



8 February 2017

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy Lunar New Year to you! We are now in the month of February and the pace has certainly picked up with much buzz. I am pleased to share with you some updates as well as upcoming events in the school.

1. UPDATES

1.1 Hosting overseas school exchange programme

As part of our efforts in creating global awareness in our pupils, the school hosted a delegation of educators and pupils from Fangshan Qu Doudianzhen Doudian Zhongxin Primary School, Beijing, China, on Friday 20 January 2017. The group of Chinese pupils represented their school's Chinese Orchestra team for a half-day exchange programme with our pupils from the Performing Arts CCA. It was an enriching learning experience for our pupils as they appreciated the performances put up by the Chinese pupils and they got to learn more about the practice routines during the interaction.

Through this school exchange programme, both schools looked forward to future collaboration and partnership opportunities.

2. UPCOMING EVENTS

2.1 Promoting Environmental Awareness

In promoting environmental awareness and responsibility, the school launched Project Green and Project Clean Plate on Monday 6 February 2017 to encourage all pupils and staff to do their part to conserve the environment through recycling.

Through Project Green, the school encourages all pupils to bring old newspapers from home every Thursday starting from 9 February 2017 for recycling. Last year, the school contributed about 12 480 kg of old newspapers which translated to about saving approximately 170 trees. This year, our school continues the collaboration with Sembcorp, a waste management organisation to send the newspapers collected for recycling efforts.

Project Clean Plate, started in 2016, aims to encourage pupils to demonstrate their care for the environment by contributing food waste or leftover food scraps from their recess and lunch breaks to our food waste composting bins. The food waste is then left to decompose naturally and converted to useful compost or fertiliser that could be used in the gardens.

We look forward to the active participation of all pupils and staff to play their part in taking care of the environment.



2.2 Amazing Flying Machine Competition

The much anticipated YNPS Paper Aeroplane Competition is back! As part of the Science department's efforts to nurture creative thinking and collaborative skills, Primary 4 to Primary 6 pupils are encouraged to participate in the competition which will be held on **Wednesday 8 February 2017** from 2.15 to 5pm. Pupils are to form teams to design, build and fly their paper planes to take part in their different challenges. From the school-based competition, selected teams will represent the school at the Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition organized by the Science Centre in March 2017.

2.3 Total Defence Day

We will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Wednesday **15 February 2017** as part of our National Education efforts to cultivate a strong Singapore spirit and nurture the caring leader amongst our pupils. Total Defence Day serves to remind our pupils that Singapore is vulnerable and worth defending, and we ourselves must defend Singapore.

This year's theme for the occasion is 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong'. We will be organising a series of interactive and meaningful learning experiences for our pupils to raise their awareness of the various important messages of total defence.

2.4 P4 Learning Journey to Kidzania

The P4 pupils will be going on a learning journey to KidZania, Singapore on **Monday 20 February 2017** as part of the school's Education and Career Guidance Programme (ECG). The objective of this learning journey is to provide exposure for our pupils to experience the various career options available in the job market and build their aspirations and interest. Pupils will also be able to take ownership of their own learning through participating in the variety of activities in KidZania where they will spend their entire day learning in a fun way. More details will be provided in a separate letter closer to the date of the session.

2.5 P5 Outdoor Adventure Camp

As part of the Physical Education and Character Development Programme, the school will be organizing a 3-Day 2-Night Outdoor Adventure Camp at MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre for all P5 pupils from **Monday 20 February to Wednesday 22 February 2017**. It aims to provide pupils with an outdoor adventure experience to hone leadership skills and develop self-confidence and teamwork.

A Pre-Camp briefing will be conducted for all P5 pupils and parents on **Friday 10 February 2017** at 10.10am at the school hall. More details will be provided in a separate letter closer to the date of the session.

2.6 Prefect Investiture

Our school annual Prefects' Investiture will be held on **Monday 27 February 2017**. This year, a total of 91 pupils from Primary 3 to 6 will be appointed as prefects. The prefects will be taking their oath to uphold the school values and dedicate their service the school. Parents of the prefects are cordially invited to attend the investiture ceremony. An invitation letter will be sent in due course. We thank you for supporting and affirming your child in his leadership role.

3. SCHOOL ROUTINES

3.1 Term 1 Holistic Assessment

You would have received the notification about the Term 1 Holistic Assessment for P2 to P4 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.

4. IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

4.2 Healthy Eating & New Canteen stall

Yu Neng is part of the HPB Healthy Meals in Schools Programme which promotes the importance of having a balanced diet. We hope you can reinforce the message of healthy eating at home and encourage your child to eat more vegetables and fruits and to cut down on fried foods as well as food and drinks high in sugar.

We are pleased to take this opportunity to inform you that we have added a Chinese noodle (non-halal) stall to our school canteen. With this addition, we now have 4 food stalls (2 halal and 2 non-halal), 1 snack stall and 1 drinks stall to serve the needs our pupils and staff.

4.2 Notification on photography/videography

This is to inform you that photograph(s) or video images(s) of you or your child may be captured during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCAs, school camps or programmes. The school may use or publish such photographs and /or video recordings in school publications, website and other communication channels. If you would like to opt out of this option, you may do so by writing to ynps@moe.edu.sg.

4.3 Change of date of School Sports Day

Please take note that the School Sports Day for Primary 3 to Primary 6 pupils has been rescheduled to **Thursday 13 April 2017**. More details of the Sports Day will be sent in a separate letter nearer to the date of the event

5. 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