.

Its first principal was Mr Ong Kian Hin.

1990



Lianhua Primary School was officially opened on 8 September 1990 by Dr Seet Ai Mee, then Minister of State for Education and Community Development and Member of Parliament for Bukit Gombak.

1997



As the Bukit Batok area became more populated, there was a need to start a new school to meet the needs of the increase in the number of school-going children. Hong Kah Primary School started in 1995 at Dunearn Secondary School while its own building was under construction.

The school was officially opened on 29 August 1997 by Dr John Chen, then Minister of State for Communication and MP for Hong Kah GRC.

The school was helmed by its first principal, Mr Andy Koh Hang Hong from 1995 to 1998 and he passed the baton to Ms Shanthi d/o Govindan in 1999.

2001

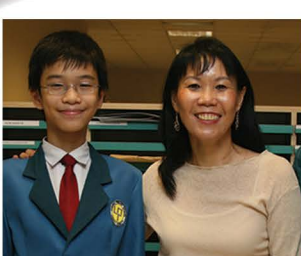


GENEUS, a giraffe, was introduced as our mascot to represent our school vision of Standing Tall, Achieving Results.

The name GENEUS is made up of two parts - GENE and US. The school population was divided into four "houses" named after 4 great scientists - Galileo, Edison, Newton, Einstein - which formed the first four letters GENE and US signified togetherness and loyalty in the Lianhua family.

2004

Ms Cecilia Ng took over as our principal in 2004 and our school had new features & programmes added. They were the Heritage Lane, World@Lianhua, Innovation and Enterprise Day, change of Class Names, Primary 6 Graduation and Prom and School Twinning Programme.



2009

Lianhua's fourth principal, Mrs Lynda Soh, led the school from 2009 to 2014. In 2009, our school was awarded Programme for School Excellence (Robotics). Through the creation of the niche in robotics, students were given the platform to develop 21st century skills.

Our Programme for Active Learning also started in 2009. Our school was selected to pilot the programme.



2014

To harness the strengths of both Lianhua Primary School and Hong Kah Primary, the schools made plans to merge. To commemorate this significant event and to welcome our Hong Kah peers, the two schools organised the "One Big Family" event in Lianhua that very year.



2016



Lianhua Primary celebrated its 70th anniversary with a musical cum dinner celebrations.



2021

Lianhua Primary welcomed its new principal, Ms Pamela Kiew.

We celebrated our school's 75th anniversary with a series of celebratory events amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. One of them was the Lianhua STAR event - the creation of the largest display case of paper strip stars folded by our students, staff and parent volunteers. This momentous event was recorded in the Singapore Book of Records.



2024

We launched our inaugural Innovation Week, an engaging week-long programme where students applied the Design Thinking model, and transformed into inventors, creators and problem-solvers.



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1954

To cater to the growing student population, the school board started a fundraising campaign to purchase a piece of land at 70 Duchess Avenue to build a new school building.



1988

Lianhua Primary moved to its current location at 2 Bukit Batok Street 52.



1996

Mr Tye Kim Hoe became our school's second principal. We won numerous National Championships in Hockey, Table-tennis and Mini-tennis in the 90s.



2000

The school went through its first major upgrading under PRIME.



2003

Hong Kah Primary School was well-known for its sustained achievement in volleyball. From 2003 to 2014, the volleyball team clinched 10 National and 15 Zonal Championships.



2007



Mdm Lee Lay Keok, Hong Kah's principal from 2007 to 2014, believed strongly that the environment was a crucial element in providing an all-round education. Given the profile of Hong Kah students, with few experiences outside of home and school, much effort was put into creating a conducive and beautiful learning environment in Hong Kah Primary.



2015

Lianhua and Hong Kah officially became a merged school. Mr Willy Tan took over the reins of a united Lianhua and Hong Kah. The school established a new vision and mission to mark this new beginning. Our new vision is (i) Hearts of service, (ii) Minds of inquiry, (iii) Joy in learning and (iv) Confidence in life. As a school, we believe in bringing out the best in every child for a better nation together with the community.



2019

Our school refreshed our motto to 'Play, Engage, and Purpose'. By providing our students with avenues to participation in purposeful play, our students learn with joy through exploration or deepen their passion while positively impacting their peers at the same time.



In 2021, Sensible Su Mei, Joyful Jaya, Confident Colin and Inquisitive Ismail were introduced as our Superhero mascots. They embody the essence of our school vision and serve as role models for our students. Through them, we encourage our students to discover their strengths and interests, and appreciate their unique traits. All Lianhuareans can be Superheroes in their own ways! In 2023, supporting our Superheroes are our Superpets, Octo, Sheldon, Leo and Owlley, which possess vital executive functioning skills to ensure that our Superheroes can achieve remarkable growth and thrive in a dynamic and interconnected world.

2023

The school staff went through our strategic and envisioning exercise at the end of 2022 and had a set of refreshed student outcomes and school values.

Student Outcomes - Passionate Learners, Critical and Creative Thinkers, Confident Communicators, and Exemplary Leaders.

School Values - Discipline, Respect, Compassion, Integrity, Unity and Resilience.

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