



SBPS/24/059

12 Aug 2024

Open Letter from School Leaders 6/2024

Dear Parents,

1. We hoped you had a wonderful family bonding time over the National Day weekend.
2. The SBPS Open House 2024, Weighted Assessments, Preliminary Examinations, and PSLE Oral examinations were key and significant milestones this term.
3. We continued to invigorate the emergency preparedness of the school with simulation exercises to ensure the readiness of the school population in response to safety and security incident, and has also improved the safety environment with new infrastructure measures.

Staff Recognition...

4. National Day Awards 2024. We would like to congratulate the following staff for receiving the 2024 National Day Awards:

- The Commendation Medal (Pingat Kepujian)
Mdm Yong Geok Ping, HOD/Mathematics
- The Long Service Medal (Pingat Bakti Setia)
Mdm Nor' Asikin Bte Abraham, Corporate Support Officer
Mdm Lim Bee Nak, Operations Support Officer

5. Civil Service Long Service Award. We are also pleased to announce that Ms Fong Lai See, our school counsellor, has received her Civil Service Long Service Award, in recognition of her 17 years of dedicated service to the Singapore Public Service.

Important Information...

Student Matters

6. Learning for Life Programme (LLP) – Student Leadership. Our school's LLP aims to nurture students to be self, peer, and community leaders who advocate and effect positive changes. We believe that leadership skills are essential for your child's holistic development and to be future-ready citizens. All students go through our school-based character education programme which aims to develop in them a growth mindset to lead self effectively and the essential social skills to interact positively with their peers.

7. Besides the whole-school approach in character education, the school provides platforms to empower selected students to further develop their leadership competencies, such as through the class committee. We are pleased to inform you that the second team of class committee members has been selected, trained, and appointed for their leadership roles in Semester 2. We look forward to their contributions to the school community as they take on



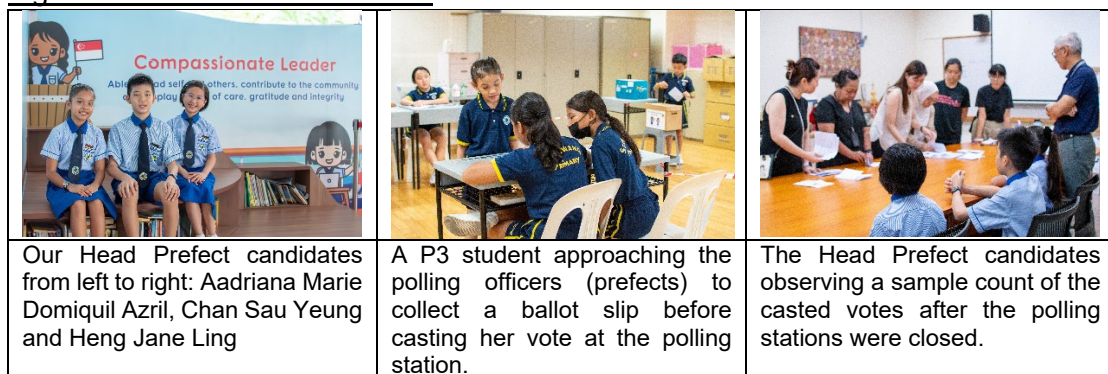
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their leadership responsibilities this semester. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Semester 1 class committee members who have served the school since February this year.

8. **Head Prefect Election.** The annual Head Prefect Election was held on 31 July, where our students and staff cast their votes to elect the Head Prefect. At school, we provided the opportunity for our students to experience a full electoral process consisting of campaigning, cooling off day and the polling day, modelled after the Singapore electoral system. We are pleased to announce that Chan Sau Yeung of 5 Respect was elected as Head Prefect, with Aadrina Marie Domiquil Azril of 5 Resilience and Heng Jane Ling of 5 Respect as Vice-Head Prefects (see Figure 1).

Figure 1 – Head Prefect Election



9. **Preliminary Written Examination and PSLE Examination Schedule.** All P6 students will be sitting for the PSLE and Preliminary Written Examination, starting 13 Aug 2024. As assessment plays an integral role in supporting student learning, parents can help your child to prepare for the examinations by revising with them the components or topics they have difficulties in. Your moral support and encouragement will motivate your child to strive for success. Please refer to Enclosure 1 for the details.

Safety, Security and Well-Being

10. **First Aid and AED Training.** First aid knowledge and skills are essential for one to respond effectively during medical emergencies. Our school prioritises first aid training for all eligible staff. Over 80% of eligible staff are currently trained in Basic First Aid and AED, conducted in the first week of the June school holidays.

11. **Emergency Preparedness.** SGSecure is Singapore's initiative to enhance community resilience against terrorism. It calls on everyone in our multi-racial, multi-religious society to come together to safeguard Singapore and our way of life. Aimed at preparing our students and staff on emergency preparedness, the school conducted a lockdown drill and simulated an intruder incident on 19 July. We are pleased to note that everyone responded appropriately and took the drill seriously.

12. Following the intruder drill, our students and staff participated in a fire evacuation exercise to refresh the procedures for evacuating in the event of a fire incident. These exercises served as a reminder of the importance of emergency preparedness and aimed to strengthen our school community's safety and resilience.

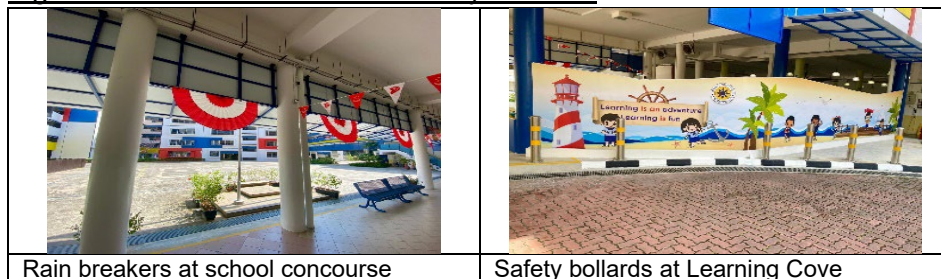


13. On 3 July, our school also took part in the MOE-wide Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise. This exercise aimed to (a) ensure the school's readiness to reinstate attendance and temperature taking procedures if necessary, and (b) educate students and staff to take personal responsibility for their health and practice social responsibility.

14. Enhanced Safety Measures. Creating a safe environment for our students is a continuous effort. To prevent slips and falls at the concourse, we have installed rain breakers to reduce the risk of wet surfaces during inclement weather. Additionally, the rain breakers provide shade for students gathered at the concourse during dismissal.

15. We have also installed safety bollards at the outer perimeter of the Learning Cove to enhance safety (see Figure 2).

Figure 2 – Rain Breakers and Safety Bollards



16. Safety Reminder. An incident involving a parent and child with a privately owned vehicle recently occurred at the pedestrian crossing traffic light in front of the school. Fortunately, both the parent and child were unharmed. Parents, please remind your child to practice the kerb drill when crossing pedestrian crossings.

Celebration of Successes...

17. SBPS Open House 2024. After a 5-year hiatus, the Open House held on 27 July saw a successful turnout of parents. They enjoyed performances by performing arts groups, CCA introductions, student-led booths and school tours (see Figure 3 for snippets of the Open House). The successful conduct of the Open House was made possible by the support of parents and students. We are proud of the Sembawang Team, including students, teachers, and staff, for their warmth and hospitality towards our visitors.

Figure 3 – Open House 2024





18. Racial Harmony Day 2024 (RHD 2024). Our Primary students engaged in various activities focused on racial harmony in Singapore, including Positive Minutes, presentations, and recess activities on 15 and 16 July. The RHD 2024 celebrations concluded with a skit presentation by our Drama Club students and a food bazaar offering ethnic group snacks such as roti prata, pisang goreng, and ting ting candy on 17 July, where majority of our students came dressed in their ethnic clothing (see Figure 4).

Figure 4 – Students in Ethnic Attire



19. Similarly, our MK children also dressed in various ethnic attire to commemorate RHD 2024 (see Figure 5). Through this event, the children learned about the beauty of each culture and the shared responsibility in upholding Singapore's social fabric.

Figure 5 – MK Students Celebrating RHD



20. NE Show. Our P5 students, along with their teachers, attended the NE Show on 6 July. Organised since 1997, NE Shows aim to provide a cohort experience for P5 pupils to immerse in the full spectacle of the NDP and achieve the following objectives:

- a. Unify the cohort and instil pride and patriotism as Singaporeans.
- b. Cultivate a sense of commitment to the nation and community.
- c. Offer learning opportunities to understand the significance of National Day.

21. National Day Observance Ceremony (NDOC) and Celebrations. The NDOC preceded the day, followed by classroom activities, ending with celebrations at the MPH. See Figure 6 for snapshots of the NDOC and celebrations at the MPH.

Figure 6 – NDOC and ND Celebrations



NDOC

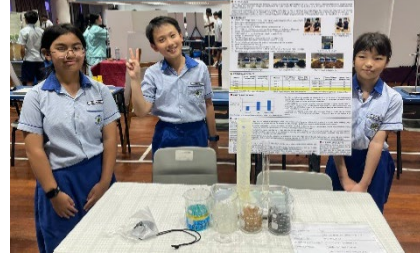
Students immersed in the ND celebrations

SBPS Red Lions!



22. 22nd Elementz Science Project Competition 2024. Our Science and Green Club team comprising Irma Naemah Binte Faizal (5G), Gray Lim Jian Cheng (5RE), Darshan Vikkaraman (5RE) [not in photo] and Lai Chen Xuan (5RT) clinched the Gold award in the competition with their project on using natural materials to absorb oil during oil spills (see Figure 7). The judges were especially impressed with how the students applied their investigation results to the recent oil spill in Singapore. Well done, students!

Figure 7 – Science & Green Club Team with their Project



23. Charity Book Drive. This year, our school took part in the 'Read for Books' charity book drive organised by the National Library Board (NLB). The initiative aims to raise awareness and promote reading among the less privileged. Throughout July, for every 10 students who read for 15 minutes, one book or equivalent was donated to the selected beneficiaries. Our students' participation resulted in a total of 30 books being raised for the book drive.

24. Choir at the Canberra National Day Dinner. The school choir was invited to perform at the event held at the Canberra Park on the eve of National Day (see Figure 8).

Figure 8 – School Choir Performance



25. NSG Table Tennis. A group of Primary 4 and Primary 5 Table Tennis CCA students took part in the NSG Table Tennis (Junior Division). Our paddlers demonstrated grit, tenacity and emerged as champions in their respective events (see Figure 9). [L-R: Yifei 4RE (1st in Tier 4 boys singles), Levin 4 RE and Elroy 4G (1st in Tier 4 boys doubles, Yun Jie 5RT (1st in Tier 4 girls singles). Congratulations to our winners and keep up the fantastic play!

Figure 9 – Our champion paddlers



Up-coming School Events....

26. Dad's For Life Camp. The P1-P3 Camp-with-Dad is set to take place from 24 to 25 August at the school. The camp aims to facilitate father-child bonding through a range of activities such as cooking, telematch, tent-pitching, and campfire. It promises to be an exciting 2-day-1-night event, and we are eagerly anticipating another memorable Lower Primary Camp-with-Dad. See you soon, campers!

Miscellaneous....

27. Fruits and Cold Drinks Stall. The new stall began operating on 1 August, providing a variety of cold drinks, cut fruits, and fresh juices. In order to offer more food options to our students, the stall has introduced new items such as jelly and hot desserts, including green bean, red bean, and sweet potato soup, all of which are HPB compliant.



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Concluding Remarks...

“Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding on the 20th”.
~Julie Andrews~

28. We would like to express our gratitude to all parents for collaborating with the school in your child's educational journey. Stay safe and healthy.

Warmest regards,

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Enclosure 1

Date	Event/Activities	Remarks
13 & 14 Aug	PSLE EL/MTL Oral Exam	P1 to P5 students do not need to report to school.
16 to 22 Aug	Prelim Written Papers	Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 students. All students will be released at the usual dismissal time.
13 Sep	PSLE EL/MTL LC	P1 to P5 students do not need to report to school.
26 Sep to 2 Oct	PSLE Written Papers	Lessons as usual for P1 to P4 students. P5 students will be having Home-Based Learning from 26 Sep to 1 Oct. As such, they do not need to report to school. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subject Teachers will assign work to them during this period.• P5 students will report back to school on 2 Oct.