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1 March 2022

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I would like to thank all parents for your strong support of all the various precautionary measures that you have taken during this period as we continue to unite in our efforts to safeguard the well-being of our students against the spread of COVID-19. As we transit into endemic, the school will continue to take the necessary measures to ensure your child is able to engage in various activities and programmes for them to grow and thrive. We are proud that our students are resilient and adaptable. This is evident through their demonstration of good habits of observing safe management measures and mind-sets of focusing on the positives during this unprecedented time. We would like you to continue to collaborate with us in this journey of transition. We will strive to make our school environment safe, vibrant and connected, in partnership with all parents.

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the recent developments and upcoming events at Yu Neng.

1. UPDATES

1.1 Parent Support Group Executive Committee (PSG EXCO) 2022

As the new year begins, the school also welcomes its new PSG EXCO in Term 2. The new team comprises:

- Chairperson - Ms Elina Gwee
- Vice-Chairperson - Ms Jessica Wong
- Treasurer - Ms Tai Wai Ling
- Communications - Ms Lui Lay Yee and Ms Jillia Shi
- SuperDads - Mr Ong Sin Chwee and Mr Brandon Ng
- Project Green - Mr Larry Wee
- Events - Ms Lee Hooi Ling, Mr Ivan Wong and Ms Siti Naqiah

The school would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Amanda Poh, Ms Siti, and Mr Michael Ow for their service and contributions to the school as part of the PSG EXCO. We look forward to partnering with our parents actively to enhance the learning experiences and opportunities of our students.



2. UPCOMING EVENTS

2.1 Parents Seminar by Parent Support Group



PSG@YNPS is proud to invite all parents to our upcoming Parents Seminar. Our PSG EXCO hopes to meet with you online to share more about their work and learn together on “*Building Healthy Communication Habits With Our Child*” in the Zoom workshop organised by Bramble. We hope this will also be a rallying call to all our parents to join the PSG to grow together as a community, for parents by parents, and to create positive memories with your children in Yu Neng.

Date: **Saturday 12 March 2022**
Time: **2.00pm – 3.30pm**
Details: Register at bit.ly/yn-neng-12mar

2.2 School Health Visit

The Ministry of Health (MOH), School Health Service (SHS) visits schools each year to conduct health screenings of students to ensure care and protection of their health. We are scheduled for the health visits by the SHS team from **Mon 21 Mar to Mon 28 Mar 2022**. Please refer to the MOH letter sent out via Parent’s Gateway on Fri 25 Feb for details.

2.3 Project Work and Home-Based Learning Days

Project Work (PW) is a multidisciplinary learning experience that allows students to think creatively and critically to apply the knowledge learnt in lessons in the real-world context. Students will reflect on and evaluate their work processes, learning attitudes and continuously work on them to improve.

In Yu Neng, our PW takes on a blended approach where students employ the effective use of technology to hone their research skills, communicate ideas and collaborate with peers online. They will also harness the affordances of technology to engage an authentic audience in the presentation of their work confidently and motivate their audience to action in their causes.

There will be scheduled Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days during PW to provide the opportunity and experience for students to demonstrate the necessary digital literacy skills and dispositions as they work towards becoming self-directed and independent learners. Please refer to the table below for details.

Level	Home-Based Learning Day and Date
P3	Wednesday 25 May 2022
P4	Wednesday 23 March 2022

Primary 3 and Primary 4 students do not report to school on the day they are scheduled for home-based learning. On HBL Days, students of the mentioned levels are expected to stay at home to engage in planned online and offline learning activities. Your child will also be provided with instructions on how to access their learning materials by his/her teachers. Please make home care arrangements for your child if he/she has home-based learning on the above-mentioned dates. Students enrolled in our school-based Student Care Centre (SCC) may come in from 12pm on the mentioned days. Do work with our Big Heart SCC directly.

2.4 FAME@YN

FAME@YN is a platform for students to showcase their talents and build confidence. Interested students are encouraged to perform a dance, a song or play an instrument. Due to current SMM, FAME@YN will be showcased online. Students should record themselves performing the item, ensuring that the focus of attention is properly captured, and sound is of good quality. Parents are strongly encouraged to assist your child in creating the video. Their recording should be submitted online via SLS by Sun 20 Mar 2022. Students can access the announcement and assignment on SLS which is posted on Tue 1 Mar 2022 for more information. We look forward to the lively and engaging performances by our students!

2.5.1 Start of P3 CCA

Following a successful CCA virtual Open House cum selection exercise for our Primary 3 students, our CCA sessions for the Primary 3 will commence from Mon 28 Feb 2022. We would like to thank parents for supporting your child in the selection of their CCAs. We hope that you will continue to partner us in your child's holistic development through their active participation in CCAs.

On days your child stays back for CCA, do ensure that he/she brings sufficient money to school to buy lunch, if needed. To support after school activities, there will be school buses available at these timings.

Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri
3.30pm	4.15pm	3.30pm	4.15pm

If you require the bus services, do contact the bus operator, Mr Eddie Lim, at 93874020.

2.5.2 P3 Science Centre Learning Journey

As part of the Science Department 'Growing Minds, Growing Hearts' programme to promote sustainable living, P3 students will be going on a virtual learning journey (VLJ) to Singapore Science Centre on **Fri 25 Mar 2022, from 2pm to 3.30pm**. They will be exploring the magnificent world of plants through microscopic views of various plant parts, hands-on demonstrations, and viewing of various plant specimens.

Students will get access to the "I am a Young Botanist" online platform to earn the young scientist badge and e-certificate after the VLJ. As this is an after-school programme, consent forms will be issued via Parent's Gateway nearer to the date.

2.5.3 P3 Chess Workshop

The P3 Chess Workshop is designed as a task-based learning activity and will be conducted during curriculum hours. The objective of the workshop is to enable students to develop visual memory and build higher order thinking skills through learning and playing chess. This is because the need to consistently calculate the different patterns of move to gain an advantage over their opponents during a chess game will invoke the need to apply reasoning and thinking, a key process for cognitive and meta-cognitive growth. Concurrently, the P3 students will also acquire a deeper understanding of basic numeracy and geometric concepts such as positioning, ordinal numbers, columns, rows, and diagonals while deciding and making their chess moves.

The workshop will take place in week 10 of Term 1 i.e., **Mon 7 Mar - Fri 11 Mar 2022**. Students will learn about the rules of the game, participate in a quiz to strengthen their understanding of the rules, and compete virtually. At the end of the workshop, selected students will be invited to participate in an interclass chess competition during which the best 2 players will pit their skills during Math Week 2022.

2.6 P5 Kite Construction

The P5 students will be participating in Kite Construction programme which will take place over two Monday afternoons, **28 Mar and 4 Apr 2022 from 2pm to 4.30pm**. It is designed to be an authentic real-world hands-on experiential and applied learning programme for our P5 cohort. The objective is to enable students to develop the capacity to draw upon their knowledge base and resources whenever they face new challenges. Our P5 students will discover how their knowledge about symmetry and composite figures can be applied. As the construction of the kite progresses, the students will subconsciously draw upon their visualisation, measurement, and critical thinking skills. The activity is intended to inevitably culminate into a fun-filled activity during which the P5 students will be given the opportunity to experience the joy of learning as they fly their own constructed kites during the concluding hour of the programme. Consent forms will be given out to all P5 parents via Parents Gateway.

2.7 P6 Science Explore

Our P6 students will be having the P6 Science Explore Programme on **Wed 23 Mar 2022** during curriculum hours. The programme aims to deepen students' interest in Science, promote a greater understanding of sustainability and cultivate social responsibility towards building a sustainable future. They will explore and build on their physical and life science concepts through various hands-on activities during the programme. Topics such as Electricity, Energy, Forces as well as the Environment will be covered. To encourage and enthuse P6 students to continue to explore and learn Science, they will be given a take-home kit each.

2.8 C.A.R.E. Symposium

To promote a supportive peer culture and a culture of care, the school will be organising the second edition of the C.A.R.E. Symposium on **Thu 31 Mar 2022** for appointed Class (P3 to P6) and CCA Peer Support Leaders (PSLs). C.A.R.E. stands for Caring Advocates Reflecting Empathy, and through this symposium, we strive for our PSLs to look out and provide support for their peers and one another. The theme for this year's symposium is Supportive Peer Culture, where the focus is on strengthening one's wholeness, wellness and well-being and building positive peer relations.

3. IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

3.1 Road Safety

Road safety is a vital life skill for children, and it is essential that we educate our students on road safety. We would like to seek the partnership of our parents to teach and emphasize the importance of safe road crossing. Many of our students commute to school and return home on foot, and in the process have to cross busy road junctions. At times, they may be engaged in distracting activities such as texting, conversing on the phone, eating, drinking, talking in a group, and not be fully focused on the road conditions. In addition, they may also make hasty decisions to dash across small road junctions, unaware of the presence of road hazards. Our students' safety on the road cannot be taken for granted and as their significant trusted adults, we must constantly remind them to practise good road safety habits such as stopping to check traffic junctions before crossing or raising their hand while crossing the zebra crossing. Let us continue to work together for the safety of our students.

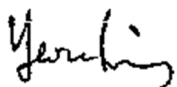
3.2 School Holidays

The March school holidays will commence from **Mon 14 Mar to Fri 18 Mar 2022**. Students do not need to attend school. School will resume on **Mon 21 Mar 2022**.

4. IN CLOSING

On this note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support and partnership with us this term. As Term 1 draws to a close and the March holidays await, I would like to encourage you to spend some quality time to bond with your child during the school holiday. My staff and I look forward to seeing your child back in school fully recharged and ready for Term 2. Happy upcoming March holidays!

Yours-in-Education



Mr Ng Yeow Ling

Principal