



HPPS Monthly Newsletter

May 2023

30th April 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thrive Foreword May 2024

Our commitment to providing a holistic education experience continues to drive our efforts, and we are thrilled to see our students thrive in various aspects of their development.

Internationalisation Efforts (Nurturing Global and Cross-Cultural Literacies)

Our celebration of International Friendship Day (IFD) on Friday, 5th April 2024 serves as a reminder of the importance of international cooperation and understanding, particularly in our rapidly evolving world. This year's theme, "Singapore in Asia," emphasised the significance of our relations with neighbouring countries and beyond.

Our school organised Cultural Learning booths in collaboration with HPPA, providing students with hands-on experiences in various cultural aspects from different countries. This initiative aimed to enrich students' understanding of different cultures and promote unity and respect for diversity.

As part of our Internationalisation Programme, students and teachers from Olifant School will be visiting HPPS on Thursday, 2nd May 2024. Our P5 students will be hosting them during their visit. Additionally, from Tuesday to Friday, 21st to 24th May 2024, 30 Primary 5 students will visit Olifant School in Yogyakarta on an Overseas Trip. Through these experiences, our students will be able to foster friendships, engage in cultural exchange, and build cross-cultural communication and collaboration skills.

Parent-Teachers Meeting (23/24 May)

I would like to take this opportunity to remind and encourage all parents to attend the upcoming Parent Teachers Meeting on Thursday and Friday, 23rd and 24th May 2024. Since there are no mid-year exams this year, we will shift our focus of discussion from academic performance alone. This face-to-face meeting provides a valuable opportunity for you to engage with your child's teachers and discuss your child's holistic development.

This PTM also presents a chance for you to visit the school grounds together with your child and even have a snack break at the canteen. You might also consider spending quality time to bond with your child by taking him/her out for a meal or activity after the PTM session. We have allocated 2 days to ensure ample time for interaction between parents and teachers, so please do join us.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing our students. Together, we can provide them with the best possible learning environment.

*Honesty in Performance
Pride in Service*

Charles Chan
Principal

1 Playing a Part in the Earth Hour Festival 2024

“Hello! I’m from Henry Park Primary. Would you like to find out more about Eco Enzymes?”

This was the question that the Eco Monitors (members of the Science Club) were asking people who were walking around Wisma Atria on Saturday, 23rd March 2024. They were participating in the Earth Hour Festival organised by WWF Singapore. They were sharing about the Eco Enzymes project with the members of the public and handing out samples.

The Eco Enzymes project lends itself to Singapore’s Zero Waste Masterplan very well. Guided by a community volunteer, the Eco Monitors were taught how to make the Eco Enzymes. The usual resting period for Eco Enzymes is at least 6 months, but ours rested way longer due to Covid which makes it potent.

Apart from the Eco Enzymes, some P6 Eco Monitors presented a memento to the CEO of WWF-Singapore. They made this memento using old CDs and plastic bottles. They even included small parts of the old canteen tree for memories.

This was an enriching experience for the Eco Monitors as they proudly shared their project with the community at large, spreading awareness on how we can take little steps towards achieving Zero Waste.

Later that evening, the HPPS Choir performed three enchanting pieces titled, “Singapura Permai”, “One by One” and “Magical Kingdom” at the Wisma Atria outdoor atrium to support the commemoration of Earth Hour. The three choral pieces speak of the appreciation of the beauty of our homeland, a garden city, and remind our young ones to take only what we need from the earth, to live sustainably and harmoniously with all living things around us.

It was a meaningful journey as both the HPPS Choir and Science Club collaborated to advocate sustainability in Singapore.



The Science Club booth



Eco Monitors presenting the memento to Mr Vivek Kumar, CEO of WWF-Singapore



Sharing with people who are keen on finding out about the Eco Enzymes



Choir Performance at the Outdoor Atrium

2 Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation Part 1 – 1st April to 17th April 2024

This month, Chinese Dance, Contemporary Dance and String Ensemble CCA have concluded their Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation. Our students have truly excelled at this year's arts presentation. We are thrilled to share that Chinese Dance obtained a Distinction while both Contemporary Dance and String Ensemble received Accomplishment. Huge congratulations to our hardworking students and dedicated teachers and instructors for their exceptional efforts over the past months!



Group photo of our beautiful Chinese Dancers before the presentation



While waiting for their turn to perform



String Ensemble backstage practice



Happy faces after their wonderful performance



Our cowboys and girls ready to rock the stage



Group photo with our supportive parents, teachers and school leaders after their fabulous performance

3 Hari Raya Celebration – 15th April 2024

Hari Raya Celebration started a week before Hari Raya Puasa, to kick off the festive mood among the students. Apart from the classrooms' decorations, students were engaged in the pre-celebration events in the library during recess. They were busy donning the Hari Raya traditional costumes and taking fun shots with their friends. In the library, students were involved in interactive activities using iPads and reading the informative display boards on Hari Raya.

Following the pre-celebration activities, the Hari Raya Concert was held on Monday, 15th April in the school hall. Students watched a montage of well-wishes and photos of their pre-celebration activities and fun shots. A skit titled 'Raya Millenia' was then presented to entertain, educate and nurture the spirit of Hari Raya and togetherness. The concert ended with the much-anticipated performance by the students of 3 Creativity. Students from 3 Creativity gave their best in singing, dancing and rapping to the song 'Raya, Raya, Raya'. They put on a lively and energetic show that had everyone cheering. All in all, students had a great time celebrating Hari Raya and most importantly, they understood its significance.



Beautifully decorated classrooms



Students engaged in interactive and fun activities in the library



The fun shots at the Photo Booth!



The eloquent emcees!



The skit interactive segment.



We had fun performing! – 3C

4 Project Wolbachia – Fighting Dengue in Our Neighbourhood

Have you noticed more mosquitoes in the school vicinity?

Don't worry! This may be all part of Project Wolbachia – Singapore's efforts!

NEA has been releasing male Wolbachia-carrying *Aedes aegypti* (Wolbachia-Aedes) mosquitoes to help fight dengue in the neighbourhood starting from Monday, 19th February 2024. Releases are carried out at residential areas which may include the vicinity of our school every Monday and Thursday mornings between 6.30 am and 11.00 am.

Thus, to raise awareness on dengue in our school, on Thursday, 25th April 2024, NEA ambassadors visited Henry Park to share with us on Project Wolbachia and how it helps lower the rate of dengue cases. They also brought along live mosquito exhibits for the students to get a closer look. The exhibits comprised of mosquito eggs, larvae and pupae, as well as a cage of male Wolbachia-Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, which students could put their hands in to interact with the non-biting male mozzies. Through this experience, the students learnt that male mosquitoes do not bite and do not transmit diseases.

The students and staff learned a lot from the sharing. Together, let's work together to fight dengue!



Our NEA ambassadors sharing with the students about Project Wolbachia



Our students interacting with the non-biting male mosquitoes

5 Primary 4 Literature Programme - Charlotte's Web

Our P4 students have successfully completed their Literature program, focusing on the beloved classic, *Charlotte's Web*. This enriching journey allowed our students to delve deep into the storyline and explore significant themes, such as friendship, through intensive study.

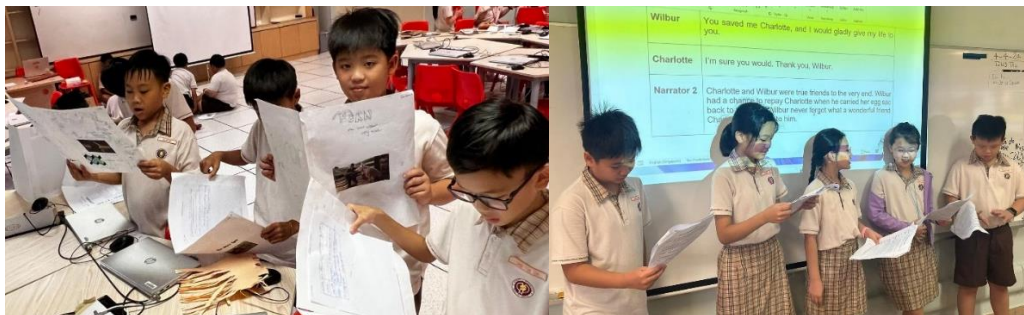
Throughout the program, students actively participated in group activities that emphasized collaboration and allowed them to use language in real-world contexts. These engaging tasks not only enhanced their understanding of the text but also fostered important social and communication skills.

The highlight of our program was the Readers' Theatre performances. This event brought all the classes together, showcasing their understanding and interpretation of the story through expressive readings and performances. It was truly inspiring to see how the students connected with the story and expressed its relevance to their own lives.

This program was not only a fun experience but also a valuable learning opportunity that helped our students grow academically and personally. We are proud of their achievements and the creative enthusiasm they brought to their performances.



Students working collaboratively to learn about themes and character study.



Students rehearsing in class and in the computer lab for their performance.



Students performing Readers' Theatre at the Spotlight.

6 Partnership with Singapore Japanese School (SJS)

The Singapore Japanese school has been our partner school since 1990. Our annual exchange programme involves mutual school visits for both students and teachers. An extension of this collaborative effort includes a Homestay Programme which started in 1999. Our students who had taken part in previous programmes had enjoyed and benefitted from the experience. These are some of the important dates in our exchange programme. We look forward to sharing more exciting stories with you in the upcoming months.

Term / Week Day / Date	Activity Description
Term 2 Week 9 Wednesday, 15 th May 2024	<u>P4 Student Exchange Programme @ HPPS</u> Some of our P4 students will be helping to host the SJS students.
Term 3 Week 2 Friday, 5 th July 2024	<u>P4 Student Exchange Programme @ SJS</u> The SJS students will be hosting some of our P4 students.
Term 3 Week 2 Friday, 5 th July 2024	<u>P4 Homestay Programme @ SJS</u> Our students will attend lessons at SJS with their Japanese partners and stay overnight at that partner's place.
Term 3 Week 4 Friday, 19 th July 2024	<u>P4 Homestay Programme @ HPPS</u> SJS students will attend lessons at HPPS with their HPPS partners and stay overnight at that partner's place.

7 Safety in the school bus

The safety of children in school buses is a shared responsibility and parents play a pivotal role in teaching children to belt up and to be safe at all times, no matter how short the journey is. This means that your children will be safely strapped while travelling on the school buses and enjoy a safer journey to and from school.

We seek parents' assistance in helping the school to reinforce the importance of wearing seat belts in school buses. It is imperative for your children to cooperate with the school bus drivers and/or bus attendants and listen to their advice to be belted up appropriately, as a penalty will be imposed upon the school bus drivers or bus attendants for failing to ensure that the children passengers are belted appropriately. This applies for all school buses including those for daily commute, learning journeys and competitions.

We also encourage parents to reinforce the seat belt rules when travelling with your children in private vehicles. Together, we can help our students understand the importance of adhering to the seat belt rules to ensure their safety.

8 Encouraging students to be independent

Forgotten Items/ homework

We would like to seek the assistance of parents and caregivers to help our students develop good self-management skills and take personal responsibility to ensure that they have the necessary items for school the next day. Parents and caregivers should refrain from delivering forgotten items. Exceptions will be made when medication has to be delivered to the students.

Pocket Money

If your child has forgotten his/her pocket money, he/she may approach the General Office for assistance. Our officers will contact you to confirm the amount that you would like the school to lend your child. We seek the co-operation of our parents to ensure that the money is returned promptly to the General Office on the next school day.

9 Eat with Your Family Day 2024

“Eat with Your Family Day” (EWYFD) is a nation-wide initiative led by the Centre For Fathering and supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time that day to be with their families. Through the simple practice of having a family meal, we hope the event will serve as a reminder to families to eat together regularly.

HPPS and our Student Care Centre (ACE@Work) will support this and would like to inform our parents of the EWYFD dates for 2024 as follows:

- Friday, 24th May 2024
- Friday, 30th August 2024
- Friday, 15th November 2024

Please note that on these days, the General Office and Student Care Centre will close by 5.00pm. We seek the co-operation of our parents to make the necessary arrangement and enjoy a day with your family.

For more information on the EWYFD initiative, please refer to <http://fathers.com.sg/ewyfd/>.

10 Parenting Article

Top 5 Questions Teachers Wish Parents Would Ask Them

Don't just ask about your child's grades because the report cards can tell you that. Find out how he's coping emotionally too.

You may read more from this [article](#).

Vision
Lead with Character, Serve with Talents

Mission
Nurturing concerned citizens with integrity and a spirit of excellence through holistic education

School Values
Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence

