



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardian

2023 P5 NOVEMBER CIRCULARS

Extending our warmest wishes to all who are celebrating Deepavali. May the festival of lights bring you happiness, health and prosperity. Happy Deepavali!

In this set of circulars, you will find the information on the following programmes. Please refer to the table below for a list of circulars which you will be receiving. We seek your cooperation to follow up accordingly and adhere to the submission dates.

If you require any clarifications, you may contact the General Office at 6468 4377 or email the teacher-in-charge as indicated accordingly.

S/N	Item	Remarks
1	Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) on 16 Nov 2023	Book via PG from 2 Nov to 13 Nov
2	Parents' Feedback on School Partnership & Admin Survey	Refer to PG on 30 Oct. Respond by 15 Nov.
3	Year End Shoe Recycling Drive	From 6 Nov to 10 Nov
4	RGPS Textile Recycling Bin Project	
5	Odd Socks Day	On 10 Nov
6	SLS Downtime and Organising and housekeeping files in the Student iCON Google Workspace	Refer to PDFs sent in a separate PG on 1 Nov.
7	Repair and replacement of school uniforms	
8	Alumni Association Year- End Holiday Programme	Refer to attached PDF for more information
9	Travel Declaration for Year-End Holiday	By 16 Nov
10	SOTA Art Competition for P6 in 2024	Submit application to 2024 Art Teacher by 19 January
11	Art and Music Programmes Offered in Secondary School for Primary 5 students	

Thank you.

Your Partner in Education
Mrs Elaine Quek
Principal

1. P1 to P5 Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) on 16 Nov, Thursday (8.30am to 3.30pm)

- i. The school believes in the importance of maintaining a close working partnership with our parents/guardian for the growth of our students and has established different channels to communicate with you.

We have organised Parent-Teacher Meetings at the beginning of the year to brief you on school matters. Subject teachers also used Parents Gateway (PG) to update you regularly on subject matters. Form and subject teachers will also call or email you to discuss about your child's/ward's growth and progress in school.

We will continue to leverage on the strong partnership with parents/guardian in our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) on Thursday, 16 Nov 2023, from 8.30am to 3.30pm. All parents are invited to meet the **Form Teacher** in the upcoming PTC. All students need not attend school on that day.

- ii. The focus of the upcoming PTC is your child's/ward's wellbeing as the welfare of our students is of paramount importance. During this conference, you will have the opportunity to interact and dialogue with the Form Teacher about your child's/ward's holistic development. The Form Teacher is a key figure in our pastoral system who takes the class for weekly CCE/FTGP lessons, conducts termly check-in surveys and engages in one-to-one dialogue session(s) with your child/ward. The Form Teacher will also share your child's/ward's character strengths to help you better support her in developing her social and emotional resilience.
- iii. You will receive an invitation via PG from your child's/ward's Form Teacher on **2 Nov** to book an appointment with him/her via PG from **2 Nov (8.00am) to 13 Nov (11.30pm)**. We appeal to parents/guardian to keep the discussion to a maximum of **15 minutes** to allow other parents/guardian to meet the teachers punctually.
- iv. PTC will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom). If you are unable to set up Zoom or meet via video conferencing, please email the respective Form Teacher to make alternative arrangements.
- v. Lunch break for teachers will be from **11.30am to 12.30pm** on 16 Nov.

2. Parents' Feedback on School Partnership & Admin Survey

The school has sent out the PG on Parents' Feedback on School Partnership & Admin Survey on **Monday, 30 October**.

Your feedback is important to us. We would appreciate if you can respond to the survey by **Wednesday, 15 November**.

3. Year End Shoe Recycling Drive

As part of the final phase of their project, Sierra Ziegler, Danielle Seah, Athena Foo of 6D and Riley Ziegler of 3C hope to continue their shoe recycling efforts that they started off in February this year, with another round of collection at the end of the school year.

They will be holding a Year End Shoe Recycling Drive from **6 to 10 November 2023 from 7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.** as part of their continued efforts in taking an active role to Get Green and Love Earth.

Students can drop off their old shoes and give it a second life at the **Cloop Textile Recycling Bin** that was acquired and located outside Gate 1 earlier this year. Alternatively, the team of students would also accept donations at the **canteen drop-off point**.

We accept:

- Rubberised shoes (i.e. sport shoes, school shoes, football shoes without metal studs)
- Rubberised slippers and sandals without metal parts

Shoes should be dry and generally clean when dropped off. We do not encourage the donation of soiled shoes to avoid contamination.

With the upcoming spring cleaning before the end of the year, we hope to garner your support for our Year End Shoe Recycling Drive. Do encourage your child/ward to deposit her used shoes at our collection points.

Thank you for your support in our environmental effort. For any enquiries on this project, do contact Ms Farhani Hanafi-Shuy at noor_farhani_hanafi@schools.gov.sg

4. RGPS Textile Recycling Bin Project- Thank You for Your Generous Donation of Textiles!

The RGPS Environmental Education Committee would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation and support to our RGPS textile recycling project. Your contribution has made a significant impact on our school's direction to "Get Green & Love Earth".

We are happy to inform you that we have collected a total of 4415 kg of textiles (as of 17 October 2023) from your contributions as well as those from the residents within our school neighbourhood. This incredible figure showcases the power of our community coming together to make a difference in caring for our environment.

Our textile recycling bin will continue to remain at its current location till next year. Your ongoing support is invaluable to us, and we would like to encourage you to continue contributing whenever you can.

5. Odd Socks Day

Our school will be commemorating Odd Socks Day again!

This term, Odd Socks Day will be held on **10 November, Friday** (Term 4 Week 9).

On that day, we are delighted to announce that we will also be doing a soft opening of our 'Cool Corner' where students can pen down how they can demonstrate cool behaviours towards their peers.

During this special soft opening, we will be giving out cool treats to students at the school canteen during their recess timings. Students simply need to ensure that they are wearing odd socks and bring along a friend with the completed pledge cards to claim the free ice cream. It will be on a first come first serve basis. While stocks last!

We will be sharing detailed information on the soft opening to the students via their form teachers.

We seek your assistance to remind your child/ward to bring her unique socks to school on that day and support 'That's Not Cool' initiative.

For any enquiries, do contact Ms Shaheda Salim at shaheda_salim@schools.gov.sg or Ms Victoria Chua at victoria_chua_pei_chern@schools.gov.sg

6. SLS Downtime and Organising and housekeeping files in the Student iCON Google Workspace

The Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS) will be temporarily unavailable during a system upgrade from Wednesday, 6 December 2023 until the evening of Thursday, 7 December 2023. Thank you for your understanding.

With the end of the school year approaching, students are encouraged to organise and housekeep their files in their Student iCON during the school holidays to prepare for the new school year.

You can guide your child/ward to refer to the useful Tips & Tricks to organise and housekeep her learning resources in Student iCON in the attached E-poster and guides. Being organised can benefit her learning as it will enable her to store and retrieve her learning resources more efficiently.

For any enquiries, do contact Ms Thivyaa at s_thivyaa_tharrshini@schools.gov.sg

7. Repair and replacement of school uniforms

As we approach the end of another successful school year, we would like to take a moment to express our gratitude for your ongoing support and cooperation. Your dedication to your child's/ward's education is greatly appreciated. With the current academic year coming to a close, we want to remind you about the importance of maintaining and replacement of your child's/ward's school uniform. Proper uniforms not only contribute to the overall image and identity of our school but also help create a conducive learning environment. To ensure your child/ward is well-prepared for the upcoming school year, please consider the following:

A. Uniform Maintenance:

It is essential that uniforms remain in good condition. Please take the time to inspect your child's/ward's uniforms and make any necessary repairs or replacements. This may include sewing up tears, replacing the velcro on school belts, replacing missing buttons, or lengthening their pinafores.

B. New Uniforms for the Next School Year:

To guarantee your child/ward has the required uniforms for the upcoming academic year, we recommend checking for proper fit and condition. Growth spurts happen, and it is essential that uniforms fit comfortably and are of an appropriate length. If your child/ward has outgrown their current uniforms, please plan accordingly and purchase new ones during the December school holidays.

C. Uniform Guidelines:

Please remember to adhere to our school's uniform guidelines, which can be found on our school website or in the student handbook. This also applies to school shoes which must be white and socks which reach the ankle. This will help ensure that your child/ward is dressed appropriately for school and follows our established uniform policy.

D. Uniform Exchange or Donation:

If you have gently used uniforms that your child/ward has outgrown, we encourage you to consider donating them to the school. This helps our pupils who may get caught in sudden changes in weather or who have accidents in school which would require a change of uniform.

E. Ordering Deadlines:

If you plan to order uniforms through Bibi and Baba, please be aware of the ordering deadlines to guarantee timely delivery before the start of the next school year. Please do note that they are usually very busy at the end of the year and do time your visit before the rush.

Your cooperation in maintaining and replacing your child's/ward's uniforms is greatly appreciated. It ensures that they are comfortable, confident, and ready to focus on their studies when they return for the next school year.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable break with the girls and look forward to welcoming your child/ward back in 2024. If you have any questions or concerns regarding uniforms or any other school-related matters, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you a wonderful end to the current school year.

8. Alumni Association Year-End Holiday Programmes

We would like to invite you to sign up for RGPS Alumni Association (AA)'s year-end holiday programme. These workshops are curated with the aim of enriching learning through fun and challenging experiences. In addition, our parent-child workshops will give you the opportunity to enjoy some family bonding time.

Programme	Synopsis	Dates	Fees	Registration Link
Design My Room	Develop skills in Project-based learning, Design Thinking and Visual and Spatial Thinking	5 December 2023, Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Or 18 December 2023, Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	\$155 per child **10% discount for Alumni members	https://www.agora-colearning.space/courses/design-my-room-rgps-only
Parent-Child Christmas Zumba Workshop	Parent and child bond over a jolly mix of classic Christmas hits and Zumba tracks	9 December 2023, Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Or 10 December 2023, Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	\$60 per pair **10% discount for Alumni members	https://www.agora-colearning.space/courses/rgps-parent-child-christmas-zumba-workshop
Parent-Child Workshop: Gingerbread House Decoration	Parent and child bond over decorating a personal gingerbread house and make memories	18 November 2023, Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. OR 19 November 2023, Sunday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	\$80 per pair **10% discount for Alumni members	https://www.agora-colearning.space/courses/parent-child-gingerbread-house-decoration

For any queries, please email connect@rqpsalumni.org.sg if you require more information.

9. Travel Declaration for Year-End Holiday

To ensure that schools 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 16 November 2023**. 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. **If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG if there is a change in travel destination or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.**

Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

10. P6 SOTA Competition 2024

SOTA (School of the Arts) is holding the seventh edition of its annual nation-wide drawing and painting competition. Students who will be in primary 6 in 2024 and who are creative and budding artists are invited to participate in this visual arts competition.

Participants are to submit an original work (A3-size: 29.7cm by 42cm) that demonstrates their observational ability as well as imagination based on the prompt:

WHAT DOES PEACE MEAN TO YOU?

Please note that all participants must submit their applications through their 2024 art teacher. **Deadline for submission is 19 January 2024.**

Please visit www.sotalava.com/sota-primary-6-art-competition for more details if your child/ward is interested.

You may also contact competition@sota.edu.sg for further queries.

11. Art and Music Programmes Offered in Secondary School for Primary 5 students

As you and your child/ward are exploring which secondary school to choose next year, you may wish to consider a school that offers one of the following Art/Music programmes if your child/ward shows interest in and passion for Art or Music. She will then have the opportunity to offer Art or Music as a subject to deepen her skills and knowledge in it and sit for the O-Level Art/Music/Higher Art/Higher Music exam at the end of secondary school:

- Art Elective Programme (AEP) (Sec 1 – 4 programme)
- Music Elective Programme (MEP) (Sec 1 – 4 programme)
- Enhanced Art Programme (EAP) (Sec 3 – 4 programme)
- Enhanced Music Programme (EMP) (Sec 3 – 4 programme)

For Art and Music Elective Programmes, your child/ward could enrol in a school that offers it or apply to attend lessons at a Centre.

For Enhanced Art and Music Programmes, your child/ward would have to enrol in a school that offers it.

More information is available in the file attachment and weblinks provided below.

Art

<https://go.gov.sg/special-art-programmes>

Music

<https://go.gov.sg/specialmusicprogrammes>

<https://go.gov.sg/empmepyoutube>