



JYPS BULLETIN FOR PARENTS

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Our School Vision

Future-Ready Learners, Leaders of Character

Our School Mission

Nurturing Every Child in a Vibrant and Caring Environment where Talents Blossom

Singapore marks Total Defence Day on Feb 15 every year. It is the date Singapore fell to the Japanese in 1942. 2024 also marks 40 years of Total Defence (TD40) in Singapore.

An island-wide Total Defence exercise will be held in February to increase Singaporeans' readiness for crises and disruptions. This is among several events to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Total Defence in 2024. Over a two-week period from Feb 15 to 29, community facilities, government, and commercial buildings, as well as attractions, will run simulated disruptions. These include shutting power to air conditioners, escalators, and lifts, as well as closing toilets and reducing food options available at canteens and pantries. All schools will simulate food, water or electricity disruptions on Feb 15 or Feb 16.

As part of our commemoration of TD40 this year, **JYPS students will experience a food disruption simulation in school on 15 February 2024**. This TD40 Exercise aims to prepare students for potential disruptions to our food supply chain due to climate change, protectionism, or geopolitical tensions etc., given Singapore's reliance on food imports.

Please note that the canteen will not serve any form of meat (e.g., chicken, fish, pork, beef, mutton, and seafood) on that day to encourage students to be flexible in food choices and be open to protein alternatives in the event of such disruptions. Following the exercise, students will reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Events	Remarks						
7	Safer Internet Day	All P1 to P6 students School hours as per normal. The Safer Internet Day will be held during recesses.						
9	Chinese New Year Celebration Note: <i>Please pack healthy dry snacks for your child as there will be no recess due to early dismissal.</i>	All P1 to P6 students School Hours: 7:30am to 10.30am <table><tr><th>Dismissal</th><th>Side Gate 1</th><th>Side Gate 2</th></tr><tr><td>10.30am</td><td>P3, P5, P6</td><td>P1, P2, P4</td></tr></table>	Dismissal	Side Gate 1	Side Gate 2	10.30am	P3, P5, P6	P1, P2, P4
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12	Chinese New Year	Public Holiday						
13	Day After Chinese New Year	Scheduled School Holiday						
15 & 16	Total Defence Day Commemoration	All P1 – P6 Students School hours as per normal. The TDD Commemoration will be held during curriculum hours.						
19 Feb – 1 Mar	P6 Weighted Assessment 1 (WA1)	P6 students only The schedule and topics to be tested have been sent to parents and guardians via Parents Gateway on 12 January. P3 to P5 students will not be sitting for WA in Term 1. They will be assessed holistically through bite-sized assessments.						
21 & 29	P5 Cohort LJ to Indian Heritage Centre (Timing 1.30pm to 5.00pm)	PG will be sent out nearer date.						

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Students will participate in CNY festive celebrations on 9 February, which include concert programme and classroom activities. Students will be dismissed at 10.30am on that day.



Students celebrating CNY are encouraged to come to school dressed in Chinese ethnic attire. Do note that with the ethnic attire, hair accessories must still be in accordance with school rules and school shoes and socks must be worn.



P2 – P6 CURRICULUM BRIEFING

Thank you for taking the time to attend the 2024 P2 – P6 Curriculum Briefing from 15 to 19 Jan. The Curriculum Briefing slides are now available on the school website (<https://www.junyuanpri.moe.edu.sg/parents-portal/Downloads-and-Links/>) until 29 Feb. Let us work together to bring about the joy of learning in our children.

LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (LTA) ADVISORY

LTA advisory regarding parking along Tampines Ave 4 (near Side Gate 2) and dropping off along Tampines Street 91 (near signalised pedestrian crossing at Side Gate 1). To help improve the traffic situation, we seek your support:

- Not to park indiscriminately along public roads especially near bus stops and junctions during school dismissal times; and
- If parents intend to wait for their children, please park at the surrounding carparks located at the HDB blocks.

We hope that our roads will continue to be safe for all users.

NURTURING HEALTHY HABITS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Safer Internet Day is an annual global initiative which aims to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile devices among children and young people.

This year, Safer Internet Day falls on 6 February 2024, with the theme “Nurturing Healthy Habits in the Digital Age”. In line with this theme, the school have planned for recess activities that emphasise the importance of maintaining a healthy balance of online and offline activities in lives.

The school will also be encouraging students to **commit** to having a screen-free weekend by committing to one of the following screen-free options:

- ✓ Not engaging in recreational screen time
- ✓ Not using mobile devices
- ✓ Not playing video games

Students should then replace the time they would have spent on digital devices with an offline activity such as taking part in:

- ✓ outdoor activities (e.g., cycling)
- ✓ a family activity (e.g., playing board games and cooking)

We would like to encourage you to support your child in this challenge and extend the invitation to the entire family.

We look forward to your support in the holistic development of your child in the digital era. Together, let us guide them towards being digitally resilient and mindful of their own wellbeing when using technology.

HAVE YOU ONBOARDED PARENTS GATEWAY?

We are glad that most of our parents have onboarded Parents Gateway (PG). If you have not, the instructions are available on the [school website](https://www.junyuanpri.moe.edu.sg/parents-portal/Downloads-and-Links/) (<https://www.junyuanpri.moe.edu.sg/parents-portal/Downloads-and-Links/>). Moving forward, JYPS Bulletins, Announcements, and Consent Forms will be sent through PG. Please alert the Form Teachers if you have issues accessing PG.

GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS

The 2024 product factsheet for the NTUC Income Group Personal Accident Insurance Plan for Students is attached for your reference. With effect from 2022, all student accident insurance claims submissions are to be submitted electronically. Parents are to submit their claims online and check the claims status through the online portal. Schools are required to verify the claims information and access the claims records through the online portal. The link is here: <https://studentgpa.incomegroupins.com.sg/>

MAINTAINING PERSONAL HYGIENE FOR A SAFE & HEALTHY SCHOOL

Please encourage your child/ward to stay healthy by maintaining the following hygiene practices:

- Practise frequent hand washing with soap (e.g., before handling food or eating, after going to the toilet, or when hands are dirtied by respiratory secretions after coughing or sneezing).
- Refrain from touching face and cover mouth with a tissue paper when coughing or sneezing and dispose the used tissue paper in the rubbish bin immediately.
- Wipe down their class desks and the canteen tables after use.
- Seek medical attention promptly if your child is unwell.
- Rest at home until your child/ward is certified medically fit to return to school.

Let's continue to keep our school a safe environment for all.

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMME (FSP)

The Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Family Support Programme is an upstream programme designed to guide parents with pre-teens and teens. Their team of MSF-certified Family Life Education Trainers offer Evidence-Based Programmes (EBP) such as Triple P and Signposts for Building Better Behaviour to parents in our school.

We have provided a link to MWS FSP via [JYPS Parents Portal](https://www.junyuanpri.moe.edu.sg/parents-portal/Announcements/) (<https://www.junyuanpri.moe.edu.sg/parents-portal/Announcements/>). You can also visit the [MWS FSP webpage](https://mws.sg/centre-location/mws-family-support-programme/) (<https://mws.sg/centre-location/mws-family-support-programme/>) to find out more about the programmes that will be rolled out in 2024. For more details, you can contact the Programme Coordinator, Ms Shamini or Sarah via email: MWSfsp@mws.sg or Tel: 8812 9565.