



Dear parents/ guardians,

We have come to the end of Term 3 and below are some important information for your attention when school reopens in Term 4.

### 1. Staff Movement

We would like to bid farewell to and thank the following staff for their contributions in WSPS:

- Mr Joven Chong Jun (Teacher)

### 2. Lee Kuan Yew Award for All-Round Excellence (Primary)

We are proud to announce that our former pupil, Giselle Chalisa Ho Yu Xuan, has been awarded the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew Award for All-Round Excellence (Primary) 2024. This esteemed award recognises Giselle's outstanding academic achievements, leadership qualities, and active involvement in co-curricular activities. Her dedication, hard work, and positive contributions to our school community exemplify the values we strive to instil in our pupils. Please join us in congratulating Giselle on this remarkable achievement.

### 3. School's Achievements

We are pleased to share our pupils' remarkable achievements in various CCA and external competitions:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> ActiveSG-TBAS Inter-School Tchoukball Championships 2024 (Junior Division) –
  - Cup Category – 4<sup>th</sup> Position
  - Plate Category – 4<sup>th</sup> Position
- Coders Passion Hackathon 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up, 3 Merit Awards and 2 Commendation Awards
- Schools Digital Media Design Awards: Winning Entry for Video Category (Primary) – “Think Before You Click”
- Music Singapore Youth Festival 2024 (The Youth Station Project) – Top 10 Entries
- Malay Language Competition (Sayembara Bahasa)
  - Primary 1 (Singing) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Position
  - Primary 2 (Folklore) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Position
  - Primary 3 (Poetry Reading) – Consolation Prize
  - Primary 4 (Sketch about Values) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Position
  - Primary 5 (Language Rap) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Position
  - Primary 6 (Language Quiz) – Consolation Prize
- National Mathematical Olympiad Competition 2024 – Bronze Award and Honourable Mention
- Singapore Primary Science Olympiad – Silver Award, Bronze Award and Merit Award

We would like to thank all our parents/guardians for their continued support in their child's holistic 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.

#### 4. PSLE Listening Comprehension

There will be no school for Primary 1 – Primary 5 pupils on **13 September 2024, Friday** as it is the PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination. We wish all our P6 pupils the very best for this examination.

#### 5. Pre-PSLE Study Break for Primary 6 Pupils

A nation-wide three-day study break will be implemented for Primary 6 pupils from **23 September 2024, Monday to 25 September 2024, Wednesday**, to support their well-being prior to the PSLE.

During the study break, P6 pupils are strongly encouraged to remain at home to rest adequately and do their revision. The school will remain open for P6 pupils who require in-school support. Pupils who require assistance from their teachers may arrange for consultations with their teachers in school. Additionally, the school may request selected pupils to return during the study break, and their parents/guardians will be informed separately. Parents/Guardians who are unable to secure alternative care arrangements may continue to send their children/wards to school for supervision. The Student Care Centre will also remain open during the study break for families who require the service.

#### 6. Implementation of Home-Based Learning (HBL) for Primary 1 to Primary 4 Pupils during the PSLE Written Examinations

Our Primary 6 pupils will be taking their PSLE written papers from **26 September to 2 October 2024**. As such, the school will be conducting two days of HBL for Primary 1 to Primary 4 pupils between **26 September to 1 October 2024**.

There will be no HBL for Primary 5 pupils during this period and they are to report to school as usual. All levels will return to school on **2 October 2024**. Please refer to table below for more details.

Date / Day	Levels on HBL (Not required to report to school)
26 & 27 September (Thursday & Friday)	P1 & P2
30 September & 1 October (Monday & Tuesday)	P3 & P4

Teachers will assign either SLS work or hardcopy work to the pupils during the two HBL days. There will be no online lessons between the teachers and pupils as teachers will be carrying out their duties for PSLE Written Examinations.

##### a) Recesses for P1 - P5 Pupils

In our efforts to promote a culture of care and to ensure a conducive examination environment for our P6 pupils, the P1 – P5 pupils will have their recesses in their classrooms during the PSLE written examinations period. The P1 – P5 pupils are strongly encouraged to bring packed food from home. Arrangements will be made for pupils who are unable to bring food from home to purchase food from the canteen. To encourage recycling, pupils who are purchasing food from the canteen are encouraged to bring their own containers and cutlery.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and support to our P6 pupils.

## 7. Learning Journey to Jacob Ballas Children’s Garden for Primary 1 Pupils

As part of their exploratory and interdisciplinary learning experiences, the school will be organising a learning journey to Jacob Ballas Children’s Garden for the Primary 1 pupils during school curriculum hours. The learning journey has been planned to take place from **17 to 19 September 2024**. Please see the schedule below.

Class	Date
1D, 1E	17 September 2024, Tuesday
1B, 1C	18 September 2024, Wednesday
1A, 1F	19 September 2024, Thursday

More details on the learning journey will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the dates.

## 8. Learning Journey to Thow Kwang Pottery Jungle Dragon Kiln for Primary 3 Pupils

The Primary 3 pupils will be going on a learning journey to Thow Kwang Pottery Jungle Dragon Kiln as an extension of their Art curriculum in learning about Ceramics.

The learning journey to the kiln can offer pupils a unique and memorable experience, providing them with the opportunity to learn about the art of ceramics in a site-specific context. By providing pupils with a unique and immersive learning experience, it will help them better understand the history, techniques and values associated with clay and ceramics in an authentic setting. Please see the schedule below.

Class	Date	Time
3A, 3D, 3E	23 September 2024, Monday	12.30pm – 5.00pm
3B, 3C, 3F	24 September 2024, Tuesday	

More details on the learning journey will be shared via Parent Gateway (PG) nearer to the dates.

## 9. Co-Curricular Schedule for Term 4/ 2024

Please find below the schedule for CCA in Term 4 for Primary 3 to Primary 5 pupils.

	Dates	P3 to P5
<b>Term 3</b>	Week 1	11-Sep CCA
	Week 2	18-Sep CCA
	Week 3	25-Sep CCA
	Week 4	2-Oct No CCA
	Week 5	9-Oct No CCA
	Week 6	16-Oct No CCA
	Week 7	23-Oct No CCA
	Week 8	30-Oct CCA
	Week 9	6-Nov CCA
	Week 10	13-Nov No CCA

## 10. Healthy Living #7: Balancing Screen Time and Physical Activity for Healthier Children

In today’s digital world, many children spend a significant amount of time on screens, often at the expense of physical activity. Screen time includes watching TV, browsing the internet, using mobile devices, and playing video games. Unfortunately, excessive screen time can limit opportunities for physical activity or outdoor play, leading to potential long-term health concerns.

Children who spend too much time in front of a screen may show signs of emotional distress, including loneliness, sadness, fatigue, stress, and withdrawal from family and friends. Additionally, they might experience difficulties in building and maintaining friendships. Therefore, balancing screen time with physical activity is vital for their overall well-being. It’s not just about

reducing screen time; it's also about increasing active time. By finding a balance between screen time and physical activity, we can help our children lead healthier, more fulfilling lives.

Here are some recommendations and their benefits :-

Action To Take	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in at least 1 hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily such as aerobic exercises and activities that strengthen muscles and bones.</li> </ul>	Regular movement boosts physical fitness, strengthens the immune system, reduces risk of depression, stress and anxiety and improves memory, concentration and problem-solving skills.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents role model and set a good example by creating tech free zones at home, where everyone including adults take a break from devices. Remove screens from the children's rooms at night and set clear screen times.</li> </ul>	When digital distractions are reduced, the mind is allowed to rest and recharge, avoids stimulating screens before bed to promote healthier sleeping patterns, gives the eyes and body a break from prolonged screen time and decreases exposure to cyberbullying.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraging children to spend more time outdoors and participate in physical activities is key. Families can bond over activities like biking, swimming, or beach outings.</li> </ul>	Improves social connections and deepens relationships, helps in weight management, helps to boost energy levels and reduces fatigue and regular physical activity is associated with a longer life expectancy.

### 11. Growth Mindset Nuggets #8: Punctuality is a Virtue

Teaching children punctuality is crucial for their personal development. Here are 5 practical tips parents can use to help children develop this important habit:

- Set a Good Example:** Children learn by observing, so role-model punctuality in your daily routine.
- Use Visual Aids:** Visual aids like clocks or timers can help children understand the concept of time. Create a morning schedule with specific time slots for different activities and encourage your child to follow it.
- Incorporate Rewards and Consequences:** Positive reinforcement works well. Praise your child when they are punctual and consider offering small rewards for consistent timeliness. Conversely, discuss the consequences of being late, such as missing playtime.
- Practise Time Management:** Teach your child to estimate how long tasks take. For example, "Getting dressed takes about 10 minutes." This helps them learn to plan ahead.
- Establish a Good Bedtime Routine:** Ensure your child gets enough sleep, as a well-rested child is more likely to be punctual.

Punctuality is not only about being on time; it is also about helping children learn to respect others and their time.

For additional information on teaching punctuality, please visit this website: <https://www.parentcircle.com/how-to-teach-punctuality-to-children/article>

### 12. Major Events and Holidays for Term 4

Date	Event	Remarks
30 Aug (Fri)	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
31 Aug (Sat) – 8 Sep (Sun)	September Term Break	P6 supplementary classes on 5 Sep – 6 Sep. Details have been sent to parents via PG.
13 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P1 – P5 pupils need not report to school.

Date	Event	Remarks
	Examinations	
26 Sep (Thu) – 2 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Written Examinations	26 & 27 Sep – HBL for P1 & P2 pupils 30 Sep & 1 Oct – HBL for P3 & P4 pupils
30 Sep (Mon) – 2 Oct (Wed)	P5 Cohort Outdoor Adventure Camp	-
3 Oct (Thu)	HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day celebration	Reporting and dismissal time as per usual.
<b>4 Oct (Fri)</b>	<b>Children's Day</b>	<b>School Holiday</b>
7 Oct (Mon) – 8 Oct (Tue)	P5 Oral	After school hours. More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
9 Oct (Wed) – 10 Oct (Thu)	P3 & P4 Oral	
11 Oct (Fri)	SA (MT Paper 1 & LC) P3 - P5	--
<b>14 Oct (Mon) – 16 Oct (Wed)</b>	<b>PSLE Marking days</b>	<b>All pupils need not report to school. SCC will be open.</b>
17 Oct (Thu)	SA (Eng Paper 1 & LC) P3 - P5	--
18 Oct (Fri)	SA (Eng Paper 2) P3 - P5	
21 Oct (Mon)	SA (Math) P3 - P5	
22 Oct (Tue)	SA (Sci) P3 - P5	
23 Oct (Wed)	SA (MT Paper 2) P3 - P5	
24 Oct (Thu)	SA (HMT Paper 1 & 2) P5 only	
<b>31 Oct (Thu)</b>	<b>Deepavali</b>	
<b>7 Nov (Thu)</b>	<b>Results Processing Day</b>	<b>All pupils need not report to school. SCC will be open.</b>
13 Nov (Wed)	Little Achievers Award Day (P1 & P2)	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
14 Nov (Thu)	P6 Graduation Celebrations	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
15 Nov (Fri)	Prize Giving Day (P3 – P6)	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
16 Nov (Sat) – 1 Jan (Wed)	Year-end holiday	School will start on 2 Jan (Thu) 2025 (for P1) and 3 Jan (Fri) 2025 (for P2 to P6)

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information. We wish your child a restful September school break!

Your partner-in-education,



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Principal