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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Yu Neng Primary School was established in 1935 by its early founders with the aim to do whatever it takes so that the children in the villages could have better lives than their elders. 88 years on, and nestled in the heart of Bedok, we have established ourselves as a school of choice, with distinctive programmes particularly in the areas of ICT (ALP) and Sports (LLP) to support the holistic development of students from diverse backgrounds.



To celebrate our 88th anniversary this year, we are pleased to share our celebratory logo as shown on the left. It was creatively designed by our PSG Vice-chairperson, Ms Jessica Wong. The number '88' represented by two interweaved '8' signifies continuity seen in our long and rich history which is made possible with the relentless support of our SAC, Alumni, ex-students and parents. On this note, I would like to thank all parents for your strong support in collaborating with the school to help your child transit and settle in well into the new level and routines.

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would also like to share with you some updates and upcoming events at Yu Neng.

1. UPDATES

We welcome the following trainee teachers who have been posted to our school for their teaching practice. We wish them a good learning experience in our school.

- Miss Elizabeth Choo, PE Trainee Teacher
- Mr Eugene Tan, PE Trainee Teacher

We are also pleased to welcome our new school counsellor, Ms Lily.

2. UPCOMING EVENTS

2.1 P2 Social Studies Learning Journey to National Orchid Garden

P2 students will be going on a field-based learning journey to National Orchid Garden on **Tue 28 Feb** and **Thu 2 Mar.** (*Please note that LJs may be postponed depending on weather conditions. Make-up LJs is subject to availability.*) This is to help them develop a lively curiosity about the world around them and learn more about orchids and the national flower of Singapore.

2.2 P6 Learning Journey to Lifelong Learning Exploration Centre (LLEC)

As part of the school's effort to provide a holistic education for students and aligned to our Education Career Guidance (ECG) focus, the school will be organising a learning journey to LLEC for all P6 students from **Mon 6 Mar to Thu 9 Mar 2023**. More information is available in the letter that was issued on Parents Gateway.

2.3 FAME@YN

FAME@YN is a platform for students to showcase their talents and build confidence. Interested students are encouraged to perform a dance, a song or play an instrument. Students can access the SLS assignment which will be posted on **Mon 6 Mar** for more information. They should record themselves performing the item, ensuring that the focus of attention is properly captured, and sound is of good quality. Parents are strongly encouraged to assist your child in creating the video. Their recording should be submitted online via SLS by **Sun 19 Mar**. Recordings will be showcased on the televisions in the library and the school foyer. We look forward to the lively and engaging performances by our students!

2.4 P4 Project Work and Home-Based Learning Day

This year, our P4 students will employ the effective use of technology to hone their research skills, communicate ideas and collaborate with peers for their Project Work (PW) that focuses on food security in Singapore. Students will learn about Singapore's multipronged approach to counter the challenges with food security, one of which is to grow 30% of our own food by 2030. P4 students will think creatively and critically to apply the knowledge learnt in lessons and through their research to improve food security in Singapore. They will also reflect on and evaluate their work processes, get feedback from teachers to improve and refine their solutions to address the problem. They will then engage an authentic audience in the presentation of their work to motivate them to action in their causes.

There will be scheduled Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day during PW to provide the opportunity and experience for P4 students to demonstrate the necessary digital literacy skills and dispositions as they work towards becoming self-directed and independent learners. The P4 HBL Day is scheduled on **Wed 8 Mar**. More information will be provided via the letter to parent nearer to the date.

Primary 4 students do not report to school on the day they are scheduled for home-based learning. They are expected to stay at home to engage in planned online and offline learning activities. Your child will also be provided with instructions on how to access their learning materials by his/her teachers. Please make home care arrangements for your child on the abovementioned date. Students enrolled in our school-based Student Care Centre (SCC) may come in from 1pm on the mentioned day. Do work with our Big Heart SCC directly.

2.5 P6 Science Explore Programme

Our P6 students will be having the P6 Science Explore Programme on **Fri 10 Mar** during school hours. The programme aims to deepen students' interest in science, promote a greater understanding of sustainability and cultivate social responsibility towards building a sustainable future. They will explore the application of science concepts in daily life at different learning spaces of the school and build on their physical and life science concepts through various hands-on activities during the programme. Topics such as Electricity, Energy, Forces as well as the

Environment will be covered. To encourage and enthuse P6 students to continue to explore and learn Science at home, they will be given a take-home kit each.

2.6 School Health Visit

The Ministry of Health (MOH), School Health Service (SHS) visits schools each year to conduct health screenings of students to ensure care and protection of their health. We are scheduled for the health visits by the SHS team from **Mon 20 Mar to Tue 28 Mar**. Please refer to the MOH letter sent out via Parents Gateway on Fri 25 Feb for details.

2.7 P4 SwimSafer Programme

The SwimSaferTM 2.0 is a national water safety programme in Singapore designed to teach students how to stay safe around aquatic environments. The programme aims to teach swimming proficiency and water survival skills in a fun manner. P4 students will be having the SwimSafer Programme in Term 2. The programme will be carried out over the period starting **Mon 20 Mar to Fri 19 May**. The lessons will be conducted during PE periods. More details will be provided in a separate circular.

2.8 Visit by Regents School Bali Primary

Our school is happy to host a group of staff and students from Regents School Bali Primary on **Tue 21 Mar and Wed 22 Mar**. Some of our P5 students will become buddies to host their overseas friends. The objectives are to provide opportunities for our students to establish international friendship through classroom experiences and interaction time, and provide a platform for global and cross-cultural exchange. This school exchange programme will promote respect, understanding and appreciation for other cultures in our students and encourage students to flourish in their diversity and gain cultural competence in a globalised world.

2.9 P4 Learning Journey to Urban Farm

P4 students will be going on a learning journey to an urban farm on **Mon 27 Mar and Tue 28 Mar** to learn more on urban farming practices in Singapore. The LJ complements the P4 project work in which students will deepen their understanding on how Singapore uses farming innovations that have been conceptualised, test-bedded and implemented by local farmers. In addition, students will learn to appreciate Singapore's efforts to achieve food security, maintain biodiversity and sustainable food productions. There will be a post LJ assembly talk on Wed 29 Mar during curriculum time. The session focuses on the topic of conserving the environment as well as to consolidate their learning. More details will be provided via Parent's Gateway nearer to the dates.

2.10 C.A.R.E Symposium

To promote a supportive peer culture and a culture of care, the school will be organising the third edition of the C.A.R.E. Symposium on **Thu 30 Mar** for selected student leaders. C.A.R.E. stands for Caring Advocates Reflecting Empathy, and through this symposium, we strive for selected student leaders to look out and provide support for their peers and one another. The theme for this year's symposium is 'Head Heart Hands', where the focus is on equipping students with the

knowledge and thereby taking actions to be a peer supporter. More information will be made available in the letter to parents.

3. IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

3.1 School Holidays

The March school holidays will commence from **Mon 13 Mar to Fri 17 Mar**. Students do not need to attend school. School will resume on **Mon 20 Mar**. If your child is travelling during this period, please up his/her travel plans via Parents Gateway.

4. IN CLOSING

On this note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support and partnership with us this term. As Term 1 draws to a close and the March holidays await, I would like to encourage you to spend some quality time to bond with your child during the school holiday. My staff and I look forward to seeing your child back in school fully recharged and ready for Term 2. Happy upcoming March holidays!

Yours-in-Education

Mr Ng Yeow Ling

Principal