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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

I thought I should connect with all of you to thank you for working so closely with us during this trying period. The children did brilliantly well last term during Full Home Based Learning and now we have them happily back at school for a fresh term.

For the first week we had the P4, P5 and P6 back at school. For this second week we have the P1, P2, P3 and P6. After what seemed like a long time it was very exciting to have the children back. School is never complete without the children and the teachers. The children also told me that they were thrilled about being back at school. Although they were all wearing masks and keeping this 'weird' distance as they call it, they mentioned that they were just happy to see their teachers and friends!

You would also have heard about the face shields that would be supplied to the children; the school expects to receive these at the end of this week. The children can wear this during recess and the face shield can be tilted such that they will be able to eat with the shield on. And of course, once they are done with eating they will then don their masks. If your children have certified medical conditions which make it difficult for mask wearing, please do let the Form Teachers know. We have spaced the children out during recess and they queue single file and maintain a safe distance at all times.

The graduating students are already receiving the necessary help from their teachers; we will step up the pace once we know that the children have settled very comfortably back at school. The children's progress will be monitored and you will be kept in the loop on their progress. If there are issues bothering you, please do call us at school. The Year Heads, VPs and I will be happy to address your concerns.

I need to inform parents who are picking up their children that we have hastened the opening of the new gate G (next to Yuying Secondary) in view of the current situation so that we can spread out the crowd during dismissal. So now I have 2 gates that the children can use during dismissal. The main gate will be used by the school buses; in week 3 we will allow parents to drop off and pick up their children at specific time periods. If you or your helper is the one picking up your child, do exercise strict adherence to the social distancing rule and mask wearing too!

We will be writing to you occasionally to update you on student well-being and curriculum matters. We have come this far together and we will continue to finish strong. Do continue to work closely with your child's teachers! Take care everyone!

Warmest regards,

Mrs Chandrika Mano

Looking back ...



MALAY LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS

Malay Language Council, Singapore (Majlis Bahasa Melayu Singapura) has appointed two of our pupils, Athalia Samara Soesilo (5R3) and Said Denny Bin Vapu Marikan (5R4) as Malay Language Ambassadors (Rakan Bahasa). Both these pupils were selected because they have been good role models to their peers as well as displaying enthusiasm to improve themselves in the Malay Language.



As ambassadors, they are tasked to spread the love of the Malay Language to their friends and families. They will also be given opportunities to improve their presentation skills, appreciate the Malay culture and build confidence as a language ambassador. The school would like to wish both of them all the best in undertaking their new roles.



UPDATES

CURRICULUM MATTERS

1. Assessment Framework

The following table shows the assessment framework and the revised weightings for each assessment. Primary 1 and 2 pupils do not sit for formal examinations but they will have bite-sized assessments in class to monitor their progress. Primary 3 to Primary 5 pupils will have their formal examinations in term IV while the Primary 6 pupils will sit for their Preliminary examination before sitting for their PSLE examinations. Details, such as the topics to be tested, will be given later separately.

Level	Term 1 (CA1)	Term 2	Term 3 (CA2)	Term 4 (SA2)
Primary 1	No Weighted Assessment (Bite-sized assessments)			
Primary 2				
Primary 3	15%	0%	25%	60% (SA)
Primary 4	10%	0%	30%	60% (SA)
Primary 5	15%	0%	25%	60% (SA)
Primary 6	0%	0%	100 (Prelim)	PSLE

2. Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

Please visit the SEAB website (<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle>) for more information about the PSLE. You will be able to access the website for the following:

- Updates to 2020 Examination Syllabuses
- Details on the Common Last Topics that have been removed from the 2020 National Examinations in the 2020 syllabuses.
- 2020 PSLE Examination Timetable

Quote of the month

*Heavy rains remind us of challenges in life.
Never ask for a lighter rain.
Just pray for a better umbrella.
That is attitude.*

SAFETY & SECURITY

1. Safe Management Measures (SMM)

Let's revisit some of the **safe management measures** that the school has put in place to keep our students safe while they are in school. Here are some of the measures:

- a. Daily temperature-taking with additional visual and question screening for all students and staff. All staff and students must stay away from school if they are unwell, or have adult household members on home quarantine / Stay Home Notice or have flu-like symptoms.
- b. The school premises and high-touch surfaces are cleaned daily and frequently if needed.
- c. Students and staff are required to use their masks as a default mode and it should closely and completely cover the nose and mouth. Face shields are allowed only for specific settings such as when having food in the canteen. The face shield can also be put on when a child has difficulty keeping a face mask on for a prolonged period of time. The child will also be allowed to wear the face shield in class for a short while, if necessary.
- d. Students carry out frequent hand-washing through the school day and practise wipe-down of tables and shared equipment before and after use.
- e. Intermingling across classes and levels is minimised.
- f. There is a fixed exam-style seating arrangement in classrooms and spaced seating in canteens or alternative venues.
- g. Dismissal is staggered and recess timings are adjusted to reduce congestion. For dismissal, the younger children are dismissed first and the oldest are dismissed last. If you are picking up your children, please be reminded to space yourselves to ensure safe distancing. Alternatively, you may make arrangements to meet your child at the nearby HDB blocks or bus stops.

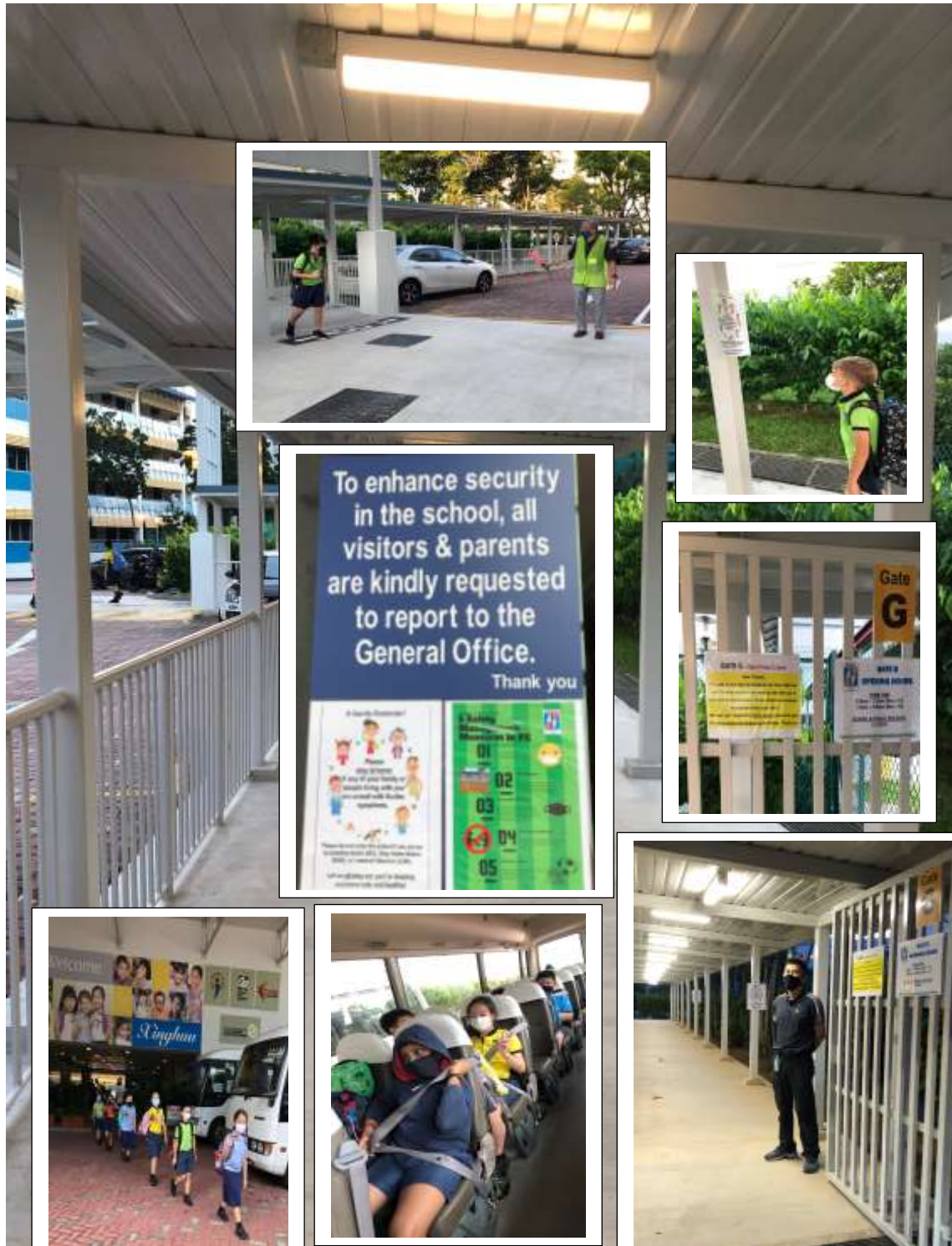
Multiple Gates for arrivals/dismissals

Since the new side GATE G is in use, students can now use 3 gates, namely **Back Gate D**, **Front Gate B** and **Front Side Gate G** to access the school. Please take note of the revised gate opening times shown below:

Opening times of designated gates for students to access/exit school		
Back – Gate D (6.40am – 7.30am) (1.30pm – 2.30pm)	Front – Gate B (6.40am – 7.30am) (1.30pm – 2.00pm)	Front – Gate G (6.40am – 7.30am) (1.30pm – 2.00pm)

Parents are reminded to maintain safe distancing of **at least 1m** apart from one another while waiting at the gate to fetch your child. Please avoid intermingling with others while waiting and move off once you have picked up your child. This will greatly help to reduce congestion at the exits.

Snapshots of safe management measures in and around the school!



ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. 2020 Primary One Registration Exercise

(For Admission to Primary One in 2021): Updates & New Developments

- a. In the light of the Covid-19 situation, **there will not be any in-person registration** at schools for the upcoming 2020 Primary One (P1) Registration Exercise this year.
- b. The registration of children for admission to P1 classes in 2021 will open from **Wednesday, 1 July 2020 to Friday, 30 October 2020**. The dates for the different phases of registration can be found at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/primary-one-registration/phases>.
- c. The list of primary schools and vacancies available will be updated on the P1 Registration website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/primary-one-registration/> by mid-June 2020.
- d. Parents are encouraged to prepare early and regularly check the P1 Registration Exercise website at <https://go.gov.sg/p1reg> for the latest updates on the registration exercise and the documents required for registration, including registration for overseas Singaporeans.
- e. Information on the P1 Registration Exercise is also available as part of the Primary School Education Booklet, which can be downloaded at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/primary/primary-school-education-booklet>.
- f. More information can be found in the link below:
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/2020-primary-one-registration-exercise-for-admission-to-primary-one-in-2021--updates-and-new-developments>



2. Calendar of Events for Semester 2

To help you in your planning, we have attached the Calendar of Events for Semester 2 at the end of this circular. Please note that the activities are correct at the time of printing.

Looking Back on Xinghua

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INTO the Opening of the Indoor Sports Hall 2010



The Indoor Sports Hall (ISH) was officially opened on 6 August 2010 by Guest-of-Honour, Mr C Kunalan, Olympian (1964-Tokyo, 1968-Mexico), Sportsman of the Year(1968,1969 - Athletics).The new building took over a year to complete and it now stands on the former site of the basketball court. With the added facilities of the ISH, the school's physical education and sports programme is greatly enhanced.

Laying the foundation

View of the basketball court at ground level

The spacious indoor court

A volleyball game in the indoor

Teachers playing a game of futsal



XINGHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEMESTER 2 2020

DATE	EVENTS	REMARKS
2 Jun	Start of Term 3	
6 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday	
20 to 26 Jul	Mid-Term Break	No school for all
28 & 29 Jul	P6 Prelim Oral	Will be conducted after school
31 Jul	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	
5 Aug	P6 Prelim: Listening (EL & MT)	P6 pupils only.
7 Aug	National Day Celebration	
9 Aug	National Day Public Holiday	
10 Aug	National Day School Holiday	
13 & 14 Aug	PSLE Oral	No school for P1 to P5.
17 Aug	P6 Prelim: EL Paper 1 & 2	P6 pupils only
18 Aug	P6 Prelim: Math Paper 1 & 2	P6 pupils only
19 Aug	P6 Prelim: MT Paper 1 & 2	P6 pupils only
19 Aug	P3 GEP Screening Exercise	P3 pupils only
20 Aug	P6 Prelim: Science	P6 pupils only
21 Aug	P6 Prelim: HMT Paper 1 & 2	P6 pupils only
19 Aug	P3 GEP Screening Exercise	P3 pupils only.
4 Sep	Teacher's' Day School Holiday	
7 Sep	Term 3 School Vacation starts	
14 Sep	Start of Term 4	
18 Sep	PSLE: Listening Comprehension Examination (EL & MT)	P6 pupils only. No school for P1 to P5 pupils
1 to 7 Oct	PSLE Written Examination	P1 to P5 pupils are to attend school
8 Oct	Children's Day Celebrations	Dismissal is at 1.30pm, as usual.
9 Oct	Children's Day School Holiday	No school for all.
13 Oct	SA2 EL Oral Exam: P3 & P4	Conducted during school hours
14 Oct	SA2 MT Oral Exam: P3 & P4	Conducted during school hours
15 Oct	SA2 EL Oral Exam: P5	Conducted during school hours
16 Oct	SA2 MT Oral Exam: P5	Conducted during school hours
19 to 22 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise	No school for all.
20 to 21 Oct	GEP Selection Exercise	P3 selected pupils only.
26 Oct	SA2 EL Exam: Paper 1 & LC	P3 to P5 pupils
27 Oct	SA2 MT Exam: Paper 1 & LC	P3 to P5 pupils
29 Oct	SA2 Science Exam	P3 to P5 pupils
30 Oct	SA2 EL Exam: Paper 2	P3 to P5 pupils
2 Nov	SA2 Math Exam: Paper 1 & Paper 2	P3 to P5 pupils
3 Nov	SA2 MT Exam: Paper 2/FMT Paper 1	P3 to P5 pupils
4 Nov	SA2 HMT Exam: Paper 1 & 2	For P5 HMT pupils only
11 Nov	Results Processing Day	No school for all pupils
16 Nov	Deepavali – Public Holiday	
18 Nov	P6 Graduation Day	A separate notice will be issued later.
20 Nov	Awards and Appreciation Day	A separate notice will be issued later.
21 Nov (Sat)	P1 Orientation Day	2021, P1 pupils and parents only
21 Nov – 31 Dec	Term 4 School Vacation	
4 Jan 2021 (Wed)	Start of Academic Year, 2021	

Activities are correct at the time of printing. Any update will be put up on our school website.

Feedback from Parents

As partners in education, we value your feedback and suggestions to make the school a more conducive learning environment for our children. Please feel free to pen down some thoughts, compliments or comments for the school.

Name: _____

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