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Empowered Learners, Persons of Strength & Character

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

1. Beginning of Year Message from Principal

A very Happy New Year and a warm welcome to all BGPIans and parents for the start of an exciting 2022! The past year has been one of great memories for our school as we commemorated our 20th Anniversary, with the conduct of the celebrations in the midst of Safe Management Measures an achievement in itself. Our school corridors on the first floor have also been refreshed in the past year with new, beautiful wall murals showcasing our school's signature programmes in Environmental Education (E2@BGPS), Sports and aesthetics To Reinforce Values Education (STRIVE), and our Leader in Me and 7 Habits programme. Together with our new Makerspace, The Imaginarium, we hope that students' interest in green issues like global warming and climate change will be aroused as we learn to be more innovative in our recycling efforts to save the earth and contribute to the green economy. Our wall murals also place great emphasis on students' holistic development and achievements. We have introduced the pinnacle student awards to recognize students not only in academic excellence, but also in sports excellence, aesthetics excellence, leadership excellence, and most importantly, character and citizenship excellence, to whom the BGPIan of the Year will be awarded. The Warrior Award was also introduced to recognize students who exemplify great resilience in the course of their education in BGPS. To this, I wish to congratulate Ashlyn Yu Mei Jin (6 Resilience/2021) for being the first recipient of the Warrior Award, and Tang Youheng (6 Resilience/ 2021) for attaining the 2021 BGPIan of the Year Award. As part of our school's strategic directions for 2022, we will continue to focus on reinforcing values education through all our classroom lessons, cohort talks and school-level addresses. Our classes are also named after the values that we hold dear – Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Compassion, Bravery, Graciousness, Perseverance, and Synergy.

During our 20th Anniversary celebrations, we managed to reconnect with staff and students past and present. Through their reflections, we are affirmed that Bedok Green Primary School left an indelible mark on all who had walked through our gates, and we know that we must never rest on our laurels even as we continue to build better and remain true to our school philosophy of being a school where Every Child Matters. Over the past two pandemic years, Every Child Matters has never been held more strongly even as we sought to ensure that lessons, whether physical ones or through Home-Based Learning, continue to be conducted seamlessly. With increasing awareness of mental health issues and the loss of social activities that have curtailed human interactions, we recognised that we needed to work more strategically to ensure that no child was left behind and that learning took place effectively without compromise. This was evident in the good PSLE results that we had sustained in comparison with previous years, but beyond our academic achievements, we have continued to forge our own path in the region by having well-established school programmes and more crucially, a cohesive staff who will spare no effort to ensure that every child is cared for. On this note, I am truly grateful for my family of passionate teachers and staff, many of whom have spared no effort to go the extra mile in meeting the needs of our students, at times to their own sacrifice and time. I encourage all parents to continue to support my staff in working together for our students' best interests, while being mindful of respecting their time in terms of communication, especially outside school hours.

As we move nimbly into 2022 and navigate our way with established procedures to ensure safe management measures in school, we are heartened, excited and driven to be even more innovative in our teaching and learning processes, to fulfil our school vision of Empowered Learners, Persons

of Strength and Character through our school's new strategic plan. We aim to develop students in taking ownership of their own actions and learning, become more resilient in the face of hard work and challenges, and to care for one another, including the community and the environment. These are the behavioural indicators that we will adopt in measuring the success of our plans in students' development. Our school theme, 'EMPOWER@BGPS', stands for Equipping My Pupils to take OWnership and Embrace Resilience' and seeks to be a rallying cry for all students to have greater autonomy and independence to discover their strengths and interests so that they will develop a passion for learning while inculcating a spirit of resilience in every aspect of daily school life. Our themes for the respective levels are as follows: P1/P2: I love myself, my classmates, and my school; P3/P4: We are stronger together; P5/P6: The sky is the limit. Through these themes, we aim for students to focus on their growth in that specific season of their lives, and to eventually be empowered in bringing out their personal best.

2. Term 4 2021 Achievements

We are pleased to announce that our school has received the World Wildlife Federation Eco-Schools Award (Bronze) for advocating and taking actions to tackle school environment issues, in addition to our earlier attainment of the Green Mark Certification (Gold) for our environmental impact and performance based on the use of our building facilities, environmental philosophy and school programmes. For our excellent gardening efforts, we had also attained the Community in Bloom Awards (Gold), in recognition of our efforts to improve the standards of our school gardens while encouraging students to enjoy gardening as a fun and healthy activity.

We also attained our first Vanda Miss Joaquim Award in the 2021 Singapore Environment Council-Starhub School Green Awards for our environmental efforts and advocating daily actions in caring for the environment. Students participated enthusiastically in Sustainable Living – Saving Resources projects, led by a committed team of Green Councillors and Green Champions, such as food waste management, recycling of paper, and plastic conservation. They have made a positive impact on the environmental efforts in alignment with Singapore's Green Plan 2030 within and beyond school. We thank Ms Khoo Kar Hoe, HOD/ Science and our dedicated Science teachers, Ms Neo Xin Yi and Mdm Toh Jit Ho for guiding the students.

We also extend our congratulations to the following staff for attaining the MOE Service Excellence Award (MSEA) for their passion in service delivery:

MSEA Gold Awardees

Admin and Support staff: Ms Sharon Kok (Admin Manager), Mr De Silva Christopher Bryan (Operations Manager), and Mdm Lina Tay;

Teachers: Mr Dave Liu, Ms Farzanah d/o Abdul Samad, Miss Liu Xiao Yun, Miss Lynn Tay Ern Hwee, Mr Muhammad Khairi Iqbal, Miss Nurulbahiah Binte Ishak, Mdm Parvathy D/O Balakrishan, Miss Angel Yang (Assistant Year Head), Ms Lim Ee Sze (Level Head/ English Language), and Vice-Principal, Mr Yeo Sho Hor.

MSEA Silver Awardees

Teachers: Ms Vivian Chua, Ms Neo Yen Nee, Ms Nur Ain Abdul Razak, Ms Elyani Mohamed (Senior Teacher), Ms Ng Jieying (Level Head/ Mathematics), Mr Loh Wei Leong (Year Head) and Mdm Wong Wang Chin (HOD/ Mother Tongue Languages).

3. Staff Movement

We are delighted to welcome the following teachers and school counsellor to the BGPS family: Mrs Judy Swee (HOD/ Discipline), Ms Lim Eu Eu, Ms Sri Idayu Bte Mohamed Idris, Ms Faith Ong Su San, Ms Mavis Tan Jinwen, Mdm Shariffah Faizah Bte Hassan, Ms Hilwah Binte Lukman, Mr Aloysius Fu Tiebao, Ms Audrey Choo Jia En, Ms Tse Min Yan, Ms Tan Yee Chie Pamela, Ms Nur Ashikin Binti Jufri, Ms Siti Nur Zulaikha Binte Ibrahim, Mr Juan Yeo Huang Xiang, Mdm Narayanasamy Kavitha and Mr See Siang Hua (Flexi-Adjunct School Counsellor).

We bid farewell to the following staff and wish them all the best for 2022: Mdm Wong Wan Chin (HOD/ Mother Tongue Languages), Ms Angel Yang An Qi (Assistant Year Head), Mdm Kelly Lee Qwee Lan (Senior Teacher), teachers Mr Jamalullail Bin Salim, Mdm Ang Bee Ngoh, Ms Kalpana d/o Panaysilvam, Ms Pang Rui Ting, Ms Nurulbahiah Binte Ishak, and School Counsellor Mr Aaron Ang Yew Chuan.

We also wish to congratulate Mr Liu Peng and Ms Lim Ee Sze on their new appointments as HOD/Mother Tongue Languages and Level Head/ English Language respectively.

4. Recess, Snack and Dismissal

Our six recesses for the various levels will continue as per normal. The recess, snack and dismissal timings are as follows:

Level	Recess Timings	Dismissal Timings	Snack Timings
P1	8.30 a.m.	1.15 p.m.	11.00 a.m.
P2	9.00 a.m.	1.20 p.m.	
P3	9.30 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	
P4	10.00 a.m.	1.30 p.m.	
P5	10.30 a.m.	1.35 p.m.	9.00 a.m.
P6	11.00 a.m.	1.40 p.m.	

Parents are encouraged to allow students to bring fruits, a sandwich or bun, and other healthy snacks during snack time in class.

5. Student Well-Being

As students start a new academic year, we will continue to maintain an emphasis on monitoring and supporting their well-being and enhance our safety measures. We will dedicate time and space to check in on the well-being of our students. Our Form Teachers (FT) will conduct these check-in sessions to strengthen the care and support for students' well-being and strive to build good relationships and support students' needs.

Our school will continue to align sub-group size for all activities (including unmasked physical activities) to prevailing national social group size of 5 students. Face-to-face CCA will resume within Safe Management Measures (SMM). For PE, we will allow for groups of up to 5 students conducted in spacious and well-ventilated areas such as the school field, outdoor basketball courts, Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) and Indoor Sports Hall (ISH) with doors and windows opened. PE lessons will not be conducted at small, enclosed venues (e.g. health and fitness room, dance studio). For music and drama, mask-off activities and singing with mask on is not allowed.

We would like to seek parents' support to ensure that your child's Trace Together (TT) Token is in working order and to get a replacement if the token is not working. Students should carry their TT tokens and form the good habit of having their tokens with them at all times in order to facilitate contact tracing. Parents who are collecting the token for their child for the first time may do so from any Community Centre. More details can be found at token.gowhere.gov.sg.

If students are unwell or have a positive ART result, parents must inform the FT and not allow students to report to school. Students who are placed on Health Risk Warning (HRW) must adhere to the Ministry of Health's Protocol 3 – ensuring that they have a valid negative ART result before leaving home to go to school. We would like to seek parents' support to reinforce the importance of personal and social responsibility to keep our school safe.

6. Road Safety and Gate Opening Timings

To ensure the safety of our students, parents who drive are allowed to enter the school through Gate 2 to drop students off at the school porch in the morning and to fetch them after school (entry only after 2 p.m. to allow the school buses to leave). For the safety of all students and to ensure smooth traffic flow, parents should refrain from dropping students off or fetching them along Bedok

South Avenue 2. Visitors who drive should also enter the school via Gate 2 and our security officers will direct them to available parking lots, if any.

Students can enter and leave the school via Gates 1, 4 and 5. Visitors must enter the school via Gate 1 to register with our security officers on duty. We have deployed security officers at Gates 2 and 3 to ensure that students walking along Bedok South Avenue 2 from New Upper Changi Road cross safely to Gate 4 at the start of every school day. Students who walk to school will be able to enter the school using the side gates near the main gate, namely, Gates 1, 4 and 5. Please note that the gates are only open during these timings:

Gate Days	Gate 1 (Along Bedok South Ave 2)	Gate 2 (only for drive-in)	Gate 4 (Along Bedok South Ave 2)	Gate 5 (In front of Blk 31)
Who can access	Accessible to students, staff, parents and visitors. Visitors need to register with our security guards.		Accessible to students & staff only.	Accessible to students and staff only.
Mon to Fri	6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	6.30 to 7.25 a.m. 1.05 to 2 p.m. *3.20 to 3.40 p.m.	6.45 to 7.25 a.m. 1.05 to 2 p.m. *3.20 to 3.40 p.m.
Sat	6 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	6 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Closed	Closed

*on days when there are remedial and enrichment classes

If you fetch your child on foot, you are advised to wait near Gates 1, 4 or 5 during dismissal times. You can also fetch your child from the Student Care Centre in the evenings at Gate 4.

We seek parents' help to reinforce good road safety behaviour such as using the pedestrian crossing and avoiding jaywalking. Do remind students to practise the kerb drill before crossing – "look right, look left, look right again, ensure all vehicles have stopped, raise the hand high up and cross the road briskly". For students who cycle to school, do ensure that they are familiar with safe cycling rules and are competent cyclists. All cyclists are also required to wear helmets.

7. Arrival of School Buses and Peak Period Traffic

Our school buses will arrive in school between 6.30 a.m. to 6.55 a.m. We strongly encourage parents to avoid dropping students off during this peak period to avoid causing traffic congestion. Parents who drive are advised to drive safely into the school. We would appreciate it if you could abide by the instructions provided by duty personnel directing traffic for the safety of all.

8. Student Attire and Appearance

Students are expected to dress neatly and smartly in clean uniform and shoes when they report to school. Students who come to school outside of curriculum hours including weekends and school holidays must be in their school uniforms or PE attire and school shoes. Please note that skirts must be of knee length and any modification to the school uniform is strictly not allowed. Students in need can approach the General Office for more information on financial assistance for school uniforms.

9. Personal Property

Students should not bring valuable items and a lot of pocket money to school. \$2.00 per day is adequate for a meal during recess. We seek parents' support in encouraging students to demonstrate responsible behaviour towards their personal belongings. Students are to label their personal items – e.g. school bag, school uniform – shirts, skirt, T-shirts and shorts, water bottles,

pencil case, etc. We hope parents will reiterate the values of care and responsibility to help minimize incidents of lost items.

10. Homework Policy

Homework is given as a platform for students to review, reflect and research on concepts learnt to reinforce their learning and for students to be stretched in their potential. We will maintain homework for continuous improvement.

11. Students who are Unwell

If you need to pick up your child when he/ she is unwell or for any emergency, please report to the General Office. Parents picking children who are unwell are allowed to drive into the school via Gate 2 and park near the school porch. You will need to inform the security guard. Please note that students are not allowed to go home on their own before the school's official dismissal time.

12. Absence from School

Whenever your child is absent, you need to submit a medical certificate (MC) or a letter to explain the absence. We strongly discourage parents from taking the child out of school during term time unless there is a valid reason. There will be no make-up assessment/ test/ exam if a student misses any of these.

13. Health-Related Matters & Individual Student Record Details

We will exercise vigilance in monitoring our students' health by conducting daily temperature-taking. Please ensure that your child/ ward has a clean and working thermometer daily. If your child's/ ward's thermometer is not working, a new one (\$4.90) is available in school or from any pharmacy. Batteries for the thermometers can also be purchased from the bookshop. All P1 students will be issued with a new thermometer on the first day of school.

We would like to encourage parents to conduct temperature-taking at home before your child/ ward heads to school. If your child/ ward is unwell, please take him to see the doctor and keep him at home to recuperate and fully recover before returning to school. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter, for the well-being of your child/ ward and others in the school. We will remind our students about this regularly as part of our efforts to encourage social responsibility.

To ensure that your child's contact information and health information is kept up-to-date, your child will be issued his Individual Student Details Report on Wednesday, 5 January 2022. We seek Parents/ Legal Guardians' assistance to verify the information printed on the Individual Student Details Report and return the form to school by Monday, 10 January 2022. This includes changes in contact details and address, after-school arrangements, family details and Medical/ Special Education Needs (SEN) conditions. Please inform the school on any custody and/ or child protection order (CPO), if any, for your child. Parents need to update the individual schools separately if you have children in different schools. This is necessary as custody and CPO may differ for different children. Kindly update your contact details, fill out the health declaration form, update your child's/ ward's medical records and return them to the form teacher by Monday, 10 January 2022. In addition, your child's Form Teacher will also check with you to find out if there is any update on your child's official residential address and/ or contact details.

As part of our student well-being efforts, MOE has purchased insurance to provide free basic coverage for our students to insure them in case of accidents. Your child will be given a copy of the policy coverage and benefits for your information and retention. In the event of any claim, please approach the general office or your child's form teacher for assistance.

14. Non-Tamil Indian Language (NTIL) Weekend Centre (WEC)

Our school will continue to be an NTIL WEC for Hindi this year. The community group will provide more details for students to register for Hindi classes in January 2022 separately.

15. Collaborative Tuition Programme (CTP) and MENDAKI Tuition Scheme (MTS)

In our school's efforts to support our students in their academic progress, we will start the Collaborative Tuition Programme (CTP) in collaboration with MENDAKI for identified students who meet the eligibility criteria from February 2022. The classes will be conducted on weekdays. We strongly encourage parents to sign up for this should your child require this extra support.

The CTP was introduced as part of the collaborative effort with the other Self-Help Groups (SHG). The scheme is jointly organised by Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC), The Eurasian Association (EA), Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA) and Yayasan MENDAKI with the aim of improving students' academic performance. More details on CTP will be given in January 2022.

Our school is also conducting MENDAKI Tuition Scheme (MTS) programme for Malay/ Muslim students on Saturdays. The registration for MTS is online @ mts.mendaki.org. Please contact Ms Tety Sulaiman, our Admin Executive, at 64425416 if you have inquiries on CTP or MTS.

16. Parents Gateway

Our school uses Parents Gateway as the main platform to communicate school information, schedules or announcements to parents. Parents Gateway is a mobile app specially designed for parents. Developed by MOE and GOVTECH, the app allows parents to engage with schools, receive information and perform a range of administrative functions such as submitting travel declarations and giving consent for learning journeys. All eligible parents are expected to be onboard Parents Gateway and no printed letters will be issued to parents.

As such, we would like to remind a small number of parents who have not downloaded the Parents Gateway mobile app to do so on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) and perform a simple one-time onboarding process by Wednesday, 6 January 2021. Please refer to Annex A for a step-by-step guide. If you are unable to download and install Parents Gateway, kindly call the school Admin Executive at 64425416 for assistance.

17. P1 and P6 Photo-Taking Exercise for 2021 School Smart Cards (SSC)

Please be informed that the photo-taking exercise for the issue of School Smart Cards for Primary 1 and Primary 6 students will be held on Thursday, 6 January 2022 for P1 and Friday, 7 January 2022 for P6. Students must be in school uniform for the photo-taking exercise. Primary 1 students will get their SSCs by end-March 2022. The photos for Primary 6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary 1 in 2023.

18. Change of Uniform Vendor in 2022



Please be informed that our new uniform vendor is to KH Uniform Pte Ltd. Their online store can be accessed at www.khuniform.com and their email address is khuniform@singnet.com.sg.

19. Nominations for President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2022

Every year, two national awards are given out to teachers in our fraternity to recognise their professional excellence. They are:

- The President's Award for Teachers (PAT); and
- The Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA). *[OYEA nominees should be teachers born on or after 30 June 1987 (35 years or younger as of 30 June 2022)]*

The school would like to invite you and your child/ward to submit your nomination(s) for any deserving teacher(s) whom you know by scanning the QR codes below.

PAT 2022 (closed on Tuesday, 25 January 2022)	OYEA 2022 (closed on Wednesday, 12 January 2022)
go.gov.sg/pat2022 	go.gov.sg/oyea2022 

20. Upcoming Term 1 Events/ Activities

Date	Event	Level	Remarks (if any)
New Year's Day School Holiday	3 January	All	
P1 Orientation	4 to 6 January	P1	
P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 Orientation	5 to 6 January	P2, P3, P4, P5, P6	
Student Council Meeting	12 January	P3, P4, P5, P6 Student Councillors	
P3 to P5 Bridging and Enrichment Programme	24, 27 January, 14, 17 February & 7 March	Selected P3, P4, P5	
P6 Supplementary Programme	24, 27 January, 14, 17 February, 7 March	All P6	
Chingay Celebrations	26 January	P3, P4, P5, P6	Assembly Programme
P1 Introductory Briefing	27 January	P1	Online
Chinese New Year Celebrations	31 January	All	
Chinese New Year Public Holiday	1 to 2 February	All	
PAM@Recess	7 to 11 February	All	
Safer Internet Week	8 to 11 February	All	
Total Defence Day	16 February	All	Assembly Programme
Class Leaders Training	18 February	P3, P4, P5, P6 Class Committee	
P3, P4 & P5 EL/ FEL and MT/ FMT WA	20 to 25 February	All P3, P4 and P5	
P6 EL/ FEL CA	23 February	All P6	

Date	Event	Level	Remarks (if any)
P6 MA/ FMA CA	24 February	All P6	
P6 HMT CA	25 February	All P6 HMT	
P3, P4 & P5 MA/ FMA and SC/ FSC WA	28 February to 4 March	All P3, P4 and P5	To be conducted during respective subject periods
P6 MT/ FMT CA	28 February	All P6	Suspension of timetable
P6 SC/ FSC CA	1-Mar	All P6	Suspension of timetable
P4 Cohort Day Camp	10 to 11 March	P4 Level	

Please refer to our school website (www.bedokgreenpri.moe.edu.sg) regularly for the school calendar and updates. Should you have any feedback to help us improve in our processes or affirm our practices, you may also write to us at bgps@moe.edu.sg or call us at 64425416. Our staff emails can also be found on our school website.



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