



SEMBAWANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Child, A Winner

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Open Letter from School Leaders

Dear Parents/Guardian,

1. Warm greetings from Sembawang Primary School and welcome to the last school term of 2017! The school had an exciting month in August, with the National Day and the Teachers' Day celebrations. The students came together and put up splendid performances for the two celebrations. A big thank you to our PSG members for their active support for the events.

2. Our P6 had students successfully completed their PSLE oral examinations on 17 and 18 August. Thank you parents for your support!

Staff Matters

3. Please join us to welcome Ms Ratna to the Sembawang family! She will take over as Form Teacher of P2A from Term 4. She was Head of Department for English before taking on the role of a Year Head (Lower Primary).

4. We would also like to announce that Mdm Yamuna (Form Teacher of P2B) has resigned from service wef 26 August 2017. We wish her all the best as she moves on to another area of work. Mrs Anne Mak, our HOD PE&CCA, will take over as Form Teacher of P2B from Term 4.

Celebration of successes ...

The Lee Kuan Yew Award for All-Round Excellence (LKY-ARE)

5. We are proud to announce that our ex-student, Bu Rui Jia, Gerianne, is a recipient of the LKY-ARE Award! The LKY-ARE is a national level award for achievement in education that has been presented to Secondary school students since 2005. It recognises well-rounded students who have excelled in both academic and non-academic spheres, and who exemplify the qualities articulated in our desired outcomes of education. To encourage and recognise the efforts and achievements of students at the early stage of their education journey, LYK-ARE was extended to Primary school students for the first time in 2017. This year, 11 Primary school students were presented with the award. Gerianne has done us proud and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

National Day Awards and Long Service Awards

6. We are happy to announce that four of our staff have been awarded the National Day Awards 2017 in recognition of their various forms of merit and services to Singapore. The awards were approved by the President of Singapore and the awardees were announced on National Day. The award recipients are:

| Award | Recipient |
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| The Public Administration Medal (Bronze) – <i>for outstanding efficiency, competence and industry</i> | Mrs Chay Gek Noi |
| The Commendation Award – <i>for efficiency, competence and devotion</i> | Mrs Jennifer Tan |
| The Long Service Medal – <i>for displaying irreproachable character and completing at least 25 years of service</i> | Mr Mohd Saidali Mdm Suraya Mohamed Iqbal |

7. Our heartiest congratulations to the recipients for their hard work and dedicated service to education!

7th International Dance Festival Competition

8. 27 students from P2 to P5 took part in the competition on 25 August and clinched the Silver Award. The students involved are Wong Yong Kang & Calista Seah (P2A), Iris Fang & Tania Lim (P2E), Sarah Lim & Tan Jo Yee (P3A), Chee Ka Jun & Brendan Lau (P3B), Angel Low (P3C), Charlotte Lam Lok Yee & Wong Wan Qing (P3E), Chen Layang, Seah Wan Joo, Joscelin Seah & Koh Rui En (P4A), Batin Anthony Frances Balusdan, Joey Cheong & Cheri Teu (P4B), Ang Shi Qi & Delia Koh (P4C), Poh Cheng Yi & Reagan Ang (P4D), Kendrick Ng (P4E), Chen Jingyi & Celestine Lee (P5C), Brayden Poh & Yin Xiang Ting (P5D) and Wong Li Yun (P5E).

9. We would like to applaud the students and teachers for their hard work and effort!

Important Information...

PSLE Listening and Written Examinations

10. The PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination will be held on Friday, **15 September**. **All P1 to P5 students need not report to school on that day.**

11. The PSLE Written Examination will be held from **28 – 29 September and 2 – 4 October**. School will function as usual during the written examination.

12. We take this opportunity to wish all our P6 students all the best for their PSLE. Parents, we will work in partnership to support and encourage your children during the PSLE period. We believe that our students will give of their best for the upcoming PSLE! P6s, live up to our school motto – “*The Best from Me!*”

Semestral Assessment 2 (SA2)

13. The schedule for the SA2 for P2-5 is appended in the table. We hope you will find it useful when you plan your revision schedule with your child.

| Day and Date | Subject | Level |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Monday, 9 October (Afternoon) | EL Oral | P3 & P4 |
| | MT Oral | P5 |
| Thursday, 12 October (Afternoon) | EL Oral | P5 |
| | MT Oral | P3 & P4 |
| Monday, 16 October | EL and MT Paper 1 | P2 to P5 |
| Monday, 30 October | MT Paper 2 and Listening Comprehension | P2 to P5 |
| Tuesday, 31 October | EL Paper 2 and Listening Comprehension | P2 to P5 |
| Wednesday, 1 November | Mathematics | P2 to P5 |
| Thursday, 2 November | Higher Mother Tongue | P5 |
| Friday, 3 November | Science | P3 to P5 |

Opening of Side Gate 1 and 2 on CCA Days

14. Acting on the query from some parents, we would like to inform that the school's Side Gate 1 and 2 will only be opened from 3.30pm to 4.00pm during **official CCA days on Friday only**.

Deepavali Holiday

15. This year, the Deepavali festival falls on Wednesday, **18 October**. On the eve of Deepavali, the dismissal time for all Hindu students will be 10.00 am. If you would like your child to leave school at 10.00 am, please make arrangement to fetch your child on that day. The school bus only operates during the normal dismissal time.

PSLE Marking Days

16. The PSLE marking days have been scheduled from **19 – 20 and 23 – 24 October**. Students do not report to school during the 4 days. Teachers will assign e-learning tasks through the MC Online portal or other online portals during the marking days. 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

17. On Thursday, **5 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) and a story book. Recesses will be as usual. However, there is no lunch break on that day as students will not stay back for extra lessons on that afternoon.

Concluding remarks...

"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve."
~ Napoleon Hill

21. We hope that the quote will encourage our students to believe in themselves and continue to work hard to achieve their goals in life. When the going gets tough, do not give up nor quit but to forge on.

22. Thank you.

Warmest regards,

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