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01 February 2023

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

On the morning pre-assembly of Thu 19 Jan, a group of our students sang a Malaysian Chinese New Year song, Dong Dong Qiang, in Bahasa Melayu to celebrate cross-cultural unity in the school. On 20 Jan, the school had a Chinese New Year celebration to usher in the year of the rabbit with our Chinese staff and students.

Overall, CNY celebration@ YN united students across cultures through a thrilling line-up of performance by our Chinese Orchestra students, lion dance performance and game booths organised by our Parent Support Group, complete with staff and PSG Lo Hei. The celebration also promoted a deeper appreciation of Chinese culture and traditions and set the stage for an auspicious, prosperous year ahead. What a joyous and special CNY celebration as Yu Neng enters into her 88th year – may this be a year of new prosperity and fulfilment for all indeed!



As we enter the month of February, we want to thank you for the home-school partnership and look forward to working hand in hand with you to support our students and help them succeed. I am pleased to share with you some updates as well as upcoming events in the school.

1. UPCOMING EVENTS

1.1 National Schools Games

The National School Games (NSG) is an integral part of school life for our student athletes. The National School Games (Senior) have started and we are proud to share that we will be sending our athletes to participate in the Badminton Senior Boys & Girls, Floorball Senior Boys, Table Tennis Senior Boys & Girls and Volleyball Senior Boys. We wish them all the best in their coming games and hope that they will learn valuable experiences from the NSG.

1.2 Student Leaders' Installation

The school will be holding its Student Leaders' Installation Ceremony Live on Fri 3 Feb, to recognise and affirm our P6 Prefects and CCA leaders of their service and contribution to the school. Congratulations to Wong Pui Yee Cyrena, of P6 Graciousness, for being selected as our new Head Prefect! The theme for this year's installation ceremony is "*Leadership Ignite*" and it will serve as the common thread moving forward in our next three years of Student Leadership planning, spanning YN88-YN90. We hope for our students to ignite new inspirations for each other and to make positive impacts and difference-making to generations of student leaders, past, present and the future.

1.3 Commemoration of Total Defence Day

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day for our students to reflect on how Total Defence remains our best all-round response to threats and challenges that confront Singapore. Different opportunities during CCE (MTL), CCE (FTGP) and Social Studies lessons are provided from Mon 13 to Fri 17 Feb for our students to learn about the 6 pillars of defence and how they can play a part so that we can rally together and emerge strong no matter what challenges we may face. To prepare our students for emergencies, the school will be conducting a Lockdown and Evacuation to Holding Area on Wed 15 Feb. Together, we can keep the school and Singapore safe!

1.4 P4 Learning Journey to Road Safety Community Park

As part of the school's effort to educate students on good road safety habits in a simulated traffic environment to ensure that every student is aware of the importance of road safety, P4 students will be attending a learning journey to the Road Safety Community Park at East Coast Park on Mon 20 Feb and Thu 23 Feb. More information can be obtained from the letter to parents in Parents Gateway.

1.5 Library and New Media Literacy Week

The school will be having our Library and New Media Literacy Week from Mon 20 Feb to Fri 24 Feb. The objective is to inculcate the love of reading in our students. During the week, teachers and our Parent Support Group will be taking turns reading story books to students in the library. There will also be a book swap to allow students to give old books new life and to help the environment by allowing students to exchange books. Through this event, we hope that students will be encouraged to read more books.

A key highlight will be the Characters Come Alive dress-up event on Fri 24 Feb. We want to encourage all students to come dress as their favourite character. Students may make or repurpose what they have at home for this character dress-up. Students will still be required to wear their school shoes on that day and bring their PE attire if there is PE lesson. We will have a character parade and getting to know the character on that day. Do look forward to a fun-filled, exciting week ahead!

1.6 P2 Social Studies Field-based Learning to National Orchid Gardens

Primary 2 students will go on a learning journey to the National Orchid Garden as part of their Social Studies field-based learning on Tue 28 Feb, Wed 1 Mar and Thu 2 Mar. The purpose of the learning journey is to create a shared national identity by understanding more of our national flower, Vanda Miss Joaquim, and how it represents the people of Singapore.

2. IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

2.1 Precautionary Measures in School

While teachers actively look out for students' well-being, please ensure your child practises good personal hygiene and social responsibility. You should take your child to the doctor if he/she is unwell and we would appreciate that you keep your child at home until he/she recovers.

2.2 Morning Drop-off at School Drive-in

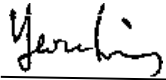
Student safety is our utmost priority. We encourage all parents who drive into the school to follow these good practices when you drop-off your children in the morning.

- Your child should have his/ her bags and belongings with him/her and be ready to alight quickly from the vehicle.
- Your child should alight from the right side of the vehicle, if possible, so to minimise the need to walk across the driveway.
- Parents should remain in their vehicle and get ready to drive off once your child alights safely from the vehicle. This is to minimise traffic congestion along Bedok North Street 3.
- Do not overtake the vehicle/s in front of you as there might be pedestrians on the driveway.

3. 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.

Yours-in-education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yeow Ling', positioned above a horizontal line.

Mr Ng Yeow Ling
Principal