



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)

1 November 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J).

2023 has been a fruitful year as we provided diverse learning experiences and character-building opportunities for our boys to be **Anchored in Purpose** and demonstrate our ACSian outcomes. It is our hope that our boys will continue to grow in confidence as they remain sure and steadfast in all that they do. As the year draws to a close, we give thanks to God for His blessings and protection over each member of the ACS(J) family as well as for the unwavering support of our parents and stakeholders in building up every ACSian.

We warmly welcome our new Vice-Principal, Mrs Jessie Heng-Ang Chai Ting, to ACS(J) and the ACS family of schools. Mrs Heng joined ACS(J) on Monday 23 October 2023 upon completion of the Leaders in Education Programme. She was previously Vice-Principal at Keming Primary School.

We also bid farewell to our incumbent Vice-Principal, Dr Audrey Koh, who will be joining the English Language Institute of Singapore (ELIS) from Friday 15 December 2023. We thank Dr Koh for her contributions to the school in the last two years, especially in the areas of teaching and learning, and staff professional development, and wish her all the very best in her new role at ELIS.

Anchored in Purpose

1. Celebrating Children's Day With A Difference

This year's theme for our Children's Day celebration is '**We Can**'. Besides a concert for all levels and Games Day for our Primary 1 to 4 boys, our Primary 5 and 6 boys took part in Values in Action projects that taught them to care for one another, support the less fortunate and protect the environment.

Our Primary 5 boys spent time with seniors in Methodist Welfare Services Active Ageing Centres and St Andrew's Nursing Home, and practised their everyday responsibilities through a clean-up activity in school and at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park. These experiences broadened our boys' perspectives and encouraged them to step up and serve.

The Primary 6 boys went on an environmental conservation learning journey to Singapore's nature parks and reserves. Some classes went to the Central Catchment Area, namely Dairy Farm Nature Park and MacRitchie Reservoir Park. Others explored Singapore Botanic Gardens and Fort Canning Park to discover how Singapore's cultural heritage is linked to the natural environment and how the natural environment has transformed over the years to also serve as recreational and educational centres. With a greater awareness of Singapore's efforts in creating a *City In Nature*, our Primary 6 boys will be sharing their learning with the school through morning assembly presentations and exhibition displays to encourage their juniors to be responsible stewards of the Earth.

2. Thanksgiving Programme - Thursday 16 November, 7.30 am to 10.00 am (All Students)

We will close the academic year with a Thanksgiving Programme on Thursday 16 November 2023 for all staff and students. Activities planned for the day include a Thanksgiving devotion, Parents' Appreciation, presentation of certificates and a Give Thanks

activity. Please note that school dismissal is from 10.00 am. We seek the understanding of parents who are picking up their children by car that the school gates will only be opened after the school buses have left the school premises.

3. Honours Day 2023 - Thursday 16 November, 11.00 am to 1.30 pm (Prize Recipients Only)

To affirm our boys who have demonstrated our school values, and to celebrate their achievements, the school will hold its Honours Day Service on Thursday 16 November 2023, from 11.00 am to 1.30 pm, at the Performing Arts Hall (PAH). All prize recipients will proceed to the PAH upon school dismissal and be seated by 10.15 am. Invited parents and guests are to be seated in the PAH from 10.45 am. The Guest-of-Honour for the ceremony is our distinguished Old Boy, Mr James Pang, Founder and Managing Director of My Drum School Pte Ltd. The ceremony will be held from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm, followed by a lunch reception. Parents of prize recipients would have already received an invitation to the ceremony via Parents Gateway.

Promotion Exercise Day (Friday 10 November)

4. There is no school on Friday 10 November 2023 as all staff will be involved in processing students' results for the promotion exercise.

Release of Report Books (Wednesday 15 November)

5. Report Books for Primary 1 to 5 will be distributed on Wednesday 15 November 2023. Students are to bring them back to school on **Wednesday 3 January 2024**.
6. For Primary 4 students, the Subject Based Banding (SBB) option forms will be given out on Thursday 9 November 2023.

End-of-Year Meet-the-Parents (MTP) Session (Friday 17 November)

7. The End-of-Year MTP Session will take place in-person on Friday 17 November 2023 to support students in their transition to the next level in 2024. Please note that there is no school for all levels on that day. Only selected Primary 1 to 5 students and their parents will need to attend the MTP. The respective Form Teachers will inform parents if their attendance is required and provide more details of the MTP by Tuesday 7 November 2023, via Parents Gateway.

Travel Declaration for Year End Holidays

8. To ensure that our school remains a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to **make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he will be travelling for the holidays**.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by Thursday 16 November 2023**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. **If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school if the travel plan(s) is cancelled.**

MOE Financial Assistance Scheme

9. The Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to needy Singaporean students in our Government and Government-Aided Schools. For more information, you may refer to this link: www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance/.

Please submit the MOE FAS Application Form by Friday 17 November 2023. If you require further assistance, you may contact our administrative staff, Miss K. Sujjitra d/o Kashinathan, at Tel: 67337911 or acsj@moe.edu.sg.

Back to School in 2024

10. As communicated through public announcement for school reopening in 2024, only **Primary 1 students will be physically present on Tuesday 2 January 2024** to ensure they are fully on-boarded and acquainted with the school.
11. All Primary 2 to 6 boys will remain at home on Tuesday 2 January 2024. They will **start school on Wednesday 3 January 2024**.

School Attire in 2024

12. All students will wear their formal school uniform from **Monday to Thursday**. The formal uniform comprises a white short-sleeved shirt (complete with the name tag) and a pair of navy blue school shorts. This uniform is to be worn with white shoes and socks. If track shoes are worn, they should be predominantly white.

Students may wear their corporate T-shirt on **Friday**. The corporate T-shirt is to be worn with a pair of black corporate shorts or navy blue school shorts. CCA attire can only be worn during CCA sessions.

Students may refer to the 2023 Student's Companion on page 14 (or at <https://acsj.moe.edu.sg/our-school/school-rules>) for more information about the different student attire. Information on ordering the school uniforms and corporate T-shirts can be found at <https://acsj.moe.edu.sg/our-school/general-information/school-vendors>.

Staff Matters

13. **President's Award for Teachers and Outstanding Youth in Education Award 2024**

Every year, two national awards are given out to teachers in Singapore in recognition of their professional excellence.

(a) The **President's Award for Teachers (PAT)** recognises excellent and experienced educators who are role models for the teaching profession. These educators constantly adopt innovative approaches in their lessons and are lifelong learners and mentors to their peers. They personify deep passion for teaching and inspire their students and peers with their words and deeds.

(b) The **Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA)** recognises young teachers, aged 35 and below, who are inspiring role models for the teaching profession. These teachers have shown admirable passion for teaching, commitment to inspire and nurture their students, and personify youthful idealism, enthusiasm and energy. OYEA 2024 is open to educators who are born on or after 30 June 1989.

We would like to invite you and your child/ward to submit your nomination(s) for any deserving teacher(s) through the following links. Nominations for both PAT and OYEA 2024 are now open and will close on **Wednesday 10 January 2024**.

PAT 2024	OYEA 2024
https://go.gov.sg/pat2024	https://go.gov.sg/oyea2024

For queries about the awards, please send them to MOE_AST_PAT@moe.gov.sg (PAT 2024) or MOE_AST_OYEA@moe.gov.sg (OYEA 2024). Thank you for your support in recognising the good work of our teachers!

The ACS Echo (October - December 2023)

14. The digital version of ACS *echo* (October - December 2023) is available at <https://acsecho.com> for your reading pleasure.

On behalf of all the staff at ACS(J), I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful year-end holiday and a wonderful time together. May we continue to anchor ourselves in God, always giving praise and thanks to Him for the past we have inherited, the present we now create and the future we will embrace.

To God Be The Glory. The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal