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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are happy to see our students settling in well back at school. As part of our regular engagement with parents/ guardians, we would like to share with you the following information:

## **1. Character and Citizenship Education**

For February, the 'Value of the Month' is **Perseverance**. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 1 Be Proactive: I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods

Habit 2 Begin With The End In Mind: I plan ahead and set goals

Habit 3 Put First Things First: I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan

A student who shows perseverance is one who overcomes all obstacles to achieve his/her goals. As such, we inculcate in our students a willingness to work hard and to keep trying despite setbacks. We do this through teaching our students the importance of having a growth mindset, setting S.M.A.R.T goals and helping them to develop social skills like Step In, Step Back, Reflect and asking for help. These are also skills of resilience which enable them to adapt positively in the face of challenges. Please refer to [Annex A-1](#) for resources on building resilience.

## **2. Primary 1 and 6 Students' Smart Card Photo-Taking Exercise – Friday, 10 February 2023**

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for all students in Primary One (P1) and Primary Six (P6) for the issue of the School Smart Card (SSC) on **Friday, 10 February 2023**. Please note that this photo-taking exercise is strictly for P1 and P6 students only.

All P1 & P6 students are to wear their full school uniform. If your child/ward has a house practice on that day, he/she will have to bring his/her uniform to school and change into it before the photo-taking session.

While P1 students will receive their SSCs by end Mar 2023, the photo-images captured for P6 students will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2024.



### **3. Total Defence Day – Wednesday, 15 February 2023**

The theme for Total Defence Day 2023 is “Together We Keep Singapore Strong”. It focusses on the many ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives.

Total Defence remains relevant to deal with the ever-evolving threats and challenges to Singapore. These include misinformation, supply chain disruptions, and food security, which affect communities and Singapore’s way of life. Every Singaporean has a part to play in our daily lives to ensure that Singapore is prepared for crises and disruptions and that we remain resilient and united as one people.

To commemorate Total Defence Day, students will go through CCE lessons and related activities where they will appreciate the part each one of them can play in Total Defence.

### **4. MOE Kindergarten Open House – Saturday, 18 February 2023**

For the first time in three years, our MKs will be holding a physical Open House for parents to tour the learning environment and speak to the MK educators in person. We warmly welcome you and your child to sign up for the 2023 MOE Kindergarten Open House on 11 and 18 February 2023 from 9.00am to 1.00pm, to find out why MK is the quality preschool choice and how we ignite joy of learning in our children!

Open House at MK@First Toa Payoh will be held on 18 Feb 2023, 9.00am to 1.00pm. Please refer to [Annex A-2](#) for more information.

### **5. Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance for Students**

All MOE-registered students in Government Schools (including MOE Kindergartens) and Government-aided Schools are covered under the Group Personal Accident Insurance for Students.

The plan provides 24-hours coverage to our students for school-related activities both in and out of school. This scheme is provided at no cost to our students as the payment of the premium is borne by the Ministry of Education. Please refer to the attached pamphlet ([Annex A-3](#)) from NTUC Income for more information.

### **6. POSB Smart Buddy Implementation in School**

The POSB Smart Buddy card/ watch unlocks a world of contactless payments and financials for your child in a world that is going cashless. Parents may set a daily allowance on the Smart Buddy app so that your child can pay with their card/ watch, directly debited from your linked bank account. You may also keep track of transactions made on your child’s Smart Buddy card/ watch via the Smart Buddy app’s parent view.

The school will be installing the POSB Smart Buddy terminals in the school canteen and school bookshop to allow contactless payment options in Term 1. We invite parents to register an account at [www.posb.com.sg/sb-schools](http://www.posb.com.sg/sb-schools) and start the journey to good money habits together with your child. More details will be shared with you through Parents Gateway when the POSB Smart Buddy is ready to be implemented by levels.

## 7. School Activities (1 February to 19 March 2023)

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels/ Classes Involved	Attachments/ Reply Slips
10 February 2023 (Fri)	Students' Smart Card Photo-Taking Exercise  <i>*All P1 &amp; P6 students are reminded to wear their <u>full school uniform</u>.</i>	P1 & P6 Students Only	
13 February 2023 (Mon) & 17 February 2023 (Fri)	P3 Sports Education Programme (Inline Skating)	P3 RY & P3 LO	<i>More details will be given on PG nearer the date.</i>
13 February 2023 (Wed)	Total Defence Day	All	
18 February 2023 (Sat)	MK@First Toa Payoh Open House	All interested parents	
20 February 2023 (Mon) & 24 February 2023 (Fri)	P3 Sports Education Programme (Inline Skating)	P3 IN & P3 PE	<i>More details will be given on PG nearer the date.</i>
1 March 2023 (Mon) to 3 March 2023 (Wed)	P2 Sports Education Programme (Mini Golf)	1 Mar: P2 RT & P2 RY 2 Mar: P2 LO & P2 IN 3 Mar: P2 PE & P2 EX	<i>More details will be given on PG nearer the date.</i>
10 March 2023 (Fri)	Sports-for-All	All	
13 March (Mon) to 19 March 2023 (Sun)	School Holidays	All	

Yours in partnership,



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