

2 October 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are coming to the mid-term of Term 4. As we move forward, it is time for our students to consolidate their learning for the year and sit for year-end examinations. In this letter, we wish to keep you informed of the events which will be taking place in the coming weeks.

**1. Children's Day Celebration cum Junior Olympic Games on Thursday, 5 October 2017**

In conjunction with this year's Children's Day celebration, we are organising the Junior Olympic Games (JOG) 2017 for all students. It will take place from 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Students will be able to celebrate this joyous occasion through Sports & Games. Students will be dismissed at 11.00 a.m. after the event. More details of the event can be found in the letter dated 22 September 2017.

**2. Children for Children Carnival & Toy Donation Drive on Thursday, 5 October 2017**

Children for Children Carnival and Toy Donation Drive will be held in conjunction with Junior Olympic Games. The Children for Children Carnival is organised by the Primary 5 students as part of their I-LEAD Values-in-Action project. This project allows our students to serve as Leaders for Others. Students brainstorm and develop carnival games and activities using recycled materials during I-LEAD lessons.

To promote the spirit of serving others and to expand our student's experiences of serving the community, we are collaborating with *Toys from the Heart* to deliver a message of hope and ensure that the needy children of Singapore are given the opportunity to have the joyful experiences that every child deserves. There will be a toy donation drive for the needy students in neighbourhood schools. The toys collected will be distributed during the annual Toy Buffet organised by *Toys from the Heart*. We will be collecting both brand new toys and used toys which are in very good condition. Soft toys will not be collected due to hygiene reasons. We encourage our students to donate their used toys in very good condition or brand new toys which they do not want during the Children for Children Carnival. You may refer to the table below for the toy wish list.

<b>Beneficiaries' Age</b>	<b>5 – 13 years old</b>
Board Games	Monopoly, Scrabble, Risks, Cluedo, Life
Games Set	Scrabble, Chess, Mastermind, Uno Stacko, Bananagram
Educational	Educational Science Set, Telescope, Binoculars, Excavating Set, Experimental Set
Building	Lego Sets, Model Plane, Model Building Set
Creative Making	Necklace Maker, Sticker Maker, Cupcake Maker, Ice-Cream Maker
Sports	Soccer Ball, Basketball, Badminton Rackets, Skateboard, Inline skates
Dolls / Robots	Barbie Dolls, Transformer Set, Star Wars
Electronic	Remote Control car, Baby Alive, FurReal Friends, Electric Guitar, Piano Set, Drum Set

Please note that Children's Day School Holiday will be on **Friday, 6 October 2017**. **Students do not report to school on this date.**

### **3. Primary 6 Post-PSLE Programme**

Our Primary 6 students have come a long way in their journey with Horizon and their learning will definitely not end even when PSLE is over. We are excited to share with you that a series of activities has been planned for the Primary 6 students as part of the Post-PSLE Programme such as the Final Year Project, ECG Bazaar, Junior Career Programme and Learning Journeys to NeWater Visitor Centre and River Safari, to name a few. Details have been given to the Primary 6 students in a separate letter. We are looking forward to having your continuous support in maximising the learning opportunities that your child/ward has in Horizon.

### **4. Early Dismissal at 11.00 a.m. for Hindu Students on Tuesday, 17 October 2017 & Deepavali Public Holiday on Wednesday, 18 October 2017**

Please note that students do not report to school on Wednesday, 18 October 2017, as it is a Public Holiday. Hindu students will be allowed to leave school at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017. Consent forms will be given to you to indicate if you wish to have your child/ward dismissed at 11.00 a.m. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Hindu students and their families a Happy Deepavali.

### **5. PSLE Marking Days from 19 October to 24 October 2017**

Every year, four days are set aside for all primary schools' School Leaders and teachers to take part in the PSLE Marking Exercise. During this period, students do not report to school.

Home-based Learning will be available for students on MC Online portal during this period. Students are encouraged to make good use of this time to revise what they have learnt during the year and be adequately prepared for their end-of-year assessments.

As our school is a PSLE Marking Centre, the school-based **Student Care Pro-Teach** will not be operational from 19 to 24 October 2017.

### **6. Home-Based Learning (HBL)**

Primary 1 to 5 students will not be attending school on Thursday, 19 October to Tuesday, 24 October 2017 due to the PSLE Marking Exercise. To ensure continuity of learning, the school will be conducting a Home-Based Learning (HBL) exercise on those days.

We hope that through this exercise, students will develop self-directed learning skills that will enable them to be independent learners. At the same time, it ensures that our students are well prepared in the event that they are required to learn from home.

English Language, Mathematics, Science and Malay Language assignments will be carried out through [www.mconline.sg](http://www.mconline.sg) while Chinese Language assignments will be carried out on [www.ezhishi.net](http://www.ezhishi.net) and Tamil Language assignments on [www.pazhahutamil.com](http://www.pazhahutamil.com).

For students with no computer access at home, parents are encouraged to find alternative venues for their children to access the LMS on these days.

Students are advised to access their LMS accounts prior to the HBL exercise to ensure that they do not face difficulties when gaining access to the portal on that day. If they encounter problems, please let your child's/ward's Form Teacher know. We will provide the necessary support for your child's/ward's HBL.

Should your child/ward encounter any difficulty during the HBL exercises, they can contact the designated Technical Helpdesk for MC Online at 67775198 and [Ezhishi.net](http://Ezhishi.net) at 67427555.

**7. Early Dismissal for all students on End-of Year / Semestral Assessments period.**

Please note that the dismissal time during these dates will be at 1.00 p.m. for all students, to facilitate their preparation for the assessment and for staff to be involved in the preparations of school assessment and administrative matters.

Monday, 16 October 2017  
Wednesday, 25 October 2017  
Thursday, 26 October 2017  
Friday, 27 October 2017

**8. End-of-Year / Semestral Assessments for Primary 2 to Primary 5 Students**

All P2 to P5 students will sit for a summative assessment this term. All P1 students will have their ongoing reviews. Students have received their Assessment and Learning Plans at the beginning of Term 4. The examination schedule, which is in *the school's calendar of events for Term 4 in We-Connect! (9)*, is as follows:

Level	Day/Date	Assessment
P2 to P5	Monday, 2 October 2017	English Language Paper 1
P3 to P5	Tuesday, 3 October 2017	Mother Tongue Language Paper 1
P5	Thursday, 12 October 2017	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & Paper 2
P2 to P5	Monday, 16 October 2017	English Language Listening Comprehension
		English Language Paper 2
P2 to P5	Wednesday, 25 October 2017	Mathematics
P2 to P5	Thursday, 26 October 2017	Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension
		Mother Tongue Language Paper 2
P3 to P5	Friday, 27 October 2017	Science

We would like to reiterate the following guidelines for the school's assessments.

a) Students must take the assessment according to the school's schedule. **The school adheres to the national examination guidelines. No make-up assessments will be conducted.** Students who miss the assessment will be given a copy as practice at the end of the assessment period.

b) Students who are absent from any assessment due to valid reasons (VR) such as medical leave, compassionate leave, or urgent family matters will need to inform the school and produce the medical certificate and other supporting documents to the school on the day the students return to school. Students will be given a 'VR' status for the subject that they have missed. **Students who are absent with no valid reasons will be awarded a '0' (i.e. zero mark) for the assessment.**

c) Students who are late for **less than 30 minutes** after the start of the paper will **not** be granted extra time for the paper. Students who are late for **more than 30 minutes** will **not** be allowed to sit for that respective paper.



Our teachers have been working hard with your child/ward to ensure that he/she achieves his/her personal best in these assessments. We hope to garner your support to continue to encourage your child/ward to be consistent in his/her learning and to efficiently manage his/her time at home. A timetable for revision will help your child/ward be adequately prepared for the end-of-year assessments.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and have a good month ahead.

Your partner-in-education,

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Mrs Grace Leong  
Principal