



HPPS Monthly Newsletter

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Principal's note

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Start Small, Dream Big

A Happy New Year to all. In my address to the students at the start of this year, I read them a story of "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds. This story centres around the idea that sometimes the smallest actions can lead to the biggest discoveries. Just as Vashti, the girl in the story, starts with drawing a simple dot and learns to dream big, we want to encourage our students to approach their learning journey with a similar mindset.

The message of "The Dot" reminds us that every student has the potential to make a meaningful impact, no matter how small their actions may seem at first. As parents, your support in reinforcing this message at home is invaluable. Encourage your child to embrace new challenges, discover their strengths, and aspire to achieve their dreams, no matter how big they may seem.

As we begin this new school year, let us continue to work together to instil in our students the belief that they can achieve great things through perseverance, creativity, and a positive mindset. I am excited about the possibilities that this year holds for our students and look forward to partnering with you in their educational journey.

On this note, I would like to welcome Mdm Chua, Vice-Principal to our HPPS family. Mdm Rennie Wong will still be serving in her capacity for term 1 until she leaves for her Leaders in Education Programme (LEP) in March 2024.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a successful and fulfilling year ahead for our students!

*Honesty in Performance
Pride in Service*

Charles Chan
Principal

3 Health, Safety and Security

Our school believes in providing our students with a safe and secure environment to ensure that quality learning takes place. If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions with big groups). We appreciate your support and will continue to work with you closely. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.

On road safety, we would like to urge parents to remind their children as well as the adults fetching them to utilise designated pedestrian crossings at all times. Jaywalking is very dangerous even if accompanied by adults. It might be slightly inconvenient or entail a longer walk but this ensures the safety of our children.

As a school, we will also practise fire drills, lock-down drills and evacuation of the whole school to the designated assembly areas.

4 School Bus

We like to remind parents whose children are taking the school buses to inform the bus driver in advance on days when your child is not taking the school bus home at the standard dismissal time. This is to avoid holding up the bus as the driver seeks to locate your child before moving off.

5 Students' Well-Being

Over the next few days, the school will collect the students' workbooks, files and materials, and place them in the classrooms. Students should use their timetable to guide them in packing their school bags. We seek your assistance to guide your child/ward in the matter. Our collective efforts will ensure that our students' school bags are not too heavy.

We believe that our P1 students will adjust well to the primary school. We seek the support of parents to encourage your child to be independent. If they need any help, please encourage them to approach their teachers so that we can assist them.

For a start, encourage your P1 child to talk about his/her new experiences and what he/she likes and dislikes about school. Listen for any worries that he/she may have and attend to those concerns. To us adults, some matters may seem small and you may be inclined to brush them aside, but it will be helpful to learn to see things through his/her eyes.

As your P1 child adapts to school life, show your support in other ways, such as valuing him/her for who he/she is, and not what he/she has achieved. Instead of comparing his/her performance with others or expressing disappointment when he/she is not performing up to your standard, appreciate his/her efforts. Focus on the learning process – not only on the marks/grades!

6 Snack Break

To cater to the well-being of our students, all students may have a 10-minute snack break daily during lesson time. The timing of the snack break is arranged by teachers who will take into account their recess time. Depending on the nature of the lessons, the teachers will inform the students when they can have the 10-minute snack break during the day.

We seek your cooperation in packing healthy snacks or fruits for their snack break and encouraging your child/children to take responsibility in keeping the classroom clean by observing the hygiene protocols and completing the necessary wipe down procedures after finishing their food.

7 HPPS Celebrates!

Throwback to 16 Nov 2023. It was our inaugural HPPS Celebrates! (prize presentation ceremony). A memorable day where we celebrated the achievements and talents of our students. After the formal presentation ceremony, the celebratory mood continued as our guests were treated to up close and personal performances by our talented students. The atmosphere was informal and bubbly, as our guests also had the chance to interact with our VIPs, teachers, students and performers. The customised photo booths and props added a special touch for everyone to capture precious moments together as friends, families and colleagues. Thank you to all for celebrating with HPPS!



Our confident emcees!



School hall filled with guests and prize-winners



Up close and personal performance by String Ensemble CCA



Up close and personal performance by Chinese Dance CCA



Our customised photo booths

8 Primary 6 Graduation Day and PSLE Results 2023

The graduating Class of 2023 bid farewell to HPPS in a memorable P6 Graduation Day. The event was a vibrant display of unity and camaraderie as each P6 class showcased their dance performances. Photo slideshows evoked nostalgia, capturing cherished moments and milestones shared during their HPPS journey. Laughter and applause echoed through the hall, celebrating the bonds and experiences that shaped these young minds.

A heartfelt thank you to the Henry Park Parents' Association (HPPA) for transforming the hall into a wonderful setting for this memorable day.

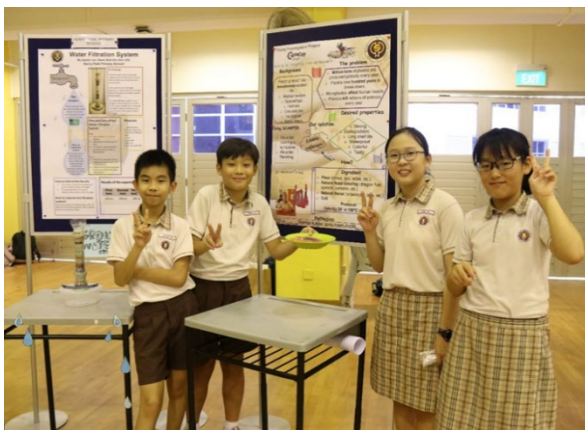
The Class of 2023 has made us proud with their commendable PSLE results. Congratulations and best wishes for the exciting journey ahead! We are proud to announce that our 2023 P6 cohort did well in the PSLE and 99.7% passed. 39% of our students obtained PSLE Score of 10 or less. In all subjects, our students have fared well when compared with national results and comparable schools. Congratulations to our Class of 2023 P6 students and we wish them the best as they move on to the next lap of their education journey.

9 West 1 Cluster Young Investigators Science Challenge Award Ceremony

In a world driven by innovation and fuelled by curiosity, young minds often hold the key to groundbreaking discoveries. The Science Department of Henry Park Primary School organised its annual Young Investigators Science Challenge for the schools in the W1 Cluster in 2023. This competition which spanned over a period of five months provided an opportunity for students in the W1 cluster schools to showcase their power of youthful curiosity and budding intellect as they carried out investigative projects about the environment, with the theme being 'Live Green, Love Green, Think Green'.

The award ceremony is not just a recognition of achievements but a celebration of the spirit of inquiry and the pursuit of knowledge. The excitement in the air was palpable as students, teachers, parents, and esteemed guests gathered in the school hall for the Cluster School Young Investigators Science Challenge award ceremony on 8 November 2023.

The ceremony concluded on a high note, with words of encouragement and appreciation for all the participants. There was also a display of our P3 Animal Enclosure STEM Projects, STEM Projects done by our Science Club and IVP teams. The event didn't just mark the end of a competition; it signified the beginning of a lifelong journey of curiosity, exploration, and continuous learning.



Our team from 5HI Group 1 was awarded the Green Award and Innovative Award



Our Awardees from the W1 Cluster with our GOH, Dr Ng Shi Yan, our school leaders and HPPS teachers



Our team from 5G was awarded the Green Award.



Our team from 5D was awarded the Elegant Project

10 2024 Primary 1 Orientation Day

On 21 Nov 2023, we welcomed our new batch of Primary 1 students to HPPS. They stepped into their new classrooms, where they were warmly greeted by their teachers. Brimming with enthusiasm, the students eagerly greeted their new classmates and immersed themselves in exciting classroom activities.

Running in parallel to the programme for the students, the parents gathered in the hall for a Parents' Engagement Session. Following this, they moved on to a Parents' Briefing led by the 2024 Primary 1 Form Teachers. This provided a valuable opportunity for parents to gain insights and receive practical tips, equipping them to support their children in the upcoming school year. The collaborative spirit between teachers and parents set a positive tone, emphasizing the importance of a united effort in nurturing the academic journey for the students.



Welcoming P1 newcomers!



Introducing themselves to their new friends



Getting to know their new teachers



Immersing themselves in fun activities



Sharing by our principal, Mr Chan



Briefing by the 2024 P1 form teachers

11 Calendar of Events

A copy of the Term 1 Calendar of Events will be provided to your child. Please refer to **Appendix 1**.

12 Math Enrichment Programmes and Olympiad Competitions

Math enrichment programmes are conducted by the Math department as part of the school's efforts to provide opportunities for students to enrich their learning in areas of their strengths and interests. From 2024, the Math department will only be conducting Fun-in-Math programme (P1-P3) and E2K Math programme (P4-P6) as part of Math enrichment. Students will be identified and/or selected to participate in the enrichment programme and their parents will receive the invitation via Parent Gateway (PG). Participation in the Math enrichment programme is **optional**. Parents should take into consideration the interest of the child and his/her other commitments before participating in the Math enrichment programme.

These are the Math Olympiad competitions which the school participates in annually:

Olympiad competitions	Organising School	Tentative date of release of registration details
Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) / Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS)	Hwa Chong Institution (HCI)	End January / early February
Raffles Institution Primary World Math Contest (RIPMWC)	Raffles Institution	
National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOΣ)	NUS High School	Early April

Registration information for each Olympiad will be provided to students through their Math teachers. **Students interested in participating should express their interest to their Math teachers once the details are shared. The consent/registration form will then be sent to parents via PG. To ensure smooth processing of registrations, we request parents to strictly adhere to the registration deadlines set by the Math department.** Additional details about the Olympiads will be made available on the school website (Math dept sub-page) closer to the date of release of registration details of each of the Olympiad competition.

13 Parenting Article

'Back to School with a Bang'

The new term doesn't have to be a stressful period for both children and parents. Mrs Chua Yen Ching, a mother of three and former principal, offers five tips to help parents ease their children back into the school routine after a long break.

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/back-to-school-with-a-bang>

Vision

Lead with Character, Serve with Talents

Mission

Nurturing concerned citizens with integrity and a spirit of excellence through holistic education

School Values

Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence



School Distinction Award



Teaching and Learning



Student All-Round Development



Partnership



Character and Citizenship Education



HPPS 2024 Term 1 School Calendar (Tue 2 Jan to Fri 8 Mar)

Day/Date	Event	Remarks
Fri, 12 Jan	P4 GEP Parents' briefing	3pm to 4 pm (For P4 GEP classes only)
Mon, 15 Jan	Start of Recreational CCA	CCA information and schedule will be given out through Parents Gateway (PG)
Fri, 19 Jan	*P3 parents' meeting	3pm to 4.30pm (For All P3 Parents only)
Fri, 26 Jan	*P6 parents' meeting	3pm to 4.30pm (For All P6 Parents only)
Fri, 2 Feb	*P5 parents' meeting	3pm to 4.30pm (For All P5 Parents only)
Fri, 9 Feb	Chinese New Year Eve Celebration	7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Sat to Mon 10 Feb to 12 Feb	Chinese New Year	Public holiday
Tue, 13 Feb	Chinese New Year off-in-lieu	School holiday
Sat to Sun 9 Mar to 17 Mar	Term 1 School Vacation	

**Note: More details about the event will be given at a later date.*