



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school term. We would like to share some updates with you

1. HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day Celebration

The school will be celebrating HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day on Thursday, 8 October 2020. School hours will be as per normal with staggered dismissals. Students are to report to school as usual at 7.30am.

Students will not be having their usual recesses as they will be having the celebrations in the classrooms. Light snacks will be catered for them. They can also bring their own food but strictly for themselves only. There will be no sharing of food and cutlery among the students.

Students are strongly encouraged to come in their PE attire. They are to bring a small bag containing writing stationery, thermometer and a water bottle.

We look forward to your support.

2. Akela Award for Cub Scouts

The Akela Award is presented to The Singapore Scout Association's outstanding and distinctive Cub Scouts in recognition of their excellent progression. The Award represents the pinnacle of achievement for these Cub Scouts and serves to prepare them for a lifetime of service.

We would like to congratulate the following Cub Scouts for achieving the Akela Award 2020.

Akela Award 2020		
1.	Boyce Ang Kok Hong (Hong Guo Feng)	6A
2.	Deveshwar Vijay Kumar	6A
3.	Li Yishi, Elsie	6A
4.	Jerry Li	6A
5.	Lim Tian Yu	6A
6.	Chua Yu Xuan (Cai Yuxuan)	6C
7.	S Sai Nithesh	6D
8.	Sean Aaryan Bin Muhammed Airwan	6D
9.	Manikandan Rusiini	6E
10.	Kavitha Sivapragas	6E

We thank all parents and staff for helping these pupils achieve the prestigious award.

3. Assessment Matters - Year end Examinations P3-5

As shared earlier, please refer to Annex A in June In-Link bulletin for the dates and topics to be tested for the year end examinations for Primary 3 to 5. Please also note that if a pupil is absent from the above mentioned assessment, a medical certificate must be submitted to the teacher on his/her return for the absence to be considered valid. No marks will be given for cases where a pupil is absent without a medical certificate. Such an absence will be recorded as 'Absent' in the report book.

4. MOE's Instagram for Parents

MOE has launched a parenting-focused Instagram account, @parentingwith.moesg, on 17 Aug 2020 as part of its efforts to increase our direct outreach to parents and partner you in your parenting journey in education. The account aims to connect with you to share tips and MOE resources, celebrate the ups and downs of the parenting journey, and grow with parents as a community by inspiring and supporting each other through shared experiences. We would like to seek your support in following the account and sharing it with your friends and family who are parents via the QR code below or <https://www.instagram.com/parentingwith.moesg/>.



We would also like to take this opportunity to highlight that the social networking sites such as WhatsApp is for 16 year-old and above while Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok are for 13 years and over. These are popular amongst children.

Here's some potential issues arising from joining such platforms:

- Firstly, children may form WhatsApp group amongst themselves and comments and items shared are not screened through by a trusted adult. They may also add strangers in their WhatsApp chat group or Instagram, without knowing who these people are.
- Secondly, children may not be aware of the privacy settings functions in their accounts. These may render their accounts to be public accounts where anyone can see the posted pictures.
- Lastly, children may be active on the sites late at night and hence disrupt their sleeping routines.

In school, we will continue to discuss safe and responsible use of the Internet and social networking with the students. As partners in education, we seek your help to guide your child to stay safe in order to have positive experiences online. You can:

- Activate parental controls on your home devices.
- Model good digital habits for your child.
- Set ground rules for internet use.
- Navigate the internet together to understand their usage.

There is a wealth of valuable guidance about e-safety, Instagram and other social media available in the MOE websites. You may like to refer to the links below:

<https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents>

<https://beta.moe.gov.sg/programmes/cyber-wellness/>

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5. Major Events and Holidays for Month of October

Date	Event	Remarks
1 Oct (Thu) – 7 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Written Examinations	All pupils to report to school as per usual.
8 Oct (Thu)	HeArts Shine Fiesta cum Children's Day Celebration	Dismissal as per normal.
9 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day School Holiday	Pupils <u>need not</u> report to school.
19 Oct (Mon) – 22 Oct (Thu)	PSLE marking days	Pupils <u>need not</u> report to school.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Your partner-in-education,



Ms Audrey Wong
Principal

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