



Dear parents/ guardians,

As we begin the final term of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership in your child's/ ward's education. Term 4 promises to be an exciting and busy period with various events, assessments and activities planned. Our focus remains on providing a nurturing environment that fosters a holistic learning experience and personal growth.

1. School's Achievements in National School Games (NSG) and CCAs

We are pleased to announce our pupils' achievements in the NSG and various CCA competitions:

a) NSG Achievements:

- Netball Girls (Junior Division): 1st Position in Tier 3 Group Classification
- Football Girls (Junior Division): 3rd Position in Tier 1 Group Classification
- Football Boys (Junior Division): 4th Position in Tier 1 Group 1A Classification

b) CCA Achievements:

i) Computing Club CCA

- National Primary Game Creation and Coding Competition (NPGC3):
 - 2nd, 3rd and 5th Positions for Best Game Award
 - Best Booth Award
 - Best Artwork Award
 - Overall Champion (Little Junior Category)

ii) Scouts CCA

- Chief Commissioner's Well-Done Badge for 3 cub-scouts

We would like to thank all our parents/guardians for their continued support in their child's/ ward's CCA development and pursuit of excellence. We would also like to thank our dedicated teachers and coaches who have trained and motivated our pupils in the process.

2. HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day 2024

The school will be celebrating HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day on **3 October 2024, Thursday**. This year, our theme, 'HeArts Activated' engages the Body, Head, Heart and Hands to promote healthy and active lifestyle, compassion as well as aesthetics appreciation. Pupils will embark on a day filled with engaging activities encompassing active sports, brain stimulating games booths, learning stations and immersive aesthetics experiences.

School hours are as per usual. Pupils are to report in their PE attire with sports or school shoes. They are encouraged to bring a small bag/bag pack and water bottle. The school canteen will operate as usual and as part of the Children's Day celebration, a selection of carnival food items will also be sold at the canteen.

Collection of Items for WSPS's Jumble Sale

As part of promoting a spirit of care and sharing in our pupils, we are seeking donations of second-hand items on the day of HeArts Shine Fiesta. The collected items will be donated to children from homes, and some will be part of a jumble sale hosted by our Primary 6 pupils in November.

We kindly request donations of stationery, books, toys, T-shirts, and bags. The donated items should meet the following criteria:

- Almost new or in new condition
- Clean and washed
- Free from stains, tears, or significant wear
- Books should be intact and free of markings
- Toys should be complete with all parts
- Bags and T-shirts should have functioning zippers and buttons

On the day of HeArts Shine Fiesta, your child/ ward can bring the donated items to school and hand them over to the teachers at the Collection Booth located near the school bookshop. If you wish to donate after the HeArts Shine Fiesta, your child/ ward may place the items in the designated collection area in their classroom. The collection period will end on **11 October 2024, Friday**.

Your contributions will greatly support our cause and bring joy to those in need. We sincerely thank you for your support and look forward to your child's/ ward's participation.

3. Post-PSLE Programme for Primary 6 Pupils

To support the holistic development of our P6 pupils at White Sands Primary School, an array of engaging and purposeful Post-PSLE Programme activities has been planned during curriculum time. During this period, pupils will also work together to prepare for their Class Performance, which will be presented during their Graduation Celebration on **14 November, Thursday**. Below are some highlights of the activities that pupils can look forward to.

Programme	Purpose
1. Aesthetics Programme	Learning about various art/music interests
2. Code for Fun	Learning about coding to develop their logical reasoning and analytical skills
3. Next-Steps Programme	A Health Promotion Board programme to orientate pupils to Secondary School life
4. Values in Action Programme	Learning about Design Thinking and championing for a meaningful cause
5. Secondary School Highlights	Gaining better understanding of the Secondary Schools invited to share about their respective school programmes
6. Secondary School Experience	A learning journey to experience the school programmes available at Loyang View Secondary School
7. Career Fair Talk	Learning about possible career opportunities and dispositions required
8. Gamification of Outdoor Learning Experience	Outdoor learning experiences at Jurong Lake Garden
9. Olympics Day	Inter-class games

4. Online CCA Option for Primary 2 Pupils

We would like to thank all parents and guardians who took the time to join us for CCA Discovery Day on **18 September 2024, Wednesday**. We hope the event has helped you support your child in deciding which CCA to select. We strongly encourage all P3 pupils to participate in a CCA to ensure a holistic school experience.

To ensure varied opportunities to develop competencies and talents amongst our pupils, the school offers a variety of CCAs as shown in the table below. The CCAs are grouped into **three**

Categories in the Online CCA Option Form. Pupils will have to choose two CCAs from **EACH** Category A, B and C and rank their 6 choices in order of preference.

<u>Category A</u> Performing Arts	<u>Category B</u> Uniform Group & Clubs	<u>Category C</u> Sports
1) Choir	1) Art Club	1) Netball (Girls only)
2) Guzheng	2) Computing Club	2) Football (Boys)
3) Chinese Dance	3) Environment Science Club	3) Football (Girls)
4) Malay Dance	4) Media Production Club	4) Table Tennis
5) Modern Dance	5) Scouts	5) Tchoukball (Boys only)

The Online CCA Option Form will be opened for registration from **21 to 30 October 2024** via Parents' Gateway. Each pupil will only need to submit one option form. More information on the various CCAs is also available in the school's website.

5. Inclusion Week and Purple Parade 2024 @ WSPS

In support of individuals with disabilities in Singapore, our school will celebrate Inclusion Week alongside the Purple Parade 2024 from **7 to 11 October 2024**. During pre-assembly and recess, we will host a variety of activities aimed at:

- Promoting inclusivity and empathy among pupils
- Helping pupils recognise the unique contributions of individuals with disabilities
- Fostering a culture of acceptance, support and respect for all

To kick off the event, all staff and pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed in their purple top (i.e. T-shirt, blouse) or purple accessories (i.e. hair bands, wrist bands, caps, etc) on **7 October 2024, Monday**, to show their support for the Purple Parade. Pupils who do not have purple tops could come in their usual school or PE attire.

For more information on the Purple Parade, please visit <https://www.purpleparade.sg/>

6. P6 Career Fair Talk 2024

The school will be hosting a Career Fair Talk for our graduating P6 pupils on **30 October 2024, Wednesday**, during school hours. This event aims to broaden their horizons by introducing them to various professions and industries. We have invited parents and community partners to share their expertise, providing pupils with valuable insights to help them make informed career choices.

We are also pleased to have a local radio station participating in this year's Career Fair. Their Radio DJ will offer an interactive session about the media industry and share personal educational and career experiences. Please note that the radio station may post photos of our pupils on social media. If you prefer that your child's/ ward's photos not be shared, kindly notify the school in writing.

We thank you for your support of this event.

7. Growth Mindset Nuggets #9: Fostering Inclusivity in Schools

Schools are vibrant communities where pupils come from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and abilities. Supporting classmates who are different from ourselves is essential for creating an

inclusive, kind, and understanding environment. Here are practical ways pupils can provide meaningful support to their peers:

- a. **Offer Help When Needed:** Some classmates might require extra support, whether with classwork, emotional encouragement, or social interactions. For instance, if a peer is struggling academically, consider studying together or re-explaining concepts. For pupils who may find it difficult to make friends or socialize, reach out by including them in conversations or inviting them to hang out, helping to ease their anxiety and foster connections.
- b. **Invite Them to Join Activities:** Whether it's a group project, a conversation during recess, or an extracurricular event, make an effort to ensure no one feels left out.
- c. **Use Respectful Language:** Words matter. Be mindful of how you talk to and about others. Avoid labels or slurs, even in jest. Emphasise kindness and focus on positive qualities and shared experiences.

Small acts of compassion can significantly impact making a diverse school community truly inclusive and welcoming for everyone.

For more information on building an inclusive school culture, please visit this website: <https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/possibilities-not-disabilities/>

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information. Wishing you a wonderful celebration with your children this Children's Day!

Your partner-in-education,



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