



17 September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J).

I believe all our boys have had a good start to Term 4 and are looking forward to the enriching learning experiences ahead. We will be emphasising our school values of Curiosity, Collaboration, Excellence and Loyalty this term, and seek your support in actively engaging your child/ward on the significance of these values and affirming him when he demonstrates them at home.

With the PSLE written examinations just round the corner, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to our Primary 6 boys. May they find the Lord's peace and guidance as they navigate this crucial period in their academic journey. Let us keep them in our prayers each day as we give thanks for God's blessings and humble ourselves to be moulded for His Kingdom's purposes.

Crafted for Goodness (Isaiah 64:8)

1. Teachers' Day Celebration

The school celebrated Teachers' Day on **Thursday, 29 August 2024**. Our teachers were treated to performances by students during the special assembly where they were honoured for their hard work and dedication. We are thankful for the appreciation shown by our Parent Support Group for our teachers and the handmade crafts and cards from the students. Thank you for making their day!

2. Celebrating Excellence

(a) 65th National Inter-School Team Chess Championship 2024

The Primary 3 to Primary 6 students have done the school proud in the following competitions. We congratulate them on their achievements in the respective team categories:

Open Team 1 and 2

| Team | Award | Number of winners |
|------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | South Zone - 1 st | 4 |
| | National Level - 1 st | |
| 2 | National Level - 10 th | 4 |

U10 Team 1 and 2

| Team | Award | Number of winners |
|------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | South Zone – 2 nd | 4 |
| | National Level – 6 th | |
| 2 | National Level – 30 th | 4 |

(b) National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore 2024

The National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore is an annual competition aimed at generating greater interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics among students in primary schools. We congratulate our Primary 5 boys who participated in the competition on their achievements.

| No | Award | Number of winners |
|----|--------|-------------------|
| 1 | Silver | 2 |
| 2 | Bronze | 17 |

(c) Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO)

SPSO is an annual national competition organised by the NUS High School of Mathematics and Science to generate enthusiasm and interest in Science among primary school students. We congratulate our Primary 5 boys who participated in the competition on their achievements.

| No | Award | Number of winners |
|----|--------|-------------------|
| 1 | Silver | 1 |
| 2 | Bronze | 1 |
| 3 | Merit | 12 |

(d) Bharathiyar Vizha' 2024 Literary Competition

Our Primary 1, 2 and 4 Tamil Language students participated in the 'Bharathiyar Vizha' 2024 Literary Competition organised by the Tamil Language and Cultural Society and showcased their oracy skills through poetry recitation. We congratulate them on their achievements.

| Award | Number of winners |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 2 nd Prize | 1 |
| Motivation Award | 3 |

(e) Lee Kuan Yew Award for All-Round Excellence (LKY- ARE) (Primary)

The LKY-ARE is a national-level award for achievement in education that recognises well-rounded students who have excelled in both academic and non-academic spheres, and who exemplify the qualities articulated in our desired outcomes of education. This year, 11 primary school students and 12 secondary school students received the award. We are proud to announce that Yap Shuen Asher, Class of 2023, was one of the recipients of the Lee Kuan Yew Award for All-Round Excellence (LKY- ARE) (Primary) in 2024. He received the award from Minister Chan Chun Sing at the Special Awards 2024 Presentation Ceremony. Our heartiest congratulations to Asher!

PSLE Matters and P3 to P5 Home-based Learning (HBL)

3. Pre-PSLE Study Break for Primary 6 Students

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will implement a pre-PSLE study break for all Primary 6 students from **Monday, 23 September to Wednesday, 25 September 2024**. This aims to support student well-being in the lead-up to PSLE. During the study break, Primary 6 students are strongly encouraged to remain at home. More details will be shared with Primary 6 parents by the respective class teachers via Parents Gateway.

4. PSLE (Written) and P3 to P5 Home-based Learning (HBL)

The Primary 6 students will sit for the PSLE (Written) from **Thursday, 26 September to Wednesday, 2 October 2024**. **Primary 3 to Primary 5 students will be rostered for Home-**

based Learning (HBL) during this period (refer to **Table 1**). There will be no HBL for students in Primary 1 and Primary 2. Instructions for HBL will be sent to parents via Parents Gateway nearer to the HBL dates.

5. PSLE Marking Exercise

There will be no school during the PSLE Marking Exercise from **Monday, 14 October to Wednesday, 16 October 2024** as teachers will be involved in the marking of PSLE scripts.

Table 1

| Day and Date | Primary 6 Students | Primary 1-5 students (Primary 3, 4 and 5 HBL Days) |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 23 Sep (Mon) to 25 Sep (Wed) | Pre-PSLE Study Break <i>No school for Primary 6 students</i> | School as usual for P1 to P5 |
| 26 Sep (Thu) | PSLE English Language | HBL for Primary 3 students School as usual for P1, P2, P4 and P5 |
| 27 Sep (Fri) | PSLE Mathematics | HBL for Primary 4 students School as usual for P1, P2, P3 and P5 |
| 30 Sep (Mon) | PSLE Mother Tongue Languages | HBL for Primary 5 students School as usual for P1, P2, P3 and P4 |
| 1 Oct (Tue) | PSLE Science | School as usual for P1 to P5 |
| 2 Oct (Wed) | PSLE Higher Mother Tongue <i>No school for Primary 6 students who do not take PSLE HMT</i> | School as usual for P1 to P5 |
| 14 Oct (Mon) to 16 Oct (Wed) | PSLE Marking Exercise <i>No school for all students</i> | |

Children's Day Celebrations – Thursday, 3 October 2024

6. The school will celebrate Children's Day on **Thursday 3 October 2024**. This year's theme for our Children's Day celebration is "**Games Wide Open - Faster, Higher, Stronger — Together**". We hope to instill the value of collaboration in our boys through engaging them in class games. **All students are to come in their corporate t-shirt and school shorts.** As the canteen will be closed on that day, a snack will be provided for all students. Students can bring their own snacks, if necessary.

7. **School hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30am.** Please take note of the staggered dismissal timings and make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.

| Time | Staggered Dismissal |
|---------|---|
| 10.30am | Leaving by School Bus |
| 10.40am | Leaving on Foot, by Car/ for external SCC |

8. There will be no school on **Friday, 4 October 2024**. Epworth Student Care Centre will also be closed.

9. We are collaborating with the Community Chest of Singapore to support their Children's Day Appeal (CDA). Each student will be given a CDA envelope, and the envelope will be collected on **Thursday, 10 October 2024**. Donations in cash or cheque are to be sealed in the CDA envelope and given to the respective Form Teachers. Through this donation drive, we hope to encourage our boys to look beyond themselves and show love and care to the less fortunate in the community.

Deepavali Celebrations

10. Our Tamil Language Department will be conducting a sharing on the Deepavali festival during school assembly on **Friday, 18 October 2024**.
11. On **Wednesday, 30 October 2024**, the eve of Deepavali, all Hindu staff and students may leave school at 10.30am. Parents/Guardians of Hindu students who wish for their child/ward to be dismissed at 10.30am are to inform their respective form teachers and pick their child/ward up at the school's General Office.
12. There will be no school for all students on **Thursday, 31 October 2024**. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Hindu staff and students a Happy Deepavali.

Primary 6 Graduation Service - Wednesday, 6 November 2024

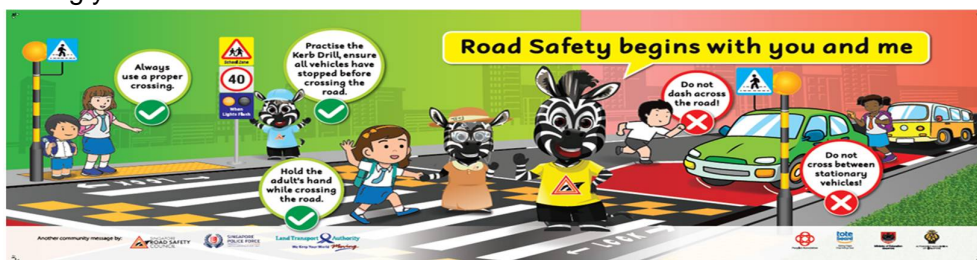
13. The Primary 6 Graduation Service will be held in school on **Wednesday, 6 November 2024**. More details will be shared via Parents Gateway nearer the date of the event.

Primary 4 Subject-based Banding and Promotion Exercise Day - Thursday, 7 November and Friday, 8 November 2024

14. Please note that the Subject Based Banding (SBB) option forms will be given out to all Primary 4 students on **Thursday, 7 November 2024**.
15. There is no school on **Friday, 8 November 2024** as all staff will be involved in processing students' results for the promotion exercise.

Road Safety

16. The following School Zone Road Safety Banner will be installed in all Primary Schools to encourage students to practise good safety habits. We will continue to educate our boys on the importance of staying vigilant while crossing the roads and raise their awareness of near miss incidents. Parents/guardians, thank you being good role models to your child/ward by observing the traffic rules when sending your child/ward to and from school.



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

Yours faithfully

Ms Cheryl Chee
Principal