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Jul – Sept 2022, TERM 3

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3. At the end of last term, we celebrated successes and held the inaugural Book-free Day, where students were engaged in activities that promoted holistic development and bonding among teachers and students. We are also grateful for the support of our Parent Support Group (PSG), who worked with the school to commemorate the International Friendship Day (IFD).

With the easing of Safe Management Measures from March, we were able to progressively resume many activities in our Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs), recess play and morning assemblies. In Term 3, other activities such as the P5 National Education (NE) Show, P5 SwimSafer Programme and the P5 Camp will resume and we will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments to support students during this transitional period.

The PERI upgrading works are progressing well as scheduled and our Indoor Sports Hall (ISH) should be completed by the end of the year, just in time for our school's 20th Anniversary celebrations. More information on the celebration will be shared in Term 4.

Due to the ongoing works in the last phase of ISH construction, please be reminded to drive safely within the school compound. Do slow down when you approach the speed bumps, and remind your child/ward to get ready to alight to facilitate a smooth traffic flow. The temporary shelter will also be kept until the end of the year.

Thank you for partnering us in guiding your child/ward as this ensures a supportive and safe environment for our students.

Yours faithfully,
School Leaders



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A SPOTLIGHT ON... Cyberwellness

What is 'gaming addiction'?

Many young people use the Internet to play video games online. They may also use gadgets and engage in other popular Web activities including Facebook, Instagram or YouTube.

Online activities are enjoyable, so it is easy to spend long hours on the internet. It is normal for our children to want to spend more time on activities that fascinate them. However, when any activity becomes the major focus of a child's life, sometimes to the point where it starts to harm a child physically, mentally or socially, he/she may be suffering from an addiction problem.

Signs of video game addiction in children

Here are a few signs that your child may require the help of a psychologist or behavioural health professional:

- Inability to reduce gaming despite effort
- Loss of interest in other activities and hobbies
- Lying about video game usage
- Increased weight gain
- Poor personal hygiene
- Poor impulse control
- Worsening or appearance of new ADHD-like symptoms
- Limited social interaction

How can parents manage video game addiction?

Do monitor your child's game play. Parental guidance can be very successful at limiting game play, and it may be easier to start this with children under 12 years old. Encourage your child to participate in more outdoor activities. Your encouragement and advice can be very helpful in helping your child break his/her unhealthy gaming habits.

When parents begin to notice problems with a child's gaming, it can often be difficult to control those issues. Children can respond with extreme anger when adjusting to the new reality. If problematic gaming behaviours become persistent, please seek the help of a professional psychologist or behavioural health professional.

For advice and information on cyber-addiction, call the All Addictions helpline at 6732-6837. It is available Mondays to Fridays, from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

(Adapted from: <https://www.childrens.com/health-wellness/video-game-addiction-when-is-gaming-more-than-just-a-hobby>)

A SPOTLIGHT ON... Home-School Partnership



Road Safety

We would like to seek all parents and guardians' cooperation to work with the school in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. Speak to your child and the caregiver who brings your child to school and emphasise the following:

Correct Road Safety Behaviour

- Remember to use pedestrian crossings, and avoid jaywalking or be distracted (such as using handphone/playing) while crossing the road.
- At road junctions without pedestrian crossings, please practise the Kerb Drill (look right, look left, look right again) and wait for all vehicles to stop, before walking briskly across the road.
- Do not dash across or play on the road.
- Alight only at the designated drop-off point and move quickly to safety.

There has been feedback from the public on BTPS pupils who are scaling the slopes outside the CERTIS compound and playing at the areas near the Eng Kong shophouses. We would like to seek the help of parents and caregivers to reiterate the safety rules to your child/ward.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that our children are safe. We thank all parents and guardians who have been the good role models for our children.

Revised Dismissal Timing from Term 3

Please be informed of the revised dismissal timings with effect from Term 3.

Levels	Dismissal Timing
Primary 1	Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1.20 p.m. Wednesdays: 12.50 p.m. Fridays: 12.20 p.m.
Primary 2	Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1.25 p.m. Wednesdays: 12.55 p.m. Fridays: 12.25 p.m.
Primary 3 to Primary 6	Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1.30 p.m. Wednesdays: 1 p.m. Fridays: 12.30 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON... Term 2 Happenings

International Friendship Day

The theme for 2022 to 2024 International Friendship Day (IFD) is *Singapore in Asia*, which reminds us of the inherent beauty and excellence in ASEAN countries, and how Singapore continues to play an important role in Asia.

With the affordances of technology, our P6 students had the opportunity to interact with others from ASEAN countries through the 'Friendship Beyond Borders' programme. Through this experience, students learnt and applied cross-cultural skills and gained insight into their overseas counterparts' educational and life experiences amid the pandemic.

Once again, with strong support from the Parent Support Group (PSG), the school commemorated the occasion meaningfully with an IFD exhibition. The P6 Social Studies projects showcased the beauty of ASEAN countries, and students learnt more about the customs and cultures of different countries through interactive activities.



Above: PSG volunteers engaging students through interactive activities at IFD exhibition booths

Hari Raya Celebrations



For a multi-racial society like ours to uphold harmony, it is important to inculcate values such as respect, graciousness and compassion from young.

Through the Hari Raya celebrations and activities, students developed sensitivity to related social norms and learnt how to communicate respectfully, and express care and gratitude for family, friends and others.

Together with our Muslim students and colleagues, we celebrated Hari Raya with an online concert that developed understanding and appreciation for the values and shared ideals behind cultural practices, followed by a personal reflection of how these values can be put into practice.

We thank the P2 teachers and students, School Band and the Drama Club for their contributions to the Hari Raya online concert. You can check out the concert by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgORLU7Tuq4>

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P4 Camp

The Primary 4 Adventure Camp 2022 “Respectus and Gratia” took place on 31 March – 1 April 2022. We are pleased that albeit the Covid-19 SMMs, students were able to enjoy the camp activities, learn new skills and build stronger bonds with one another. Below are snippets of them enjoying the camp activities.



Junior First Aiders@BTPS

As part of the Student Leadership Development, our P4 Prefects-in-training, P5 and P6 CCA Leaders underwent the Junior Civil Defence Lionhearters Training programme conducted by the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF).

The objective of this training was to train our student leaders to be active citizens of good character who take the initiative in making the school a safe and caring environment for all to learn and play in. As part of the training, our student leaders were taught basic first aid, CPR-AED procedure and basic fire-fighting skills.

Following the training, these student leaders will be appointed as Junior First Aiders who will serve the school during recess. While serving their peers, they are encouraged to look out for their safety by ensuring safe play, and render basic care and support for their injured schoolmates.



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Staff Movement

The school would like to welcome Miss Annabelle Chua & Mr Solomon Tan to our BTPS family.

The school would like to extend our well-wishes and thanks to Mrs Chien Mee Len, Mdm Mazlinah, Ms Chan Wen Tin, Ms Sharon Teo & Mdm Seah May Ann for their contributions to BTPS. We wish them the best in their future endeavours.

P5 SwimSafer Programme

The P5 pupils will be having their SwimSafer Programme in Term 3, after a two-year absence due to COVID. SwimSafer is a national water safety programme introduced in July 2010 by the National Water Safety Council (NWSC), a council appointed by the then Ministry of Community, Youth and Sports (MCYS).

The programme aims to teach swimming proficiency and water survival skills to children. SwimSafer Programmes are conducted by professional SwimSafer instructors. Each instructor is qualified to provide a positive contribution to your child's progress in water competency. Every accredited SwimSafer Instructor will hold a valid SwimSafer Instructor card.

2022 Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC) Achievements

On a yearly basis, BTPS organises a Math Olympiad programme for selected Primary 4 to 6 students to develop higher order thinking skills and challenge them in the application of Math in real world problems and scenarios. The programme also serves as a preparatory platform for Math competitions such as Singapore Mathematical Olympiad Primary Schools (SMOPS), National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS), and Annual Mathlympics.



From left to right: Li Zhuohang, Edcus Tan, He Zhihao, Wong Ying Hiu, Choi Youngjun, Yeo Rei, Borain Wang and Aaron Arjun.

This year, we are pleased to share the outstanding achievements of our students in the Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC). RIPMWC, organised by Raffles Institution and HeyMath on 29 March, had seen the participation of 39 P5 and P6 pupils from BTPS, with an overall achievement of 10 awards.

Students	Class	Award
WANG YIKE	6G	Certificate of Distinction
WONG YING HIU	5G	Certificate of Distinction
EDCUS TAN XIN HONG	5R	Certificate of Distinction
AARON ARJUN DRUCE KRISHNAN	6A	Certificate of Merit
YEO REI	6G	Certificate of Merit
KIM JINHU	6R	Certificate of Merit
WANG BORUI BORAIN	6R	Certificate of Merit
CHOI YOUNGJUN	5A	Certificate of Merit
LI ZHUOHANG	5A	Certificate of Merit
HE ZHIHAO	5R	Certificate of Merit

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Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (SYF AP)

Since 1966, the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) has been an annual event organised by the Ministry of Education to celebrate the vitality of our youth and their diverse arts talents.

The SYF objectives are

- to support nation-building and develop cultural awareness and appreciation through aesthetics education;
- to serve as a platform for the development of character, 21st century competencies and social emotional learning through the arts;
- to encourage mass participation in arts co-curricular activities (CCAs) in schools where students enjoy the arts as CCA members or as audience members at performances and exhibitions; and
- to celebrate youth vitality through the showcasing of diverse artistic talents and creativity.

The SYF AP is a performance and benchmarking platform that offers opportunities for continuous learning and improvement through feedback from industry professionals. In 2020, the SYF AP was cancelled due to the pandemic. This year, we are happy to share with you that our Performing Arts CCA groups will be back on stage! More detailed information such as performance attire, livestream link and parents' involvement for the respective performing groups will be shared by the CCA teachers-in-charge via PG. We thank you for your continuous support as we celebrate the talents of our pupils.

Details of 2022 Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (SYF AP)			
CCA	Brass Symphonia	BTPS Choir	Dance-Versity
SYF Category	Flexible Band	Choir	International Dance
Date / Day	22 August 2022 (Monday)	24 August 2022 (Wednesday)	13 July 2022 (Wednesday)
Venue	The Republic Cultural Centre (TRCC)	SOTA	Gateway Theatre
Address	9 Woodlands Ave 9, Republic Polytechnic Singapore 738964	1 Zubir Said Dr, Singapore 227968	3615 Jalan Bukit Merah, Singapore 159461
Reporting time	2.15 p.m.	1.45 p.m.	11.15 a.m.
Estimated performance time	3.00 p.m.	2.15 p.m.	11.45 a.m.
Remarks	Pupils who are performing would have been informed by their CCA teachers.		

Important Dates

Date	Remarks
1 July	P4 – P6 Blended Learning Day (P4 – P6 students do not report to school) <i>(Refer to PG message posted on 24 June for more details)</i>
4 July	Youth Day school holiday
11 July	Hari Raya Haji public holiday
16 July	P5 NE Show <i>(details to be shared via PG)</i>
25 July	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration <i>(see next page for details)</i>
28 – 29 July	P6 Preliminary Oral Examination (English & MT)
8 August	National Day celebrations - school dismissal at 10 a.m. <i>(see next page for details)</i>
9 August	National Day public holiday
10 August	National Day school holiday
15 – 16 August	PSLE Oral (P1 to P5 students do not report to school)
17 August	P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension Examination (English & MT) GEP Screening Exercise
18 – 20 August	P5 Cohort Camp <i>(see next page for details)</i>
18 August	P6 Preliminary Examination – English Paper 1 & 2
19 August	P6 Preliminary Examination – Mathematics
22 August	P6 Preliminary Examination – MT Paper 1 & 2
23 August	P6 Preliminary Examination – Science
24 August	P6 Preliminary Examination – HMT
1 September	Teachers' Day celebrations - school dismissal at 10 a.m. <i>(see next page for details)</i>
2 September	Teachers' Day school holiday
3 – 11 September	School holidays

School-wide Events

The following school events are subject to changes based on national posture.

Please continue to refer to PG app for further announcements or latest updates.

Event / Date	Details
Mother Tongue Learning Fortnight (MTLF) 4 to 15 July 2022	<p>MTLF aims to create an immersive MTL learning environment to encourage our children to appreciate one's Language, Culture & Singapore's Diversity. This year's theme revolves around the Hawker Culture of Singapore.</p> <p>There will be interesting activities like a mock-up hawker centre for our children to actively use their Mother Tongue in real life scenarios as they immerse in our hawker stalls setup, live tour and interview sessions with hawkers through Zoom, Kahoot quiz etc.</p> <p>In conjunction with MTLF, the P3 Cultural Camp will be held in the afternoon of 13 July. Besides the mock-up hawker centre activity, we have lined up other activities like clay modelling of hawker food and hawker food sampling for the P3 students.</p>
Racial Harmony Day 25 July 2022	<p>BTPS commemorates Racial Harmony Day with the theme, Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic. To prepare our students for the future, activities are planned to help students understand and appreciate diversity and learn how to include simple acts in their daily lives to uphold harmonious living.</p> <p>To appreciate the beauty of diversity, students are encouraged to come in their ethnic costumes and change into their PE attire if needed.</p>
National Day Celebrations 8 August 2022	<p>This year's parade theme, 'Stronger Together, Majulah!', calls for Singaporeans to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future. Students are encouraged to come dressed in red and/or white, and school shoes, as a show of unity on that day.</p> <p>Through a showcase of BTPS Inspire projects that complement the celebration, students appreciate the contributions of various levels and affirm the character strengths of Love of Learning and Teamwork that are demonstrated during the projects.</p> <p>School will be dismissed at 10 a.m., with staggered dismissals starting at 9.55 a.m. for P1 and P2, and 10 a.m. for P3 to P6.</p>
P5 cohort camp 18 to 20 August 2022	<p>The School will be conducting a 3-day, non-residential camp at MOE Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre for all P5 pupils from 18 to 20 August 2022.</p> <p>The camp will be run by MOE's Outdoor Adventure Educators, with the objectives of pupils learning how to build (i) positive peer relationships; (ii) humility (towards peers); (iii) resilience; and (iv) responsibility.</p> <p>Camp activities include team-building activities, learning journeys (trekking), low elements and miniature- stream fishing. More details will be provided once they are confirmed. We look forward to your support in allowing your child to participate in this camp.</p>
Teachers' Day Celebrations 1 September 2022	<p>To end the term on an appreciative note, the P5 prefects will be involved in organising the Teachers' Day Celebrations. On this day, students are encouraged to show gratitude for their teachers through handmade or inexpensive tokens of appreciation.</p> <p>School will be dismissed at 10 a.m., with staggered dismissals starting at 9.55 a.m. for P1 and P2, and 10 a.m. for P3 to P6.</p>