



SEMBAWANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Innovative Learners, Rooted in Values

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Open Letter from School Leaders 6/2022

Dear Parents,

1. Term 3 never has its dull moments. The school has been participating in various external activities such as the National School Games, Singapore Youth Festival and learning journeys to venues of educational interest. Having reverted to the pre-COVID-19 tempo, CCAs are also now in full swing.
2. We are pleased to update that our Muslim noodles stall (Stall 3) has commenced its operation from 18 July 2022. We welcome Mdm Fauziah Binte Abdul Fatah to the Sembawang family.
3. Heartfelt Appreciation. We would like to take this opportunity to show our heartfelt appreciation to Mr Chua Kim Yong (OSO), who will be leaving MOE on 31 August 2022.

Important Information...

Student Matters

4. Early Dismissal and Non-School Days. Please take note of the following dates on which students either will be dismissed early or do not need to report to school (see Table 1).

Table 1: Early Dismissal and Non-reporting School Days

Date	Event	Remarks
15 & 16 August	PSLE EL/MTL Oral Exam	P1 to P5 students do not need to report to school.
1 September	Teachers' Day Celebration	Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am.

5. PSLE Written Papers. P6 students will be sitting for their PSLE Written Papers from 29 September (Friday) to 5 October (Wednesday). On these days, P1 to P4 students will report to school as usual, while **Home-Based Learning (HBL) will be conducted for P5 students**. Selected P5 students will be asked to report to school for targeted academic support. These students will be notified by their Form Teachers nearer to the dates.






Safety and Security

6. Addressing Potential Hazard. We have identified the immediate vicinity at the side gate near the main road as a potential hazard to our students, staff and parents exiting from the school. Temporary signages have been put up to remind Personal Mobility Device (PMD) riders and cyclists to slow down and look out for personnel exiting the side gate. See Figure 1 for the potential impact area and temporary signage.



7. Dengue Prevention. The number of dengue cases in Singapore has exceeded 20,000 recently, and this is a fourfold increase from the total number of cases reported in the whole of 2021. On 25 and 26 July 2022, the school shared with students how they could protect themselves from dengue and take steps to curb the spread of the disease. The distribution of mosquito repellents and educational pamphlets by Temasek Foundation and National Environment Agency (NEA) was also carried out for our students. We urge all parents to take immediate action at home by regularly practising the following Mozzie Wipeout '**B-L-O-C-K**' steps (see Figure 2).

Figure 2 – **B.L.O.C.K** Steps

				
Break up hardened soil	Lift and empty flowerpot plates	Overturn pails and wipe their rims	Change water in vases	Keep roof gutters clear and place insecticide inside

Celebration of Successes...

8. Open House 2022. Our Open House 2022 was held on 23 July 2022, with an estimated 420 walk-ins and more than 50 online viewers during the live chat session (see Figure 3 for snapshots of the event). The successful conduct of the Open House was possible because of the tremendous support by our parents, teachers and students. Thank you, parents!

Figure 3 – Snapshots of Open House 2022

	
<i>Panelists answering questions from parents in school and online viewers</i>	<i>One of the many booths on display to provide information on school curriculum</i>



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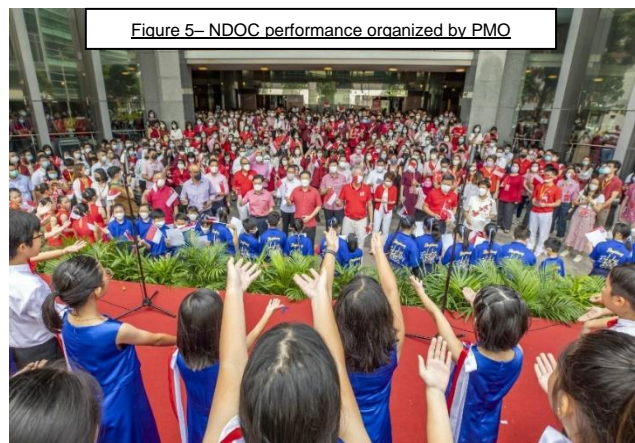


9. Participation in external National Day Observance Ceremony (NDOC). Our school CCA students participated in two NDOCs on 7 August and 8 August 2022. The details are as follows:

a) Chinese Dance and Red Cross students participated in the Sembawang GRC NDOC 2022 at the open space next to Sembawang MRT station on 7 August 2022. See Figure 4.



b) The school choir was honoured to be invited to perform at the NDOC organised by the Prime Minister's Office held at The Treasury Building on 8 August. They performed the song "We will get there" and led all event participants at the finale community singing segment to "Home" and 2022 NDP theme song "Stronger Together". See Figure 5.



Up-coming School Events...

10. Calendar of Events in Term 4. We are pleased to provide a summary of key school events, activities and special instructions for Term 4. Please refer to Enclosure 1 for the details.



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Miscellaneous...

11. Review of Canteen Food Prices. With the rising cost of commodities and ingredients, coupled with higher operating charges, canteen food prices are revised with effect from Term 4. The revision of the set meal prices was in accordance with the guidelines from MOE. See Table 2 for the breakdown.

Table 2 – Revision to Set Meal prices with effect from 12 September 2022

Set Meals	Small portion	Large portion
Noodles	\$1.80	\$2.30
Rice	\$1.80	\$2.30
Western	\$1.80	\$2.30

12. In addition, the prices for ala carte items sold by our canteen vendors are also increased by \$0.10 and \$0.20, with effect from Term 4. The revised stall menu with the new pricings will be prominently displayed at each stall.

13. Eat With Your Family Day (EWYFD). The next EWYFD falls on 2 September 2022, incidentally on Teacher's Day. To support this initiative, the General Office will close at 5.00 p.m. to allow our staff to leave early and spend time with their families.

Concluding Remarks...

*"Excellence is a continuous process & not an accident."
~Dr Abdul Kalam~*

14. Our P6 students are on the final lap of their journey in primary education, and we wish them the best in the PSLE and Preliminary Examinations.

15. Stay safe and healthy!

Warmest regards.

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2022 Term 4 Calendar of Events

Date	Event / Activity	Level	Special Instructions
16 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P6	P1 to P5 do not need to report to school.
22 Sep (Thu)	End-of-Year Oral Examinations (EL/MTL) (P.M.)	P3 & P4	Students will be notified of their sessions by their subject teachers.
23 Sep (Fri)			
26 Sep (Mon)			
27 Sep (Tue)	End-of-Year Oral Examinations (EL/MTL) (P.M.)	P5	
29 Sep (Thu)	PSLE Written: English Language	P6	Home-Based Learning (HBL) will be conducted for P5 students.
30 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Written: Mathematics	P6	
3 Oct (Mon)	PSLE Written: Mother Tongue Languages	P6	
4 Oct (Tue)	PSLE Written: Science	P6	P1 to P4 students, as well as selected P5 students, will report to school.
5 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Written: Higher Mother Tongue Languages	P6	
6 Oct (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration	All	Dismissal details will be provided via PG nearer to the date.
7 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day	All	School Holiday
11 Oct (Tue)	End-of-Year Examinations (EYE): English Language Paper 1	P3 – P5	
12 Oct (Wed)	EYE: Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1	P3 – P5	
17 Oct (Mon) – 20 Oct (Thu)	PSLE Marking Exercise	All	Students do not need to report to school.
18 Oct (Tue) -19 Oct (Wed)	P3 GEP Selection Exercise	P3	Selected candidates will be notified via PG.
24 Oct (Mon)	Deepavali	All	Public Holiday
26 Oct (Wed)	EYE: English Language Paper 2 & Listening Comprehension	P3 – P5	
27 Oct (Thu)	EYE: Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2 & Listening Comprehension	P3 – P5	
28 Oct (Fri)	EYE: Science	P3 – P5	
31 Oct (Mon)	EYE: Mathematics	P3 – P5	
1 Nov (Tue)	EYE: Higher Mother Tongue Languages	P5	
1 Nov (Tue)	Non-Weighted Assessment: Higher Mother Tongue Languages	P3	
7 Nov (Mon)	Security Incident Exercise	All	
8 Nov (Tue)	School's Admin Day	All	Students do not need to report to school.



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Date	Event / Activity	Level	Special Instructions
9 Nov (Wed)	Issuance of P4 Subject-Based Banding Forms and report books	P4	
11 Nov (Fri)	Issuance of report books	P1 – P3, P5	
14 Nov (Mon)	e-PCTC (P.M.)	All	Parents will be notified of booking via PG.
15 Nov (Tue)	e-PCTC (Whole Day)	All	Students do not need to report to school.
17 Nov (Thu)	Last Day of School	All	
18 Nov (Fri)	Annual Speech Day & P6 Graduation	Prize Winners & P6	Students will be notified if they need to attend.
18 Nov (Fri)	P1 Orientation	-	For 2023 P1 parents