



# The Pioneer Times

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## PH FnS x Gardening IG

### The Plant Growing Competition: Grow a Healthy Radish!



The semester is off to a blooming start! We've launched our Plant Growing Competition, a joint initiative by PH FnS and the Gardening IG! This semester-long challenge invites the PHamily to grow the heaviest, healthiest radish in their corridors, while sparking interest in gardening, greenifying PH, and promoting sustainable living.

The excitement kicked off during weeks 2 and 3 with our sign-up and distribution phase. Our collection booths at the PH Garden were buzzing as participants got ready to start their gardening journey. Many brought their own recycled plastic bottles or cups to use as radish pots, collected free seeds and soil, and received planting tips along with a digital guidebook from our FnS members.

Our gardeners are now in the "Growing Phase", nurturing their radishes for Weighing and Judging Day in week 11. We can't wait to see how green and vibrant our corridors will become this semester.



## February FnS Events

### Island Hopping

Explore Singapore's Hidden Island Gems!

### Intertidal Walk

Protect Shores, Preserve Marine Life

### EcoBricks

Turn Plastic Waste into Purpose



### VF Excursion

Learn about Vertical Farming Setups



## FnS Fun Fact



Growing plants reduces stress and calms your mind like meditation, and even one plant helps the planet with more oxygen, less heat, and happier pollinators.



## IG HIGHLIGHTS



### Gardening IG

Dig! Plant! Grow!



The Gardening IG kicked off the semester with a hands-on seed planting session, bringing residents together to sow pumpkins, chillies, okra, and tomatoes. Alongside planting, the team carried out garden maintenance such as weeding, adding compost, and watering to prepare the beds for healthy growth.

With soil turned and seeds sown, the garden echoed with shared tips, laughter, and a strong sense of togetherness, setting a strong foundation for the growing season ahead

### Vertical Farming IG



### From Greens to Blooms: Vertical Farming Fresh Start



The Vertical Farming IG kicked off the semester with a fresh growing cycle, germinating a new batch of plants that includes familiar green vegetables and experimenting with new and vibrant flower varieties such as Zinnia, Calliopsis, colorful Jasmine, Daisy, and Petunia. This semester also introduces a new roster system, inviting more Pioneer House residents to take part in daily plant care and watering, making vertical farming a shared and everyday habit within the community.



### uPHcycling IG

Turning Old Paper into New Style!



Who knew old paper could become something so stylish? Residents came together for the Paper Beads Bracelet Making session, where discarded paper was rolled into beads and braided together to form unique, wearable accessories. Through this hands-on activity, participants experienced how simple acts of upcycling can transform waste into something meaningful, creative, and fashionable, showing that sustainability can be both fun and expressive.

Stay connected!



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