

1 August 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are looking forward to an exciting month filled with events and meaningful experiences for our students. Besides observing the nation's 57th birthday, we will also be celebrating our Horizon Family Day.

In this letter, we are delighted to share with you some updates and events planned for the month of August:

1. **National Day Celebration and Horizon Family Day 2022 on Monday, 8 August 2022**

Our virtual National Day Celebration and Horizon Family Day (NDC & HFD) 2022 is just around the corner! We would like to thank parents/guardians for the overwhelming support. On Monday, 8 August 2022, we invite all family members and students of Horizon Primary School to join us via our Zoom Webinar or Facebook Live from home.

As shared earlier, this year's NDC & HFD 2022 is particularly special given the strong alignment of the spirit of this event to this year's National Day theme of *Stronger Together, Majulah!* In addition, Ms Yeo Wan Ling, Advisor to Punggol Shore Grassroots Organisations and Member of Parliament for Pasir Ris – Punggol GRC, will be gracing the celebration. Residents from the Punggol Breeze Residents' Network and Punggol Horizon Residents' Committee will also be joining us in this celebration.

We are delighted that the participation of the community and the Horizon family will enable us as a country to be stronger together as we celebrate our National Day and Horizon Family Day!

The day will start with the official opening of our NDC & HFD 2022 as well as the National Day Observance Ceremony. Our National Education Captains will then lead us in the recitation of *Our Recollection* to deepen our sense of belonging, sense of reality and sense of hope for Singapore, followed by a sing-along session to our national day songs. Thereafter, our children and families will bond as a class through the *All Children Exercise Simultaneously* (ACES) workout as part of our *Move It Horizon!* initiative where we celebrate National Day through sports. Following which, successful registrants will be participating in a series of activities in our concurrent sessions.

The schedule of activities is detailed below.

Time	Activity	Mode & Target Audience
0800 – 0845	National Day 2022 Observance Ceremony and Horizon Family Day 2022 Official Opening	On Zoom Webinar
0845 – 0900	<i>Break</i>	
0900 – 0945	<i>All Children Exercise Simultaneously (ACES) Workout and Class Bonding</i>	In Zoom rooms for each class
0945 – 1000	<i>Break</i>	
1000 – 1100	Concurrent Sessions 1 – 10	In Zoom rooms for each activity <i>(Zoom Links have earlier been sent to successful registrants via Parents Gateway)</i>

The activity kits and materials for the concurrent sessions will be distributed to your children/wards this week should you have successfully registered for the sessions. The details of the Zoom Webinar, Facebook “Live” and Classroom Bonding Sessions on Zoom will be shared with you later, in a separate Parents Gateway message.

Besides the events on Monday, 8 August 2022, we have also planned Outdoor Activities which will be conducted from Saturday, 6 August 2022 to Sunday, 14 August 2022. Do seize the opportunity to build stronger bonds and strengthen family ties as you take part in our Outdoor Activities segment to explore the gems of Punggol and bond through the different activities planned. Families could also join in our photo competition during this period. More details will be shared with you via Parents Gateway.

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to our Parents-Connect! Committee and our parent volunteers for their hard and heart work in putting this event together. Let us make the celebration an enjoyable and meaningful one for all.

2. National Day 2022 and Day After National Day 2022 on Tuesday, 9 August 2022 and Wednesday, 10 August 2022

Tuesday, 9 August 2022, is Singapore’s 57th National Day while Wednesday, 10 August 2022, is the day after National Day. Students do not need to report to school on both days as the former is a public holiday while the latter is a scheduled school holiday.

3. Primary 6 PSLE Oral Examination on Monday, 15 August 2022 and Tuesday, 16 August 2022

The Primary 6 PSLE Oral Examination will be held on Monday, 15 August 2022, and Tuesday, 16 August 2022. Please note that Primary 1 to Primary 5 students will be engaged in Home-based Learning (HBL) on the above-mentioned two dates. Our teachers have worked hard together with our Primary 6 students to prepare them for the upcoming oral examination. We wish our Primary 6 students well as they sit for their first national examination.

Details of the examination will be provided to parents/guardians of Primary 6 students in a separate letter.

4. Home-Based Learning (HBL) for Primary 1 to Primary 5 Students on Monday, 15 August 2022 and Tuesday, 16 August 2022

The school will be conducting HBL on Monday, 15 August 2022, and Tuesday, 16 August 2022, to ensure continuity of learning during the PSLE Oral Examination. HBL develops students' dispositions and skills needed for self-directed learning.

English, Science and Malay Language assignments will be carried out through the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS) on <https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/login>. Chinese Language assignments will be carried out on www.ezhishi.net, Tamil Language assignments will be carried out on <https://pazhahutamil.sg> and Mathematics assignments will be carried out on <https://problemsums.koobits.com/>.

Students are advised to access their online learning accounts prior to HBL to ensure that they do not face difficulties when gaining access to the portal on those days. If they do encounter problems, please inform your children's/wards' Form Teachers. We will provide the necessary support for your children's/wards' HBL.

Should your children/wards encounter any difficulty during the HBL exercise, they can contact the designated Technical Helpdesk(s) as follows:

- SLS at 6702 6513,
- eZhishi.net at 6742 7555,
- KooBits Support Centre at <https://support.koobits.com/hc/en-gb>

5. Gifted Education Screening Exercise for Primary 3 Students on Wednesday, 17 August 2022

The Ministry of Education is carrying out the identification of students for Gifted Education Programme (GEP) 2023. The identification exercise is carried out for Primary 3 students in two stages – Screening and Selection. The Screening Stage will be held on Wednesday, 17 August 2022. Shortlisted students will be invited to the Selection Stage which will be held on Tuesday, 18 October 2022, and Wednesday, 19 October 2022.

Kindly refer to the letter – *Gifted Education Programme (GEP) 2023* – issued on Wednesday, 20 July 2022 for more information and respond by Friday, 5 August 2022 to give consent for your children's/wards' participations in the Screening Exercise. We would like to thank the parents/guardians who had responded.

Please be reminded that Wednesday, 17 August 2022, is a regular school day. All Primary 3 students are expected to attend school including students who have opted not to participate in the Screening Exercise.

Thank you, parents/guardians, once again for your continued support. Let us continue to create meaningful and joyful learning experiences for our children.

Thank you.

Your partner-in-education,

Mrs Grace Leong
Principal