



SBPS/18/116

23 Oct 2018

Open Letter from School Leaders 8/2018

Dear Parents/Guardian,

1. It has been an exciting year and we had many wonderful experiences in the school with your children. This will be our final open letter from school leaders for the year and we hope to continue to update you on some changes to come.

Staff Matters

2. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Ms Pavithera Renuka Michele who has resigned from service. She will be joining another work force and we wish her every success in her pursuit.

Important Information...

New direction from MOE

3. Adjustments will be made to the school based assessments where P1 and P2 students will no longer have weighted assessments from 2019. This aims to nurture the intrinsic motivation in our children to learn and to ensure their well-being with a balanced approach. We will continue to have the mid-year and end-of-year examinations for P3-P6 in 2019.

Revised Edusave Merit Bursary and Edusave Good Progress Award

4. With the new direction announced by MOE, there will be a revision on the Edusave Awards given by the government annually to Singaporean students to enhance educational opportunities and motivate students to excel in schools in academic and non-academic domains.

5. There are three broad categories of Edusave Awards, namely Excellence in Character and Values, Excellence in Non-Academic Achievements and Excellence in Academic Achievements.

Type of Award	For Whom?	How Much?	How is it given?
Edusave Character Award	Students who have demonstrated exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. This is given to up to 2% of Singaporean students in each school.	Primary 1 to 3 - \$200 Primary 4 to 6 - \$350	Awardees will be notified by post in late November.
EAGLES	Students who have demonstrated leadership qualities, service to community and schools, excellence in non-academic activities, and good conduct. This is given to up to 10% of Singaporean students in each school.	Primary 4 to 6 - \$250	Awardees will be notified by post in late November.
Edusave Scholarship	Students within top 10% of their school's level and course in terms of academic performance, and have	Primary 5 to 6 - \$350	Awardees will be notified by post in late November.

Type of Award	For Whom?	How Much?	How is it given?
	demonstrated good conduct.		
Edusave Merit Bursary	Students who are within top 25% of their school's level and course in terms of academic performance, have demonstrated good conduct and whose monthly household income does not exceed \$6,900 (or per capita income does not exceed \$1,725).	Primary 1 to 3 - \$200 Primary 4 to 6 - \$250	Students who are eligible to apply for the bursary will receive an application form by post in late November. If your monthly household income does not exceed \$6,900 (or per capita income does not exceed \$1,725), you can complete the application form and submit the form to the community centre/club nearest to your house, by early December. Successful applicants will be notified by post in January/February.
Edusave Good Progress Award	Students who are within top 10% of their school's level and course in terms of improvement in academic, and have demonstrated good conduct.	Primary 2 to 3 - \$100 Primary 4 to 6 - \$150	Awardees will be notified by post in late November.

First Day of School 2019

6. Time-table will be suspended on Wednesday, 2 January, the first day of the new academic year, for the form and co-form teachers to establish schedules and routines in the classroom, set expectations and bond with the students. Formal teaching will only begin on Thursday, 3 January. As such, all P2 to P6 students need only to bring along with them stationery, handbook/note book and a storybook.

7. The class time-table will be issued on Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

8. The 2nd meal break, introduced since 2017, is a short **10 min** break during curriculum time, whereby students are allowed to consume healthy finger food in class. Healthy finger food choices include biscuits, sandwich, cereals, fruit, raisins etc. The meal breaks structure remains unchanged, i.e.

Level	Recess	Meal Break	Lunch
P1 – P2	9.30 – 10.00 am	12 – 12.30 pm	1.30 – 2.15 pm
P3 – P4	10.00 – 10.30 am		
P5 – P6	10.30 – 11.00 am	9.00 – 9.30 am	

Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Security

Overseas Travel

9. As you make your holiday plans, please consider the weather trend/forecast and social-political situation of the destination(s). It is advisable that you eRegister with MFA and purchase travel insurance to suit your needs. Other good practices include (1) make or save copies of your important documents in case you lose any of them, (2) check the health and vaccination requirement for your destination(s) and (3) check MFA's travel advisories for your destination(s). When you are overseas, observe personal safety and maintain situational awareness at all times.

10. Parents of ALL P1 students are to declare your travel plans of your child for November and December holidays, regardless of intent. Parents of other levels are to declare the travel plans of their child ONLY if their child intend to travel.

11. To facilitate tracking by the school, students who travel out of Singapore are required to submit the travel declaration. Parents/guardians may submit their child's travel declaration via the online form accessible at <http://www.mconline.sg> or hard copy available in the General Office.

Temperature Taking Exercise

12. To maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate temperature taking regime (when necessary), the school will conduct the Temperature Taking Exercise on 7 January 2019 (Monday). Please check that your child's Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) is available and highlight to the class Form teacher if your child's ODT is not functioning, when school re-opens. All 2019 P1 students will be issued with ODT when they report to school next year.

Security Reminder

13. All visitors are required to enter the School via the main gate and report to the security guard post to exchange for a visitor pass. All visitors must then report to the General Office to seek assistance. No visitors are allowed to proceed beyond the General Office without an accompanying school staff. All visitors must display their visitor pass prominently. As a general rule, the School discourages parents/guardians to hand over personal belongings (e.g. wallet, water bottle) to their child during school curriculum hour. It is important to teach our children to be responsible for their own belongings. Parents/guardians are also not allow to eat/meet with their child during recess and dismissal. The school seeks your understanding and co-operation.

Up-coming school events ...

Administration Day

14. **Wednesday, 7 November**, has been set aside as the school's Admin Day. Teachers will be processing the end of year results and working on other administrative matters. **Students are not required to report to school on that day.**

Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)

15. We have set aside **12 November 2018** for parents to meet with their child's teachers to discuss his / her progress and to collect his / her report book. There will be no lessons on that day as all teachers will be involved in the PTM.

16. The details of the PTM are as follows:

Date (Day)	12 November 2018 (Monday)
Venue	P1 – P4 (Your child's classroom)* P5 (Multi-Purpose Hall)*
Time	By appointment (between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm)

*Your child's/ward's Mother Tongue Language (MTL) teacher will be stationed in the Multi-Purpose Hall as he/she will be meeting parents from other classes he/she is teaching.

17. For your convenience, the reservation of the PTM slots will be done online via the school's MCOonline portal. Please refer to the step-by-step guide found in Annex A. Reservation of the PTM slots will start from **31 October, 8.00 am to 6 November, 11.59 pm**, on a first-come-first-served basis. A 'NIL' return is required.

Annual Speech & Prize-giving Day cum P6 Graduation

18. The Annual Speech & Prize-giving Day cum P6 Graduation will be held on the last day of school, **Friday, 16 November**. The event will be conducted in the MPH from 2 pm to 5 pm. In order for all participants and guests to witness the celebrations in comfort, we will arrange chairs for all. However, this will limit the number of participants and guests that we can accommodate. As such,

this event will only be opened to our P5 and P6 students, prize recipients, performers and their parents. The rest of the P1 to P4 students do not need to come to school on that day.

Applicable to P6 parents only – 2018 Sec One (S1) Posting Exercise

19. Your child has been given the S1 Information Booklet. The booklet provides useful information for you and your child when choosing secondary schools. As part of our post-PSLE activities, we have organised talks by various secondary schools, a visit to a secondary school, the use of e-Career portal and a workshop on managing transition change. We hope that through these activities, our P6 students are better prepared for the next phase of their lives.

20. The PSLE results will be announced over the Media. Please look out for the announcement over the Media. If you or your child is unable to collect the result slip personally, please authorise an adult to collect on your behalf. The Authorisation Form is available in the S1 Information Booklet.

Celebration of successes ...

Malay Writing Competition

21. The Malay department is proud to clinch the 2nd place (P4 Team) and 3rd place (P3 Team) as well as winner of the Best Script (P4 Team) at the inaugural **SAYEMBARA: DRAMAKU, BAHASAKU 2018** drama competition organised by Canberra Primary School in conjunction with the Malay Language Month on 21 September 2018. The pupils were given the opportunity to act and think creatively and critically using the Malay language and to build camaraderie within the scope of a healthy competitive environment.

Raffles Science Olympiad 2018

22. On 28 April 2018, five of our students from 5 Respect (Karthikeyan Sundaresan, Lim Zhi Feng, Gerard, Lester Lim Yew Suan, Nyan Paing Oo and Tan Zheng Jue) took part in the Raffles Science Olympiad 2018, organised by Raffles Institution. This competition aims to develop the scientific attitudes, skills and values in science in the participants. We are glad to announce that Lester Lim Yew Suan from 5 Respect was awarded the Honourable Mention award after two rounds of intense theory and practical sessions. Well done, boys!

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad 2018

23. On 7 July 2018, eight of our students from 5 Respect (Angel Lim Yu Xin, Karthikeyan Sundaresan, Lai Zhen Kai Cayden, Lim Zhi Feng, Gerard, Lester Lim Yew Suan, Nyan Paing Oo, Quek Luck Syang and Tan Zheng Jue) took part in the Singapore Primary Science Olympiad 2018, organised by NUS High School of Mathematics and Science. This competition aims to generate greater interest in the Sciences among Primary School students, cultivate enthusiasm and instil a passion among participants and provide an avenue to showcase students' abilities. Among 1046 participants from 114 schools, Lester Lim Yew Suan managed to qualify for the Practical Round of the competition held on 20 July 2018. Eventually, Lester was awarded the Silver award. Congratulations to all participants!

Children's Day Celebration 2018

24. Children's Day 2018 saw our students participating in a buffet spread of games. On this day, the school celebrated growth through physical activities, from P1 to P6.

25. Students participated and competed amongst their friends in games which gave them the opportunity to develop values such as teamwork and fair play. Our students embraced the chance to give their personal best, with many walking away with certificates, prizes and hearty smiles earned through successful participation. We take this opportunity to thank the school custodians, the Parent Support Group and the teachers who have made this day remarkable in every way possible.

Concluding remarks...

“Learning should be a JOY and FULL OF EXCITEMENT. It is life’s greatest adventure; it is an illustrated excursion into the minds of the noble and the learned.”

Taylor Caldwell, American novelist (1900-1985)

26. Indeed, in SBPS, we strive to develop curriculum and programmes where our students can find joy and excitement in learning. This would not have been possible without your support and partnership with the school. Parents, thank you for your trust in us and for embracing the school’s mission in providing holistic education. Your support is much appreciated.

27. 6 Nov is Deepavali public holiday. We wish all parents, students and staff who are celebrating Deepavali, a very happy and successful year ahead.

Warmest regards,

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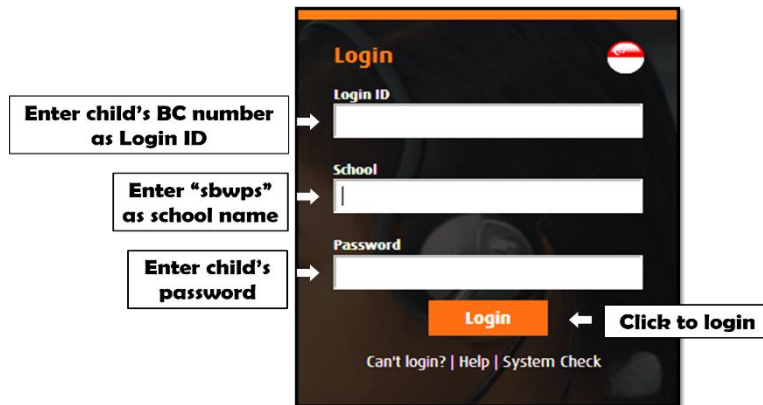
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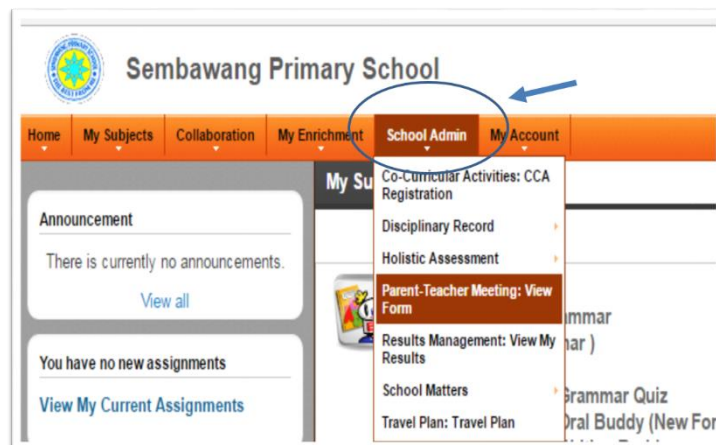
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Step-by-Step Instructions for Booking of Slots for PCTC

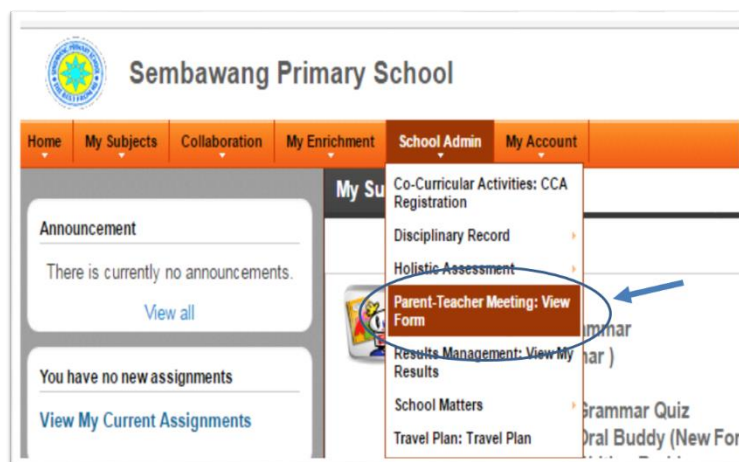
1. Log in to your child's/ward's MCOOnline account.



2. Click on the tab 'School Admin' to activate the dropdown list.



3. Select and click on 'Parent-Teacher-Conference' in the dropdown list.



4. Click on the link '2017 PTC (2)'.

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	CLASS	REGISTRATION DATE	EVENT DATE	START TIME	END TIME	INTERVAL	STATUS
2017 PTC (2)		Classrooms and MPH	1 ACHIEVEMENT	27/10/2017 08:00 - 08/11/2017 23:59	13/11/2017	08:00	17:00	10min	46 slots available

5. Enter your name and contact number, and select available time slot. (You will not be able to select slots which have been taken.)

PARENT-TEACHER MEET	PARENT-TEACHER MEET BOOKING
Select Form: 2017 PTC (2) -	
Title: 2017 PTC (2)	
Description:	
Venue: Classrooms and MPH	
Form Class / Group Name: 1 ACHIEVEMENT	
Registration Date: 27/10/2017 08:00 - 08/11/2017 23:59	
Event Date: <input checked="" type="radio"/> 13/11/2017	
Parent's Name:	<input type="text"/> (required)
Parent's Contact No.:	<input type="text"/> (required)
<input type="checkbox"/> My parent/guardian WILL NOT BE ATTENDING.	

6. Check the declaration box at the bottom of the page and click 'Confirm' to submit.

Slots are disabled by School Admin.

Slots are booked.

I declare that all the information entered here is correct and accurate at the time of submission.

7. You will receive an Acknowledgement Notice (pop-up) when you have submitted your slot selection successfully.