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IN LINK Bulletin

July 2023

Dear parents/ guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope that your child/ward has had a good break and is ready to start the new term. For this term, pupils will be participating in activities such as cohort camps and learning journeys to provide support in their holistic development. My team and I would like to thank all parents for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning. We look forward to a fulfilling Term 3 2023 with your child/ward.

1. Staff Appointment and Movement

- a) Congratulations to the following staff on their new appointment:
 - Ms Emmeline Ong Chang Ching (HOD EL)
 - Mdm Yee Leng Leng (Senior SEN Officer)
- b) We would like to welcome the following staff to the WSPS family:
 - Ms Debbie Wong Xuan (Teacher)
 - Mr Zuhri Bin Shariff (SEN Officer)
- c) We would also like to bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for the contributions in WSPS:
 - Mdm Zubaidah Bte Mohd Mydin (Teacher)
 - Ms Brienne Chia Hiong Kwoon (AED T&L)

2. Racial Harmony Day 2023

Singapore is a harmonious society built on a rich diversity of cultures, requiring collaborative efforts from all to promote social cohesion and harmony. This year's Racial Harmony Day (RHD) theme, Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic, focuses on the appreciation of the diverse races and religions that make up our multicultural society and contribute to our shared sense of cohesion and harmony.

Through the school's activities, pupils will understand the importance of values like respect and empathy in their daily interactions with others. As part of home-school collaboration, we hope that parents and/or caregivers can reinforce the message of what it means to strengthen connection amongst communities, and to take action to preserve racial harmony in Singapore at home.

Pupils are encouraged to come to school in their ethnic costumes on Mon, 17 July as part of the RHD celebrations. For pupils without ethnic costumes, they are to come to school in school uniform.

3. Learning Journey to HortPark

The Primary 3 pupils will be going on their learning journey (during curriculum hours) to HortPark as part of their Student Development Experiences in Term 3. Please see the schedule below.

Classes	Dates	
P3A	4 Jul (Tue)	
P3B	5 Jul (Wed)	
P3C	6 Jul (Thu)	

Classes	Dates	
P3D	20 Jul (Thu)	
P3E	18 Jul (Tue)	
P3F	19 Jul (Wed)	

Please refer to the notification via Parents Gateway (PG) sent out on 26 June 2023 for more details.

4. National Education (NE) Show (Primary 5)

As part of the cohort's learning journey, the Primary 5 pupils will be attending the NE Show held at The Padang on Sat, 15 July 2023 from 2.30pm to 9.30pm. Please refer to the notification via Parents Gateway (PG) sent out on 26 May 2023 for more details.

5. Keeping Children Healthy Part 2

In the May In-Link Bulletin – Keeping Children Healthy Part 1, we encouraged parents to continue developing healthy habits at home for your children. As a follow up, we have attached a link https://go.gov.sg/parentsnewsletter3 on a parent guide for developing healthy children by the Health Promotion Board for your reference. The guide covers the following areas:

- Easy snack recipes and ideas for snack break in your child's school and planning ahead.
- A guide to selecting healthier options when eating out for a busy parent.
- How much sleep does your child actually need and tips for a good night's rest.
- How to support your child in the area of substance abuse.

6. Growth Mindset Nuggets #5: (Positive Language for Positive Behaviour)

"Stop it." "Don't do that!" As a parent, you might find yourself using these words and phrases more often when your child begins to make his/her own choices. What if you chose words to tell him/her what he/she can do instead?

Using positive language empowers a child to make an appropriate choice on his/her own, which can boost his/her self-esteem. When you are specific in your directions by telling your child exactly what he/she can do and when, it is easier for him/her to comply, and he/she is more likely to cooperate with the request.

Here are some positive language changes you can try out at home.

- 1. Replace "Don't" with "Do".
- 2. Offer a choice to create the feeling of in control.
- 3. Use "first-then" language.
- 4. Give your child time to think for favourable response.
- 5. Help him/her to remember so that he/she can make the right decision.

Positive relationships provide the foundation for a successful and happy child. The manner in which you talk to your child has a significant impact on his/her behaviour. Making positive changes to your communication style can be hard work, but with a little practice, you will see a big difference in your relationship with your child.

Attached is a related article for your reading pleasure: https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/what-happened-when-i-stopped-nagging-my-kids

We would like to encourage you to try using positive language to promote positive behaviour at home.

7. Major Events and Holidays for Term 3

Date	Event	Remarks
30 Jun (Fri) – 25 Aug (Fri)	P3 Swimsafer Programme @ Toa	Please refer to PG sent on
	Payoh Swimming Complex	2 May 2023 for details.
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2 Jul (Sun)	Youth Day	Division mand man manager to
3 Jul (Mon)	Youth Day School Holiday	Pupils need not report to school.
14 Jul (Fri)	P4 Day Camp @ MOE Labrador	Please refer to PG sent on
	Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre	17 May 2023 for details.
15 Jul (Sat)	P5 NE Show	Please refer to PG sent on 26 May for details.
17 Jul (Mon)	Racial Harmony Day Celebrations	
19 Jul (Wed) – 20 Jul (Thu)	P6 Oral (Prelims)	Will be conducted after curriculum hours. More details would be sent via PG nearer the date.
24 Jul (Mon) – 4 Aug (Fri)	Weighted Assessment 3	For P3 to P5 pupils only.
8 Aug (Tue)	National Day Celebrations	School hours for all pupils
		would be from 7.30am to
		10.30am.
9 Aug (Wed) – 10 Aug (Thu)	National Day Public Holiday and	Pupils need not report to
3 Aug (Wed) — 10 Aug (Thu)	School Holiday	school.
15 Aug (Tue) – 16 Aug (Wed)	PSLE Oral	P1 to P5 pupils need not
		report to school.
17 Aug (Thu)	P3 GEP Screening	More details would be sent
		via PG nearer the date.
17 Aug (Thu)	P6 Listening Comprehension (Prelims)	
18 Aug (Fri)	P6 English (Prelims)]
21 Aug (Mon)	P6 Math (Prelims)	
21 Aug (Mon) – 23 Aug (Wed)		More details would be sent
·	Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre	via PG nearer the date.
22 Aug (Tue)	P6 Mother Tongue (Prelims)	
23 Aug (Wed)	P6 Science (Prelims)	
24 Aug (Thu)	P6 HMT (Prelims)	
31 Aug (Thu)	Teachers' Day Celebrations	More details would be sent via PG nearer the date.
1 Sep (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday	Pupils need not report to school.
2 Sep (Sat) – 10 Sep (Sun)	Term 3 School Holidays	P6 supplementary classes
	·	will be held on 7 and 8
		Sep. (More details would
		be sent via PG nearer the
		date.)

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim parents and pupils, Selamat Hari Raya Haji!

Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong Principal