

1 October 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are into the final term of the 2023 school year. On behalf of the teachers and staff, I would like to extend my gratitude to parents and students for their kind wishes on Teachers' Day. We also appreciate the time and effort taken by parents and students to participate in the sharing of students' work during the Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC).

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

**1. Children's Day Celebration on Thursday, 5 October 2023**

We are glad to inform you that we will be celebrating Children's Day through our annual Junior Olympic Games (JOG).

Students can look forward to a variety of games for them to participate in and strive for excellence in the quest to be the champion house! Students will also get to strengthen and deepen their house spirit and camaraderie as they experience the games with their peers. All students will report to school in their PE attire for this event. Please find the details below:

<b>Thursday, 5 October 2023</b>	
7.35 a.m. — 7.45 a.m.	National Anthem Children's Day Message
7.45 a.m. — 8.00 a.m.	Movement to MPH
8.00 a.m. — 8.15 a.m.	Recorded Performance
8.15 a.m. — 8.35 a.m.	House Cheers
8.35 a.m. — 8.45 a.m.	Torch Relay
8.45 a.m. — 11.45 a.m.	Games Time
11.45 a.m. — 12.15 p.m.	Back to class for FT time
12.15 p.m.	Dismissal

To ensure the wellbeing of our students, we have factored in recess in their respective schedules. All students are encouraged to bring a small bag to keep their belongings and water bottles on that day. Looking forward to a fun filled Children's Day Celebration!

**2. Children's Day on Friday, 6 October 2023**

Please take note that Friday, 6 October is a School Holiday. Students need not report to school on that day. We would like to wish all students a very happy Children's Day.

**3. 2023 PSLE Marking Days and Home-based Learning from Monday, 16 October 2023 to Wednesday, 18 October 2023**

All Primary 1 to Primary 6 students need not be in school from Monday, 16 October 2023 to Wednesday, 18 October 2023 as our teachers will be involved in the 2023 PSLE Marking Exercise. This year, Horizon Primary School has been designated as a PSLE Marking Centre. As such, students and parents are advised not to turn up in school on these days.

To ensure continuity of learning, **Primary 1 to Primary 5 students will be assigned Home-Based Learning (HBL) assignments** (either hardcopy or online) to facilitate their learning at home. Students will be informed of the list of assignments to be completed during HBL period by their subject teachers. Details of platforms supporting online learning are as follows:

English, Science, Malay and Tamil Language	Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS) <a href="https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/login">https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/login</a>
Chinese Language	<a href="http://www.ezhishi.net">www.ezhishi.net</a>
Mathematics	<a href="https://member.koobits.com/">https://member.koobits.com/</a>

Students are advised to access their online learning accounts **prior to the HBL period** to ensure that they do not face difficulties when gaining access to the portal on that day.

Should your children/wards encounter any difficulty accessing online learning platforms during HBL, please contact the designated Technical Helpdesk for immediate assistance:

- SLS at 6702 6513,
- eZhishi.net at 6742 7555, and
- Koo Bits Support Centre through 'Submit a Request' function at <https://support.koobits.com/hc/en-gb>.

**4. 2023 End-of-Year (EYE) Written Examinations from Friday, 20 October 2023 to Tuesday, 31 October 2023**

<b>2023 End-of-Year (EYE) Written Examinations</b>		
Primary 3 to Primary 5	Friday 20 October 2023	English Language Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension
	Monday 23 October 2023	Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension
Primary 5	Wednesday 25 October 2023	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and Paper 2
Primary 3 to Primary 5	Thursday 26 October 2023	English Language Paper 2
	Friday 27 October 2023	Mathematics
	Monday 30 October 2023	Mother Tongue Language Paper 2
	Tuesday 31 October 2023	Science

**5. Early Dismissal of All Students**

On Thursday, 26 October to Tuesday, 31 October 2023, **all students** will be dismissed at 12.45 p.m. to allow students to have adequate rest and recovery for the next day's exam and facilitate the marking of the Primary 3 to Primary 5 End-of-Year Written Examinations.

**6. Primary 6 Post-PSLE Programme 2023**

A spread of activities catered for the mind and body have been planned for our Primary 6 students as part of the post-PSLE Programme to continue to maximise their learning opportunities in Horizon Primary School. For example, the students will be embarking on their final series of lessons in Computational Thinking in Mathematics (CTIM). This is our Applied Learning Programme (ALP) which provides opportunities for students to acquire information and technology literacies as well as develop students' 21st century skills and dispositions such as resilience and collaboration.

Moreover, a half-day workshop has been arranged for all students to address the challenges associated with stress and anxiety, especially in the context of transitioning to secondary school and managing the inevitable changes that accompany their teenage years.

In addition, students will be involved the Conversational Chinese and Malay (CCM) programme. Through the programme, students will not only acquire basic proficiency in either Mandarin or Malay, they will also be introduced to the respective traditional culture and norms of the communities through the fun and engaging cultural activities.

Anticipating an exciting final out-of-school learning adventure with their peers, students will embark on the "Race to Sustainability!" programme at the Gardens by the Bay. More details about this educational journey will be shared closer to the scheduled date.

Thank you for walking this exciting journey together with the school for the best of your child/ward!

Your partner-in-education,

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Principal