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Dear Parents/Guardians,

How quickly time flies! As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to affirm our students and parents for the hard work and collaboration with the school, as well as to provide an update on the key programmes and events for the month of March.

### 1. Basketball & Football Update

We are excited to share that our Basketball and Football Senior teams have made significant progress in the National School Games! Their months of hard work and trainings have paid off with our Basketball Senior Boys qualifying for Leagues 2, Senior Girls in Leagues 1 and Football Senior Boys in Leagues 4. Our student athletes have demonstrated exceptional teamwork, determination, and skill, advancing through the competition with impressive performances. We are proud of their passion and commitment to the sport, and we look forward to the next stage of the competition. Thank you for your continued support as we aim for even greater achievements in the upcoming matches.

### 2. Student Leaders Appointment

Our school recently held the Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony, celebrating the appointment of our new Student Leaders, Peer Support Leaders, and CCA Leaders. This event recognizes students who have stepped up as role models and contribute to a positive school environment.

Leadership is more than just a badge or title. It is about setting a good example, showing kindness, and working together to create a caring and supportive environment for all students. Our Peer Support Leaders will encourage and support their peers, while our CCA Leaders will guide their teams with passion and dedication.

Aligned with Habit 3: Put First Things First from The Leader in Me, our student leaders learn to prioritize responsibilities, manage their time effectively, and take ownership of their roles. By making thoughtful choices and staying committed to their duties, they demonstrate leadership that positively impacts their peers and the school community.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing our student leaders and encouraging them to lead with courage, serve with kindness, and be the impact at home, in the community, and beyond.

#### 3. Prefects Investiture

On Wednesday, 19 February 2025, the school, along with parents, celebrated our Prefects at the Prefects' Investiture Ceremony, a momentous occasion marking their official appointment. This event recognizes students who demonstrate responsibility, integrity, and dedication, affirming their commitment to upholding school values and serving as role models for their peers. This ceremony symbolizes trust and confidence in their leadership abilities, inspiring them to lead with fairness and compassion. Through their roles, Prefects foster a positive school environment and promote discipline. The investiture also reminds students of the importance of service and making a meaningful impact within the school. May they lead by example and be the positive impact at home, community and beyond!

#### Our Prefect EXCO are:

**Exco Prefects** 

- 1. Farhana Binte Muhammad Irfan (6IN)
- 2. Lim Yi Bin (6IN)
- 3. Zoya Gulam Moinuddin Rehman (6RY)

Vice Head Prefects

- 1. Enya Lee Si Le (6IN)
- 2. Liang Ziqi, Sophie (6IN)

**Head Prefect** 

1. Schellner Eliora (6IN)

# 4. Overseas Learning Journey to China, Shanghai and Suzhou

We are pleased to inform parents that the Internationalisation Programme will be resuming with an Overseas Learning Journey to Shanghai and Suzhou for 30 selected Primary 5 and Primary 6 students. The 6-day, 5-night trip is scheduled to take place from Tuesday, 27 May 2025 to Sunday, 1 June 2025. During this trip, students will participate in an immersion programme at a local school in Suzhou, as well as visit key national monuments, museums, and cultural performances in both Shanghai and Suzhou. This journey aims to provide students with opportunities to develop 21st Century Competencies, global awareness, and cross-cultural communication skills, while also fostering a deeper connection to Singapore. We look forward to an enriching and educational experience for our students.

### 5. Update on Holistic Reporting

Starting this year, instead of providing termly reports, we will be transitioning to delivering a comprehensive holistic report at the end of each semester. This change will allow us more time to gather meaningful, reliable data on your child's learning progress.

Taking reference from best practices in formative assessment, this adjustment will enable us to:

- gather detailed data on your child's learning (knowledge, skills, and values) in relation to clearly defined learning outcomes.
- implement effective formative assessment strategies to better address learning gaps and support your child's growth.

We believe this change will provide you with a more accurate, thorough, and timely reflection of your child's development.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mdm Adelyn Han at <a href="han heng ee@moe.edu.sg">han heng ee@moe.edu.sg</a> or Mrs Maybelline See at <a href="kong may hua maybelline@moe.edu.sg">kong may hua maybelline@moe.edu.sg</a>.

## 6. Parents Support Group (PSG) Meeting on Fri, 28 February 2025

On Friday, 28 February 2025, the school held its first Parents Support Group (PSG) meeting of the year, bringing together a group of parents dedicated to building a vibrant school community. During the meeting, we had the opportunity to share the school's key priorities, gather feedback, and discuss collaborative opportunities to enrich student learning.

We introduced the PSG Executive Committee (PSG EXCO) and they are:

Ms Theresiana Lie, Chairperson

Ms Aileen Tan Liyun

Ms Hafiza Binte Yasir

Ms Sambridhi Gurung

Parents also had the opportunity to connect and get to know one another. We are deeply grateful for the PSG's strong partnership, dedication, and generosity of time, which play a vital role in creating a nurturing environment where every child can thrive. We warmly welcome more parents to join the PSG and contribute their time, talents, and thought to partner the school in creating a nurturing environment where every child can thrive. If you have not joined the PSG and would like to, please indicate your interest in the link: <a href="https://go.gov.sg/ftppspsgregistration">https://go.gov.sg/ftppspsgregistration</a>.

### 7. Citizenship and Character Education

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

Habit 1: Be Proactive: I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking

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

Integrity means upholding what is good, just and true even when no one is looking. In FTGP lessons, Primary 2 students are taught to practise Stop, Think, Do as part of their decision-making process in demonstrating integrity. You can use this approach to help your child develop integrity. Please refer to the resources on Stop, Think, Do found in the FTGP and The Leader In Me (Annex A-1) and have a conversation with your child.

## 8. Sports-for-All - Fri, 14 March 2025, 7.30am to 1.30pm

Sports-for-All will be held in school on Friday, 14 March 2025 for P1 to P6 students. We will be creating a fun learning environment for all our students through mini-sports activities. Our P1-P2 students will get to test out their fundamental skills through station games and a Spartan Junior Race.

This event will also be the culminating event for all P3-P6 students after 7 weeks of House Practice. The theme for them, "Be the Positive Impact," hopes to develop in them empathy and an inclusive mindset as they go through practices in Goalball, Boccia and Seated Volleyball, games played by physically impaired athletes at the Paralympics.

Students are to come to school in their House T-shirts and PE shorts. They are strongly encouraged to bring along a water bottle. They do not need to bring any books on that day.

### 9. Travel Declaration for 2025 March Holidays

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/ guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling for the holidays by Friday, 7 March 2025. We encourage you to do so via the Parents' Gateway (PG) app.

If your child/ward is travelling, please indicate clearly both the country and city of travel. Only one parent is required to make the declaration. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.

When planning your child/ward's travel, please refer to <a href="https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart">https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart</a> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please inform the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

### 10. Home-based Learning

Home-based Learning provides students with more opportunities to learn independently and to be more self-directed in their learning. Through home-based learning, students will become digitally-empowered 21st century learners who are collaborative and connected in using digital tools to co-construct and share knowledge with others. Also, it helps our students keep current and easily transit to online teaching and learning in the event of a nationwide school closure.

Primary 3, 4 and 5 students will <u>not</u> attend school and do home-based learning via the Student Learning Space on the following days:

Level	Date
P3	Thu, 29 May 2025 Tue, 30 Sep 2025
P4	Thu, 29 May 2025 Mon, 29 Sep 2025
P5	Thu, 29 May 2025 Fri, 26 Sep 2025

More information will be given to students by their subject teachers.

# 11. School Activities (3 March 2025 to 13 April 2025)

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

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Attachment/ Reply Slips
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Fri, 14 March 2025	Sports-for-All	All	
Mon, 17 March to Sun, 23 March 2025	School Holiday	All	2
Mon, 31 March 2025	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa	All	
Wed, 2 April 2025	Hari Raya Celebration	All	
Mon, 7 April 2025	Start of P3 Swimsafer (8 sessions)	P3	More details will be given on PG nearer the date
Wed, 9 April to Fri, 11 April 2025	P5 3D2N Outdoor Adventure Camp	P5	More details will be given on PG nearer the date.
Fri, 11 April 2025	International Friendship Day	All	

Finally, we would like to wish our students a safe and joyful holiday during the March school break. We look forward to seeing energised and cheerful children when Term 2 begins on Monday, 24 March 2025.

Happy Holidays!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal) Mr Remund Koh (VP) Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)

