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Empowered Learners, Persons of Strength & Character

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

Term 4 Message from the Principal

We welcome all BGPIans back to school! I hope your child is relaxed, recharged and ready to begin Term 4. I am appreciative of your support for your child's learning and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education. My staff and I look forward to working with you and your child for the final term of 2021.

I wish to thank all parents, our Parent Support Group (PSG) and School Advisory Committee (SAC) for your ardent support at our recent 20th Anniversary Celebrations, even in the midst of restrictive Safe Management Measures (SMMs) posed by the pandemic. Despite the limitations we had with regard to the number of invited guests, we are heartened that many parents tuned in 'live' to celebrate with us virtually, and are glad that the theme of Grateful for Our Past, Empowered for Our Future resonated with many in a meaningful and powerful way. It is a testimony to our resolve to keep our students' educational experience an exciting and engaging one, with the support of a joyous and caring community to nurture empowered learners, persons of strengths and character. As we look forward to ending the year on a strong note, I would also like to reinforce the importance of inculcating our school values – Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, and Compassion – among all students. Specific to responsibility, students need to remember to exercise social responsibility, including hygiene matters like the proper wearing of masks and frequent washing of hands, as well as social distancing.

On the topic of social distancing, I had mentioned in the Term 2 newsletter on 12 March that we had opened a new pedestrian gate at Gate 1 near our new security post to facilitate entry and exit to school. By providing an additional exit point, it is hoped that there will be less congestion among waiting parents at Gates 4 and 5. However, over the past 5 months, we had observed that there was still substantial congestion at Gates 4 and 5 during lower primary students' dismissal. The narrow pavement at Gate 4 also became overcrowded with parents and guardians carrying umbrellas during wet weather. While our staff and security personnel advised waiting parents and guardians to maintain social distancing, we understand that the space constraints remain an issue. As such, we amended our dismissal routines for lower primary classes by implementing fixed exit gates for specific classes with effect from 18 August, with the intent of spreading the waiting crowd across Gates 1, 4 and 5. We understand that this has caused inconvenience among waiting parents and guardians and had sent out a survey on 31 August to elicit feedback for more suggestions to improve the situation. We do apologise that this has resulted in some parents and guardians having to walk a little bit more to their designated gate, and have made exceptions for some elderly grandparents and caregivers with mobility issues to remain at their preferred gate. On a positive note, we are heartened to note that 70% of the 113 parents who responded to the survey agreed that there is indeed less congestion now, especially at Gates 4 and 5. Some of you have also contributed useful suggestions to improve safety, including the closure of Gate 2 to stop vehicular movement, which we have since implemented. Do continue to give us feedback to improve the dismissal situation and I seek your support and understanding as we find the safest way to facilitate school dismissal while reducing congestion. In the meantime, please ensure that your child uses the assigned gate for dismissal and support the school's efforts in reducing congestion at Gates 4 and 5.

Staff Achievements

We extend our congratulations to the following staff for their recent achievements!

Mr Loh Wei Leong, Year Head/ Lower Primary, and Mdm Nurhana Hafiz, Senior Teacher/ English Language, for attaining the 2021 National Day Award – Commendation Medal (Pingat Kepujian);

Ms Elissa Chew, Form Teacher/ P5 Compassion, for attaining the 2021 Promethean Award for Teaching, having inspired our former BGPIan, Ma Fang, in attaining Raffles Institution's 2021 Year 6 Stamford Raffles Award;

Mdm Noorlin Bte Haron, Subject Head/ Malay Language, and our team of Malay Language teachers for their collaboration and product entitled Elok Elok Eja (Spelling Bee), which was featured at the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee's e-Fiesta and 15th Anniversary Celebrations;

Mr Salim Bte Hassan Basalamah, Form Teacher/ P6 Responsibility, for being recognized as Teacher-Artist at the 2021 Art Educators Development and Generative Explorations (a x edge) exhibition, for his novel art installation piece entitled Tick-Tag-Tow.

Mr Salim Bte Hassan Basalamah, Form Teacher/ P6 Responsibility, and Ms Lynn Tay, Form Teacher/ P3 Resilience, for having their video clips featuring BGPS selected for the Singapore Youth Festival Online highlights video, 'Celebrate the Arts in Schools'. The video is available at <https://youtu.be/CqU6mhYuRNo>.



Student Achievements

National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS) – Gold Award
Zhou Yuanyou (P5 Respect)

National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS) – Silver Award
Cai Jiaqian (P5 Integrity), Xu Huadong (P5 Integrity), Gong Zihao (P5 Integrity), Kabir Srivastav (P6 Compassion)

National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS) – Bronze Award
Zhang Yiming (P5 Integrity), Ho Yong Jie (P5 Respect), Jensen Zhu Jian Chen (P6 Resilience)

National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS) – Honourable Mention
Hnin Nadi Win (P5 Integrity), Jessica Isabella Clark (P5 Integrity), Adarsh Parthasarathy (P5 Integrity), Zhou Yuanzuo (P5 Integrity), Nathaniel Im Ho Sung (P5 Respect), Thekkethil Mahesh Rohan (P5 Respect), Dhanvin Mohan Ram (P6 Resilience), Lorenzo Markus Francia (P5 Respect), Jake Ho Shi Jie (P5 Respect), Lim Jing Han (P5 Respect), Liu Junxi (P6 Compassion), Loo Yin Yee (P6 Compassion)

2021 Recital Competition – Bronze Award
Song Hengyi (P4 Bravery), Chen Jia Xi (P4 Bravery), Eunice Ng Yu Ge (P4 Bravery), Kuek Jie Ning Jeslyn (P4 Bravery), Hu Chenxiao (P4 Bravery), Guo Shiyu (P4 Responsibility), Teo Han Nin (P4 Responsibility)

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) 2021 – Gold Award
Kabir Srivastav (P6 Compassion)

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) 2021 – Bronze Award
Adarsh Parthasarathy (P5 Integrity), Jessica Isabella Clark (P5 Integrity)

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) 2021 – Merit Award
Zhou Yuanzuo (P5 Integrity), Zhang Yiming (P5 Integrity), Jake Ho Shi Jie (P5 Respect), Thekkethil Mahesh Rohan (P5 Respect), Yan Shuyi (P6 Resilience), Jensen Zhu Jian Chen (P6 Resilience)

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) 2021 – Best in Primary 6 in Theory Award
Kabir Srivastav (P6 Compassion)

Singapore Youth Science Fair – Commendation

Adarsh Parthasarathy (P5 Integrity), Jessica Isabella Clark (P5 Integrity), Wong Si Xuan (P5 Integrity), Gonzales Lorenzo Markus Francia (P5 Respect), Muhammad Redha Bin Razmy (P5 Respect)

National School Games Wushu Competition 2021 – 7th Place in Senior Girls 24-Style Taijiquan
Ng Jing Xuan Eunice (P6 Compassion)

National School Games Wushu Competition 2021 – 4th Place in Senior Girls 32-Style Taijiquan
Ng Jing Xuan Eunice (P6 Compassion)

Tamil Language Story-Telling Competition – First
Arudhra Selvaganpath (P1 Compassion)

Finally, I am delighted to welcome the following teachers to our BGPS family – Miss Tan Huiwen, Mr Yeo Shi Feng Jeremy, Mdm Chiam Hwee Koon, Mdm Monisha Samdas Budhrani and Mdm Teh Soo Wen Lydia, and wish them well in their teaching stint. We also welcome our new Operations Support Officers, Mdm Ho Beng Hong and Mdm Masturah Binte Abdullah.

Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is important to leverage the learning experience with the peers for their development. Together, we will make this term one of growth and achievement for all children.

Should you have any feedback or suggestions to improve our school processes, do contact us at 64425416 or our school email at bgps@moe.edu.sg. Our staff emails can also be found on our school website.

Upcoming Events/ Activities

Date	Event	Level	Details
17 September	PSLE Listening Comprehension for English Language, Mother Tongue, Foundation English Language, Foundation Mother Tongue	P6	P1 to P5 will be on Home-Based Learning.
20 & 21 September	SA2 EL & MT Oral (Day 1) after school	P5	Oral will be conducted after school. Details SA2 will be provided by 16 September.
22 – 24 September	SA2 EL & MT Oral	P3 & P4	Oral will be conducted during curriculum time.
27 September	SA2 EL & MT Oral (Make-up day)	P5	Oral will be conducted during curriculum time.
30 September	PSLE English Language PSLE Foundation English Language	P6	P5 will be on Home-Based Learning. Details will be provided by 22 September.
1 October	PSLE Mathematics	P6	P5 will be on Home-Based Learning.
4 October	PSLE Mother Tongue PSLE Foundation Mother Tongue	P6	P4 will be on Home-Based Learning. Details will be provided by 22 September.
5 October	PSLE Science	P6	P4 will be on Home-Based Learning. Details will be provided by 22 September.

6 October	PSLE Higher Mother Tongue		
7 October	Children's Day Celebrations and Be Yourself Day. Students will dress up or bring a small and simple prop (e.g. a toy stethoscope) that relates to an occupation / career interest. They can make their costumes and/or props from recycled materials.	All	Students will be dismissed from 12.30 p.m. Please make necessary transportation arrangements if your child is not taking school bus services. Parents are invited to join us online via a YouTube Live link, which will be sent out via PG nearer the date.
8 October	Children's Day	All	School holiday
11 October	SA2 English Language Listening Comprehension and Paper 1 (Composition)	P3, P4, P5	
12 October	SA2 Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 (Composition)	P3, P4, P5	
13 October	SA2 Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension	P3, P4, P5	
15 October	SA2 Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1	P5	After curriculum time
18 to 21 October	PSLE Marking Exercise	All	
22 October	SA2 Higher Mother Tongue Paper 2	P5	After curriculum time
25 October	SA2 English Language SA2 Foundation English Language	P3, P4, P5	
26 October	SA2 Mathematics	P3, P4, P5	
27 October	SA2 Mother Tongue SA2 Foundation Mother Tongue	P3, P4, P5	
28 October	SA2 Science	P3, P4, P5	
27 October	SA2 Higher Mother Tongue	P3, P4,	
4 November	Deepavali	All	Public holiday
9 November	School Admin Day	P1 to P6	School holiday for students.
19 November	End-of-Year Prize-Giving, P1 to P5 Promotion Day and P6 Graduation Day	All	Students will be dismissed from 11.30 a.m.

Antigen Rapid Test (ART) Kit Familiarisation Exercise on 15 September, 5 p.m.

Our school will conduct an ART Kit Familiarisation Exercise for parents on 15 September at 5 p.m. via Zoom. The session aims to guide parents on how to carry out the ART for children. The Zoom details will be communicated via Parents Gateway by Tuesday, 14 September. The ART kit will be distributed between 13 to 15 September to allow parents to use it during the familiarisation exercise.

I look forward to your continued support for your child's learning and development and strong partnership with the school in Term 4. Thank you.



Mr Benjamin Yong

Principal