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Updates: 5/2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Staff Updates

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff who have joined the school.

Name of Staff	Appointment
Mdm S Aishwarya	Teacher
Mr Tham Ren Jie	Teacher

2. Opera's Got Talent 2023

The online registration for participation in "Opera's Got Talent 2023" is opened to all P1 to P3 students from 25 April, Tuesday. Registration closes on 19 May, Friday. This is a good platform for budding musicians and artists in our school to showcase their talents and share the joy of the arts with everyone! If you can draw, sing, dance or play an instrument, this is the chance for you to volunteer and shine and bring a small measure of happiness to others. Participation is optional.

We will showcase the artworks and videos on the school website and feature the videos during recess.

3. Biodiversity Week

Singapore is home to a large variety of animal and plant species found in our natural habitats. To encourage students to help preserve these precious species, our school will be commemorating Biodiversity Day on 22 May, Monday. Students can look forward to a skit during Morning Assembly about two friends going on a journey to Singapore's very own Changi Beach. This journey showcases some of the fascinating marine life found on the shore! Students will also learn to appreciate the marine ecosystem and how to conserve it through the three R's! There will be an artefact showcase during recess whereby students can come close and interact with the artefacts and a showcase of students' artwork about how we can sustain our biodiversity.

The P3 students will also be going on a learning journey to the Zoo to learn more about the diversity of animals.

Through these activities, we hope students will appreciate the biodiversity in Singapore and the different ways of nature conversation.

4. Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)

To foster strong collaboration with parents, we will be conducting e-PCTC for P2 to P6 levels on **25 May**, **Thursday** via an online platform. Each session will last approximately 15 minutes.

For P1 level, the PCTC will be conducted face-to-face on 25 May, Thursday.

Please look out for the booking on Parents Gateway which will be sent by your child/ward's Form Teacher nearer the date.

5. Other matters

a) To bring toys from home to school can be distracting to your child and others in a learning environment. There are also some toys that are can potentially cause harm to self and others if not used in a proper manner. We seek your understanding not to let your child bring toys to school to promote a conducive learning environment in the school.

b) Travel Declaration for June Holiday

- To ensure that the school continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling for the holidays.
- To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS].
- Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit by 26 May, Friday. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.
- If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**. When planning your travel, please refer to https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart for more information and updates. Please submit a new travel declaration via PG if there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration i.e. change in travel destination or if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.

c) Opera Parents Club (OPC) appreciation and recruitment

We would like to express our appreciation to the OPC members for their active involvement in our recent school programmes such as International Friendship Day, Language Week learning journeys etc. The warmth and enthusiasm displayed by the OPC members are felt by the students and staff!

A Big Thank-You to OPC members! We look forward to more collaborative platforms with all of you!

The Opera Parents Club (OPC) is looking for volunteers to be part of the Opera Family! Being a Parent Volunteer (PV) allows you to be a part of your child's educational journey.

As a PV, you will be able to select and participate in the activities that suit you and your availability. You may choose to volunteer on an ad-hoc basis or join a rostered programme on a regular basis. We would love to hear from you, especially if you have a skill or talent that you can contribute to the OPC family!



OPC Registration

So come and be a part of our OPC family in supporting the students, educators, and parents of OEPS. Scan the QR code to sign up today!

d) Parenting Resources to Support Student's Well-being

As part of our school's collaboration with parents/guardians in providing holistic care for our students, we would like to share the following resources:

(i) MOE Parent Kit

The MOE Parent Kit is an easy-to-use reference to parenting possibilities and advice. Each kit presents a series of scenarios with supporting resources, curated carefully by a team of specialists and educators. You can find useful resources and tips regarding parent-child relationship, well-being, personal growth, technology, learning and education stages. You can click on this link [Parent kit | MOE] to access resources on developing cyber wellness and cyber etiquette.

(ii) MOE Parenting With You Instagram

As part of MOE's efforts to increase direct outreach to parents and to partner you in your parenting journey, <u>parentingwith.moesg</u> is an Instagram account to connect with parents to share tips and MOE resources, as well as the ups and downs of the parenting journey. From practical tips to words of encouragement to real-life inspirational quotes, this is where parents with school-going children gather as a community to exchange tried-and-tested ideas about parenting. Follow this account https://www.instagram.com/parentingwith.moesg/?hl=en and join the community.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful break and an enjoyable time bonding with your family during the June holidays.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tan Wai Ling Principal