



## SEMBAWANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Open Letter from School Leaders 5/2023

Dear Parents,

1. Welcome to Term 3! We hope you had a well-spent family bonding time during the June school holidays.

2. The home stretch of the academic year is guaranteed to be exciting and fulfilling, and we are committed to ensuring that the joy of learning remains a central focus of your child's schooling experience. A strong partnership between parents and the school plays a crucial role in helping us achieve our goals. Thank you, parents!

#### ***Staff Appointments and Movement...***

3. New Appointments. The appointment of staff to leadership roles is essential to ensure the delivery of quality learning experiences and provision of a safe environment for your child. Assuming new appointments with effect from 26 June 2023 are:

- Mr Calvin Chia – Head of Department / Student Management
- Mdm Shadidah Bte Mokhtar – Lead Teacher / Mathematics
- Mr Mohamad Iskandar B Ishak – Subject Head / PE & CCA (Internal)
- Mrs Cynthia Chong – Senior SEN Officer
- Ms Farah Syahirah Binte Abdul Wahab – Senior SEN Officer

4. New Additions to the Sembawang Family. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff who have joined the school:

- Miss Tung Bee Geok (Chinese Language teacher)
- Mr Choy Chong Hing Derrick (English and Science Teacher)

5. Heartfelt Appreciation. We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation and bid farewell to Ms Shanthini, Mr Joseph Yap and Mdm Renee Phee who have left the school at the end of Term 2. We wish them the best in their future endeavours.

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

##### **Student Matters**

6. P6 Prelim and PSLE Examination Schedule. All P6 students will be sitting for their examinations, commencing with the Prelim Examinations on 24 July 2023. 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



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moral support and encouragement will motivate your child to strive for success. On some of these examination dates, students from other levels either do not need to report to school or will be dismissed earlier. Please refer to Enclosure 1 for the details.

7. Student Agency. From this year onwards, the school will be focusing on developing student agency, which is the capacity by students to set goals, reflect and act responsibly to effect change. To do this, students are provided with choices in the process of learning where possible, as well as opportunities to voice their choices and goals. We hope that parents can support the school's endeavour by:

- creating a conducive environment where your child feels comfortable expressing their thoughts, ideas, and concerns;
- supporting your child's interests by providing them with access to educational materials (e.g. books) and resources relevant to their passions; and
- fostering a growth mindset by reinforcing to your child that their abilities can be developed through effort and perseverance.

8. Supporting student agency is an ongoing process that requires patience and encouragement. By fostering independence and nurturing a growth mindset, parents can play a vital role in empowering your children to become confident, self-directed learners.

### **Calendar of Events (COE)**

9. To keep parents informed in advance of important school/level events, we would like to direct parents' attention to the term 3 COE (including the P6 Prelim and PSLE Examination schedule). Please refer to Enclosure 1.

### **Safety and Security**

10. Replacement of Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) Roof and Classroom Window Louvres. The school is currently undergoing replacement of the MPH roof and classroom window louvres to address safety concerns. The estimated completion date is in late July/early August. We have made alternative arrangements to minimise the disruption to your child's learning during the period that the MPH is not available.

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

11. Labour Day Care Package Project. We would like to express our appreciation to all parents and students who have contributed to the Care Package Project initiated by our Parent Support Group (PSG) to show appreciation to the school's non-teaching staff for their contributions (see Figure 1). Through the participation, students learnt the importance of giving back to the community which would help our students to develop important character traits such as kindness, empathy and generosity.



Figure 1 – Care Package Project



12. Singapore Moo-O Awards 2023. Our heartiest congratulations to Tham Ka Wui Alicia (3 Care), Lee Zixuan Claudia (3 Integrity), and Zeng Zimeng (3 Resilience) for winning the Merit Award in the Singapore Moo-O Awards 2023 supported by the Speak Good English Movement (see Figure 2). In this digital storytelling competition, students used the Moo-O software to portray themselves as various story characters. Our students were creative, fluent, and expressive as they read the story. Well done!

Figure 2 – Moo-O Award Recipients



13. NewsMaker Competition 2023. On 16 March, three P4 students, Chaudhry Zubair Saeed (4 Integrity), Jaykerb Apolonio Liang (4 Empathy), and Aadriana Marie Domiquil Azril (4 Empathy), participated in the annual NewsMaker Competition organised by Raffles Girls' Primary School and Teevers Pte Ltd. In this news-broadcasting competition, participants used the Moo-V app to produce digital video news. The students received a certificate of participation in recognition of their efforts (see Figure 3). Good work, students!

Figure 3 – NewsMaker Competition



14. Junior Kin-Ball Championship 2023. Kudos to our Talent Development Programme (TDP) students who emerged as champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in the junior mixed category event organised by the Kin-Ball Association of Singapore (see Figure 4). It is heart-warming to witness the TDP participants demonstrating self-belief, perseverance, and tenacity as they outwitted and outplayed their opponents during the competition.

Figure 4 – Our Kin-Ball Champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up



15. P5 Camp. The P5 Camp is one of the highlights for our P5 cohort. Apart from experiencing outdoor sleeping in tents, our students had the opportunity to put into practice outdoor education knowledge, such as outdoor cooking and navigation, learnt during PE



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lessons. The camp also enhanced team bonding and teamwork of our students through the dragon boating activity and campfire finale which was graced by our SBPS alumni Mr Marc Brian who had represented Singapore in athletes at the last SEA Games (see [Figure 5](#)). We are certain that the experience and memories of the camp will stay with our students for a long time to come!

Figure 5 – Highlights of the P5 Camp



16. International Friendship Day (IFD) 2023. On 5 April, we commemorated IFD with an assembly programme and various recess activities. The assembly programme reminded our students the significance of IFD and provided key facts about Indonesia, the 2023 ASEAN Chair. At the level recesses, our students participated in various activities such as answering questions about ASEAN countries and guessing the home countries of our international students (see [Figure 6](#)). We would like to thank our parent volunteers who came forth to partner the school in the successful commemoration of the IFD.

Figure 6 – Recess Activities during IFD



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

17. e-Open House 2023. With the unavailability of the MPH due to the on-going roof replacement, we have planned for an e-Open House this year. Scheduled on 22 July (Saturday) from 10.00 am to 11.00 am, the e-Open House will be conducted via a live chat



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with the Principal, PSG Vice-Chairperson, Head Prefect and selected Key Personnel, who will share information about the school and answer queries from parents and the public. The live chat will be streamed over our school's Facebook and YouTube channel. Parents may visit the e-Open House website (<https://go.gov.sg/sbpseopenhouse>) for more details. Do support us by joining the live chat session and share your child's schooling experience using the chat function in Facebook and YouTube. See you online!

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

*"Working hard is important, but there is something that matters even more:*

*Believing in yourself."*

*~Harry Potter~*

18. Belated Selamat Hari Raya Haji 2023! We hope that our Muslim families had a wonderful Eid with your loved ones and friends.



Warmest regards.

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Enclosure 1

Calendar of Events (Term 3, including P6 Prelim and PSLE Examination schedule)

Date	Event/Activities	Remarks
6 Jul	Remedial and Supplementary lessons for P3 – P6 students	Commencement date (please check with your child on the details)
21 Jul	Racial Harmony Day	Students are encouraged to come to school in ethnic costume/attire
22 Jul (Sat)	e-Open House	Please log on to school's Facebook or YouTube
24 – 26 Jul	Head Prefect Election Campaign	
24 & 25 Jul	Prelim EL/MTL Oral Exam	<b>P1 to P5 students will be dismissed earlier at 12.30 pm.</b> P6 students will be dismissed as soon as they complete their exams.
28 Jul	Prelim EL/MTL Oral Make-up Exam	Lessons as usual for all students. Make-up Exam is only for P6 students who are absent on 24 and/or 25 Jul with a valid Medical Certificate.
1 Aug	Prelim EL/MTL Listening Comprehension (LC)	Lessons as usual for all students. P6 Prelim LC will be held during curriculum time.
8 Aug	National Day Observance Ceremony cum celebration	
10 Aug	National Day School Holiday	<b>Students do not need to report to school</b>
18 to 24 Aug	Prelim Written Papers	Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 students. All students will be released at usual dismissal time.
15 & 16 Aug	PSLE EL/MTL Oral Exam	<b>P1 to P5 students do not need to report to school.</b>
31 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration	
1 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday	<b>Students do not need to report to school</b>
15 Sep	PSLE EL/MTL LC	<b>P1 to P5 students do not need to report to school.</b>
28 Sep to 4 Oct	PSLE Written Papers	Lessons as usual for P1 to P4 students. <b>P5 students do not need to report to school from 28 Sep to 3 Oct. Lessons will resume on 4 Oct for P5 students.</b>