



## BENDEMEER PRIMARY SCHOOL

27 Jun 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

On behalf of the staff in Bendemeer Primary School, we would like to welcome all our pupils back to school for Semester 2. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the following:

1. **Celebration of Term 2 Activities.** The school firmly believes in the holistic development of our students – academically, socially, emotionally and mentally with strong character and leadership qualities. We would like to share with you some key highlights in Term 2 (see **Annex A**).

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| Student Development   | <b>Come as a Book Character Day</b> was held on 8 Apr to celebrate reading and our favourite book characters, and to give our students and staff the freedom to express their creativity and confidence.   |
|                       | As part of our "Student Voices", the school implemented our students' proposal to have a <b>Zero Plastic Day</b> to raise awareness on the detrimental effects of plastic to our environment. The initiative was carried out on World Water Day (25 Mar), and involved the whole school. It is wonderful that our students are voicing their opinion(s) on matters that they can make a positive difference.   |
|                       | <b>Exchange Program (virtual forum) with Sichuan Da Yi Bei Jie Pri School for P5 – 22 Apr (after school)</b><br>The school held its inaugural virtual forum with Sichuan Da Yi Bei Jie Primary School (大邑县北街小学) on 22 April 2022. The theme of 'Friendship Beyond Boundaries' was apparent and achieved as the students and teachers from both schools warmly welcomed each other, watched cultural performances and proceeded to work together to create a lovely flower craftwork which symbolised unity, friendship and happiness. The Chinese school mentioned that the staff and students made these same flowers to support the recent Beijing Olympics. Although it was rather challenging to create the flower at first, our P5 students showed resilience and passion and before long, their work of art blossomed beautifully! This immersion session affirms the continued friendship and partnership between both schools. |
| Community Involvement | <b>SCDF Junior Lion Hearer Programme</b><br>On 18 February 2022, selected P4 and P5 NE Champs from our school participated in the Junior Civil Defence Lionhearer Challenge 2022 for the first time. Organised by SCDF, our students had to accomplish five pre-event tasks such as finding an AED near their home and putting together a 'Ready Bag'. They then showcased their Emergency Preparedness knowledge and skills to the judges on the actual event day. Though participating for the first time, our NE Champs strongly exhibited Adaptability and Resilience!   |
|                       | The school <b>hosted 23 kindergartens to a virtual school visit</b> on 13 Apr as part of our Community Outreach effort to prepare the Kindergarten pupils for primary school. Ben, our school mascot was featured together with our student leaders in a skit about life in Bendemeer Primary.   |

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2. **School Activities.** The school remains committed to carry out our curriculum in a safe and conducive learning environment amidst the COVID-19 situation. The (tentative) after-school activities for the rest of the school year can be found in **Annex B**. In accordance to MOE's guidelines, the school will be conducting the following assessments for our students in 2022. The school will have **early dismissal at 1pm for P1-P5 levels during our P6 Oral Exam (Prelim exams)** as additional classrooms are required to simulate the actual PSLE exam format (more details on the early dismissals will be provided nearer to dates). Please see **Annex C** for the tentative assessment dates (including **revised Prelim Exams and PSLE Time-Table**).

| Level              | Term 1                                 | Term 2              | Term 3                      | Term 4                 |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>P1 &amp; P2</b> | No Weighted Assessment and Examination |                     |                             |                        |
| <b>P3 &amp; P5</b> | -                                      | Weighted Assessment | Weighted Assessment         | End-of-Year Exam       |
| <b>P4</b>          | -                                      | Mid-Year Exam       | P4 Weighted Assessment      | P4 End-of-Year Exam    |
| <b>P6</b>          | Continual Assessment                   | Mid-Year Exam       | P6 Prelim Exam<br>PSLE Oral | PSLE LC & Written Exam |

3. **Common school dismissal timing.** In Semester 2, all levels will end school at **1.30pm** unless students are attending after-school programmes.
4. **Combined recess for 2 levels.** We will begin to have combined recess for 2 levels of students. Classes will be assigned designated tables for students to be seated, 6 students to a table. Students will continue to be unmasked while eating or drinking. Unstructured play during recess will commence providing students greater opportunity to engage in physical, social and cognitive activities.

**Revised recess and snack break timings:**

| Levels  | Recess Timing | Snack Break                                      |
|---------|---------------|--|
| P2 & P5 | 9.30am        | 12nn   |
| P1 & P4 | 10.00am       | 12nn<br>*Additional snack break for P1 at 8.30am |
| P3 & P6 | 10.30am       | 8.30am   |

5. **Free Play during Recess.** We are pleased to inform you that FreePlay@Recess will commence in Term 3 Week 2. The purpose of FreePlay@Recess is to provide a platform for students to be engaged in play activities meaningfully and safely during recess while adhering to SMM guidelines. Here in Bendemeer Primary School, we believe that play is instrumental in the development of our students. Through the various situations and teachable moments during free play, students will be given the opportunity to understand themselves better, develop social skills and exhibit the school values. It is also well established that there are numerous benefits of free play, such as boosting self-esteem, promoting physical fitness and reducing stress and anxiety. During FreePlay@Recess, students will be allowed to loan PE equipment such as basketball, badminton rackets, skipping ropes and etc. While the students play, teachers and student leaders will supervise and watch over them.

General SMM guidelines to take note of:

- Masks must be worn during free play
- Students are **not** allowed to participate in free play for 2 weeks (14 days) after receiving their vaccination
- Students are **not** allowed to participate in free play for 2 weeks (14 days) after their first

positive Covid-19 test (PCR or ART)

6. **School Safety.** School Safety is fundamental to the well-being of staff and students in carrying out their duties and participating in learning activities respectively. It requires a whole-school approach where we need to collaborate with our stakeholders. We continue to encourage feedback from parents and students to improve our safety management. In school premises, most students are observing safety in their commute, movement and lessons. The school will be conducting our (termly) 2-day **temperature-taking exercise** on 29-30 Jun and would like to seek your cooperation in ensuring that your child brings his/her thermometer to school on the said date. On **Road Safety**, we would like to thank parents who drive their children to school for your attention to pedestrian safety in the school vicinity.
7. **Lockdown drill.** As part of school emergency preparedness exercise, we will be conducting an emergency lockdown drill once in 2 years. Students will be briefed on this in Term 3.
8. **Parent Support Group (PSG) Activities.** After a long hiatus, the school is pleased to announce that our Parent Volunteers (PV) would be able to participate in school activities and events beginning in Term 3. Despite being away from the school during the pandemic, our PSG EXCO has maintained constant communication with the PVs and have shared school updates and keeping the PV spirit strong by organising bonding activities online!
9. **Setting up of MOE Kindergarten (MK) at Bendemeer Primary in 2023.** We have earlier shared with you that MOE will be setting up a MK within our school in 2023. In preparation for the setting up of a MK within our school in 2023, **renovation works have commenced in Nov 2021 and will be completed by end 2022.** We seek your understanding as the school put in place measures to ensure that retrofitting works are carried out safely with minimal disruption to our school operations and lessons. The MK Registration Exercise for our 2023 K1 programme was conducted from 4-8 Feb 2022. For more information on MOE Kindergarten, you can visit [www.moe.gov.sg/mk](http://www.moe.gov.sg/mk), or call the MOE Customer Service Centre at 6872 2220 (Mondays to Fridays: 8.30am to 5.30pm).

Yours sincerely,

  
Mrs Tan-Lim Kim Gek  
Principal

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## Some Highlights of School Activities in Term 2



Our students and teachers dressed up in their favourite book characters in our 2<sup>nd</sup> ***Come as a Book Character Day*** (8 Apr 2022).



Our students and canteen vendors participated in ***Zero Plastic Day on World Water Day*** (25 Mar 2022) by minimising the use of plastic or Styrofoam for carriers / cutleries / plates / cups.

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**After-School Activities in Term 3, 2022**

| Week                            | Date                           | Activities   | Remarks  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1                               | Mon, 27 Jun &<br>Thurs 30 Jun  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commencement of Supplementary / Support lessons for P5-P6 levels; P4 Stretch lesson</li> </ul>                            |  |
|                                 |                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Support lessons for P3-P4 levels</li> </ul>  | P3-P4 after-school lessons will commence on 7 Jul  |
| 2                               | Mon, 4 Jul                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Holiday – Youth Day</li> </ul>   | No school for all students   |
| 3                               | Mon, 11 Jul                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Holiday – Hari Raya Haji</li> </ul>  | No school for all students   |
| 3                               | Thurs, 14 Jul                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support / Stretch lessons for P3-P6 levels</li> </ul>  |  |
| 4                               | Mon, 18 Jul                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support / Stretch lessons for P5 Level only</li> </ul>   | 3-Day P5 Camp@Labrador OALC  |
| 4                               | Thurs, 21 Jul                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support / Stretch lessons for all levels</li> <li>Early dismissal for P1-P5 levels at 1pm</li> </ul>   | P6 Prelim Oral; <b>Early dismissal for other levels</b> as additional classrooms are required to simulate the actual PSLE format |
| 7                               | Mon, 8 Aug                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support / Stretch lessons for all levels</li> <li>Early Dismissal at 10.30am for all levels</li> </ul> | National Day Eve   |
| 7                               | Tue, 9 Aug                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Holiday – National Day</li> </ul>  | No school for all students   |
| 7                               | Wed, 10 Aug                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Holiday – National Day</li> </ul>  | No school for all students   |
| 8                               | Mon, 15 Aug &<br>Tue, 16 Aug   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No school for P1-P5 students</li> </ul>   | PSLE Oral  |
| 8                               | Mon, 15 Aug &<br>Thurs, 18 Aug | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary lessons for all levels</li> </ul>  | PSLE Oral & P6 Prelim Exam   |
| 9                               | Mon, 22 Aug &<br>Thurs, 25 Aug | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support / Stretch lessons for P3-P6 Levels</li> </ul>  | P3-P5 Weighted Assessments   |
| 10                              | Thurs, 1 Sept                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support / Stretch lessons for all levels</li> <li>Early Dismissal (tentatively at 12noon)</li> </ul>   | Teachers' Day Celebration  |
| 10                              | Fri, 2 Sept                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Holiday – Teachers' Day</li> </ul>   | No school for all students   |
| 3 Sept to 11 Sept               |                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 3 School Holidays</li> </ul>   |  |
| Thurs, 8 Sept to<br>Fri, 9 Sept |                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P6 Supplementary Classes</li> </ul>   | Primary 6 students only  |
| Thurs, 8 Sept to<br>Fri, 9 Sept |                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected CCA sessions</li> </ul>  | Selected CCA students (Consent forms will be issued later)   |

### After-School Activities in Term 4, 2022 (tentative)

| Week   | Date                           | Activities   | Remarks   |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| 1  | Mon, 12 Sept                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commencement of Supplementary / Support/ Stretch lessons for P3-P6 levels</li> </ul>                |   |
| 1  | Thurs, 15 Sept                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support/ Stretch lessons for P3-P6 levels</li> </ul>                             | Preparation for PSLE LC   |
| 1  | Fri, 16 Sept                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No School for P1 to P5 levels</li> </ul>  | PSLE Listening Comprehension  |
| 3  | Wed, 28 Sept                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home-Based Learning for P6 Students</li> </ul>  |   |
| 3  | Thurs, 29 Sept to Fri, 30 Sept | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home-Based Learning for P1 &amp; P2 Students</li> </ul>   | PSLE Exams; There will be Supplementary / Support Lessons for P3-P5 levels on 29 Sept       |
| 4  | Mon, 3 Oct to Tue 4 Oct        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home-Based Learning for P3 &amp; P4 Students</li> </ul>   | PSLE Exams; There will be Supplementary / Support / Stretch Lessons for P5 levels on 3 Oct  |
| 4  | Thurs, 6 Oct                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support / Stretch lessons for all levels</li> </ul>                              | Children's Day Celebration  |
| 4  | Fri, 7 Oct                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Holiday – Children's Day</li> </ul>  | No school for all students  |
| 5  | Mon, 10 Oct to Thurs, 13 Nov   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support / Stretch lessons for all levels</li> </ul>                              | End-of-Year Oral Exam & Post-Exam Admin   |
| 6  | Mon, 17 Oct to Thurs, 20 Oct   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No School for all levels</li> </ul>   | PSLE Marking  |
| 7  | Mon, 24 Oct                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Holiday – Deepavali</li> </ul>   | No school for all students  |
| 7-8  | Thurs, 27 Oct- Thurs 3 Nov     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support / Stretch lessons for P3-P6 levels (End-of-Year Examinations)</li> </ul> |   |
| 9  | Mon, 7 Nov                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Supplementary / Support lessons for P6 level</li> </ul>  | Support lessons for P3-P5 students to be conducted in Week 9 & 10 ( Mon, 7 Nov-Mon, 14 Nov) |
| 9  | Fri, 11 Nov                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No School for all levels</li> </ul>   | 2023 P1 Orientation   |
| 10   | Wed, 16 Nov                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupil-Child-Teacher Conference for P1(2pm-4pm)</li> </ul>   | Face to Face session  |
| 10   | Thurs, 17 Nov                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No School for all levels</li> </ul>   | Parent-Teacher Mtg for P2 to P5; Pupil-Child-Teacher Conference for P1                      |
| 10   | Fri, 18 Nov                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honours Day 2022</li> </ul>   | Selected students to be back in school  |
| - Mon, 21 Nov to Wed, 23 Nov<br>- Wed, 28 Dec to Fri, 30 Dec |                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected CCA sessions</li> </ul>  | Selected CCA students<br>Consent forms will be issued later                                 |



**2022 Bendemeer Primary School Assessment Dates for Semester 2**

| Week                      | Date                          | Paper                        | Remarks   |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <b>T3 / Wk 4</b>          | 21 – 22 Jul<br>(Thurs & Fri)  | P6 Prelim Oral (EL/MT)       | - After-school conduct  |
| <b>T3 / Wk 6</b>          | 2 Aug (Tues)                  | P6 Prelim LC (EL/MT)         | - During curriculum time  |
| <b>T3 / Wk 8</b>          | 18 Aug (Thurs)                | P6 Prelim EL Paper 1 & 2     | - More details on topics tested and duration of paper will be given at later date |
|                           | 19 Aug (Fri)                  | P6 Prelim Maths              |   |
| <b>T3 / Wk 9</b>          | 22 Aug (Mon)                  | P6 Prelim MTL Paper 1 & 2    |   |
|                           | 23 Aug (Tue)                  | P6 Prelim SC                 |   |
|                           | 24 Aug (Wed)                  | P6 Prelim HMTL Paper 1 & 2   |   |
| <b>T3 / Wk 9 to Wk 10</b> | 22 Aug (Mon)-<br>29 Aug (Mon) | P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment |   |

| Week                     | Date                    | Paper                                      | Remarks   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| <b>T4 / Wk 5</b>         | 10-11 Oct (Mon & Tue)   | P5 End-of-Year Exam Oral (EL/MTL)          | - After-school conduct  |
|                          | 12-13 Oct (Wed & Thurs) | P4 End-of-Year Exam Oral (EL/MTL)          |   |
|                          | 13-14 Oct (Thurs & Fri) | P3 End-of-Year Exam Oral (EL/MTL)          | - During curriculum time  |
| <b>T4 / Wk 7 &amp; 8</b> | 26 Oct (Wed)            | P3 to P5 End-of-Year Exam EL Paper 1       | - More details on topics tested and duration of paper will be given at a later date |
|                          | 27 Oct (Thurs)          | P3 to P5 End-of-Year Exam MTL Paper 1      |   |
|                          | 28 Oct (Fri)            | P3 to P5 End-of-Year Exam EL Paper 2 & LC  |   |
|                          | 31 Oct (Mon)            | P3 to P5 End-of-Year Exam Maths            |   |
|                          | 1 Nov (Tue)             | P3 to P5 End-of-Year Exam MTL Paper 2 & LC |   |
|                          | 2 Nov (Wed)             | P3 to P5 End-of-Year Exam Science          |   |
|                          | 3 Nov (Thurs)           | P5 End-of-Year Exam HMTL Paper 1 & 2       |   |

**2022 PSLE Time-Table**

| Week                        | Date                       | Paper   |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>T3 / Wk 8</b>            | 15 - 16 Aug<br>(Mon & Tue) | PSLE Oral (EL/MTL)                              |
| <b>T4 / Wk 1</b>            | 16 Sept (Fri)              | PSLE Listening Comprehension (EL/MT)            |
| <b>T4 / Wk 3 &amp; Wk 4</b> | 29 Sept (Thurs)            | EL Paper 1 & Paper 2                            |
|                             |                            | Foundation EL Paper 1 & Paper 2                 |
|                             | 30 Sept (Fri)              | Mathematics Paper 1 & Paper 2                   |
|                             |                            | Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 & Paper 2        |
|                             | 3 Oct (Mon)                | Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & Paper 2        |
|                             |                            | Foundation Mother Tongue Language Paper 1       |
|                             | 4 Oct (Tues)               | Science   |
|                             |                            | Foundation Science                              |
|                             | 5 Oct (Wed)                | Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & Paper 2 |