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Dear parents/guardians,

We welcome your child back to school as we begin Term 2. Following are some important announcements and information for your noting.

1. International Friendship Day 2024

In celebration of the theme 'Singapore In Asia', the school will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) in Term 2, Week 3-4. The IFD programme is designed to cultivate cross-cultural skills, foster a global perspective, and promote mutual respect and understanding among our pupils. These are crucial for maintaining social cohesion in our multicultural society.

Throughout the programme, pupils will engage in a variety of enriching activities aimed at introducing them to the diverse cultures and traditions of ASEAN countries. By actively participating, pupils will not only gain insights into the vibrant tapestry of Southeast Asian heritage but also deepen their appreciation for the cultural diversity within our region.

2. Hari Raya Celebration 2024

The school will be celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri on **Monday**, **15 Apr 2024**. This annual event serves as a valuable platform for our pupils to cultivate their character, showcase their talents, and deepen their understanding of diverse cultures.

On this joyous occasion, pupils will gather in the school hall to partake in a series of engaging activities. From captivating performances to heartfelt displays of unity, our talented pupils will showcase their skills and celebrate the spirit of Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

3. Learning Journey to Gardens by the Bay for Primary 5 Pupils

The school will be organising a learning journey to Gardens by the Bay for the Primary 5 pupils after school curriculum hours on **16 and 18 Apr**. The visit will allow pupils to nurture their awareness and appreciation for the natural environment. Please see the schedule in the table below:

Class	Date	Time
5A, 5C, 5E	16 Apr 2024, Tuesday	1.45pm – 5.15pm
5B, 5D, 5F	18 Apr 2024, Thursday	

More details on the learning journey will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the dates.

4. Learning Journey to Lee Kong Chien Natural History Museum for Primary 6 Pupils

The Primary 6 classes will be visiting Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum during curriculum hours from **25 Apr to 2 May**. The visit will allow pupils to nurture their interest in biodiversity and the associated environmental issues. Please see the schedule in the table below:

Classes	Dates	Time
6A & 6C	25 Apr 2024, Thursday	10.00am – 1.00pm
6B & 6D	30 Apr 2024, Tuesday	
6E & 6F	2 May 2024, Thursday	

More details on the learning journey will be sent via PG nearer to the dates.

5. Primary 6 Mother Tongue Language Day Camp (for Pupils) and Sharing Session (for Parents)

The Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Department will be organising a MTL Day Camp for all Primary 6 pupils taking the Chinese, Malay and Tamil Languages as their official Mother Tongue language on **Friday**, **10 May 2024** from **2.00pm – 4.30pm**.

The primary objective of the MTL Day Camp is to create an immersive learning environment aimed at refining pupils' comprehension and writing skills. Through a variety of experiential learning activities, pupils will have the opportunity to:

- Engage in immersive language learning experiences.
- Refine their comprehension and writing skills through interactive activities.
- Develop confidence in written communication skills.

The MTL Department will also be hosting a sharing session titled "Developing Children's Writing and Comprehension Skills" for parents of P6 pupils on the **same day**, from **4.30pm to 5.30pm**. This session, conducted by our teachers, aims to provide parents with valuable tips to support their children in using and mastering their Mother Tongue languages. More details will be sent via PG to the parents nearer the date.

6. Assessment Schedule

Please take note of the assessment schedule in the table below.

Date	Event	Remarks
29 Apr – 10 May	P3 to P6 WA2	Dates of the WA2 will be provided by the subject
		teachers to the class one week before the
		assessment.

7. Schedule for Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

Please be informed of the following dates for PSLE 2024.

Date	Paper
Tue 13 Aug and Wed 14 Aug	Oral
Fri 13 Sep	Listening Comprehension
Thu 26 Sep	English Language Paper 1 & 2
	Foundation English Language Paper 1 & 2
Fri 27 Sep	Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
	Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
Mon 30 Sep	Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2
	Foundation Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2
Tue 1 Oct	Science
	Foundation Science
Wed 2 Oct	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2

More details on PSLE can be found in the SEAB website https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle

8. Advisory on school attire during hot weather conditions

In view of the recent persistent hot weather and in the interest of pupils' well-being, we wish to inform that pupils are allowed to be in their Physical Education (PE) attire daily from 1 April onwards until further notice. Please continue to ensure that your child is neatly attired for school.

9. Healthy Living #3: Importance of Physical Activity

Regular physical activity is one of the most important things your child can do for his/her health. Being physically active can improve your child's overall brain health, help manage weight, reduce the risk of disease, strengthen bones and muscles, and improve his/her ability to do everyday activities. Some simple activities you could consider doing with your child include taking a walk instead of driving whenever possible, taking the stairs instead of the escalator or elevator, taking a family walk after dinner, going for a half-hour walk instead of watching TV or walking briskly in the mall. Simple habits go a long way for our children. Let us continue to develop the healthy habits in them.

In view of the persistently high temperatures in recent weeks, do take note of some precautions to take before you engage in physical activities. Here are some tips:-

Keep cool	Keep your skin wet using a spray bottle or damp towel.Wear light and loose-fitting clothing.
Stay hydrated	 Keep drinking water before you feel thirsty, especially if outdoors and performing physical activity. Watch for signs of dehydration like feeling thirsty, lightheaded, having a dry mouth and tiredness.
Plan ahead	 During extreme heat, cancel or reschedule non-essential outings. When outdoors, wear a hat and sunscreen for skin protection. Keep up to date with the weather forecast.

10. Growth Mindset Nuggets #4: Nurturing Strong Social Skills

As we celebrate International Friendship Day in April, it is important to recognise the significance of nurturing strong social skills in our children. Conflict resolution is an important aspect of fostering healthy relationships, and it is essential that children learn how to navigate conflicts with friends effectively.

We can teach them the value of compromise and finding common ground, emphasizing the importance of respecting differing perspectives. Our children could also practise active listening and empathy during their social interactions. By equipping our children with these social skills, we empower them to manage relationships confidently and contribute positively to our school community. You may refer to the following web link for more information: https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/buildingasupportivenetwork

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information and looking forward to a fulfilling Term 2 with your child/ward. On behalf of the school, I would like to extend our advance heartfelt wishes to our Muslim pupils and their families for a joyous Hari Raya ahead. Selamat Hari Raya!

Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong Principal