

1 April 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you and your child/ward had a meaningful bonding experience during the March holidays.

### **1. Commemorating International Friendship Day**

International Friendship Day (IFD) will be commemorated on **Tuesday, 2 April 2024**. The theme for IFD is "Singapore in Asia". As Asia remains as one of the fastest-growing region in the world, it is crucial for Singapore to synergise and seek win-win outcomes with ASEAN partners and other nations in Asia. Through this year's IFD programmes, which includes recess activities designed and led by NE Captains, students will be provided an opportunity to deepen their understanding about the countries that form ASEAN and the importance of maintaining close ties with other countries.

### **2. Primary 6 Social Studies Learning Journey to the Asian Civilisations Museum**

In line with our nation's effort to provide meaningful key student development experiences, please note that the Primary 6 students will be embarking on a learning journey to the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) between **5 April and 26 April 2024**.

Through interactions with museum educators and observing artefacts uncovered in Singapore at ACM, students will gain a greater understanding of the cultural and historical ties between countries and Singapore, and explore how Singapore's cultural heritage has evolved under the influence of a diverse mix of cultures since the past.

### **3. Early dismissal for Muslim students on eve of Hari Raya Puasa**

Hari Raya Puasa falls on **Wednesday, 10 April 2024**. Muslim colleagues and students will be dismissed at 10.45 a.m. on **Tuesday, 9 April 2024**.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim colleagues, students, and their families Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

### **4. Primary 6 National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) assessment**

We will be conducting the National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) assessment for our Primary 6 students over the period of **24 April – 7 May 2024**. More details will be shared in a separate letter via PG closer to date.

Beginning with the end in mind, the students have started their progressive training during their PE lessons since Term 1.

The assessment for our P4 students will be conducted in Term 3.

### **5. Primary 6 Oral Weighted Assessment (WA)**

P6 Oral WA will be conducted on **Monday and Tuesday, 22 and 23 April 2024**. Details of the examination will be provided to parents/guardians of Primary 6 students in a separate letter.

### **6. Fire and Evacuation Drill (Exercise Rhino)**

There will be a fire drill on **Tuesday, 30 April 2024**. This exercise aims to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff by preparing them to respond to a fire emergency in the school premises and be familiar with the safety and evacuation procedures. The drill will include an evacuation to the Assembly Area and the External Holding Area. The well-being of all students and staff is important to us. We seek your understanding and support for this emergency preparedness exercise.

### **7. Meet-the-Parents Session**

The Meet-the-Parents Session (MTPS) has always been a valuable platform for our teachers to engage you and establish partnership with you in your child's/ward's learning and progress. This year, on **Friday, 24 May 2024**, the above session will continue to take place through video conferencing. Do take the opportunity to share your concerns with your child's form teachers and discuss strategies to support him/her. More details will be shared in a separate letter via PG.

### **8. PSLE On-Screen Marking**

On-Screen Marking (OSM) for national examinations in Singapore started in 2015 with the GCE-level examinations. OSM has since been rolled out to all subjects for PSLE last year.

To prevent markers from having difficulties understanding students' scanned responses, students are informed of the following:

- to use only 2B pencil for shading on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)
- to use only dark blue or black ballpoint pens with 0.5 mm tip size
- do not use correction tape/fluid and highlighters on their answer scripts
- where responses are made in the Answer Booklet as in EL/FEL Paper 1, **begin every new answer on a fresh page and write the question number at the top of the page.** Students can write on both sides of the paper.

At Horizon Primary School, we want to instill the habit of making corrections through neat cancellation instead of using correction tape/fluid, especially when the Primary 3 and 4 students transit to using pen in their written work. As such, we seek parents' support to ensure that your child does not carry any correct tape/fluid in their pencil cases.

We understand that highlighters are useful for students to bring attention to important information. We will teach our students the correct and relevant use of highlighters in their written work so that their answers will not be compromised when scanned.

We urge parents to synergise with the school to help our students develop good working habits in alignment with the new requirements.



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