



HPPS Monthly Newsletter

May 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thrive Foreword May 2023

Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri to our Muslim parents and families.

For the first time in three years, our P5 students were able to participate in a residential Outdoor Adventure camp. During the camp, our students had many opportunities to build class and school spirit. They also encountered new and diverse learning experiences as they participated in the different high and low element activities during the camp.

One of the most memorable experiences for any primary school student is the P5 Camp. When I addressed the students before they left for their camp, I told them to be open to the different experiences, which could sometimes be out of their comfort zone. These included the physical, social and emotional challenges of the camp. When I visited them, I was glad to note that many students had positive experiences they wanted to share with me.

Our school believes in nurturing the whole child, which includes our quest for excellence in both curricular and co-curricular areas of development. Congratulations to our Senior boys and girls Badminton teams which recently emerged as overall National champions at the National Schools Games (NSG).



While we are proud of our students' achievements in co-curricular activities and national exams, we recognize that success takes many forms. We strive to create a learning environment where students can discover and develop their unique strengths and interests, and where they are encouraged to take risks, learn from their mistakes, and grow both personally and socially.

Our teachers are dedicated to fostering a love of learning in and out of the class; and helping our students build skills and habits of mind that will serve them well throughout their lives. In partnership with parents, we are committed to support our students in their holistic development and to helping them become confident, kind, and active members of our community.

Charles Chan
Principal
Honesty in Performance
Pride in Service

1 International Friendship Day (IFD) 2023 – 3rd April 2023

The school commemorated International Friendship Day on Monday, 3rd April 2023. We had a performance in the Hall during morning assembly. We also organised for booth activities for the students during recess time. HPPA exco team and parent volunteers helped out at the different booths to engage the students with various activities. The students had a fun time learning and snacking the different food available at the booths. These activities provided an enriching experience for the students to know more about the people from Asian countries and beyond.



IFD Assembly Programme – A skit on building good relationship between those with different cultural backgrounds



Students participated actively in the IFD Concert



Learning more about India at the India Booth



Art work depicting cherry blossom at the Japan booth



Wanting to know more about Vietnam and Vietnamese food



The students were all ready to try out the different snacks at the various booths

2 Primary 5 Outdoor Adventure Residential Camp 2023 – 17 to 19 April 2023

The Primary 5 Outdoor Adventure Residential Camp was held from 17th to 19th April. Students were encouraged to step out of their comfort zones and take on challenges that push them beyond their limits. This helped them develop resilience and perseverance. Students develop a growth mindset as the value of effort and persistence were emphasised. It was heartening to hear students cheer enthusiastically for one another, encouraging and supporting each other through all the activities.



We are in this together!



Nothing is difficult if we support one another.



Looking out for one another



Whizzing through the air!



Learning a new skill



Trying something new

3 Safety in the school bus

The safety of children in school buses is a shared responsibility and parents play a pivotal role in teaching children to belt up and to be safe at all times, no matter how short the journey is. This means that your children will be safely strapped while travelling on the school buses and enjoy a safer journey to and from school.

We seek parents' assistance in helping the school to reinforce the importance of wearing seat belts in school buses. It is imperative for your children to cooperate with the school bus drivers and or bus attendants and listen to their advice to be belted up appropriately, as a penalty will be imposed upon the school bus drivers or bus attendants for failing to ensure that the children passengers are belted appropriately. This applies for all school buses including those for daily commute, learning journeys and competitions.

We also encourage parents to reinforce the seat belt rules when travelling with your children in private vehicles. Together, we can help our students understand the importance of adhering to the seat belt rules to ensure their safety.

4 Encouraging students to be independent

Forgotten Items/ homework

We would like to seek the assistance of parents and caregivers to help our students develop good self-management skills and take personal responsibility to ensure that they have the necessary items for school the next day. Parents and caregivers should refrain from delivering forgotten items. Exceptions will be made when medication has to be delivered to the pupils.

Pocket Money

If your child has forgotten his/her pocket money, he/she may approach the General Office for assistance. Our officers will contact you to confirm the amount that you would like the school to lend your child. We seek the co-operation of our parents to ensure that the money is returned promptly to the General Office on the next school day.

5 Eat with Your Family Day 2023

“Eat with Your Family Day” (EWYFD) is a nation-wide initiative led by the Centre For Fathering and supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time that day to be with their families. Through the simple practice of having a family meal, we hope the event will serve as a reminder to families to eat together regularly.

HPPS and our Student Care Centre (ACE@Work) will support this and would like to inform our parents of the EWYFD dates for 2023 as follows:

- 26th May 2023
- 1st September 2023
- 17th November 2023

Please note that on these days, the General Office and SCC will close by 5.00pm. We seek the co-operation of our parents to make the necessary arrangement and enjoy a day with your family.

For more information on the EWYFD initiative, please refer to <http://fathers.com.sg/ewyfd/>.

6 Parenting Tip on Spending Time with your Child

To a child, love is spelled TIME. Whether it is during the school holidays or school days, it is vital to be intentional in spending quality time with our children. Give your child frequent brief moments of positive attention. Take an interest in what he/she is doing. Spending time with children build stronger relationship, which help foster trust, respect, and open communication.

	Independent	With others
Indoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handicraft • Reading storybook, comics, magazines • Dance/Sing • IQ games, Sudoku, Rubix cube • Puzzles, jigsaws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning to bake/cook • Play boardgames and cardgames etc, Uno, Snap, Happy Family, Cluedo • Watch movie and share about it • Toys like playdoh, pretend play • Do housework together
Outdoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skipping, kick a ball • Exercise station/ obstacle course • Ride a scooter/ bicycle • Explore nature by looking for bugs, leaves, or flowers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play sports together • Volunteer together • Picnic • Excursion trip – hiking, etc • Play dates with family friends

Having interesting activities create plenty of opportunities for children to explore, discover and develop their language, problem-solving and social skills. These will develop your children's language, thinking, attention and independence. If they are engaged in meaningful activities, they are less likely to get bored or misbehave. Time together with family members also strengthens family relationships.

Use these four quadrants to brainstorm interesting activities together with them.

Find out more parenting tips by Health Hub Singapore, for a healthy relationship with your child via this link : https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/485/happy_and_lasting_relationships

7 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) / Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) – 26th May 2023

We would like to invite you to attend our online PTM/PCTC in May to discuss the holistic development of your child. **Students do not need to report to school on that day.**

Please find the information for PTM/PCTC below:

Date	Friday, 26 th May 2023	Teachers involved
Time	0730 – 1700	
Teachers' Lunch break	1200-1300	
Mode of meeting	Zoom Meeting	P1-P6 Form Teacher(s) & P1, P3 and P6 Mother Tongue Language teachers

As our Mother Tongue Language (MTL) teachers teach more than a level, they will be meeting parents and guardians of P1, P3 and P6 during this upcoming PTM as shown below. Parents and guardians whose children are in P2, P4 and P5, MTL teachers will be meeting you in November's PTM. If you would like to find out more about the progress of your child, you may email your respective MTL teachers.

Level	PTM	PCTC	Meeting with Mother Tongue Language teachers*
P1	√		√
P2		√	
P3	√		√
P4		√	
P5	√		
P6	√		√

Our Primary Two and Four students will be having their PCTC. Therefore, Primary Two and Four students should attend the PCTC session with their parent(s)/ guardian(s).

Booking of PTM/PCTC timeslots via Parents Gateway (PG)

Please note that we are using PG app for the booking of timeslots and the sending of Zoom links. Attached are the guides on how to book and amend a booked time slot (Please refer to *Annex A*). Booking of time slots is based on a first-come-first-serve basis when the booking system opens. The following are the start and end dates for the online booking:

	Booking System Opens	Booking System Closes
Date	Monday, 15 th May 2023	Friday, 19 th May 2023
Time	9.00a.m.	5.00p.m.

Receiving of Zoom Details for 26th May PTM/PCTC Meeting

Parents who have successfully booked a time slot within the booking period will be receiving the PTM/PCTC Zoom details via Parents Gateway between 22nd and 23rd May 2023. On the day of the PTM itself (26th May), please sign in with your child's name and class so that the teachers can identify parents.

Should you encounter any difficulties with your booking, please email your child's Form/ MTL Teacher(s) for assistance.

8 Parenting Article

Are you struggling with your child's excessive device use?

You have tried talking to your child(ren) and limiting their internet access, but nothing has worked. Why is that so? What else can you do? Our Guidance Specialist Hendriawan bin Selamat shares some tips that may help families move towards managing device use more peacefully and effectively.

You may read more from this [article](#).

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

