



Dear parents/ guardians,

August is the month where we will celebrate our National Day. This is our 58th year of independence and we have come a long way together as one Singapore. It is my hope that we will continue to build our resilience and move forward confidently as one united people. With the conviction of a shared future that is built upon the idea of inclusivity and unity, we will collectively do our part and strive to shine our light upon the world!

1. National Day Celebration 2023

This year's National Day theme 'Onward As One' calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people. It urges Singaporeans to move forward with confidence and determination, recognizing the importance of collective effort in building a stronger and more prosperous nation.

The school will be celebrating National Day on **8 August 2023, Tuesday** and school hours will be from **7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.**

To enhance the celebrative mood and atmosphere, pupils are strongly encouraged to come in red T-Shirt and school skirt/shorts or PE attire as they will be participating in ACES workout. Pupils are to bring some light snacks on that day. The school canteen will not be opened due to the curtailed school hours.

To celebrate this important and significant event, every pupil will be given a National Day souvenir which is a reusable cutlery set specially designed by our very own White Sandian. The souvenir is specially chosen in alignment with one of our national initiatives to go green. We strongly encouraged our pupils to reduce waste, conserve resources, and mitigate the environmental impact of our daily activities.

To instill in our pupils the values of care and empathy towards the elderly, the school will be organizing a donation drive from 31 July, Monday to 7 August 2023, Monday. Through this donation drive, we hope to provide the beneficiaries with some of their daily necessities. Below are the items that we will be collecting:

1. Milk powder (approx. 550g)
2. Milo 3 in 1 (sachets in a pack)
3. Coffee 3 in 1 (sachets in a pack)
4. Biscuits (approx. 250g)
5. Healthy nuts (approx. 400g)

Pupils are encouraged to bring any of the above donated items to school on the collection week. They are to place the donated items at a designated space in the classrooms. The donation drive is for the elderly residents from our partnering homes. We hope that you can join us in this effort to show kindness and bring smiles to their faces as we celebrate Singapore's 58th birthday.

2. Teachers' Day Celebration

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on 31 August 2023, Thursday. The theme for the celebration is "Lights, Camera, Education!". This day is dedicated to honour and appreciate the hard work and dedication of teachers and their significant role in shaping the lives of pupils. Pupils and teachers will be engaged in meaningful activities. More details will be provided to pupils on the things to bring for that day. School hours will be from **7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.** Pupils are to bring some light snacks on that day. The school canteen will not be opened due to the curtailed school hours. Please note that 1 September 2023, Friday is a school holiday.

3. Primary 3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Exercise

- You would have received a notification on 17 July 2023, via Parent Gateway (PG) to indicate consent for your child to participate in this year's Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Exercise. The details of the GEP Screening Exercise is as follows:

Date(s)	Papers	Participants
17 August (Thursday)	English Language 8.15 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. (1 h 15 min) Mathematics 10.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. (1 h 15 min)	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in government and government-aided schools are invited to participate.

- Please be reminded that the deadline for you to indicate consent via PG is **4 August 2023, Friday**. Pupil's participation in the Screening Exercise is not compulsory, however, we encourage you to allow your child to take part. In addition, all results of pupils' performance at the Screening Exercise are confidential and will **not** be released.
- As a gentle reminder, this programme provides enriched curriculum to cater the needs of pupils with high intellectual potential. Pupils who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum, causing undue stress on the pupils and impact their self-esteem. With this in mind, we would like to urge parents to avoid any test-preparation activities which could inflate the pupils' scores and inaccurately reflect their suitability for the programme.
- Please note that 17 August 2023, Thursday is a regular school day. This means that pupils who have opted not to participate in the Screening Exercise are still expected to attend school.

4. PSLE Oral Days

As stated in July In-Link bulletin, PSLE oral will be conducted on 15 and 16 August 2023. Please note that Primary 1 to 5 pupils **are not required** to report to school on these 2 days. P6 pupils will be informed of the time to report nearer the dates. For more information, please refer to SEAB website:

<https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2023psleexamtimetable.pdf>

5. Learning Journey to National Orchid Gardens for Primary 2 Pupils

As part of the Student Development Experiences, the school will be organising a learning journey to National Orchid Gardens for the Primary 2 pupils during school curriculum hours. The learning journey will be on 28 and 29 August 2023.

More details on the learning journey will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the dates.

6. Museum-Based Learning Journey to the National Gallery of Singapore for Primary 4 Pupils

The Primary 4 pupils will embark on an educational learning journey to the National Gallery of Singapore as part of their compulsory module on museum etiquette. This excursion will immerse our pupils in the captivating world of art, history, and culture of Singapore's past and present while also learning about proper behaviour and decorum while visiting a museum gallery. The details of the learning journey are as follows:

Date: 22 August 2023, Tuesday

Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm

More details on the learning journey will be shared via Parent Gateway (PG) nearer to the date.

7. Growth Mindset Nuggets #6: Building a Strong Nation with Confidence in Our Future

As Singapore continues to stay competitive around the world, it is important for us to focus on nurturing and developing our young generation. By fostering a deep sense of rootedness to our nation, our children will develop an appreciation for our Singapore Story.

Here are some ways we can help to strengthen their sense of belonging towards Singapore:

1. Encouraging active participation in community initiatives, volunteer work, and national events. By engaging in activities that promote social responsibility and empathy, our children will know the importance of contributing positively to society and making a difference in the lives of others.
2. Instilling confidence in our young generation about the future of our nation. As parents, it is essential to foster an environment that encourages curiosity, critical thinking, resilience and lifelong learning.

See how parents encourage lifelong learning in their children:

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/my-kids-future-will-be-shaped-by-lifelong-learners>

We would love to hear your experiences supporting your child. Do share with us your experience(s) by 15 August 2023 so that we can share success stories with other parents as well. Scan the QR code below to access the FormSG. We look forward to your entry!



8. Police Pal Programme for Primary 1 to 4 Pupils

In order to bring about greater awareness to crime prevention amongst children, Bedok Police Division has developed "The Police Pal" programme. The Level 1 booklet is specially designed for the Primary 1 and 2 pupils while Level 2 is for the Primary 3 and 4 pupils.

The objectives are to:

- enable pupils to complete self-directed activities to learn about crime prevention in Singapore
- arouse the pupils' interest in crime-prevention activities
- provide pupils opportunities to develop initiatives and a sense of responsibility to prevent crime

Your child has received a copy of this booklet and we would like to encourage our parents to assist your child in completing the activities in the booklet. Pupils who completed all activities in the booklet could hand the booklet to their CARE Teachers by 31 August 2023 and they will receive a level badge and a mystery prize for their participation.

To find out more about Police Pal, do watch the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBaGssFt5Cg>.

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information. Wishing all a Happy National Day in advance!

Your partner-in-education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jhe' or 'Jhe Wong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ms Audrey Wong
Principal