



SBPS/23/034

2 May 2023

### **Open Letter from School Leaders 4/2023**

Dear Parents,

1. Warmest greetings from SBPS! We just crossed the mid-point of Term 2. We are heartened to see that our students are enjoying their time in the school.
2. The school is thankful to parents for building good values in your child. Attending school and being punctual on all school days are essential in ensuring that our students are ready for learning to take place. Thank you, parents!

### ***Important Information...***

#### **Student Matters**

3. Parent Teacher Conference (PTC). The school is organising a PTC on 22 and 23 May 2023. Two modes of engagement (online or in-person) will be offered for the session. The details of the PTC are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – PTC Details

| Date             | Time                  | Mode                        |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 22 May (Monday)  | 2.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. | In-person meeting in school |
| 23 May (Tuesday) | 8.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. | Online via Zoom             |

4. Parents, you would have selected your preferred mode for PTC. Following the selection, Form Teachers will send out another PG notification for selection of timeslot. **Do note that 23 May 2023 (Tuesday), is a non-school day for all students.**

#### **Safety and Security**

5. Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in School. Notwithstanding the recent spike in COVID-19 cases nationwide, the school will not implement additional safe management measures. However, the school will continue to carry out the following actions which are necessary to safeguard against COVID clusters in the school:
  - a. Screen students and isolate suspected unwell cases, pending further assessment.
  - b. Remind students to exercise social responsibility and not to report to school should he/she is unwell.
  - c. Teachers to report COVID+ cases to VP(Admin) at the earliest opportunity to facilitate cleaning and disinfection of affected locations in the school.
6. We seek parent's co-operation not to send your child to school if he/she is unwell, and to inform Form Teachers of COVID+ cases as soon as possible. Thank you, parents.



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7. Student Safety Leaders. In our effort to enhance the safety environment in the school, we have embarked on a Student Safety Leadership Programme (SSLP) to imbue a safety mindset in our Student Leaders to influence their peers to do likewise. Student Leaders comprising P3 to P5 Class Monitors, PE Leaders and Prefects will be trained on the “LOOK.THINK.DO” concept, a basic mental risk assessment skill. The Student Leaders will in turn share their reflections at a large group setting to encourage a pervasive safety culture in school.

### ***Celebration of Successes...***

8. Experiential Learning Week (ELW). The ELW was successfully conducted from 27 to 31 March 2023. We are certain that your child had benefitted from the various programmes and activities. The life skills and knowledge acquired are useful and have strengthened the camaraderie of our students. See Figure 1 for snapshots of the activities conducted during ELW.

Figure 1 – Snapshots of ELW



9. National School Games (NSG). Our students made the best of every opportunity and experience that the NSG have to offer. Their participation allowed them to build their character while striving for sporting excellence. It is with great pleasure to inform parents that our Rugby Senior team emerged 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition, Chinese Chess students came in 4<sup>th</sup> position in the 12<sup>th</sup> Chung Cheng Cup Chess competition, and Nathanael Lim of 2 Care clinched the Gold medal in the Taekwondo competition (see Figure 2). Well done and congratulations! We would also like to salute all our students who had participated in the various disciplines in the NSG. Keep the fire in you burning!



Figure 2 – Our SBPS Champions



10. Tirukkural Vizha 2023 Literary Competitions. The children from MK@Sembawang participated in the Tirukkural Vizha 2023 Literary Competitions organised by the Tamil Language and Cultural Society (TLCS). Apart from reciting the poems accurately, the children demonstrated confidence and competence in using the Tamil Language. Among the participants representing MK@Sembawang, Esha Sathiesh and Ritvi Jaswanth Lal were awarded the First Prize and the Motivational Prize respectively (see Figure 3). Well done!



Figure 3 – Our Award Recipients

11. SOTA Primary 6 Creative Writing Competition. We would like to congratulate Cahanding Julia Luise De Venecia (6 Respect), Carys Chui Jia Xin (6 Respect) and Dawson Oh Xu Jie (6 Resilience) (*from left in the picture*) for being among the top 50 finalists in the annual nation-wide SOTA Primary Six Creative Writing Competition! They were given the opportunity to attend the Literary Arts Junior Academy writing workshop organised by SOTA. You may scan the QR code to view their winning entries. Enjoy their creative stories!



12. Long Service Award (LSA). It gives us great pleasure to share with parents a group of staff who has received their LSA from MOE (see Enclosure 1). The staff has given excellent service to the nation through their dedication and commitment to moulding the future of our nation. Congratulations to the recipients!

### Up-coming School Events....

13. Celebration of the Arts (COTA). COTA 2023 is a drama-based multidisciplinary arts platform to celebrate, nurture and showcase talent in the aesthetic domains of Dance, Drama and Music. The event brings together student performers from the performing arts CCAs, as



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well as those students shortlisted and auditioned into the Talent Development Mentorship Programmes. Anchored through six drama scenes that tell a story of “Daring to Soar”, the showcase will feature music, voice and dance collaborative creations by students.

14. On this day, **all students from SBPS need not report to school on that day**. Please note that the Student Care Centre (SCC), MK, KCare and school General Office (GO) will operate as per normal.

15. P5 Cohort Camp. The P5 Cohort Camp aims to provide learning experiences beyond the classroom. These learning experiences present opportunities for our students to work together in overcoming challenges. For instance, our students will experience kayaking where they will collaborate with one another to achieve a common goal. The camp is scheduled from 24 to 26 May 2023 in the school.

### **Miscellaneous...**

16. Eat-With-Your Family-Day (EWYFD). The next EWYFD falls on 26 May 2023 (Friday). To support this initiative, the GO will close at 5.00 pm to allow our staff to leave early and spend time with their family over a meal.

17. School on Social Media. Our school is on social media! Do “subscribe” to be updated of the school happenings, and don’t forget to “like” the posts.

- School Website - <https://www.sembawangpri.moe.edu.sg/>
- Facebook – <https://go.gov.sg/sbpsfb>
- Instagram – <https://go.gov.sg/sbpsig>
- YouTube – <https://go.gov.sg/sbpsyt>

### **Concluding Remarks...**

*“Success cannot, should not, and must not be the constant need to be compared with someone else and having to live up to somebody else’s image.”*

*~Chan Chun Sing~*

18. Hari Raya Aidilfitri marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. We hope our Muslim colleagues and families had a wonderful celebration. May this festive occasion bring joy, peace and prosperity to you and your family.

19. To an awesome remainder of Term 2, before we reward ourselves during the June school holidays!

Warmest regards.

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Enclosure 1

| S/No | LSA Recipients                       | Award Title<br>(No. of years in service) |
|------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1    | Ms Norain Nordin (MKE)               | 10                                       |
| 2    | Ms Chua Yoke Tin (MKE)               | 15                                       |
| 3    | Mdm Renee Phee                       | 5  |
| 4    | Ms Carine Oh                         | 5  |
| 5    | Ms Afiqah Binte Abdul Samad          | 5  |
| 6    | Mr Muhammed Yusry Ahmad (OM)         | 10                                       |
| 7    | Ms Nuremiliyana Suhaidi              | 10                                       |
| 8    | Ms Wang Xinlin                       | 10                                       |
| 9    | Mdm Michelle Tamarai D/O Joseph      | 10                                       |
| 10   | Mr Zhao Zhiyang                      | 10                                       |
| 11   | Ms Khalisah Bte Kamisan              | 10                                       |
| 12   | Ms Pearlyn Seow                      | 10                                       |
| 13   | Mdm Jenny Chu (MK Executive)         | 10                                       |
| 14   | Mdm Ang Lay Eng (OSO)                | 10                                       |
| 15   | Ms Heow Tsuey Yan                    | 10                                       |
| 16   | Ms Tiffany Chong                     | 15                                       |
| 17   | Mdm Noraida Binte Wagimi             | 15                                       |
| 18   | Mr Mohamad Iskandar B Ishak          | 15                                       |
| 19   | Ms Jennifer Fong (School Counsellor) | 15                                       |
| 20   | Mr Mike Tay                          | 15                                       |
| 21   | Mdm Norizah Binte Selamat (OSO)      | 20                                       |
| 22   | Ms Joey Tan                          | 20                                       |
| 23   | Mrs Rena Phang                       | 20                                       |
| 24   | Mdm Sharmila Singh                   | 20                                       |
| 25   | Mdm Ratna Dewi A K Magnus            | 25                                       |
| 26   | Mdm Suraya Bte Mohamed Iqbal         | 30                                       |
| 27   | Mr Mohd Saidali B Ali                | 30                                       |