



SBPS/22/060

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Open Letter from School Leaders 7/2022

Dear Parents,

1. Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you had a great time bonding with your child during the September school holidays. This term is packed with major activities such as the PSLE for our graduating cohort, End-of-Year Examinations for our P3 to P5 students, P1 (2023) Orientation and Security Incident Exercise.

Important Information...

Student Matters

2. Pre-PSLE Study Break for P6 Cohort. MOE will be implementing a study break for all P6 cohorts from 26 September (Monday) to 28 September (Wednesday) to support student well-being and minimise the risk of school-based COVID-19 transmission prior to the PSLE. During the study break, P6 students are strongly encouraged to remain at home. Selected students will be asked to report to school for targeted academic support. These students will be notified by their Form Teachers nearer to the dates.

3. Non-reporting School Days. Please take note of the following dates on which students do not need to report to school (see Table 1).

Table 1 – Non-reporting School Days

Date	Event	Remarks
26 September to 28 September	Pre-PSLE Study Break for P6 students	P6 students (except for selected individuals) do not need to report to school. All P1 to P5 students will report to school.
29 September to 5 October	PSLE Written Papers	<u>29 Sep – 4 Oct</u> Home-Based Learning (HBL) will be conducted for P5 students. P1 to P4 students, as well as selected P5 students, will report to school. <u>5 Oct</u> All P1 to P5 students will report to school.
17 October to 20 October	PSLE Marking Exercise	All students do not need to report to school. Teachers will assign e-learning tasks through SLS as well as offline tasks to your child.

Safety and Security

4. Security Incident (SI) Exercise. We have scheduled an SI Exercise on the morning of 7 November. The SI Exercise comprises a lockdown drill in school and evacuation to an external holding area, with the aim of familiarising your child with the steps to take during



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such incidents. More details will be disseminated to your child through the Form Teachers in due course.

5. Safe Management Measures (SMMs). With the easing of SMMs since 29 August, we are seeing more students not wearing masks in school. Should your child fall ill or is assessed to be unwell while in school, he/she will be isolated at the sick bay in the General Office, pending arrangements to be sent home. To protect other students who may also be in the sick bay, your child will be required to wear a mask. Students are encouraged to have a mask with them when they report to the school.

6. Enhancing Safety. Guided by the principle 'student first, safety always', we continue to educate our students to embrace safety as a key element in all activities. For instance, teachers and staff will stop students from playing and running in the canteen and stress to them the dangers of doing so; more importantly, we aim to imbue the message of think (e.g. is the act safe?) before they act. We have also made improvements to enhance safety.

a. Enhancement to Linkway at Side Gate 1. Recognising the potential safety concern of slippery floor due to rain, we have widened the footpath from Side Gate 1 to the school building (see Figure 1). The widened footpath would also cater for a larger volume of human traffic at the said locality.

Figure 1 – Widened linkway



b. Anti-slip at Canteen and Staircase Landing. We have added anti-slip strips and paint to provide better grip at the following locations in school (see Figures 2 and 3).

Figure 2 – Additional Anti-Slips at the canteen



Figure 3 – Anti-slip paint at staircase landing



Celebration of Successes...

7. Teachers' Day Celebration. We would like to thank our PSG and prefects for organising the Teachers' Day Celebration this year. With the theme "Our Teachers, Our Flashlight", our educators were treated to a series of celebration items like performances, radio show, skit, quizzes and tribute messages from students and



Figure 4 – PSG who co-organized the event



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parents. Students also secretly prepared a jar of stars which contain heartfelt messages to their teachers. It was indeed a great opportunity to have a physical celebration after two years. Thank you to our PSG (See [Figure 4](#)) and prefects.

8. SBPS PSG Sembawang Heritage Trail. The inaugural event was held on 27 August (Saturday) for parent and child, led by our PSG and accompanied by Mrs Chua and two staff, Mrs Sujith and Mr Saidali. The heritage trail comprised a brief on the changes that have taken place in Sembawang, a tour of Sembawang Estate by bus with exploration by foot at certain historically significant places, and a walk along the coastline of Sembawang Beach, with games and quizzes that had injected fun and interaction (see [Figure 5](#)). The heritage trail provided the opportunity for parent and child to appreciate the history and culture of Sembawang through an activity that enhanced parent-child bonding. Thank you parents for participating and kudos to our PSG members for a well-executed event!

Figure 5 – PSG Heritage Trail



9. Head Prefect Election 2022. Student leaders Chung Zi Ying, Dharsh Manoj and Lilia Lubecka of 5 Resilience were in the running for this year's Head Prefect Election. Similar to pre-COVID period, the three candidates had the opportunity for face-to-face campaigning while student voters were able to cast their votes at a polling station in the MPH (see [Figure 6](#) for the snapshots of the Election proceedings). We are pleased to announce that Dharsh Manoj was elected as the Head Prefect, with Chung Zi Ying and Lilia Lubecka as the Vice-Head Prefects for 2022/2023. Do look out for the interviews of the newly minted Head and Vice-Head Prefects in the next Sembawang Buzz newsletter.

Figure 6 – Head Prefect Election



10. SBPS Star. The SBPS Star is a school initiative to recognise students who display exemplary character, outstanding personal qualities and are role models to their peers. Form Teachers were invited to nominate up to two students to be the SBPS Star of the class. Each SBPS Star will receive a certificate highlighting his/her achievements and a badge (see [Figure 7](#)). The SBPS Stars for 2022 (Semester 2) are listed in [Enclosure 1](#). Congratulations to all our recipients!

Figure 7 – SBPS Star Badge





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11. Chinese Dance School Exchange. The Chinese Dance CCA group recently hosted and participated in the Chinese Dance Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation sharing and appreciation session held on 26 August, organised by the Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre (SCDT). In addition to the Chinese Dance performances by three other participating schools, St. Anthony's Canossian Primary School, Tanjong Katong Primary School and Yuhua Primary School, two solo dance performances by SCDT dancers also made the sharing exciting as our students were mesmerised with the professionalism of the SCDT dancers (see Figure 8). We hope this session will spur them to greater heights in their pursuit of Chinese dance.



Up-coming School Events...

12. Clean Plate Campaign. As part of the school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP), our students will be participating in the Clean Plate Campaign, an annual event organised by the food charity *Food from the Heart*. Through this campaign, the school aims to raise awareness among our students on the environmental and societal impact of food waste, as well as appreciating the value of food in our daily lives. Students will be encouraged to practise mindful eating habits such as finishing their food and ordering what they can finish during their recesses. The campaign will be carried out in Term 4 Week 2 with an assembly talk and recess activities.

13. Children's Day Celebrations 2022. This year, we will be celebrating Children's Day on 6 October (Thursday). Students will report to school as per normal in their PE attire and are required to only bring along a story book, colour pencils and stationery. Please note that the canteen stalls will also operate on that day. On that day, your child will be engaged in various activities at different venues in the school, followed by a concert at the MPH from 12.30 p.m. to dismissal at 1.30 p.m. As 7 October (Friday) is a scheduled school holiday, all students **do not** need to report to school.

Concluding Remarks...

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure"

~General Colin Powell, former US Secretary of State~

14. 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.



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15. Thank you and have a fulfilling Term 4!

Warmest regards.

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SBPS Stars for Semester 2, 2022

NO	NAME OF RECIPIENTS	CLASS
1	CHEAH ENYA	1 CARE
2	YEO ZI YING, JOELLA	1 EMPATHY
3	MYLA RAE CLARKE ARIVALAGAN	1 EMPATHY
4	OOI YI XUAN MEGAN	1 GRATITUDE
5	LOGAN TAN YI KAI	1 GRATITUDE
6	NUR FATEHAH INSYIRAH BINTE MUHAMMAD ISKANDAR	1 INTEGRITY
7	GABRIELLE LIM LE JIE	1 RESILIENCE
8	LOW YI JING ARIELYN	1 RESILIENCE
9	LEONIDAS OH KAIJUN	1 RESPECT
10	ILY HANEY BTE MOHD HELMI	1 RESPECT
11	THINN PHYU SIN THANT	2 CARE
12	ZACCHAEUS YEO YU TENG	2 CARE
13	NEO EN YU, ARISSA	2 EMPATHY
14	CHEN ZIHAO JONAS	2 EMPATHY
15	JESSICA AU SIEW TING	2 EMPATHY
16	KAYSON FOO YU ZHE	2 GRATITUDE
17	JOEY LING JAY YEE	2 INTEGRITY
18	OOI SHUEN MIN	2 RESILIENCE
19	ALEXANDER LAI CHUAN HIN	2 RESILIENCE
20	NUR SABRINA BINTE KAMARON	2 RESPECT
21	LEE ZHIXUAN, CLAUDIA	2 RESPECT
22	CHEN ZEXU	3 CARE
23	KARALYNN ONG SHI QI	3 CARE
24	BRENDAN LAW JING BANG	3 EMPATHY
25	CHRISTIE CHNG	3 EMPATHY
26	TAN YONG RUI	3 GRATITUDE
27	NUR MAISARAH BINTE MUHAMMAD NA'IM	3 GRATITUDE
28	SHEFALI DASH	3 INTEGRITY
29	WILLIAM LOCK WEI-LONG	3 INTEGRITY
30	PANG YU TONG	3 RESILIENCE
31	PHUA XING ER	3 RESILIENCE
32	MURALI RAKSHA	4 CARE
33	IAN CHUE YIN TENG	4 CARE
34	ALVINA HANIS BINTI AZHAR	4 EMPATHY
35	MUHAMMAD NUR DANISH BIN NASIR	4 GRATITUDE
36	CHEE KAI TONG	4 GRATITUDE
37	YOUSSEF AJMAL BIN MOHD NOOR	4 INTEGRITY
38	YEO JIA LE, AMARYLLIS	4 INTEGRITY
39	ELSABETH GOH AN UN	4 RESILIENCE
40	MUHAMMAD FYAN ALFIN BIN MOHAMMAD FIRDAUS	4 RESILIENCE
41	MONISSA YALINI	4 RESPECT
42	HEIN SET PAING HTOO	4 RESPECT



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NO	NAME OF RECIPIENTS	CLASS
43	LIU RONG RONG	5 CARE
44	LIM XIN YAN	5 CARE
45	ERLISHA ATIKA BINTE NORMAN	5 EMPATHY
46	SYARAH AFIA BINTE MOHAMMAD SURAHMAN	5 GRATITUDE
47	LANDAYAN ALTHEA MITZI DELOS SANTOS	5 GRATITUDE
48	DIAO WANGHUI	5 INTEGRITY
49	NG SER TENG, JOY	5 RESILIENCE
50	WONG YUN NING	5 RESILIENCE
51	NATASHA LIM BINTE YUSMAN@LIM XIN RUI	5 RESPECT
52	RAJANALA SRINITHI	5 RESPECT
53	CHEN YINTONG	6 CARE
54	MUHAMMAD HAIRI BIN AZAHARI	6 EMPATHY
55	NURIN ALIA BINTE MOHAMED AZRIN	6 EMPATHY
56	NIKKI YIP PEI SHAN	6 GRATITUDE
57	SEAN LEE	6 GRATITUDE
58	LEONG HUI XIN	6 INTEGRITY
59	THANGARAJ RISHI KUMAR	6 RESILIENCE
60	ALBERT QI WEMIN	6 RESPECT