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Open Letter from School Leaders 6/2023

Dear Parents,

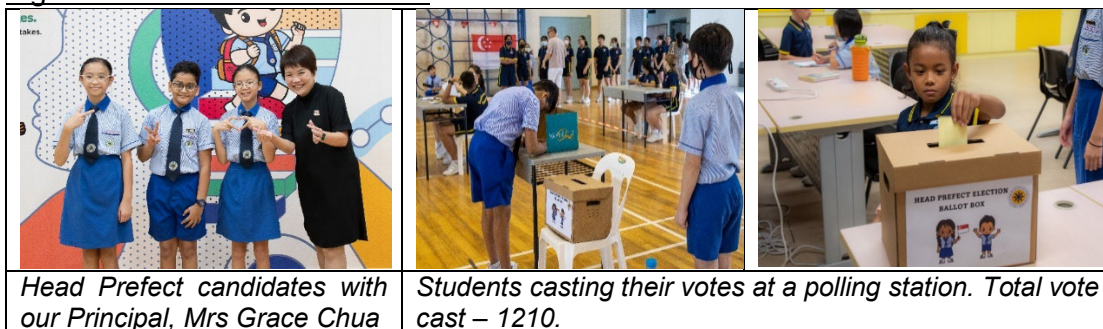
1. Term 3 has been marvellous for our students so far, and we are very certain that parents have played a major role. Thank you parents!
2. Heartfelt Appreciation. We would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation to Ms Rajasveri Renganathan (HOD/EL) who has left the school on 1 August 2023. We wish her the best as she embarks on the next lap of her journey.

Important Information...

Student Matters

3. Student Development in Character and Citizenship Education (CCE). A caring and enabling school environment is a key protective factor for our students' well-being. Through CCE lessons and Student Development Experiences, our students are equipped to show care and appreciate diversity as they journey with their teachers and peers through their schooling years.
4. We are proud to share with you on one of our school's key Student Development Experiences in student leadership development – the Head Prefect Election. Student Leaders, Arjun Behera, Annabel Wong Yi Xuan and Chung Zi Yu of 5 Respect, had displayed their initiative and passion through the running of their campaigns. On 26 July, all our students from Primary 1 to 6 exercised their agency by casting their votes at the polling stations. Celebrating student voice and leadership, we are delighted to share the outcome of this year's Head Prefect Election – Arjun Behera has been elected as the Head Prefect, and Annabel Wong Yi Xuan and Chung Zi Yu will serve as the Vice-Head Prefects for the academic year 2023 and 2024 (see Figure 1).

Figure 1 – Head Prefect Election





5. Ownership in Learning. We empower our students to take ownership of their learning, and the first step is to be punctual for school daily. By arriving on time, students develop positive habits which will help cultivate good time management. Parents can support your child by instilling good habits at home, such as ensuring that they pack their school bags the night before and that they get enough rest to be ready for school the next morning.

Health and Safety

6. Infrastructure Safety. We are pleased to update that the roof and window louvres replacement have been completed in the MPH and classrooms respectively. This is testament to our commitment to ensure a safe and conducive learning environment for our students.

7. Student Agency in Ensuring a Safety Culture. School safety is the responsibility of all members of the school population. In practice, we advocate students and staff to report structural defects and potential hazards in the school compound. We are confident that the majority of our students have embraced a safety mindset and are active agents in helping to make the school a safer place through simple acts such as providing feedback on blind spots or alerting the school cleaners to clear spillages.

8. Heat Stress Advisory. The Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE) has issued a Heat Stress Advisory in view of rising temperatures due to climate change. The advisory provides recommendations on types of activities, actions and attire based on 3 levels of heat stress risks (low, medium and high). MOE's existing guidelines for schools (including MKs) to prevent heat injury for daily physical activities remain relevant for schools' use. For example, outdoor physical activities should be minimised from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. In the event of exceptionally hot days when the temperature may be high outside of the 10.30 am to 3.30 pm period, our staff have been briefed to check out the heat stress risk in myENV app, to aid in deciding whether to modify outdoor activities based on the actual heat stress risk level in school or at an external venue. In view of the prevailing hot weather, our students are allowed to wear their PE attire to school until the end of Term 3.

Celebration of Successes...

9. National School Games (NSG). Our track & field team and rugby boys have done it again! The track & field team has clinched a combined total of 29 medals (5 gold, 2 silver and 22 bronze) in the Senior and Junior Division competitions. Our stallions in the rugby team fought and "scrumped" their way to be crowned the champions in the Tier 2 NSG Rugby Competition (see Figure 2). As the saying goes, "success is a journey, not a destination". We are certain that our track & field athletes and rugby boys were inspired, motivated and focused on each step along the way towards achieving success!

Figure 2 – Our rugby boys in action





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10. Racial Harmony Day (RHD). RHD is an annual event held on 21 July to commemorate the 1964 communal riots. It is also an important reminder to teach our students the importance of maintaining racial and religious harmony in Singapore's multicultural and multi-ethnic society. The theme for RHD 2023 is *Our Multicultural Mosaic*, focusing on the ethnic music of Singapore. Students were introduced to Chinese, Malay and Indian musical instruments and had the opportunity to play the Kompang, a traditional Malay musical instrument normally played at weddings (see Figure 3).

Figure 3 – Student trying out the Kompang



11. P5 National Education (NE) Show. 219 students, accompanied by 15 teachers, attended the NE Show held at the Padang on 2 July. This year's National Day theme is *Onward As One*. Our P5 students had a memorable experience, and clearly enjoyed every moment of the show! See Figure 4.

Figure 4 – NE Show



12. e-Open House. The e-Open House was successfully conducted on 22 July. It was an engaging session where the panel members answered the queries raised by parents whose children are attending P1 in 2024. Till date, the live stream had clocked a total of more than 900 views on the school's social media channels (Facebook and YouTube). You may revisit the live stream via <https://go.gov.sg/2023sbpseopenhouse>.

Up-coming School Events....

13. National Day Observance Ceremony/Celebration. In the lead up to the National Day (ND) celebration on 8 Aug, students can look forward to participating in ND activities planned on 7 Aug recesses. Our school will be celebrating Singapore's 58th birthday with a concert after the ND Observance Ceremony on 8 Aug. Students are strongly encouraged to come to school wearing red and white. **Please note that students will be dismissed at 10.30 am on 8 Aug.**

Miscellaneous...

14. Early Dismissal on Teacher's Day Celebration. The school has planned for Teacher's Day celebration on 31 Aug (Thursday). On this day, **all students will be dismissed at 10.30 am.**

15. POSB SMART Payment System. We are pleased to update that students who have come onboard the POSB SMART payment system are adjusting very well to this mode of cashless and e-payment for purchases at our canteen and bookstore. This e-payment allows your child to execute purchases safely while enjoying the convenience and benefits of going



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cashless, such as faster transactions when making purchases. We encourage parents to sign up your child for this payment system.

Concluding Remarks...

“Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination: never put off till tomorrow what you can do today”

~Philip Stanhope~

16. Our P6 students are finishing the last lap of their primary school education. We wish them well in their PSLE and preliminary examinations.

Warmest regards.

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