12 September 2024

Dear Parents

We are into Term 4! This term is typically short and busy and peppered with many activities, including preparations and the actual sitting for the PSLE and End of Year Examinations. However, other than the exams, our students can also look forward to events such as the Children's Day, Games Days and other memorable and interesting post exam activities which we have planned for them.

Term 3 culminated with a big celebration to commemorate Teacher's Day in style. Over the years, our Parent Support Group has been steadfast and unwavering in their support by turning up in numbers to plan, prepare and carry out the morning's festivities. This year is no different and we would like to thank our Parent Support Group for their wonderful breakfast support for our teachers as well as the support rendered for Teachers' Day celebration in the hall.

As this is the final lap in the year for our students, they have to consolidate their learning for the year in preparation for the PSLE and End of Year Examination (EoYE). Home support during this period is crucial in ensuring that your child gets sufficient rest even as you help your child draw up his or her examination revision schedule. We want to wish our students all the best as they make their final preparations for their respective examinations!

Here are some updates on the progress and happenings in our school.

Staff News

Staff Movement

We want to welcome Mdm Jamilah Bte Mohamed Yusof, our new School Admin Team staff into the PGVP family. At the same time, we want to bid farewell to Mdm Norafizah Bte Zailany as she starts her journey in a new school. We want to thank her for her contributions to the school and wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

Staff Achievements

PGVP Teachers' Day Awards 2024

Thank you for your support in submitting your nominations for the PGVP Teachers' Day Awards. Please join me in congratulating the following teachers and staff who were awarded in the respective categories. The awards were given out during our Teachers' Day Concert on 29 Aug 2024.

Award Category	Teachers & Staff	Award Category	Teachers & Staff
Respect	Mr Kumaran s/o Muniandi	Integrity	Mr Lim Wei Cheng
	Mr Edwin Ong		Mr Eugene Luo
	Mr Kok Yao Xiang		Ms Dawn Chia
Responsibility	Mr Reuben Dominic Phay	Care	Ms Aswini
	Mdm Clara Tan		Ms Sophie Wang
	Ms Choo Jia		Mr Adrain Ong
Resilience	Mrs Rachael Sng Mr Muhd Nazriff Nasser Mdm Lyly Suriani	Harmony	Mr Muhammad Nabil Bin Muhammad Ismail Mdm Goh Poh Khim Mdm Gumutha
Service	Mdm Linda Lim		
Excellence for			
Support Staff			

We would like to thank all parents who have taken the time and effort to affirm our teachers and staff, including those who have written-in via our email, media channels and MOE platforms. Your affirmation has certainly motivated our staff to strive for their best!

Student Achievements

Malay Finesse Fest 2024

In conjunction with Fiesta Kesantunan 2024 (Malay Finesse Fest 2024), the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee held a Choral Recital Competition in Term 2. This national competition is open to all primary, secondary and junior college students.

We are happy to announce that we have been awarded 1st Place for the competition!

We are honored that our students were invited to perform their piece at the Malay Finesse Fest 2024 at Celebration Square One, One Punggol, on Saturday 13 July 2024.

The student awardees are:

Name	Class
Abdul Hady Bin Abdul Rahman	5J <i>A</i>
Adam Arfian	4J <i>A</i>
Adriana Qayesha	5AM

Aleena	5AM
Ariana Maya Taylor	4OP
Ayra Quneesya Binte Budiman	4DI
Isabella Sophia Sorensen	4AM
Mohamad Adha Asyari	5OP
Muhammad Syuaib Bin Abdul Hazareth	5DI
Mysha Sofia Binte Iskandar	4J <i>A</i>
Nur Ihsan Bin Mohamad Zuraimi	4EM
Raden Adriana Ayuni Binte Raden Anizan	5DI
Siti Nuralyna Binte Muhamad Nor	4J <i>A</i>
Syaurah Erissa	4DI

Badminton NSG Junior Division

After two weeks of intense competition in the Badminton NSG (juniors) competition, we are proud to share that the following students manage to attain the following Tier 3 and 4 achievements by being the champions in their respective tiers!

Name	Class	Event	Tier	Placing
Chua Yu Xiang, Lucas	5AM	Boys' Singles	3	1 st
Lim Ying Xuan Chloe	5EM	Girls' Singles	3	1 st
Chau Cai Ting	5PE	Girls' Doubles	3	1 st
Lee Zhi Yan Sonya	5PE	Girls' Doubles	3	1 st
Saahiti Bayana	4AM	Girls' Doubles	4	1 st
Lannette Yeo	4EM	Girls' Doubles	4	1 ^{s†}

Special mention goes out to the following students who won most, if not all their classification round games to qualify for the higher tiers of the competition in the badminton NSG. Congratulations to the following students!

Name	Class	Event	Tier
Tan Kai Hern, Jaylen	4AM	Boys' Singles	2
Zhuang Zhiwen	5PE	Boys' Doubles	1

Low Chung Weng, Dylan	5EM	Boys' Doubles	1
Murugappan Nikhil Ajay	4AM	Boys' Doubles	1
Choo Jin Chen	4J <i>A</i>	Boys' Doubles	1

Akila Award for Scouts

The Akela Award is the pinnacle achievement of the Cub Scouts. Only the best Cub Scouts in the country who achieves the required progress and proficiency badges and show exemplary Scouting skills and knowledge are awarded the Akela Award. We would like to congratulate the following students for achieving the highest award attained as a Cub Scout - the Akela Award.

Appointment	Name	Class
Senior Sixer	Shahid Syukri Bin Saifulbahri	P6-EM
Senior Sixer	Chong Kai En, Jennisa	P6-J <i>A</i>
Sixer	Ng Jing Ru, Paige	P6-AM
Sixer	Angadveer Singh	P6-DI
Sixer	Chloe Ng Yueting	P6-EM
Sixer	Loh Yun Xi, Chloe	P6-EM
Sixer	Jake O Jun Le	P6-EM
Sixer	Tang Ruichen Ronald	P6-SA

Outdoor Experiential Learning (OEL) Week 2025

The OEL week is our school's annual signature programme consisting of cohort camps, learning journeys and parent engagement over the course of 3 days in a week. Since 2019, OEL week has been planned for Term 1 Week 10. With the removal of the Mid-Year Exams for all levels, it is timely to leverage the freed-up curriculum time to shift our OEL Week to Term 2 Week 10 in 2025. Moving OEL week to Term 2 will allow students to better settle in before they attend the camps. Correspondingly, our Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) and some parent engagement sessions which coincides with the OEL week will also be reviewed and adjusted. We will provide more information and updates about our OEL week and parent engagement sessions in 2025.

Class Allocation Policy for 2025 and Introduction of Higher Mother Tongue Language for the Middle Years (P3 & P4)

The following is a reminder on our Class Allocation Policy for next year. Your child will be allocated to his/her new 2025 class at the end of the year. Our school prepares for the annual class allocation of students guided by a set of class allocation guidelines. Fundamentally, our class allocation guidelines aim to:

- strengthen holistic development, self-discovery and engaged learning,
- customise the learning experiences of similar profile of learners in the class,
- increase social diversity in the classrooms by having mixed-progress groupings, foster peer relations across different progress groups,
- reduce the perceived stakes of examination and
- preserve class identity during progression by not regrouping the students at the end of every level (See Table 1 below).

Table 1: Transition between academic levels

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Transition	Procedure		
Levels			
P1 to P2	En-bloc promotion with minimal movement.		
P2 to P3*	 Class allocation is based on students' English and Mathematics readiness which is determined by the Learning Outcomes attainment and Learning Dispositions. 		
	 Based on the above, students are then divided into 3 broad groups of similar learner profiles. 		
	 Students of each group are then allocated to their classes within the broad group factoring in gender and ethnic grouping mix. 		
P3 to P4*	En-bloc promotion with minimal movement.		
P4 to P5	 Class allocation is based on English, Mathematics and Science EoYE results as well as choices made through the Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Exercise. 		
	 Based on the above, students are then divided into 3 broad groups of similar learner profiles. 		
	Students of each group are then allocated to their classes <u>within</u> <u>the broad group</u> factoring in gender and ethnic grouping mix.		
P5 to P6	En-bloc promotion with minimal movement.		

^{*} We offer Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) to P3 and P4 students who display a strong proficiency and interest in the learning of the Mother Tongue Language.

The class allocation guidelines provide opportunities to inculcate values and soft skills as well as reduce the over-emphasis on academic results. Students may also level up in their academic progress as learning in a mixed-progress setting afford opportunities for authentic and collaborative learning. More importantly, we want to encourage our students to discover and maximise their strengths. Our teachers will be planning lessons to cater to the diversity of learners in their classrooms to ensure that all our students are meaningfully stretched and supported.

Our classes for each level are named after gemstones (Amethyst, Diamond, Emerald, Jade, Opal, Pearl, Ruby and Sapphire) and this in itself reflects our commitment to nurture each and every child so that they can aspire to achieve his/her true potential. We want to assure parents that the alphabetical order of class names is not related to learning progression. Our focus has and will always be on the holistic development of your child.

In P3 and P4, HMTL is offered to students who display a proficiency in oracy skills and demonstrate a strong foundation in the MTL. In the HMTL lessons, we hope to build on the Mother Tongue foundation established in P1-P2 to deepen and strengthen the learning of MTL at the higher levels. With the introduction of HMTL in the middle primary years, we aim to enthuse our students with joy and passion in the learning of MTL. Not only do we want them to enhance their language skills, but we also want them to gain the cultural knowledge underpinning their MTL. Unlike the P5-P6 HMTL which are assessment based, the P3 and P4 HMTL attainment will be reflected as a non-weighted assessment component in the Holistic Development Profile.

Students assessed to be suitable for the Middle Years HMTL programme will be offered it at the end of P2. Students on the programme will generally stay on for both P3 and P4 HMTL. P4 HMTL students will not automatically graduate to take the P5 and P6 HMTL subjects. P5 HMTL offers will be assessed separately via the P4 Subject-based Banding.

Upcoming Events in Term 4

Please refer to the attached for a summary of the Calendar of Events for Term 4. We would like to highlight some of the key events to you below. The school calendar of events can also be viewed on the PG Calendar app. It can be found on the "Services" tab by clicking on "School Calendar".

School and Public Holidays

The following is a summary of the days where respective students do not need to come to school in Term 4.

Date	Event	Remarks	
Fri, 13 Sep	PSLE LC	Only P6 students report for PSLE LC. All	
		other students do not come to school.	

Thu, 26 Sep - Fri, 27 Sep	P4 Elearning Days	Only P4 do not report to school See below
Mon, 30 Sep - Tue, 1 Oct	P5 Elearning Days	Only P5 do not report to school See below
Fri, 4 Oct	Children's Day	
Mon, 14 - Wed, 16 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise	Students will be assigned home-based learning
Thu, 31 Oct	Deepavali	
Wed, 6 Nov	Admin Processing Day	Only Prefects & CCA Leaders' Camp participants will report to school.
Wed, 13 - Thu,	Parent Teacher	See below
14 Nov	Conference	
Fri, 15 Nov	Prize Giving Day	Only performers and prize winners to report to school

PSLE and Examination related matters:

Please refer to the PGVP notification on updates for PSLE 2024; LC and Written Papers dated 6 Sep 2024 (PGVP/273/2024) for details. As communicated in the previous issue of the PGVP Quarterly, the PSLE Listening Comprehension (LC) Examination will be conducted this week on \underline{Fri} , 13 Sep 2024.

There will be no school for P1 to P5 levels on Fri, 13 Sep and students will be having their E-Learning (refer to a separate PG Notification PGVP/274/2024 e-learning 2024 PSLE LC day dated 10 Sep 2024 for more information). Our SCC will open only from 1.00pm onwards due to the PSLE LC.

The PSLE Written Examination will be conducted from Thu, 26 Sep to Wed, 2 Oct. We would like to wish all our P6 students all the best for the up-coming PSLE examination.

P6 students will be given a <u>3-day Pre-PSLE Study Break</u> as an additional measure to support their well-being prior to the PSLE. First introduced in 2020, the study break will be from <u>Mon</u>, <u>23 Sep to Wed</u>, <u>25 Sep</u>. There will be a separate notification with more details on the study break.

E-Learning Days for P4 and P5 Levels (no school)

During the PSLE written paper days, we will be conducting our E-Learning sessions for our P4 and P5 levels. These respective levels will be having their E-Learning at home:

Level	E-Learning Days
P4 level	Thu, 26 Sep to Fri, 27 Sep 2024
P5 level	Mon, 30 Sep to Tue, 1 Oct 2024

More details will be issued through a separate PG notification.

Children's Day Celebration

Children's Day falls on <u>Fri, 4 Oct 2024</u>, which is a school holiday. We will celebrate Children's Day on Thu, 3 Oct 2024. Please take note that students will be dismissed at **10.30am on 3 Oct**, after the school celebrations.

End of Year Examination (EoYE)

The EoYE for P3-P5 will start immediately after the PSLE Marking Exercise. Please see the appended calendar for the schedule and refer to the separate notification to be issued. Students are reminded to be punctual for the EoYE. Students who are late may not be allowed to take the examinations. All absences from exams must also be supported by a medical certificate. If the absence is due to COVID, you may submit a photo image of the ART result for each day of absence, clearly showing the student's name and date of test written on the ART kit.

Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) for Primary 1 to 5 students

We will be conducting our face-to-face PTC sessions at the end of the year. The final PTC for the year will be carried out in Term 4 Week 10 on <u>Wed, 13 Nov and Thu, 14 Nov 2024</u>. A link via Parent Gateway (PG) will be sent by the Form Teacher nearer the PTC. You will need the link to book your face-to-face session. PTC allows your child the opportunity to have a 3-D dialogue to share their learning (from a subject and topic assigned) with you. There will be no more PTC for Primary 6 students. Note that e-PTC slots (via Zoom) are limited for P1, P2, P4 and P5 levels. <u>P3 level will be strictly via face-to-face sessions</u>. Do look out for the notification for more details and the booking process. Thank you for your support in your child's education.

Cultivation of Values

Attendance / Punctuality and Social Responsibility matters

Cultivating the good habit of being punctual in our students is important for their learning and development. Please note that all students must report punctually by 7.30am on all school days. Ideally, students are encouraged to be in school by 7.25am so that they can proceed to their assembly venues in a timely manner. As always, we want to thank parents for your commitment in ensuring your children report to school punctually over the last 3 terms. Their timely presence has enabled them to benefit from the diversity of programmes planned for them.

Any absence from school must be covered by a medical certificate or a letter addressed to the Form Teacher (no more than 5 letters per semester) with a valid reason from parent.

We do encourage the practice of good personal hygiene to minimise the contraction of infectious diseases such as influenza or HFMD. If any family member or your child is unwell, please see a doctor immediately and stay away from school. If your child tests positive for COVID, you can use the COVID test in place of a medical certificate. Do submit a photo of the ART kit with the name and date of test clearly written on the ART kit for each day of absence.

Students must continue to attend school after their examinations, including after their PSLE (please refer to the PG calendar for the programmes). Many activities have been planned after the examinations to enrich the learning of our students. There will also be talks from Secondary Schools for our P6 level and these schools will showcase their key programmes and activities.

We would also like to re-iterate that it is **compulsory** for students to attend school during curriculum time. We do not condone students' travel overseas during the term time.

Safety and Security in the School

Security access to the school

If you need to access the school to meet our teachers, we encourage you to make a prior appointment with the teacher to avoid disappointment. In addition, we will also need you to sign in via the usual Visitor Management System at the Guard Post. Parents are not allowed to go up to the classrooms, if you require assistance, please approach the General Office.

For parents with children at our MK, due to security concerns, we regret to inform you that you are not allowed to cut across the school compound to the MK block via our school's Gate 1. Instead, kindly access the MK block via the MK gates (Gate 6).

We want to thank parents who drive for actively displaying the PGVP drivethrough decal when you drive in to pick up or drop off your child. Our car decal is valid <u>until the end of the year your child graduates from PGVP</u>. If you need to apply for a new drive-through decal, kindly access this QR code to apply for a replacement.



Even though Term 4 will be busy, we hope that your child will continue to be engaged in joyful learning throughout. In Term 4, we look forward to working closely with you for the holistic development of your child. We also want to wish you a good break for your family during the upcoming Nov/Dec school holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Michael Chong Vice-Principal (Administration)

Term 4 2024 Calendar of Events

Day / Date	Level	Activity	Remark(s)
Mon, 9 Sep	All students	First Day of Term 4	
			School is closed for PSLE LC. Refer to notification PGVP/ 273/2024 dated 6 Sep 2024 (Updates on Primary School Leaving Examination 2024)
Fri, 13 Sep	P6	PSLE Listening Comprehension (LC)	Student Care Centre (SCC) will open from 1pm to 7pm. SCC students are to report from 1pm.
			We will be conducting E-Learning for P1-P5 students on this day. Please refer to the schedule (PGVP/274/2024) sent via PG on 10 Sep 2024. (E-Learning 2024 PSLE LC Day)
Tue, 17 Sep	All	Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration in school	
Thu, 19 - Fri, 20 Sep	P3-P5	EoYE EL/MT Listening Comprehension	A PG letter will be issued with further details on the schedule.
Mon, 23 Sep - Wed, 25 Sep	P6	P6 Pre-PSLE Study Break	A PG notification will be duly issued
Mon, 23 Sep - Tue, 24 Sep	P4	EoYE Oral EL/MT	A PG letter will be issued with further details on the schedule.
Thu, 26 Sep - Fri, 27 Sep	P4	P4 E-Learning Days	A PG letter will be issued with further details on the schedule.
Mon, 30 Sep - Tue, 1 Oct	P5	P5 E-Learning Days	A PG letter will be issued with further details on the schedule.
Thu, 26 Sep		PSLE English / Foundation English Language	Refer to PG Notification PGVP/ 273 / 2024 dated 6 Sep 2024 (Updates on Primary School
Fri, 27 Sep	P6	PSLE Math / Foundation Math	Leaving Examination 2024) *Lessons as per normal for the other levels.

Day / Date	Level	Activity	Remark(s)
Mon, 30 Sep	P6	PSLE Mother Tongue Languages / Foundation Mother Tongue Languages	Refer to PG Notification PGVP/ 273 / 2024 dated 6 Sep 2024 (Updates on Primary School Leaving Examination 2024) *Lessons as per normal for the other levels.
Tue, 1 Oct		PSLE Science / Foundation Science	
Wed, 2 Oct		PSLE Higher Mother Tongue Languages	
Thu, 3 Oct	P1 to P6	Children's Day Celebration	A PG letter will be duly issued. Students will be dismissed at 10.30am
Fri, 4 Oct	All	Children's Day	School Holiday; SCC is closed
Mon, 7 Oct - Wed, 9 Oct	All	PGVP Food from the Heart Donation Drive	A PG letter will be duly issued
Mon, 7 Oct - Tue, 8 Oct	P3 & P5	EoYE English Language /Mother Tongue Languages Oral	After curriculum time. A PG letter will be duly issued
Thu, 10 Oct - Fri, 11 Oct	P3 to P5	EoYE English Language Paper 1 EoYE Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1	A PG letter will be duly issued
Mon, 14 Oct - Wed, 16 Oct	All	PSLE Marking Exercise	No school for students. SCC is open. Students will be assigned E- Learning and revision work.
Fri, 18 Oct	P5	EoYE Higher Mother Tongue Languages	A PG letter will be duly issued
Mon, 21 Oct		EoYE Science	
Tue, 22 Oct		EoYE English Language	
Wed, 23 Oct	P3 to P5	EoYE Math	A PG letter will be duly issued
Thu, 24 Oct		EoYE Mother Tongue Languages	
Thu, 31 Oct	All	Deepavali	

Day / Date	Level	Activity	Remark(s)
Mon, 4 Nov	P5	P5 Games Day	
Wed, 6 Nov	All	Admin Day (Sch holiday)	SCC is Open
Mon, 11 Nov	P6	P6 Graduation	
Tue, 12 Nov	All	Last day of school activities	Appreciation Day Self-Leader Day Student Promotion Day
Wed, 13 - Thu, 14 Nov	P1-P5	PTC 2 (for P1 to P5)	No school on PTC days. More details will be given nearer the date. Report books will be issued during PTC.
Fri, 15 Nov	Selected P1 to P6 students	12 th Annual Prize Presentation Day	For selected students who are receiving the awards and performers. More details will be given nearer the date.
Wed, 20 Nov (TBC)	P6	Release of PSLE results	Actual date will be announced through MOE's Press Release.
Thu, 12 Dec (TBC)	P6	Release of S1-Posting Results	Actual date will be announced through MOE's Press Release. Parents will receive posting result via SMS.
Sat, 16 Nov to Wed, 1 Jan	P1 to P6	School Holidays	
Thu, 2 Jan 2025	P1 (2025)	First day of school for P1	
Fri, 3 Jan 2025	P2-P6 (2025)	First day of school for P2 - P6	