



HPPS Monthly Newsletter

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Principal's note:

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

GOAL: Go Out and Learn

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all parents for your unwavering support, understanding, and partnership. Your collaboration has been instrumental in making this academic year a success.

Over the past few weeks, as our P3-P5 students were busy with their year-end assessments, our Lower Primary students were wrapping up their academic year with exciting Learning Journeys (LJs) as part of our Hi-Lite programme.

Our P1 students visited Cold Storage Jelita supermarket, applying mathematical concepts to real-life scenarios, such as budgeting, comparing prices, and making healthy choices. This excursion also reinforced English and Mother Tongue language skills, while promoting environmental responsibility through the use of recyclable shopping bags.

Our P2 students had a memorable experience at the Children's Museum, practicing writing skills by composing postcards to their parents, fostering gratitude and appreciation. They explored Singapore's cultural heritage, learning about early immigrants and the significance of spices, while applying mathematical concepts related to shapes.

These experiential learning experiences provided valuable opportunities for our students to engage with the world beyond the classroom. We're grateful for our parent volunteers who joined us on these excursions, gaining insight into our innovative teaching approaches.

Happy Deepavali to our Hindu and Sikh families! I hope that everyone will be able to spend quality time together as a family during the upcoming holidays. May this break bring joy, relaxation, and cherished moments. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year.

On a final note, our Vice Principal, Mdm Chua Leng Yin, will be posted to Concord Primary School as Principal. We thank Mdm Chua for her contributions to our school community and wish her every success in her new appointment.

*Honesty in Performance
Pride in Service*

Charles Chan
Principal












1 New Material for Girls PE Shorts

The school has collaborated with our school uniform vendor to introduce a new material for the girls' PE shorts, emphasising comfort and practicality. These new PE shorts can be worn by both boys and girls for PE. We will roll out these updated shorts gradually, starting with the 2025 P1 cohort. Beginning in November 2024, sizes 26-32 will be available for purchase, with larger sizes expected to follow by mid-2025. Students from other levels can also buy the new shorts when their sizes become available. As the purchase of these shorts is optional for current students, the existing girls' PE shorts will still be accepted.



2 Updated Uniform Guidelines from 2025

The school is updating our uniform guidelines from 2025 onwards with the aim of providing our students added comfort and practicality in school given the current weather condition. We will continue to allow our students to wear their PE attire throughout the day on their PE days. For our P1 and P2 students, where they have either PE or PAL lessons on most days, the PE attire will be their daily school attire.

P1 & P2 Boys and Girls (All Days)	PE Days		Non-PE Days & Formal Events	
	P3 to P6 Girls (PE)	P3 to P6 Boys (PE)	P3 to P6 Girls (non-PE)	P3 to P6 Boys (non-PE)
				
		  Existing Boy Shorts		 Existing Boy Shorts

3 Children's Day Celebrations, 3 October 2024

The 2024 Children's Day celebrations were packed with fun and excitement, offering a variety of activities that thrilled students throughout the day. The event featured carnival-style games such as racing, shooting, and arcade games, along with an exciting laser tag station. A bouncy castle and obstacle courses were set up on the school grounds, providing endless fun for students eager to test their agility and balance.

Special thanks to the Henry Park Parents' Association (HPPA), who organised a lively karaoke and song dedication station in the library, where students sang their favourite tunes and dedicated songs to friends. The HPPA also hosted a craft-making station where students designed unique bracelets. Meanwhile, snack stations served candy floss, popcorn, and ice cream, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Students also participated in classroom games and spent quality time bonding with their teachers and classmates, creating wonderful memories together.

The day was filled with laughter, creativity, and sportsmanship, making it a truly memorable celebration for the entire school community.



Arcade games for us to play together!



Let's see who can race faster!



Who wants more candy floss?



Let's bounce around!



Hear our beautiful voices!



Don't come near us, or we'll shoot!

4 **P5 Interest-based Learning Journeys, 14 October 2024 & 15 October 2024**

To foster engagement and encourage students to explore their unique interests, we organized a series of immersive learning journeys to Pasir Ris Park, Madame Tussauds, and SHATEC. Each student selected their preferred destination, providing a meaningful opportunity to delve into an area that resonated with them.

At Pasir Ris Park, students immersed themselves in the life sciences, observing the park's rich biodiversity and gaining a deeper appreciation for nature's wonders. Those who chose SHATEC enjoyed a hands-on baking session, refining their culinary skills by creating delicious banana crumble muffins. Meanwhile, students who visited Madame Tussauds stepped back in time, exploring Singapore's history through interactive exhibits and engaging displays.

After the learning journeys, students gathered to share their experiences and reflect on what captivated them most. They were encouraged to continue exploring these areas as they grow and discover new passions.



Students listening to the fascinating stories shared by the facilitator at Madame Tussauds.



At Madame Tussauds:
"I am ready for my speech!"



At Pasir Ris Park:
"Where is the fish?"



At Pasir Ris Park:
"I caught a prawn!"



At SHATEC:
"Is it going to be yummy?"



At SHATEC:
"Finally, it is ready!"

5 Hi-Lite Term 4 2024

This term, our Primary 1 students embarked on an exciting learning journey to Cold Storage at Jelita Shopping Mall as part of the theme, 'Walking Through Our Neighbourhood'.

During the visit, students explored various aspects of the supermarket. They identified different types of products, learned about pricing and packaging, and discovered how labels provide important information. A key highlight was the opportunity to use money to make purchases, reinforcing their understanding of consumer transactions and the value of currency, while enhancing their financial literacy and numeracy skills. Students also learned about making nutritious food choices and the importance of a balanced diet.

After the learning journey, students enjoyed a fun class party, where they shared and savored the snacks they had purchased - capping off a day filled with both learning and laughter. It was a valuable learning opportunity that left students with plenty of lasting memories (and a few crumbs, of course!). Who knew learning could be so deliciously fun?

P1 Hi-Lite: Walking through Our Neighbourhood



Enjoying our walk through our neighbourhood.



Can you tell how much we love shopping for snacks?



Looking for items of equal groups.



Everything is awesome when you are part of a team



Making our purchases



We are famished. Now it's party time!

Our Primary 2 explorers, on the other hand, embarked on a thrilling journey to the Children's Museum for Hi-Lite in Term 4.

Imagine the excitement as they penned and mailed out their very first postcards, complete with addresses and stamps! A heartwarming surprise awaited parents when the postcards arrived in their mailboxes. At the Children's Museum, our eager learners stepped into the shoes of our pioneering ancestors, enjoying the scent of aromatic spices and marveling at exotic cargo.

Math came alive as they spotted shapes in the various exhibits. From trying their hand at heritage trades in Singapore to designing their own stamps, our P2s created lasting memories. They returned with newfound appreciation for Singapore's rich heritage and, of course, armed with fun facts to wow their families at dinner time!

P2 Hi-Lite: Food for the Heart



Getting a taste of how hard our early settlers worked



Designing our own postage stamps!



Look how much I can carry!



Teamwork makes the dream work!



Displaying our RICE values by listening intently to the briefing



We can't wait for our parents to read our postcards!

6 Schedule for the last week of school (11 November 2024 to 15 November 2024)

The table below outlines the schedule for the last week of school. Please make note of the specific days your child is required to be at school.

Date	Event	Remarks
11 Nov 2024 (Monday)	Makers Day	All P1 to P6 students should attend school as usual.
12 Nov 2024 (Tuesday)	P6 Grad Party	Only P6 students are required to attend school. <i>(More information will be shared with the P6 parents via PG.)</i>
13 Nov 2024 (Wednesday)	HPPS Celebrates!	Only prize winners are required to attend school. <i>(More information will be shared with the parents of prize winners via PG.)</i>
14 Nov 2024 (Thursday)	P1 2025 Orientation Day	Only for 2025 P1 students and parents No school for ALL students.
15 Nov 2024 (Friday)	School Admin Day	No school for ALL students.

7 HPPS Celebrates!

We will be having our HPPS Celebrates! event on 13 November 2024 for our prize-winners and their invited guests. On this day, we will celebrate our students' strengths and character qualities in different domains. We recognise that some of our students possess character strengths and traits that we want to acknowledge in their 6 years in HPPS. Hence, we want to affirm our students' diverse achievements holistically in both academic and non-academic domains with a wider selection of school awards. During the reception, we will be staging pockets of performances by selected CCA groups. There will also be photo booths especially setup for you to capture this precious moment with your child(ren) and friends. Do bring along your cameras and/or handphones as there will not be instant printing of photos at the on-site photo booths available.

There is NO school on 13 November 2024 for students who are not involved in this event. More information will be shared with the parents of prize winners via PG.

8 Eat With Your Family Day – 15 November 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 that 15 November 2024 is the date set aside for this term. Please note that on that day, the General Office and SCC 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/>.

9 Arrangements for 2024 PSLE results release

The PSLE results will be released tentatively between 20 November 2024 and 22 November 2024. More information regarding the arrangements for the release of the PSLE results will be shared with the P6 parents via Parents Gateway (PG) at a later date.

10 Book List and Packing List

Please note that your child will receive the 2025 book list by Monday, 11 Nov 2024. The packing list will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG). Please follow the packing list to help lighten your child's school bag during the first few days of school in 2025. Subject teachers will collect the books and materials according to the packing list.

11 2025 P1 Orientation

The P1 Orientation is scheduled for 14 November 2024, from 9.00 am to 11.00 am. This Orientation is a pivotal event to ensure a smooth and successful transition for our Primary 1 students into our school community.

During the orientation, our new Primary 1 students will engage in activities and receive important information that will help them acclimate to the new school environment and begin their educational journey with confidence.

Simultaneously, we have organised a parallel session for parents during the same time frame. We believe that parents play a crucial role in a child's education, and this session will provide them with valuable insights into our school's values, goals, and expectations. It is also an excellent opportunity for parents to understand how they can actively support their child's academic and personal development.

After the orientation, we will make available the essential resources and materials online on our school website under Circulars and Forms.

12 School holidays & Start of School Year 2025

Our staff will have their protected holidays from **16 November 2024 to 30 December 2024**. We seek your understanding that they may have limited access to their emails during this period and may not be able to respond to your queries as promptly.

Similar to the arrangements in 2024, only Primary 1 students will report on the first day of school on 2 January 2025. Primary 2 to 6 will report to school on 3 January 2025.

13 Parenting Article

What's bothering your primary schooler?

Like adults, children face life's pressures too. Support them through these challenges with expert tips from school professionals.

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

