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Empowered Learners, Persons of Strength & Character

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Dear Parent/Guardian

1. Term 2 Message from Principal

We welcome all BGPians back for yet another term of exciting and enriching activities! I hope your child has had a restful break after 10 weeks of adapting to normal school life in Term 1. We are very pleased to share with you that the school recently received two awards for environmental sustainability: the Sustained Excellence Honorary Award under Green Schools @ South East Award 2024 by Southeast CDC in recognition of staff and BGPians' contributions and efforts towards a more environmentally sustainable community, and the Platinum Star under Sustaining Toilets as Restrooms (STAR) Awards by Restroom Association (Singapore) in recognition of our efforts in the Restroom Etiquette Programme and for keeping the school environment clean. Beyond the attainment of these awards, it is more important that BGPians understand the significance of sustaining the environment aligned with our school's Applied Learning Programme in Environmental Education, and to keep up with our individual and community efforts to build a more sustainable future as part of the Singapore 2030 Green Plan.

I would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to Ansh Kejriwal (P5 Integrity) for representing BGPS as a Student Council Member for Design For Change Global. Through this global network, children around the world are empowered with the skills to design a more desirable and sustainable future. We are proud that Ansh is one of the superheroes who makes a difference to BGPS and community, and you may read more about what he has done so far at <https://www.dfcworld.org/SITE/StudentCouncil>. As a school, we want to continue providing all BGPians, including student leaders like Ansh, with opportunities to be empowered learners and persons of strength and character. We believe that no one is too small or too young to make a difference, and BGPS strives to provide a fail-safe environment for BGPians to learn to try, make mistakes, persevere and eventually succeed.

In our ongoing efforts to provide a physically-safe environment for staff and BGPians, a routine school fire drill was conducted successfully on 4 January. We will continue to place emphasis on emergency drills such as lockdown drills and evacuation drills to prepare BGPians for various scenarios, and to ensure that safety and security is never taken for granted. This message was further reinforced in the Total Defence month of February, where BGPians were educated on the six pillars of defence, and to remember that there is a part for every one to play in this Singapore that we call home. In this season of troubled peace and wars happening in other parts of the world, all of us has a part to play in being vigilant and in ensuring that our Singapore and our BGPS continues to be a safe and conducive place for learning.

Term 2 promises to be filled with plenty of educational opportunities for BGPians to succeed in every pursuit they wish to undertake. As Principal, my wish is that together, we will enable Term 2 to be a meaningful, enriching and fulfilling term for BGPians' learning and growth at BGPS. I would like to encourage all parents to continue working together with our staff in close partnership for the benefit of our BGPians' development and growth. In this regard, do remember to contact our staff only during office hours or tap on the affordances of our schoolwide Class Dojo communications platform, to provide staff with time and space after office hours as part of staff well-being, that they may continue to give of their best for your child. Best wishes to all for Term 2!

2. Term 1 2024 Achievements

Our heartiest congratulations to our staff for receiving the following awards:

Civil Service Special Appreciation Award

Ms Chong Yuen Meng

We also congratulate the following BGPians and thank our teachers, administrative staff and parents for guiding and supporting them to attain the following recent achievements:

National Bilingual Creative Writing Competition 2023

Zheng Yatong (6 Integrity)

National Chinese Calligraphy Competition 2024 – 3rd Prize in Category 3

Cui Hanke (P3 Compassion)

National Chinese Calligraphy Competition 2024 – Merit Prize in Category 3

Zhou Luotong (P3 Compassion)

National Chinese Calligraphy Competition 2024 – Merit Prize in Category 2

Ethan Gao Xiang (P5 Resilience)

SOTA Temasek Foundation Award For Arts Development 2024

Muhammad Zufar Bin Mohd Shariff (P4 Respect)

Woon Jing Ting (P4 Responsibility)

3. Staff Movement

We are delighted to welcome the following staff to our BGPS family: Ms Ramasamy Kavitha (Teacher), Mr Noor Hisyam Bin Suhaimi (PE Intern).

We would also like to bid farewell to Mr Muhammad Faris Luthi Bin Jamalludin (PE Intern) and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

4. Attendance and Punctuality

A gentle reminder that for BGPians to do well in BGPS, there are two important aspects that require your close supervision i.e. your child's attendance and punctuality. We seek the cooperation of parents/guardians to refrain from taking your child/ward out of school during term time. If your child/ward is sick, please ensure that your child/ward gets the required treatment from a doctor as soon as possible. A medical certificate or a parent/guardian's letter is needed to cover the child's absence from school. Disciplinary action may be taken against students for willful absenteeism. In addition, as part of our school's continuing efforts to stay connected and strengthen school-family relationships, Form-Teachers may make home visits to engage parents/guardians for discussions on how to better support your child/ward.

5. Student Attire and Appearance

Students are expected to dress neatly and smartly in clean uniforms and white shoes when they report to school. In addition, fanciful haircuts are not allowed. Please refer to our student handbook page 18, under Code of Conduct.

On days with PE lessons or CCA, students are permitted to wear the school PE attire. This is also applicable to students who come to school outside of curriculum hours including weekends and school holidays. Do note that student name tags must be neatly sewn onto the school shirt and the

PE T-shirt. Parents and students should approach the school bookshop to place an order and pay for the name tags. Please note that skirts must be of knee length and any modification to the school uniform is strictly not allowed. Students in need can approach the General Office for more information on financial assistance for school uniforms.

6. Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP) and Consumption of Water

To support BGPians' health education, the school is on board the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP) by the Health Promotion Board (HPB). This programme provides food service guidelines for school canteens and aims to cultivate good eating habits among BGPians so that they will be accustomed to consuming fruit, vegetables and whole grains as part of their daily diet. Healthy set meals are provided in the school canteen. We seek your support and understanding in this matter as we encourage all BGPians to eat healthily.

We also encourage BGPians to consume water on a regular basis throughout the day as our weather is hot and humid. As proper hydration is important, we strongly encourage all BGPians to bring their own water bottle to school. There are many water coolers around the school for BGPians to fill their water bottles.

7. Curriculum Experience

Curriculum Experience is a special one-day school event, organized every alternate year where all BGPians get to experience learning beyond the confines of a traditional classroom setting. This year, the school will be organizing Curriculum Experience on the last day of the term, 24 May. Previous editions of Curriculum Experience have seen learning activities such as Shadow Theatre, Trampoline Aerobics, Toy Car Dash Challenge, Cotton Ball Launcher, Kirigami, Makersfaire etc, all of which are designed and led by our teachers or supported by our Alumni and passionate parent volunteers who hold the same belief that exposing BGPians to such creative learning experiences can help ignite their curiosity, promote critical thinking and encourage them to discover new learning. Similarly for this year, we will be inviting parents and alumni to support and contribute to the event. If you are interested to be a part of the students' learning experience, do drop us your contact details at <https://go.gov.sg/cevolunteers>. We will get in touch with you as soon as details are finalised.

8. Class Photo-Taking

Please be informed that the class photo-taking for all levels will be held on Monday, 15 April, and Tuesday, 16 April. The class photograph will be taken in a group format. BGPians must be in school uniform for their class photo-taking session. The school will provide further details on the class schedule for the photo taking at a later date.

9. Photography and Videography at School Events and Publication of Students' Work

Photographs or video images of BGPians or their parents/legal guardians may be taken during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps, or school concerts. The school may use and publish such photographs or video recordings in school publications, the school website, social media channels, or other communication channels. If parents do not grant consent and have not notified the school in writing, please do so immediately by Term 2 Week 1.

10. Enhanced Visitor Management Protocol

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhance security and ensure the safety of all individuals in the school, we have introduced the enhanced Visitor Management protocol at the guard post at Gate 1 since 19 February. All visitors, including parents and guardians, are required to register their details

at the guard post. This new registration process ensures that at any time, especially in an emergency, the school will be able to immediately track every person on the school grounds, and that no unauthorized persons will be allowed access to the school. As per current practice, all visitors will continue to be issued with a sticker and a wristband. The sticker must be prominently displayed while the visitor is within the school. We understand that this registration may cause a bit of inconvenience, and would like to seek your cooperation and understanding that this process is necessary to maintain a secure environment for our students and staff. Your support in adhering to the new registration process is greatly appreciated.

11. Upcoming Events/ Activities

| Date | Event | Level | Details |
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| 18 – 22 March | P1 to P6 Parent Child Teacher Conference (PCTC) 18 – 22 Mar (Blended) 22 Mar (F2F PCTC Day) | All | Parents who are unable to meet F2F on 22 Mar PCTC Day, may arrange to meet Form Teachers during the week, either online or F2F. |
| 18 March, 8, 22, 29 April 6, 13, 20 May 24 June 15 July | P1 Tamil Speech & Drama Programme | All P1 Tamil Students | Curriculum Time |
| 18 March | P3 Swimsafer | P3INT, P3BRV | Curriculum Time |
| 19 March | P3 Swimsafer | P3RPS, P3COM | Curriculum Time |
| 19 March 9, 16, 30 April 7, 14 May 25 June 9, 16, 23 July | P2 Tamil Speech & Drama Programme | All P2 Tamil Students | Curriculum Time |
| 20 March | Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) 2024 | Selected P4, P5, P6 students | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| 20, 27 March, 3, 17, 24 April 8 May | Maths Olympiad Training (Online) | Selected P5 & P6 students | 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. |
| 21 March | Green Councillors Upcycling Workshop | Green Councillors | 2.15 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. |
| 21 March | World Water Day | Interested Students | Recess Activities |
| 22 March | Home Based Learning (HBL) Day | All | Students are to complete their HBL work at home. Students do not need to come to school. |
| 22 March | P4 SBB Briefing for Parents (Online) | P4 | 5.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. |
| 25 March, 2 May | National Digital Explorer (NDE) Practice Sessions | Interested P4, P5 | 2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Certification Round 1 is on 16 May, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. |

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| 25 March – 5 April | Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight | All | Curriculum Time As part of MT Fortnight, P4 students will also have a MTL Cultural Camp on 28 March, 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. |
| 26 March | Raffles Mathematical Olympiad | Selected P5, P6 | 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. |
| 28 March | SCC Closure | SCC Students | SCC Staff Development Day |
| 29 March | Good Friday (Public Holiday) | All | |
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| 1, 22 April | Student Councillors Leadership Baseline Training | All Student Councillors | 2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. 1 April: School 22 April: External Venue More details will be provided nearer the date |
| 5 April, 17 May | Makers' Friday | Interested Students | 3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. |
| 5, 19, 26 April 3, 10 May 28 June 19, 26 July | P3, P4, P5 Tamil Speech & Drama Programme | Interested P3, P4, P5 Tamil Students | 2.15 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. |
| 9 April | SCC Early Closure | SCC Students | (Hari Raya Puasa Eve) Operation hours: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. |
| 9 April | Hari Raya Puasa Eve | All | Muslim students and Muslim staff may leave at 10.30 a.m. For all other students, dismissal time remains as per normal. |
| 10 April | Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday) | All | |
| 10 April | SCC Closure | SCC Students | Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday) |
| 11 – 13 April | P5 Cohort Camp | P5 | MOE Jalan Bahtera Adventure Camp Break Camp in school at 12 p.m. on 13 April, Sat |
| 15 – 17 April | International Friendship Day Recess Activities | Interested Students | Recess Activities |
| 15 April | Home Based Learning (HBL) Day | P5 | P5 students do not need to come to school. |
| 15, 16, 18, 19 April | P1 English Learning Journey to Zoo | P1 | Curriculum Time |
| 15 April | K9 Unit Workshop (P6 STELLAR Unit) | P6 | Curriculum Time |
| 15 – 16 April | Class Photo-Taking | All | During curriculum time. Students must be in school uniform for their class photo- |

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| | | | taking session. More details will be given at a later date. |
| 17 April | Hari Raya Celebrations & International Friendship Day Commemoration | All | Curriculum Time Rehearsal on 12 April 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. |
| 18 April | Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS) | Selected P5 and P6 students | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| 22 – 26 April | STRIVE@Recess | Interested Students | Recess Activities |
| 22 April | Earth Day | Interested Students | Recess Activities |
| 23, 24, 25, 26 April | P2 English Learning Journey to Sea Aquarium | P2 | Curriculum Time |
| 23 April | NAPFA Test | P4, P6 | 2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. |
| 29 April – 3 May | Bullying Prevention Week | All | Curriculum Time with Recess Activities |
| 29, 30 April, 2, 3 May | WA – P3, P4, P5 & P6 EL, FEL, FMA, MA | P3 to P6 | Curriculum Time |
| 1 May | Labour Day (Public Holiday) | All | |
| 1 May | SCC Closure | SCC Students | Labour Day (Public Holiday) |
| 6 – 10 May | WA – P3, P4, P5 & P6 SC, FSC & MT, FMT | P3 to P6 | Curriculum Time |
| 2 – 17 May | P1 to P6 PTM (Call/Zoom) | Selected Students | |
| 13 May | P4, P5, P6 LTA Path Safety Programme | P4 to P6 | Curriculum Time with Recess Activities |
| 13, 16 May | P6 Supplementary Programme | P6 | 2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. |
| 15, 23 May | P3 Learning Journey to Sustainable Gallery | P3 | Curriculum Time |
| 16 May | P5 Inter-Class Games | P5 | Curriculum Time |
| 16, 17, 20, 21 May | Conversational Chinese Malay Programme (CCM) | P3, P4 | Curriculum Time |
| 17 May | P4 Buddy Clean | P4 | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| 17 May | Student Council Meeting | Student Councillors | 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. |
| 20 – 23 May | Science Funtastic Week | All | Curriculum Time |
| 20, 21, 23 May | P6 Science Virtual Learning Journey to Sungei Buloh | P6 | Curriculum Time |
| 20 May | Curriculum Experience (Cup Stacking Semi-Final) | Selected Students | 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. |

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| 21 May | P3 Inter-Class Games | P3 | Curriculum Time |
| 21 May | P5 Internationalisation Programme | P5 International Students | 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. |
| 22 May | Vesak Day (Public Holiday) | All | |
| 22 May | SCC Closure | SCC Students | Vesak Day (Public Holiday) |
| 24 May | EYEHYAH Exhibition | All | Exhibition at STRIVE Gallery |
| 24, 25 May | Home Experience Exchange Programme with Japan Singapore School | Selected P4 to P6 | More details will be provided nearer the date. |
| 24 May | SCC Closure | SCC Students | Staff Welfare Day |
| 24 May | Curriculum Experience Day | All | Curriculum Time Rehearsal and Preparation on 23 May 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. |
| 25 May – 23 June | June School Holidays | All | |
| 20, 21 June | P6 Holiday Timed Practice Class | All P6 Students | 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. |

Please check the school website at <https://bedokgreenpri.moe.edu.sg> for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters. Do also follow us on our Facebook page at <https://go.gov.sg/bgpsfb> and on our Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/bgpsig> for the events in and around the school. Should you have any feedback to help us improve in our processes or affirm our practices, you may also write to us at bgps@moe.edu.sg or call us at 64425416. Our staff emails can also be found on our school website.

Thank you!



Mr Benjamin Yong

Principal