



HPPS Monthly Newsletter

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Principal's note

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Honesty is Key

I hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable break.

At the start of Term 2, I addressed the students and read to them a story, "The Empty Pot". This familiar Chinese folktale highlights the value of integrity, which is essential in our daily lives as it guides our actions and decisions. I chose this story because it beautifully illustrates the importance of honesty and responsibility. Let us use this opportunity to remind our children that integrity is about having the courage to be truthful, taking responsibility, and standing up for what is right.

At last month's school assembly programme, there was a presentation about the importance of considering movie ratings and media content. This is an aspect of integrity, as it involves making responsible choices and being mindful of how media can impact ourselves and others. At school, we ensure that the media our students are exposed to is age-appropriate and aligns with our school values (RICE). When selecting video clips for classroom use or downtime, our teachers choose content that reinforces our TH.R.I.V.E student outcomes in a fun and engaging way.

We encourage you to join us in reinforcing these healthy practices at home. Here are some practical tips:

- Check movie ratings and reviews before allowing your child to watch and use parental controls to restrict access to mature content.
- Watch TV shows and movies together and have meaningful conversations about the content and its alignment with your child's values.
- Encourage critical thinking by asking your child questions about what they're watching.

By working together, we can help our students develop important values and principles that will benefit them throughout their lives. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's growth and well-being.

I would also like to wish all our Muslim families *Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri*.

Charles Chan

Principal

Honesty in Performance

Pride in Service

1 Hari Raya Puasa Celebration 2025

Hari Raya Puasa falls on Monday, 31 March 2025. As such, the school will be closed on that day. Students will come back to school on Tuesday, 1 April 2025.

We will celebrate Hari Raya Puasa with our students on Thursday, 17 April 2025, from 7.30am to 8.00am. The school has organised a concert and students will attend the celebration in the hall. Apart from the concert, students can look forward to pre-event activities and informative displays about Hari Raya Puasa in the school library.

We would like to wish all our Muslim students and parents Selamat Hari Raya Puasa.

2 Earth Day 2025

Earth Day, celebrated annually on 22 April 2025, is a global event that promotes environmental awareness and action. This year's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet," calls on individuals and communities worldwide to support renewable energy and work towards tripling the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.

At Henry Park, we commemorate Earth Day as a reminder that small actions—such as reducing waste, conserving energy, and supporting sustainable choices—can make a big difference.

To kickstart our Earth Day celebrations, students will enjoy a digital drama show titled "Stop Melting My Home." This engaging performance highlights how human activities contribute to climate change and explores ways we can all reduce our carbon footprint.

In the following week, students will take part in Earth Day sustainability activities during their assembly period, choosing from a range of meaningful initiatives.

Through these experiences, we hope to inspire our school community to take action and work together in protecting our planet for future generations.

Let's make a difference, one step at a time!

3 P1 Hi-Lite Programme: Walking through Henry Park

Hi-Lite stands for Holistic Integrated Learning Involving Thematic Experiences and is a programme to craft comprehensive and captivating educational experiences that seamlessly integrates curricular and co-curricular subjects into our P1 and P2 students' learning journeys. Once again, we are very excited to launch Hi-Lite this year for the second time to make learning fun and exciting for our P1 and P2 students even during curriculum time.

This term, our overarching theme for P1 Hi-Lite is "A Walk to Remember." We have started off with the P1 students "Walking through Henry Park" in Term 1. We kicked off this term's learning journey with an Amazing Race, where each station promoted teamwork by encouraging collaboration across different disciplines. This approach strengthened their communication skills through listening and speaking activities. By integrating a variety of subjects, students explored multiple perspectives, developing critical viewing skills as they analysed and synthesised information, ultimately fostering a well-rounded learning experience that supported their overall holistic development.



Our P1 students reading the clues together as a team. Let's start our Amazing Race!



Where Art meets Math!



Where is our lost and found corner?



We learn about recycling in this station.



Hearing different sounds around HPPS.

4 SHINE Day – Monday, 24 March 2025

Our students returned to school refreshed and energised after the term break, beginning with Henry Park's SHINE Day. This meaningful initiative aligned with the SG60 theme of Connect, Care and Create, providing an excellent opportunity for your children to ease back into the school routine whilst reflecting on their Term 1 journey.

Throughout the day, students engaged in activities that encouraged them to be reflective learners. During class and recess times, they participated in sessions designed to strengthen bonds with their teachers and classmates (Connect). The students had also connected with the past as they engaged in traditional game of five stones and learned about Singapore's history through a Kahoot game. They engaged in recess activities to learn a new skill (Create) and set meaningful pledges for showing greater care towards others by writing Class Care Pledges and exchanging Care cards to demonstrate how they can show care towards others (Care).



The positive atmosphere was evident as students shared their holiday experiences through Check-in activity and reconnected with their school community. These relationship-building activities have laid a strong foundation for a supportive learning environment in Term 2.

We are confident that this gentle transition back to school will help your children thrive in their academic and social development throughout the term ahead.

These were some of our students' comments about SHINE Day:

"We think that the activity was very fun although it was very messy. We got very creative when we got to make our own coasters. We wish that we were able to pick out our designs. We also wish that there were other art and crafts to try." - Emma Ng and Gemma Ng (4D)

"The activity in the library was fun." - Xael (5E)

"I like to play five stones because it is like playing games where I can level up. I find it an easy game." – Ye Hanqing (3A)



5 Parenting Article

Exercise for Children

Beyond physical benefits, exercising positively influences the mental, emotional and cognitive development of children," says Micheal Lim, Head and Senior Clinical Exercise Physiologist, Sports Medicine Programme, KK Women's and Children's Hospital (KKH), a member of the SingHealth group.

You can read more about this article [here](#).

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

