



6 April 2017

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope our pupils have had a good break during the March holidays. Term 2 promises to be an eventful term lined up with meaningful activities and events to support the holistic development of our pupils. I am pleased to take this opportunity to share some of the recent developments in school with you.

1. ACHIEVEMENT & ACCOLADES

I would like to congratulate our pupils who have done well in the various CCAs. I am very proud of the commitment, perseverance and sportsmanship they have demonstrated at the recent competitions and performances. I would also like to thank all parents, teachers and coaches for their unwavering support and involvement in our pupils' holistic development.

1.1 Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition 2017

The annual Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition (SAFMC) is an exciting and unique event organised by DSO National Laboratories and Science Centre Singapore, and supported by Ministry of Defence (MINDEF). This year, there were a total of 145 teams from the various Primary schools who took part in the competition in Category A (Primary) which took place on 13 March and 14 March 2017.

We are very proud of our pupils who had demonstrated much creativity, teamwork and resilience in coming up with the design of paper aeroplanes to achieve the longest, farthest or most accurate flight in the various challenges. The table below shows the results of our pupils in the SAFMC. Well done! Keep it up!

Type of Award	Team Name/Members	Result
Range Award	Mighty Star (Jordan Lee 5-4 & Patrick Lee 5-5)	1 st position
Precision Award	Brave Star (Wang Junsheng 6-1, Tan Jia Wei 4-3, Tiew Chuan Jun 5-4)	1 st position
	Mighty Star (Jordan Lee 5-4 & Patrick Lee 5-5)	3 rd position
Category A (Pri schools) Overall Championship Award	Mighty Star	1 st position
	Brave Star	3 rd position



1.2 Reading Excellence Award 2017

The inaugural Reading Excellence Award 2017 is a collaboration between the National Library Board (NLB) and the Ministry of Education (MOE) to recognise MOE Primary and Secondary schools that have developed excellent reading programmes to promote a love of reading among pupils.

This year, a total of 61 nominations nationwide were received for school reading programmes ranging from interactive storytelling to animation development. The programmes were judged on their sustainability, impact on students and innovation.

We are pleased to share that we are one of the 15 schools that were shortlisted from the pool of nominees for our efforts in cultivating a reading culture in the school. We are indeed encouraged by this achievement and will certainly continue to work on enhancing our reading programmes to help our pupils develop a love for reading.

2. UPCOMING EVENTS

2.1 Fruitty Veggie & Eye Care Week

To encourage our pupils and staff to adopt a healthy lifestyle, we are pleased to present our school's 'Fruitty Veggie & Eye Care Week'. This will take place from Mon 3 Apr to Thurs 6 Apr 2017. During the week, our Holistic Health & CCA department as well as our Parent Support Group (PSG) volunteers will be organising a whole array of activities such as fruit tasting, games and health awareness talks for our pupils.

2.2 International Friendship Day

International Friendship Day (IFD) will be commemorated on Friday 7 April this year. The theme for this year is 'ASEAN 50' as 2017 marks the 50th anniversary ASEAN was first formed.

In collaboration with our PSG, our school's 'IFD World-class@YNPS' will feature 'booths' from the various countries such as Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand and Myanmar. Guided by their IFD 'passports', our pupils will get to learn more about the culture and customs of these countries.

2.3 Sports Day

As part of our school's effort to develop sportsmanship and instill values such as teamwork, respect, responsibility and resilience in our pupils, we will be holding our Sports Day for P3 to P6 pupils on Thurs 13 April 2017. P1 and P2 pupils need not report to school on that day.

School hours will be from 7.40am to 1pm on that day for P3 to P6 pupils. There will not be any afternoon activities such as CCAs and remedial/supplementary lessons on that day. Please refer to the separate letter that has been sent out for more details.

2.4 Environmental Awareness Week

In conjunction with Earth Day which falls on 22 April this year, our school has designated the week from Mon 17 Apr to Fri 21 Apr as our annual Environmental Awareness Week. This is also aligned to our school's environmental education emphasis to encourage our pupils to take responsibility to do their part for the Earth.

Some highlights of the week include sharing session by our pupils from the Green Club and Tinkerer's Club on interesting and novel ways to promote the 3Rs- 'Reuse, Reduce and Recycle' and also conducting simple experiments to demonstrate the impact of man's activities on Earth. In addition, pupils will also be engaged in class-based Environmental awareness activities during Science lessons. Through these activities, we hope that our pupils will be more aware of environmental issues and take more proactive measures to conserve the Earth.

3. IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

3.1 Term 2 Holistic Assessment/ SA1

You would have received the notification about the Term 2 Holistic Assessment/SA1 schedule for P2 to P6 pupils. We would like to remind all parents to set aside some time to provide some support and encouragement to our pupils as they prepare for their assessment during this period. Pupils should have enough rest especially the day before their assessment so that they would be physically and mentally ready.

3.2 Meet Parents Session 2 (MPS2) (P1-3) and Parent-Teacher-Child conference (PTC) (P4-P6)

As part of our school's efforts to promote strong home-school partnership, we will be organising our MPS 2 and PTC on Wed 24 May 2017. Please refer to separate letters that would be sent out soon for more details. We strongly encourage you to make time to attend this session to meet up with your child's teachers to discuss and review your child's holistic development and progress.

3.3 Upcoming Public Holidays

We would like to keep you informed of some upcoming public holidays in April and May. Pupils need not report to school on these days. School will resume on the following school day after the public holidays.

Day/ Date	Public Holiday	School will resume on
Fri 14 April	Good Friday	Mon 17 April
Mon 1 May	Labour Day	Tue 2 May
Wed 10 May	Vesak Day	Thur 11 May

3.4 Home-School Partnership

As part of our school's effort to promote strong home-school partnership, we are exploring the use of a new communication platform which will enable us to bring you updates of school events and activities more efficiently via an electronic platform in the future.

To help us to understand your needs better, we seek your assistance to complete the survey form (as appended) and return it to your child's form teacher by Wed 12 April 2017. For further clarifications, please contact Mdm Dawn Liew Siew Meng, Administration Manager at Tel: 64490121. Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership.

On the same note, we are pleased to share that our very own Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/YNPSSingapore> has been officially launched. The page will be used as a form of communication to engage our stakeholders through regular updates of the latest school happenings, as well as celebrate our achievements. The page will also provide articles related to SG education and posts with regard to the school's heritage and improvements. Please feel free to explore the FB page to get more insights and photo updates of our school programmes.

4. IN CLOSING

I wish to thank you for your continuous support and partnership with us. My staff and I look forward to partnering closely with you in your child's holistic development.

All best

Mrs Clara Lim-Tan
Principal