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Open Letter from School Leaders 7/2018

Dear Parents/Guardian,

1. Warm greetings from all of us at Sembawang Primary School and we hope you had a good time bonding with your children during the recent school holidays. Welcome back to school for the last school term of 2018.

2. The school ended Term 3 with a beautiful performance from the students and PSG members in celebration of Teachers' Day. We appreciate your support and partnership in helping our students to be winners – confident and self-directed learners, concerned citizens and active contributors. We would like to specially thank our PSG members for spending so many hours in planning and preparing for the Teachers' Day celebration.

Staff Matters

3. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Mdm Farah Syahirah Bte Abdul Wahab, AED/LBS who had left us in end July. She was a good support for our students who needed more learning support in the school. She has left us to join her husband in Australia. We wish her happiness in her new family life.

4. Please welcome Ms Mavis Lee, an Operations Support Officer who will be assisting in the daily operations of the school.

Important Information...

Examination Matters

5. As informed in the earlier open letter, we will be having the PSLE LC on 14 Sept (Fri). **All P1 to P5 students need not report to school on that day.** The PSLE Written Examination will be held from **27 – 28 September** and **1 – 3 October**. School will function as usual during the PSLE written examination.

PSLE Marking Days

6. The schedule for the SA2 for P2-5 was also provided in the earlier open letter. There will be 4 PSLE Marking Days, scheduled from **15 – 18 October**. Students **do not** report to school during the marking days. Teachers will be assigning e-learning tasks through the MC Online portal or other online portals. Please help to ensure that your child keeps up with the homework assigned and takes the time to revise for the SA2.

Up-coming school events ...

Games Day & Children's Day

7. On Thursday, **4 October**, we will have our Games Day cum Children's Day celebration. All students will report to school in PE attire on that day. There is no lesson on that day so your child will only need to bring a small bag containing their water bottles, face towels (if necessary), a story book and food for their Snack Break. School canteen will operate as usual for recess and lunch.

Celebration of successes ...

Camp with Dads

8. The school has recently completed the Camp with Dads for P1-3 students on 1-2 September. 40 pairs of father and child attended the camp. This sleepover camp provided a platform for fathers to bond with their children. They experienced outdoor cooking, sleeping in tents and spending time getting to know each other at a deeper level. The children got undivided attention from their fathers. The participants found the camp meaningful.

9. The school would like to thank the 5 committee members from our Fathers' Group, in partnership with Center for Fathering, for working with the school to organise the camp. They are Mr William Lim, Mr Toh Eng Keong, Mr Thinesh Rajan, Mr Sajesh Patil and Mr Chia Guan Hong. Our appreciation also goes to Mrs Jennifer Tan for working with the Fathers' Group.

10. Our PSG has uploaded many photos of the event in the PSG Facebook page, do follow them for updates on PSG matters.

Innergy Award and Outstanding Innovator Award

11. The Innergy Award is organised by MOE to recognise teams that have spent time developing, testing and implementing innovations to bring about significant benefits in schools. We are pleased to announce that our PE department has achieved a Commendation Award for their innovative work in Enhancing Outdoor Education Learning through Augmented Reality.

12. Our heartiest congratulation to Mr Andi Fatahillah for being a proud recipient of the Outstanding Innovator Award too. The award is given to recognise passionate individuals who are key influencers of continual improvement and drive innovations in schools. Some of the innovations by Mr Andi include creation of an animation using Scratch programme to develop the students' oracy skills, use of QR code to improve effectiveness of loan of equipment process and creation of a lesson package for ICT Club CCA using Scratch programme.

13. Well done, Mr Andi and PE department.

Pertandingan Newsmaker Competition

14. On 23 May, our ML students took part in the above mentioned competition, jointly organised by TeeVers, Malay Language Council, Singapore and Bulan Bahasa Committee. Students were expected to create news report videos using NewsMaker app. We are pleased to announce that Ilyan Hakim (P5 Respect) and Muhammad Aizzul (P4 Empathy) were presented with certificate and medal of participation.

National Pintar Kata App (Smart in Vocabulary) Competition

15. On 27 July, 5 of our ML students took part in the above mentioned competition, organised by Malay Language Centre of Singapore. We are pleased to announce that Aiman and Alifah Ilyana (P5 Respect), Hidayat Hudzaifah (P5 Responsibility), Nur Azzyati Naseeha (P4 Integrity) and Muhammad Shafiq Adeel (P4 Resilience) were presented with certificate and medal of participation.

16. Congratulations to our ML students!

Concluding remarks...

“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do.”

Steve Jobs; Co-Founder of Apple Inc.

17. Our school motto is “The Best From Me”. Let’s help our children to do great work by finding meaning in the work they do, loving what they do and always giving their best.

18. Thank you and have a wonderful Term ahead!

Warmest regards,

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