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Dear Parents/Guardian,

Warmest greetings to all of you.

# 1. Achievement, Affirmation and Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students/teams for their outstanding achievements:

| Name of Student / Team                         | Award / Recognition  |
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| Yu Claire Kelai and<br>Zia Hawani Binte Zainul | Our Schools, Our Stories' (OSOS) Photo & Video Contest 2024 - "The People Who Put A Smile On Our Faces" (Honourable Mention) |

Congratulations to our uniformed groups and teacher-in-charge for their outstanding achievements:

| CCAs                         | Awards   |  |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Girl Guides                  | Puan Noor Aishah (Silver)                      |  |
| Mdm Gui Jean Ee (Teacher-in- | Brownie Guider, Asia-Pacific Region Leadership |  |
| charge)                      | Award  |  |
| Scouts                       | Frank Cooper Sands Award                       |  |

We would also like to congratulate two of our teachers for their awards and recognition as Associate(s) of the Academy of Singapore Teachers 2024.

| Name of Officer             | Awarded Area of Contribution |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mdm Fikir Amin Bte Md Said  | Facilitator of workshops     |
| Mdm Kong May Hua Maybelline | Innovator                    |

Our Malay Language Department was also in action at the MTL Symposium 2024 held in Suntec City on 14 September 2024. Their booth was popular with parents and visitors, showcasing their innovative efforts in school, such as interactive learning activities and creative language projects. Senior management from MOE also visited to show their support,

and the booth was featured on Suria Channel that evening, highlighting the department's impactful engagement within school and the community.

### 2. Citizenship and Character Education

For October, the 'Value of the Month' is Integrity. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 1 Be Proactive: I do not blame others for my wrong actions.

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One way to develop your child's integrity is to use stories related to integrity. Refer to Annex A-1 on resources that you can share and discuss with your child at home.

# 3. Children's Day Celebrations - Thurs, 3 October 2024

This will be held on Thursday, 3 October 2024 and the school will function from 7.30 am to 12.00 pm on this day, and Student Care Centre will operate from 12.00 pm to 7 pm. Students may come in their PE attire. Friday, 4 October 2024 is a school holiday, and the Student Care Centre is closed too.

### 4. End-of-Year Examination for for P3 to P5 students

It will begin on Tuesday, 8 October 2024. There will be <u>no make-up session</u> if your child/ward is absent with a valid reason. If your child is unwell on the day of the exam, kindly bring him/her to see a doctor and obtain a medical certificate and it should be submitted to the form teacher when your child returns to school.

Your child/ward will not be penalized for missing the end-of-year examination. While the exam is an important component of the overall assessment, it is important to stress that it is not the sole determinant of your child's/ward's progress. The school takes a holistic approach to evaluation, considering a variety of factors such as daily work, performance tasks, and termly weighted assessments conducted throughout the year.

Additionally, your child/ward will have the opportunity to attempt the exam paper for practice once they return to school and are feeling better. We want to assure you that their development is assessed through multiple entry points, ensuring a well-rounded understanding of their progress.

#### 5. PSLE Marking Exercise – From 14 October to 16 October 2024

Students need not report to school on these **three** days, except for selected activities that teachers have scheduled students to return for. The Student Care Centre will continue to operate from 7.30 am to 7.00 pm on these three days.

School will resume on Thursday, 17 October 2024. We seek your understanding and cooperation that there should be no extension of the school holidays unless supported by valid reasons.

## 6. Deepavali Celebrations - Friday, 25 October 2024

Deepavali falls on Thursday, 31 October 2024 and students do not need to report to school. Parents/guardians of Hindu students who wish to give consent for their child's/ward's early dismissal on the eve of Deepavali, are to submit a separate consent form issued through Parents Gateway later.

The school's celebrations will be held on Friday, 25 October 2024. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Hindu staff, students and their families a very Happy Deepavali.

# 7. School Activities (1 October 2024 to 17 November 2024)

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

| Date   | Activities   | Levels &<br>Classes<br>Involved | Attachment/<br>Reply Slips |
|--|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Thurs,26 September to<br>Wed, 2 October 2024 | - P6 students who are not taking the Mother Tongue Language PSLE exam need not report to school on Mon, 30 September 2024.  - P6 students who are not taking the Higher Mother Tongue Language PSLE exam need not report to school on Wed, 2 October 2024.  P6 students will be dismissed after their PSLE papers unless requested by their teachers to stay back for extra lessons. (The dismissal time is estimated to be about half hour after the paper ends.) | P6                              |                            |
|  | School will function as normal for P1 to P5  | P1 to P5                        |                            |

|   | students during the PSLE written exams.   |                                   |   |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Mon, 30 September &<br>Tues, 1 October 2024     | Home-based Learning   | P5                                |   |
| Thurs, 3 October 2024                           | Children's Day Celebration  Dismissal Time: 12 pm   | All                               |   |
| Fri, 4 October 2024                             | School Holiday –<br>Children's Day  | All                               |   |
| Tues, 8 October to<br>Thurs, 24 October<br>2024 | End-of-Year Examination<br>(Please refer to EYE<br>Timetable for details)   | P3 to P5                          | Ref to LTP dated 1<br>Aug 2024 (Annex<br>B(P3)/C(P4)/D(P5)) |
| Mon, 14 October to<br>Wed, 16 October 2024      | * Students need not report to school on these days, except for selected activities that teachers have scheduled students to return for. | All                               |   |
| Thurs, 17 October & Fri, 18 October 2024        | P6 2D Outdoor Adventure<br>Camp (non-residential)   | P6                                | More details will be<br>given on PG<br>nearer the date      |
| Fri, 25 October 2024                            | Deepavali Celebration   | All                               |   |
| Thurs, 31 October 2024                          | Public Holiday – Deepavali  | All                               |   |
| Mon, 4 November<br>2024                         | Admin Day for results processing – All students need not report to school   | All                               |   |
| Wed, 13 November 2024                           | P6 Graduation Lunch   | P6                                |   |
| Thurs, 14 November<br>2024                      | Affirmation Ceremony  | P1 and P2                         | Students will be notified closer to the date                |
|   | Primary 1 Orientation (PM - Online)   | Parents of<br>P1/2025<br>Students |   |

|                       | Affirmation Ceremony     P1 to P5 students need not report to school | Award recipients, invited guests and all P6 students | Students will be<br>notified closer to<br>the date |
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| Fri, 15 November 2024 | MK Orientation<br>(1.30pm to 3.30pm)                                 | Parents of<br>K1/2025<br>Students                    |  |
|                       | Eat With Your Family Day   | General<br>Office will<br>close at<br>4.30pm         |  |

As we approach the end of Term 4, let us celebrate your child's/ward's growth and success throughout the year. Your unwavering support and encouragement have played an important role in their journey, and we are confident that they will finish this term on a strong and positive note. Looking ahead, we wish you and your family a well-deserved restful and joyful year-end holiday.

Thank you.

Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal)

Mr Remund Koh (VP) Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)