



SEMBAWANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Open Letter from School Leaders 5/2024

Dear Parents,

1. Welcome to Term 3. We hope you have enjoyed quality family time during the June school holidays. During this period, we took the opportunity to improve safety and create more learning spaces for your child through key infrastructure works. This will continue until the end of the year.

2. The term started with a visit by Minister for Education Mr Chan Chun Sing on 27 June 2024. The visit provided a platform for our students and staff to engage Minister Chan face-to-face. Minister Chan was very heartened to see the enthusiasm and drive during his engagement with the students.

New Staff and New Appointment...

3. New Additions to the Sembawang Family. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff who have joined our school in Semester 2.

- Mr Chew Teck Seng (Operations Support Officer)
- Mr Hanif Bin Othman (Operations Support Officer)
- Ms Yuvashini D/O Puvannan (MK Educator Tamil Language)

4. New Appointments. Appointing staff to leadership roles is crucial to ensure the delivery of high-quality learning experiences and the provision of a safe environment for your child. Assuming new appointments with effect from 24 June 2024 are:

- Mdm Norlin Binte Mansor (AYH/UP)
- Mrs Hazel Boo-Lim Peck Joo (AYH/MP)

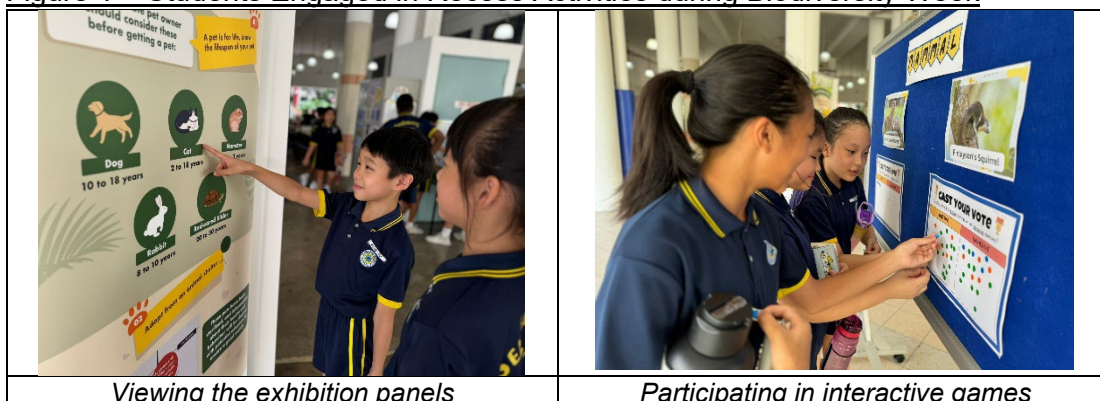
Important Information...

Student Matters

5. Learning Beyond Classroom. Capitalising on the Biodiversity Week from 13 May to 17 May, our students learnt the importance of protecting the ecosystem and biodiversity in Singapore, through sharing by their peers and an interactive skit by a vendor. The students' learning was further reinforced through hands-on recess activities and NParks exhibits that focused on considerations towards pets, community animals, wildlife and the environment in general (see Figure 1).



Figure 1 – Students Engaged in Recess Activities during Biodiversity Week



Viewing the exhibition panels

Participating in interactive games

6. Learning Beyond School. Three students from the Science and Green Club – Boon Jun Kai (6RY), Han Min Toe (6RY) and Nandhitha Natarajan (6RT) – participated in a tree planting event at East Coast Park on 28 May 2024, as part of the OneEarth Challenge by the Land Transport Authority (LTA). The event certainly raised the students' awareness on the importance of environmental sustainability, as well as the importance of everyday transport choices and its impact on our environment (see Figure 2).

Figure 2 – Students Involved in the Tree Planting Event



Our students in action

With the Guest-of-Honour, Mr Baey Yam Keng

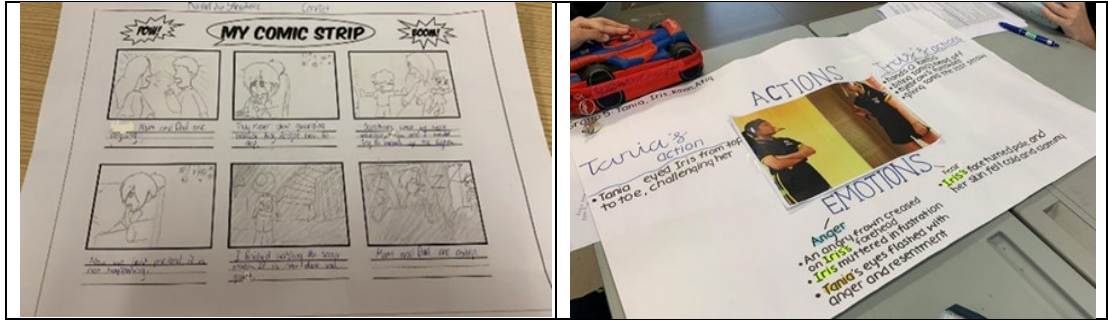
7. Physical Fitness. The gradual improvement of students' physical fitness through PE lessons, with a focus on endurance and strength, is crucial to support their overall health and well-being. Our teachers provide support to address any areas of weaker fitness levels identified through the National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) test, which includes the 1.6km Run, 4 x 10m Shuttle Run, Inclined Pull Up, Sit & Reach, Sit-Ups, and Standing Broad Jump.

8. Health Screening. All students will be subjected to health screening in July, with a selected cohort receiving immunisation doses. These measures are essential for both protecting against and detecting underlying health issues. For details on health screening, parents may refer to the following link: [https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/health screening for primary school](https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/health%20screening%20for%20primary%20school).



9. Building Multiliteracies in our English Language Classroom. We strongly believe that a student with multiliteracy skills will be well-prepared to become an effective, empathetic, and confident communicator. To achieve this, English lessons have been enriched with multiliteracies and multimodal texts to inspire both joy and rigour in learning (see Figure 3). Students are encouraged to read critically through innovative curriculum lessons that foster inquiry through dialogue and practice metacognitive skills.

Figure 3 – Examples of Multiliteracy Lesson Resources



10. Library as a Learning Space. The library is a strategic resource for nurturing student agency, leadership, and supporting our efforts in advancing 21st Century Competencies (21CC) development. Let us continue to encourage our students to make regular visits to the library. See Figure 4 for the vibrant environment in the school library.

Figure 4 – Our Vibrant Library



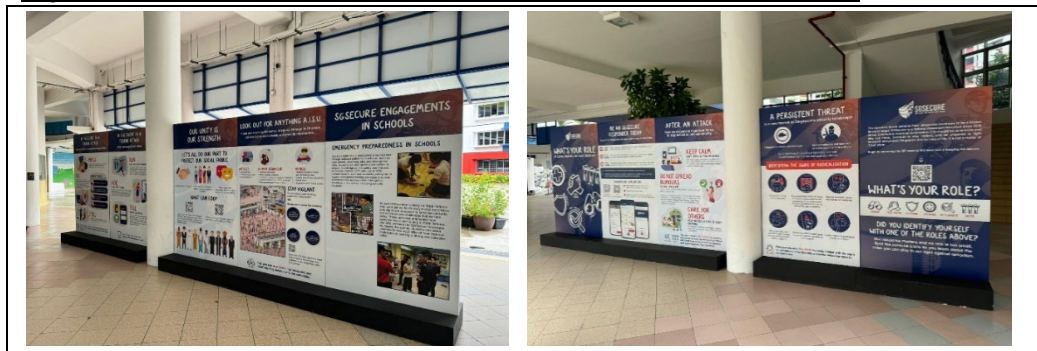


11. On 3 July 2024, the Sembawang Primary's inaugural Library Fiesta, comprising a Book Buzz presentation by National Library Board, recess and classroom activities, was carried out successfully. Several students came dressed as their favourite storybook characters, that had further livened up the atmosphere. We want to thank our parent for your support and our parent volunteers who manned the booths during the recesses.

Safety, Security and Well-Being

12. Emergency Preparedness. To reinforce our school community's emergency preparedness, we have obtained SGSecure exhibition panels from the SGSecure Programme Office in MHA to be displayed in the school from 24 to 28 June 2024 (see [Figure 5](#)). The information on these panels serves as reminders to students and staff about the importance of maintaining vigilance and staying strong and united in the fight against terrorism. Additionally, activity sheets designed by MHA have been incorporated into the Primary 6 students' Social Studies lesson to enhance engagement and reinforce learning while they view the panels. To transfer their learning into action, our students will experience first-hand the procedure of a lockdown and fire-related evacuation drill in school, scheduled in Week 4 of Term 3.

Figure 5 – SGSecure Exhibition Panels at the School Concourse



13. Road Safety. We have observed instances of congestion at the traffic light junction in front of the school gate during reporting and dismissal periods, leading to some individuals being unable to clear the crossing point within the allotted timing. To improve student safety, the school has requested and received approval from LTA to extend the duration of the crossing time during these periods. We will monitor the effectiveness of this extension closely.

14. Student Well-being. Ensuring the safety of our students is a priority in all school activities. From the perspective of student well-being, we appreciate parents keeping the Form Teachers informed of any ad-hoc well-being issues, such as being excused from physical activities due to a fractured ankle or any pre-existing medical conditions of your child. We also request parents to update your child's Form Teachers on the date of COVID vaccination, booster dose, and any positive COVID test results.

15. Mitigating High Temperature Weather Conditions. Due to the ongoing high temperature weather conditions, students are permitted to report to school in PE attire for Term 3. Please also remind your child to stay adequately hydrated throughout the day.



Celebration of Successes...

16. 2024 North Zone ML Oratorical Competition. The school has continued to leverage opportunities and platforms beyond the school to develop and build confidence in our students. Ilyushirah Binte Indrayadi (5RT) and Muhammad Naufal Qayyum Bin Zaidi (5RE) participated in the Budiman Bistari 2024 competition and achieved 1st and 3rd runner-up positions. See Figure 6 for the proud moments of our speakers. Congratulations to both!



Figure 6 – Our Young Speakers

17. Biodiversity Race 2024. Two groups of students from the Science and Green Club participated in the annual Biodiversity Race organised by the Nature Society Singapore on 29 May 2024. The event aimed to discover different fauna species in Singapore and explore our natural spaces. Students who participated in the event enjoyed the experience and the camaraderie during the ‘hunt’. Our students achieved 1st and 2nd place for the “Most Unique Observation” Award. Well done! See Figure 7 for our winners and their discoveries.

Figure 7 – 1st and 2nd Placings in the “Most Unique Observation” Category

<p><i>1st Placing - [L-R] Lee Wei Hao (5RT), Emilin George (5I), Lai Si En (5E), Goh Kang Jie (5RE)</i></p>	<p><i>Sumatran Flying Dragon</i></p>
<p><i>2nd Placing - [L-R] Thinn Phyu Sin Thant (4E), Annabel Wong Yi Xuan (6RT)</i></p>	<p><i>Palm King (Butterfly)</i></p>



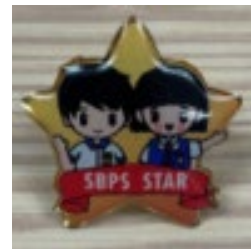
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18. Competitive Sports. Through various competitions, our junior sportsmen and sportswomen have gained valuable experiences in both preparation and competition. We are confident that our students have displayed resilience and given their best in the pursuit of excellence in their respective sports. This was exemplified by two of our rugby boys, Muhammad Nur Danish Bin Nasir (6I) and Mohamed Amirul Qusyairie Bin Mohamed Fahmi (6RE), who were awarded the Peter Lim Scholarship, recognising high-performing athletes in pursuit of sporting excellence (see Figure 8). We were also heartened to learn that two of our bowlers, Brian Low Kai Yuan (6G) and Brian Minn Khine (5RT), displayed outstanding sportsmanship and camaraderie by actively supporting and cheering fellow competitors during the National School Games. Overall, the off-court achievements have added to the numerous accolades bestowed upon our students. See Enclosure 1 for full details.

Figure 8 – Recipients of Peter Lim award



19. SBPS Star. The SBPS Star was a school initiative aimed at recognising students who have demonstrated exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities. In Semester 1, we rewarded students recommended by their Form Teachers with a certificate of their achievements and a collar pin. Congratulations to all recipients of this semester's SBPS Star! We look forward to more nominations in Semester 2.



20. Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2024. MOE organises the SYF annually to celebrate the vitality and talents of our youth in the Arts, with the objective of serving as a platform for the development of character, 21CC and social emotional learning through the Arts. Our performing arts CCA, namely Chinese Orchestra, Chinese Dance, Malay Dance, Indian Dance and Choir, participated in the SYF Arts Presentation held in April (see Figure 9). Congratulations to our young talents!

Figure 9 – Performing Arts Talents





21. Post SYF, our Chinese dancers had also performed at the SYF Dance Extravaganza at Gardens by The Bay on 29 June. See Figure 10. Kudos to our dancers!

Figure 10 – Our Chinese Dancers Performing at the Dance Extravaganza



22. Overseas Learning Journey (OLJ) 2024. 32 P5 students and 5 teachers have successfully completed the Overseas Learning Journey (OLJ) in Selangor, Malaysia from 13 to 17 May 2024. The students gained valuable lessons and insights into the history and culture of the country through visits to three Malaysian schools and several cultural sites in Kuala Lumpur (see Figure 11). The OLJ also allowed our students to experience rice planting, kite making and harvesting at a fruit orchard.



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Figure 11 – OLJ in Selangor, Malaysia



With Malaysian students

Padi Field

Batu Cave

Game Time

At the Orchard

Kite Making

Up-coming School Events....

23. Racial Harmony Day. Scheduled on 17 July 2024, this year's celebration will include skits and positive minutes at assembly, as well as a food carnival featuring tantalising traditional snacks. Further details will be disseminated through PG.

24. Open House 2024. This annual event will be held on 27 July 2024 (Saturday) from 9.00 am to 11.00 am. Prospective P1 parents can look forward to understanding our school's infrastructure and key programs through a school tour led by our student leaders, CCA and curriculum showcases, aesthetic performances, and engagement with School Leaders and Key Personnel. More information about the event will be made available on our school's social media sites.



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Concluding Remarks...

“Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardour and diligence”.
~Abigail Adams~

25. We wish you a fabulous Term 3. Stay safe and healthy!

Warmest regards,

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Enclosure 1

1. Junior Kin-Ball Championship 2024. Our TDP participants competed in the annual Junior Kin-Ball Championship held at St Anthony's Primary School on 17 May 2024. Well done to our champions and 2nd runner-up participants!

Champions from the Boys Category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohd Asraf (6 Empathy) • Mohd Nur Danish (6 Integrity) • Mohd Fyan (6 Resilience) • Aaqil Shawqi (6 Responsibility) 	Champions from the Girls Category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safira Qailisya (6 Empathy) • Nuur Aynna (6 Integrity) • Insyirah Abdullah (6 Resilience) • Nada Zafira (6 Resilience)
2nd Runner-Up from the Girls Category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelyn Gunawan (4 Resilience) • Anis Nasuha (5 Respect) • Rinn Hong (5 Respect) • Jagan Benita (6 Respect) 	

2. National School Games (NSG) 2024. The annual NSG is Singapore's largest and most extensive annual youth sports event, with student-athletes competing across 29 sports. Organised by the Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council (SPSSC) and the Singapore Schools Sports Council (SSSS), the NSG aims to provide opportunities for student-athletes to participate in inter-school competitions while encouraging character building through authentic sporting experience.

3. The following are the achievements from the various participating CCA.

CCA	Achievement
Bowling (Senior Girls Quartet)	6th Runner-Up
Track and Field (Individual)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 57 Personal Best (PB) - 27 Medals Won (3 Gold, 5 Silver, 19 Bronze) <p><u>Alvina Hanis (6I)</u> Long Implement Throw (400g) - 1st (PB) Standing Long Jump - 3rd (PB) 80m - 4th (PB)</p> <p><u>Ashley Ng (6G)</u> 80m - 2nd (PB) Standing Long Jump - 2nd (PB) Long Implement Throw (400g) - 5th (PB)</p> <p><u>Wong Yu Xuan (6I)</u> Standing Long Jump - 3rd (PB)</p>



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	<p><u>Nurul Na'ila Binte Muhamed Hafiz (6I)</u> 80m Hurdles - 6th (PB) High Jump - 8th (PB) Long Implement Throw (400g) - 8th (PB) Spore Athletics Under 13 Championships 2024 Under 13 High Jump - 7th</p> <p><u>Lim Li Yi (6G)</u> Shot Put (2kg) - 7th (PB)</p> <p><u>Poolsopha Ananya (5E)</u> Spore Athletics Under 13 Championships 2024 Long Implement Throw (400g) – 4th Under 13 High Jump – 8th</p> <p><u>Ilyusyirah Binte Indrayadi (5RT)</u> Shot Put (2kg) - 2nd (PB)</p> <p><u>Ashraf Bin Muhammed (6E)</u> High Jump - 1st (PB) Shot Put (3kg) - 2nd (PB) 200m - 6th (PB) 5 x 80m Relay - 3rd 4 x 200m Relay - 3rd Combined Events - 2nd Spore Athletics Under 13 Championships 2024 Under 13 High Jump - 1st Under 13 Shot Put (3kg) - 2nd</p> <p><u>Aaqil Shawqi Bin Mohamed Hasrul Nizam (6RY)</u> Modified Discus - 4th (PB) 200m - 5th (PB) 5 x 80m Relay - 3rd 4 x 200m Relay - 3rd Spore Athletics Under 13 Championships 2024 Under 13 200m - 5th 80m - 8th</p> <p><u>Agrawal Rayansh Keshav (6RT)</u> Modified Discus - 1st (PB) 5 x 80m Relay - 3rd</p> <p><u>Tay Jie Kai, Isaac (6RY)</u> 30m - 6th (PB) Singapore Athletics Under 13 Championships 2024 Under 13 Long Implement Throw (400g) - 7th Under 13 High Jump - 8th</p> <p><u>Liu Daoming (6G)</u> 120m - 6th (PB) 5 x 80m Relay - 3rd 4 x 200m - 3rd</p>
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	<p><u>Yong Zhun Lok, Athen (6RT)</u> Standing Long Jump - 5th (PB)</p> <p><u>Mohd Fyan Alfin Bin Mohd Firdaus (6RE)</u> 5 x 80m Relay - 3rd 4 x 200m Relay – 3rd</p> <p><u>Jordan Hwong Nai Sheng (6RY)</u> Spore Athletics Under 13 Championships 2024 Under 13 Long Implement Throw (400g) - 5th</p> <p><u>Muhd Suhail Bin Saju (5RT)</u> Shot Put (2kg) - 6th (PB)</p> <p><u>Zyle Sim Kel Zen (4RE)</u> 1000m - 6th (PB) 4 x 50m Relay - 2nd Spore Athletics Under 13 Championships 2024 Under 11 1000m - 4th</p> <p><u>Chow Kegiang, Wesley (4RE)</u> 80m - 7th (PB) 4 x 50m Relay - 2nd</p> <p><u>Mohd Zachary Bin Abdullah (4G)</u> Standing Long Jump - 7th (PB)</p> <p><u>Max Ng Zhuo Yang (4C)</u> 4 x 50m Relay - 2nd</p> <p><u>Subesh Sankar (4C)</u> 4 x 50m Relay - 2nd</p>
Track and Field (Senior 1 Boys Division)	2nd Runner Up
Rugby (Senior Boys)	3rd Runner Up