

2 PASIR RIS STREET 11, SINGAPORE 519075 TEL: 6922-9100 FAX: 6581-5013

IN LINK Bulletin

May 2024

Dear parents/guardians,

We are reaching the end of Term 2. We would like to thank you for your continued partnership in developing the success stories in all our pupils. Following are some important announcements and information for your noting.

1. Parent Engagement Sessions on 23 and 24 May 2024

a) GROW with Me! Conversations (Parent-Teacher-Child Conference)

The *GROW with Me!* Conversations for P1 – P6 levels will be conducted face-to-face in school on 23 and 24 May 2024 and you will have the opportunity to hear from your child/ward about his/her school learning journey and his/her sharing on the successes and challenges experienced, as well as sharing from the C4RE teachers on suggestions to support your child towards progress. We hope that this conversation platform can be an impetus to help your child/ward develop skills and competencies to enhance his/her learning experiences in school and continue to strive to get better.

A session of 20 mins will be allocated for each child/ward and the booking details will be sent via Parents Gateway by **2 May 2024**. All parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to book for a slot with one of the C4RE Teachers for the purposeful conversations to be held. There will be no official lessons in school during these two days as pupils will be engaged in Student-Initiated Learning Programme of which details are available in the next section.

b) PSLE, Full Subject-Based Banding, S1 Posting & DSA-Sec Posting Briefing

To support Upper Primary parents/guardians who may need further clarification on matters regarding PSLE, Full Subject-Based Banding, S1 Posting as well as suggestions on how to support your child/ward to prepare for the application of Direct-Schools Admission - DSA (Sec), the school will be conducting an engagement session on **23 and 24 May 2024** via Zoom for Upper Primary parents/guardians/pupils. More details will be provided on Parents Gateway nearer the date.

2. Student-Initiated Learning Programme

As part of our school's mission to develop our pupils as passionate learners, we will be implementing a non-graded Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) programme during the upcoming mid-year school holidays. The objectives of SIL are to:

- provide opportunities for pupils to explore their interests and passions.
- promote self-directed learning and encourage pupil voices.
- uncover hidden talents that pupils may have.

Through SIL, pupils will be able to decide on what they would like to do to build on their interests in various areas such as art, active lifestyle, mass communication, etc. Pupils can access the SLS portal for the lesson package on **Thursday, 23 May 2024** to kick-start the programme. We hope to showcase our pupils' work in Semester 2 through presentations and exhibitions.

We strongly encourage all pupils to participate in the spirit of learning for life.

3. Primary 6 Supplementary Lessons During June Holidays

To further support all Primary 6 pupils in their preparation for the PSLE, the school has scheduled supplementary lessons for the P6 cohort from 19 – 21 June 2024 (Wed – Fri), 8.00 am – 12.30 pm during the June school holidays. The schedule and consent form would be sent to parents/guardians via Parents Gateway nearer the date.

4. Outdoor Gamification Learning Experience to Pasir Ris Park for Primary 4 Pupils

The Primary 4 pupils will be going for an Outdoor Gamification Learning Experience to Pasir Ris Park on **Thursday**, **16 May 2024** during school curriculum hours.

Pupils will get to apply outdoor competencies learnt during PE lessons to discover nature from different perspectives. They are also given the opportunity to explore their surroundings safely with the help of technology, and to optimise the use of their senses to stay present and focused through various outdoor activities.

Please refer to the notification sent out via Parents Gateway on 22 April 2024 for more details.

5. Primary 3 Values In Action Programme – Buddy Clean @ WSPS

The Primary 3 pupils will be embarking on their Values In Action Programme – Buddy Clean @ WSPS on **Monday**, **20 May 2024** during school curriculum hours. This programme aims to instil in pupils the importance of maintaining a clean school environment. Through active participation in various cleaning tasks in school, pupils will cultivate a sense of responsibility towards their environment.

More details will be provided to your child/ward through the C4RE Teachers nearer the date.

6. Unauthorised Parking Outside School Compounds During School Arrivals and Dismissals

The school has received some feedback from nearby residents on the unauthorised parking of vehicles at the service road between Block 180 and Block 182 during school arrival and dismissal times.

To prevent any congestion at the service road between Block 180 and Block 182 for all public users or cause obstruction to the residents, we would like to advise parents to park their vehicle at the nearest HDB multi-storey carparks (such as MSCP Block 180A) before dropping off or picking up their child/ward at the school gate during arrival or dismissal times.

We seek your cooperation to make the neighborhood a conducive place for all.

7. Healthy Living #4: Physical Activity During School Holidays

The coming June school holidays is a great opportunity for families to spend time together and check out the various nature trails and parks in Singapore while admiring the natural beauty found in our very own green areas!

Here are some trails and parks you can consider exploring:

Pasir Ris Park

From pony rides and water sports to nature attractions and Singapore's largest playground, this park offers fun-filled activities catering to all interests. Pasir Ris Park is filled with special features

such as the mangrove, where you can observe the plants and animals from the boardwalk or birdwatching tower.

Rail Corridor

The 24 km long Rail Corridor is a continuous green passage that allows wildlife movement between major green spaces. It also serves as a recreational corridor for all members of the public. Some of the highlights along the trail include Truss Bridge and the old Bukit Timah Railway Station, both of which are beautiful places to take a family photo.

For more details and ideas on where you can go to explore nature, you may refer to the following web link at https://beta.nparks.gov.sg/visit/activities/nature-walks-tours/self-guided-walks

8. Growth Mindset Nuggets #5: Using Praise to Encourage Good Behaviours

Praise is a simple yet effective discipline strategy that enhances good behaviour. Pointing out when your child is following the rules or telling them that you appreciate his/her effort in trying will motivate him/her to keep up the good work.

Here are a few specific behaviours that can be especially responsive to praise:

- <u>Pro-social behaviour</u>: Praise your child for sharing, taking turns, using kind words, or getting along well with others.
- <u>Compliance:</u> Praise your child for following the rules and listening to your instructions.
- <u>Effort</u>: When your child is learning a new skill, praise can encourage them to keep trying.
 For example, if you praise your child for their willingness to try hard or their ability to be patient as they learn, you will increase their motivation to keep trying.

Praise and positive attention are healthy when given appropriately. As a parent, you can catch your child doing good and make praise effective to motivate good behaviours!

You may visit the following web link: https://familiesforlife.sg/pages/fflparticle/Children-Development-Behaviour-Encouaging-good-behaviour-in-pree-teens-and-teenagers-20-tips for more reading on encouraging good behaviours.

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information.

Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong Principal