



***HPPS Monthly Newsletter***

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

### **Principal's note**

#### **Redefining Success: Celebrating Diversity and Nurturing Student Agency**

As we strive to nurture our students to be the best versions of themselves, we are inspired by PM Wong's recent video message, where he encouraged Singaporeans to redefine success on their own terms. This resonates deeply with our school's philosophy, and we're committed to fostering an environment where every student can thrive.

#### **Redefining Success**

PM Wong's message reminded us that success is not one-size-fits-all. We want our students to embrace their unique strengths, interests, and talents. This allows them to find meaning and purpose in their learning, setting them up for success in an ever-changing world.

#### **Celebrating Diversity**

Our recent Racial Harmony Day commemoration reminded us of the importance of building a harmonious society where everyone feels valued and respected. Just as the Olympic Games bring nations together in a spirit of friendly competition and unity, we seek to foster an inclusive environment where our students' diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives are celebrated. By embracing and valuing diversity, we empower our students to take ownership of their learning and become active contributors to our school community.

#### **Empowering Student Agency**

By incorporating student interests into our next P5 learning journeys, we have seen a significant boost in engagement and motivation. Students are now able to explore areas of their choice, making learning more meaningful and enjoyable. Similarly, our upcoming National Day celebrations will feature a carnival of team-based games, where students will develop essential skills like teamwork, collaboration, and problem-solving. By giving our students a voice and choice, we are empowering them to become confident, self-directed learners who can lead with character and serve with talents.

*Honesty in Performance  
Pride in Service*

Charles Chan  
Principal

## 1 Secondary School Open House @ HPPS (21 Jun 2024)

On 21 Jun 2024, our P6 students had the opportunity to attend informative talks by several secondary schools. Each student was given the chance to select two schools of interest and attend their sessions. The aim was to provide our students with valuable insights into various secondary schools, helping them make well-informed decisions based on their interests, strengths, and talents. The event was a great success, offering our students a glimpse into the diverse opportunities that await them. We are proud of our students for their enthusiastic participation. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the secondary schools for their support.



Listening attentively to the school talks.



Getting a glimpse into exciting CCAs at secondary schools.



Interacting with secondary school students for firsthand insights.

## 2 SHINE Day – Term 3 (24 Jun 2024)

The start of Term 3 SHINE Day saw students having a great time bonding with their teachers and friends through games and deep discussions. The students had the opportunity to showcase their talents through presentations in the hall and in the library. They also experienced joy in learning and displayed a spirit of lifelong learning through various engaging booth activities. The day included a mass exercise and anti-drug ambassadors' activities to help students learn the importance of cultivating healthy habits.



Let me show you how to play the er-hu.



Just dance!





Look at my beautiful calligraphy!



Let's learn a new language!



Showcasing our talents!



Have you played our very own HPPS SHINE adventure board game?

### 3 Primary 5 Cohort's Experience at the NE Show (6 Jul 2024)

This year, the entire Primary 5 cohort from HPPS had the incredible opportunity to attend the National Education (NE) show, a preview of the National Day Parade (NDP). The students were captivated by the vibrant mass performances, familiar songs, and emotive filmlets that told the stories of "Our People." They witnessed the collective strength and intricate diversity that define our society, brought to life by 12 artistes and over 3,000 performers. The youth-centred pre-parade segment and the four engaging chapters of the NDP 2024 Show fostered a profound sense of camaraderie, joy, and national pride. The experience left the students deeply moved and more appreciative of their Singaporean identity, as they sang along and celebrated the nation's achievements together.



HPPS students seated in the spectator stand in unifying red



Students gearing up for the NE show





Excited students witnessing the NDP Flypast



HPPS students displaying their national pride

#### 4 Racial Harmony Day: "Singapore's Multicultural Mosaic"

Racial Harmony Day (RHD) is commemorated annually on 21 Jul 2024 to enable students to gain a deeper appreciation of racial harmony and social cohesion. This year's theme, "Singapore's Multicultural Mosaic," was commemorated with a variety of engaging activities. We kicked off the week with an assembly play, a unique adaptation of "Animal Farm," focusing on the themes of equality, friendship, duty, and harmony. During the week, students engaged in interactive learning stations that showcased different cultural arts: Malay kite colouring, Chinese calligraphy, Tamil Kolam colouring, and Eurasian activities featuring crossword puzzles. The commemoration also included traditional games such as Five Stones, Animal Chess, Pick-up Sticks, Congkak, and Spinning Top, providing a fun and educational experience for all. National Education monitors, together with parent volunteers, manned these stations, interacting meaningfully with the students. The week was a vibrant celebration of our diverse cultural heritage, fostering unity and mutual understanding among our students.



Students learning about the history and purpose of Kolam



Our NE monitor, Dinesh, sharing the cultural influence of Eurasians in Singapore



Students enjoying a game of spinning top



## 5 P4 HPPS-SJS Homestay Programme (5 Jul 2024)

Konnichiwa, Hello! 27 of our P4 students participated in the Homestay Programme this year. On 5 Jul 2024, our students received a warm welcome from their friends at SJS. Our students joined them for their afternoon activities before going back to their homes. On 19 Jul 2024, our students hosted their SJS friends in school as well as at their homes. Together with their Japanese friends, Cynthia had a chance to try the Japanese pancakes, Sierra enjoyed making hand rolls and Emma baked a cheesecake. When they encountered barriers in communication, they overcame it by speaking more slowly and clearly and using google translate. As participants, they learnt to “be respectful to their culture” and “how to appreciate Japanese food”. As hosts, they learnt to “be more patient and considerate”, give them “a chance to speak” and “eat more Singaporean food at home”. One advice from a few of our students to their P3 juniors is to learn some Japanese words before the homestay. To all our P3 juniors, “Go for it next year and have fun!”.



@SJS Welcome hugs!



@SJS Follow me!



@SJS “My first three strokes ...”



@HPPS Sweet Welcome!



@HPPS “Artists at Work!”



@HPPS Marching on and on...!!



@HPPS Enjoying home-cooked food!



## 6 P5 CCA Leaders VIA: Active X Playdate 2024 (25 Jul 2024)

As part of the 'Serve to Lead' Programme in collaboration with SportSG, our P5 Sports CCA Leaders had the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the community. On 25 Jul 2024, they hosted seniors from the ActiveGlobal Active Aging Centre @ Ghim Moh for an Active X Playdate. Alongside SportSG instructors, they introduced four modified games to the seniors: Seated Volleyball, Walking Captain's Ball, Walking Football, and Ladder Toss. It was heartwarming to see our students engaging with the seniors.

The programme will culminate in a Seniors' Sports Day on 1 Aug 2024, where our P5 Sports CCA Leaders will accompany the seniors to the OCBC Arena Hall to participate in various activities.

Both the Active X Playdate and the Seniors' Sports Day are lead-up activities for GetActive! Singapore, which aims to rally Singaporeans together to celebrate National Day through sport.



P5 Sports Leaders hosting seniors at the Active X Playdate!



P5 Sports Leaders guiding seniors to play Walking Captain's Ball



Our students interacting with the seniors.



Seniors playing Ladder Toss!



P5 Sports CCA Leaders playing Seated Volleyball with the seniors

## 7 Scouts CCA

The Akela Award represents the highest honour a Cub Scout can achieve, marking the end of a challenging yet rewarding journey. Every recipient has invested tremendous effort and faced numerous challenges to reach this milestone. This journey is far from easy, and many Scouts have given up along the way. Parental support has been invaluable in helping these Cubs succeed, especially as they dedicated countless hours to completing their online journals. These journals capture their years in scouting, reflecting on every year they participated, every arrow they earned, and each milestone they achieved. Congratulations to all the Akela Award recipients.

### Akela Award Recipients

Ewan Mark Tan Ee Wen (6F)

Or Lee-Yuan, Donald (6H)

Ku Zeyu (6C)

Benjamin Ong Jia Wei (6B)

Niu Yunhan (6H)

Toh En You Ryan (6D)

Li Jiexi, Evan (6B)

Favian Poh Enn Wei (6F)

Ray Neo Ning Hee (6G)



Akela Award Winners 2024

## 8 Brownies CCA

Congratulations to the HPPS Brownies unit on their impressive achievements! Attaining the Puan Noor Aishah Award (Gold) for the year of assessment 2023 is a remarkable accomplishment, especially following the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is wonderful to see the unit thriving and continuing to build capacity and skills among the girls.

A special commendation goes to our five Brownies—Amelie Sim Ming Yue, Huang Lexuan Khloe, Esha'al Shaista Binte Shaik Ahmad Rifaei, Lau Si Qi, and Por Hong Mun—who achieved the Chief Commissioner's Award, the highest individual award in the Brownies CCA. Additionally, Khloe was selected to share her Brownies journey with everyone in the auditorium. Their dedication and hard work are truly inspiring.

It is also great to see recognition for the dedicated teachers who support the Brownies. Mdm Nadia Binte Abu Bakar's Long Service Award for 20 years of volunteer service in the CCA is a testament to her commitment and passion.

These accomplishments reflect the strength and dedication of the entire Henry Park Primary community, and they deserve to be celebrated!





At Girl Guides Singapore's Award Ceremony on 20 Jul 2024 with our school principal, Mr Chan



Brownie Khloe and Guide Sophia tapped on ZOOM platform to discuss online before rehearsal

## 9 National Day 2024 Celebration – Cultural Heritage and Unity (8 Aug 2024)

As we approach Singapore's 59th National Day, our school proudly announces a series of engaging activities to commemorate this significant occasion. This year's theme, "Together, As One United People," resonates deeply with our commitment to fostering unity and understanding among our students.

### Attire

Level	Top	Bottom	Shoes
Primary 1-4	Red or white top	PE shorts	School shoes or sports shoes
Primary 5-6		School skirt/pants	School shoes

### Dismissal Details

Level	Reporting Time	Dismissal Timings	<b><i>There will be no Recess. Please pack light snacks for your child.</i></b>
Primary 1 to 3	Be seated in hall by 7.15 am	10.15 am	
Primary 4 to 6 (For those taking the school bus ONLY)		10.25 am	
Primary 4 to 6 (For those who are taking the public transport & pick-up by parents/guardians)		10.35 am	

**\*\* Students whose pick-up point is from the Bus Bay, parents are to drive in after 10.40am.**

**\*\* Students are to bring snacks from home for their snack break.**

### Celebrating National Day: Sand Art Performance and Games Day

To mark the joyous occasion of National Day itself, we have planned an array of celebratory events. As part of our assembly program, a Sand Art performance will depict iconic scenes of Singapore, with a trained artist introducing the fundamentals of sand art to the students. Additionally, our Primary 1 to 4 students will showcase their PE skills in a day filled with fun, teamwork, and friendly competition. The Primary 1 and 2 relays will focus on essential motor skills and friendship, while the Primary 3 and 4 games carnival will feature engaging activities centered on manipulative skills and teamwork.



## Journey of Understanding: Learning About Our Cultural Heritage

Our school is embarking on a journey to understand our past and inform our future. To explore our cultural heritage, we will focus on disappearing trades. A 'Mama Shop' art installation will be set up for students to view and engage in activities during class time, integrating Art and Math lessons.

We encourage all students to embrace the spirit of unity and heritage that defines our nation. Let us come together to celebrate our cultural diversity, honour our traditions, and look forward to a future filled with hope and promise.

Happy National Day!

### **10 Teachers' Day Celebration 2024 (29 Aug 2024)**

Our school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on 29 Aug 2024. Please see the event details below:

**Date & Day:** 29 Aug 2024, Thursday

**Time:** 7:25am - 10:30am (no recess that day)

If there is a change in the usual dismissal point for that day, please alert the Form Teachers and your child. Additionally, if your child will not be taking the school bus, kindly notify the bus driver in advance to avoid any delays caused by the driver trying to locate your child.

Please note that on Teachers' Day, your child will only be in contact with their Form Teachers and will not be allowed to visit other classes to meet other teachers. They can pass their notes to other teachers during the week leading up to the celebration.

We understand that many students and parents want to show their appreciation to the teachers. Instead of buying gifts, we strongly encourage your child to express their gratitude by making a card or writing a heartfelt note.

### **11 Parenting Article**

***'My kids hardly went for enrichment classes, and they benefitted from it'***

Freedom and free time are a better trainer, says lecturer Ian Tan on how his children found their niche in art and cooking. When they were growing up, Mr Tan observed his friends sending their children to various classes to discover if they had an aptitude for art or sports. However, he chose less stressful — and less expensive — ways to discover his kids' hidden talents.

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

