



29 August 2023

Dear Parents and Colleagues,

Over the past 2 weeks, our Primary 1 students embarked on an enriching learning journey just across the road from our school, where they explored the aisles of our neighbourhood's Hao Mart supermarket. It was memorable and educational experience for all involved.

During the field trip, our students had the chance to explore the supermarket and engage in a variety of interactive activities aligned with their curriculum. They learned about the different sections of the supermarket, how products are displayed, and how to make informed decisions while shopping. This experience provided valuable real-world insights that tied in with lessons about budgeting and making healthy choices. We were grateful to our parent volunteers who accompanied us on these field trips. Your presence and support were invaluable in making these excursions both smooth and impactful.



Practise road safety



Ready, set, shop! Say cheese!



Decision-making: Snack selection



Let's read the label



We spend wisely

We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to consider transforming their routine visits to the supermarket into insightful learning escapades for their children. Just as our parent volunteers guided our students through the supermarket, you too possess the power to impart indispensable life skills and knowledge during your own family shopping outings. Conversations about budgeting, price comparison, nutritional label reading, and informed decision-making are all effective means of turning everyday activities into teachable moments.

By involving your children in your shopping routines, you empower them with essential life skills. These practical experiences provide educational as well as enjoyable, bonding moments for families. Learning doesn't always happen within the classroom; it can happen anywhere, including the supermarket aisles.

Linking this experience to the broader scope of student engagement, we are delighted to share exciting news about our upcoming offerings for student co-curricular activities (CCAs). Beginning in 2024, we will be introducing two new sports CCAs: floorball for both boys and girls, and basketball for boys. This decision arises from analysis of our students' CCA participation, insights gathered from our students and parents, and our own resource assessment.

Honesty in Performance
Pride in Service

Charles Chan
Principal

1 P5 Learning Journey to the Marina Barrage

Our Primary 5 students went on a learning journey, by batches, to the Marina Barrage on 28 June 2023, 6 July 2023 and 20 July 2023. They underwent a 1.5 hour of conducted tour of the Sustainable Singapore Gallery (SSG) which stands as a beacon of hope and education with its interactive exhibition offering our young learners a fascinating learning journey into the world of sustainability. The gallery sheds light on Singapore's remarkable achievements in sustainable practices and encourages our students to become active contributors to a greener future. They also learnt to make sustainable choices in food and transportation through a carbon footprint activity.

After the conducted tour at the SSG, blessed with good weather, our students were rewarded with an exhilarating 1-hour recess break at the Green Space, an oasis of greenery and serenity. The vast expanse of the manicured lawn with its backdrop of a stunning panoramic view of the iconic Singapore skyline, towering Marina Bay Sands, the magnificent Gardens by the Bay, and the majestic Singapore Flyer proved too much of an allure to resist. The students wasted no time in laying their picnic mats and food items to enjoy a carefree picnic experience with their peers. Some had even brought their kites along for an uplifting kite-flying experience. A learning journey capped with a unique picnic experience will constitute a memorable learning experience for our students.



Station activities at the SSG



Learning about how our choices in our daily activities affect our carbon footprint



Recess break and kite-flying at the Green Space



Students interacting with the exhibits at the SSG

2 HPPS-Singapore Japanese School (SJS) Exchange Programme (July 2023)

The HPPS-SJS Exchange Programme was held in July 2023. The P4s and 25 of our P5 students participated in the exchange activities. The P4s visited and toured the Singapore Japanese School on Tuesday, 11 July 2023 and interacted with their P4 Japanese counterparts.

The P5 Homestay participants had a chance to spend two weekends with their Japanese partners. The homestay partners took turns to stay and spend time in each other's home. It was a rare and enriching experience for the participants as they had the opportunities to experience the typical life of their partners, both in school and at home.

Both exchange activities provided HPPS students with enriching learning experiences. They gained a deeper appreciation for the Japanese culture through the activities and interactions with their Japanese friends.

P4 Exchange Programme (11 July 2023)



The P4 students having mass activities in the Singapore Japanese School's auditorium



Having classroom experience in a Japanese school environment

P5 Homestay Programme (14 and 28 Jul 2023)



Our Homestay participants



Lesson time



Lunch time



CCA time

3 P6 Learning Journey to the Singapore Science Centre

“Look! I’ve caught one!”

“Yes! Got it!”

These were the shouts of joy and excitement that the teachers witnessed at the Science Centre Eco Pond. A Learning Journey (LJ) to the Singapore Science Centre was organised for the Primary 6 students earlier this month for an enrichment lesson on Interactions.

The students took ownership of their learning when they explored the pond community. At the same time, they worked closely with their classmates when tasked to catch the different types of organisms and observe them through the microscope. Their learning was enriched when the trainers shared their expert knowledge about aquatic plants and animals with the children.

This was a LJ that the students looked forward to for the experience and the opportunity to take a break from the classroom in a meaningful way.



“What is that in the container?”



Lesson introduction carried out in the lab



Looking for pond animals



Experiential Learning at the Eco Pond



Nets! Nets! Nets! Everywhere!



Looking for living organisms
under a microscope

4 National Day 2023 Celebration – “Onward as One”

On Tuesday, 8th August 2023, the school came together to commemorate our nation’s 58th National Day. Our planned activities were designed to showcase our pride for our nation. Kicking off the event, some of our P5 students shared their reflections from their experiences from attending this year’s National Education (NE) Show. This was followed by a heartfelt sharing of a National Day poem by members of the Oratorical Club. A heartwarming video presentation further encapsulated the diverse meanings of being Singaporean, capturing the sentiments of various members within our school community.

The concert reached its crescendo as the stage came alive with the enchanting performances of our Contemporary Dancers and Choir members. The audience, comprising of students and staff, were spellbound by their performances, which embodied the harmonious blend of culture, unity, and creativity that defines our nation. The grand finale of the concert witnessed a spirited chorus as everyone joined in together to sing the National Day songs. A special focus was given to this year’s theme song, ‘Shine Your Light,’ which was sung with an enthusiasm that reverberated throughout the hall.

The celebratory spirit then transitioned to classroom activities, where students engaged in meaningful discussions and interactive exercises that delved deeper into the values and aspirations that bind us as Singaporeans. It is our sincere hope that the activities not only brought joy but also instilled a profound sense of meaning and pride in our students as they celebrated National Day.



Reflection of their NE show experiences



ND poem sharing by Oratorical Club members



Contemporary Dancers performing their item



Choir performance

5 Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight 2023

The annual Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight event will take place from 12 to 21 September 2023. There will be a wide variety of learning activities planned for the students this year. The students will get to experience new and fun activities such as the making of lanterns and

clay Mooncakes. There will also be fun and exciting traditional games booth activities during recess time on 20 and 21 September 23.

To promote the active utilisation of the language and foster a sense of enjoyment in learning MTL, students will be given opportunities to sing and record songs in their Mother Tongue. Teachers will assign this learning task via Student Learning Space (SLS) platform.

Through these learning experiences, we hope that students will realise that Mother Tongue Language is not just a subject in class, but also an integral part of their daily lives.

6 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) on 22 September 2023

On PTM day, P1 to P5 students are not required to report to school. Selected parents who are invited to attend the PTM would have received the Parents Gateway's notice regarding the invitation from their child's form teacher.

On PTM day, access to the school premises will be granted exclusively through Gate 3 and Gate 4, located at the Bus Bay on Level 1. If you and your child plan to arrive on foot or via public transport, please enter via Gate 3 (Level 1 Bus Bay). For parents arriving by car, please enter via Gate 4 (Level 1 Bus Bay). Please note that parking in school is not available due to limited parking lots available.

We look forward to engaging in a meaningful and productive discussion with you.

7 Children's Day Celebrations

This year's Children's Day falls on Friday, 6 October 2023 which will be a School Holiday. Children's Day is a special occasion dedicated to celebrating the joy and significance of childhood and the school will be celebrating it on Thursday, 5 October 2023.

Details of the celebrations are as follows:

Date:	Thursday, 5 October 2023
Reporting Time:	By 7.25 a.m.
Dismissal Time:	P1 to P3 students – 11.15 a.m. P4 to P6 students – 11.35 a.m.
Attire:	PE Attire (Girls may put on their skirts over their PE shorts) Sports shoes will be allowed on that day
Things to bring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water bottle• Snack for snack break
Note:	Participation in the carnival booths is free for all HPPS students. However, students will need to pay for any food or drink items they purchase from the canteen. Only two stalls, the drinks stall (Avalanche) and the snacks stall (Tummy Soothers), will be operational on this day. Due to the early dismissal, there will be no recess break for the students. Instead, they will be provided with a snack break.

(i) Children's Day Carnival (P1 to P6)

A Children's Day Carnival will be co-organised together with HPPA to allow our students to have an enjoyable day in a safe environment. We hope to instil in our students our school values of Respect, Integrity, Care & Excellence (RICE) as they learn to navigate their way through the various booths with their friends. We would like to thank HPPA for their generous sponsorship and partnership for the Children's Day Carnival.

(ii) P1 to P4 Games Day

The PE Department will be organising a Games Day for the P1 to P4 students. There will be a combination of individual and team games that will provide students with the opportunities to apply their fundamental motor skills as well as partnering their classmates to compete together.

8 Home Based Learning for P1 to P5 (15 September)

Primary 1 to Primary 5 students will have Home-Based Learning (HBL) on Friday, 15 September 2023, due to the PSLE Listening Comprehension. Further details will be provided to your child by his/her respective subject teachers.

9 PSLE 2023

The PSLE is a useful checkpoint to gauge your child's understanding of key concepts and academic strengths. This will help your child learn at a suitable pace when they progress to secondary school. Below is the schedule of the 2023 PSLE Listening Comprehension and Written papers:

Subject	Date
English and Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Foundation English and Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension	Friday, 15 September
English Paper 1 and 2 Foundation English Paper 1 and Paper 2	Thursday, 28 September
Mathematics Paper 1 and 2 Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 and Paper 2	Friday, 29 September
Mother Tongue Paper 1 and Paper 2 Foundation Mother Tongue Paper 1	Monday, 2 October
Science Foundation Science	Tuesday, 3 October
Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1 and 2*	Wednesday, 4 October

**P6 students who are not sitting for the paper will not need to report to school.*

Primary 6 students will be dismissed to go home after all the PSLE papers for that subject have been accounted for. The Year Head (Upper Primary) will be providing more information to the P6 parents nearer to the date.

Since 2021, changes have been made to the PSLE scoring system to reflect your child's level of achievement through scoring bands. The Achievement Level (AL) reflects the student's individual performance, regardless of how their peers have done. Please refer to MOE's microsite (<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/index.html>) for more information.

10 Pre-PSLE Study Break for P6 Students (25 to 27 September)

A 3-day study break for P6 students from 25 to 27 September 2023 (Monday to Wednesday) to support their well-being prior to the PSLE.

During the study break, P6 students are strongly encouraged to remain at home and do their revision. The school will remain open for P6 students who require in-school support. Students who require assistance from their teachers may arrange for consultations with their teachers in school. In addition, the school may request for selected students to return to school during the study break. Parents of selected students will be informed separately. Parents of P6 students who are unable to arrange alternative care for your child can email your child's form teacher to request for school support.

11 PSLE Marking Exercise (16 to 18 October)

The 2023 PSLE Marking Exercise is scheduled from 16 to 18 October 2023. While these are non-schooling days, selected students will be requested to return to school. More information will be shared by the Year Heads closer to the date.

12 New Sports CCAs in 2024

In 2024, the school will introduce two new Sports CCAs, namely, Floorball (Boys and Girls) and Basketball (Boys). This will expand the spectrum of Sports CCAs that our students could choose from and increase the engagement level of our students in the Sports CCAs.

Before deciding on these new CCAs, our P3 to P5 students took a survey to express their interests and preference on the team sports. The school also considered several other factors such as availability of venues and timings of CCAs in our decision.

The new CCAs will be made available for registration for 2024 during the Term 4 CCA Registration Exercise for the 2023 P2 to P5 students. Information for the 2024 CCA Registration Exercise will be sent via PG in Term 4. P3 to P5 students who are interested to join the new CCAs can request for a change in CCA during the 2024 CCA Registration Exercise.

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

