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A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2. We thank parents for your support in keeping the school safe for all staff and students. Let us continue to observe and teach our children good personal hygiene, and the value of social responsibility. Please refer to the Parents Gateway (PG) app for latest advisories on Safe Management Measures (SMMs).

We also thank parents for joining us at the P2 to P6 Meet-the-Parents cohort briefings, and the P1 Day. We

hope that you have found the sharing of significant school programmes and ways to partner our teachers in supporting your child useful. Our teachers will be meeting parents at the end of the semester. More details will be shared via the PG app.

In the upcoming International Friendship Day, our students will learn about Singapore's connections with ASEAN countries, and the vibrancy of the various cultures in the region. We thank our Parents Support Group (PSG) for their generous support in providing an enriching experience for our students. The school will also be conducting a 2-day P4 camp for our students to further develop their character through outdoor learning.

Let us continue to support our children, as they learn and exemplify values of resilience and respect in the key learning activities ahead.

Yours faithfully,
School Leaders

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A SPOTLIGHT ON...



Home-School Partnership

Road Safety

We have been receiving feedback from concerned members of the public, on pupils and caregivers dashing across the road at the junction between Toh Tuck Terrace and Lorong Kismis. As part of the school's effort in educating pupils on road safety, we had highlighted the issues and briefed the entire school on the dangers of such behaviour. We would like to seek the cooperation of all parents and guardians, to role model and reiterate the following proper road safety behaviour to their children.

- Alight only at the bus stops directly outside the school.
- Remember to use pedestrian crossings/zebra crossings, and avoid jaywalking or be distracted (such as using handphone) while crossing the roads.
- Practise the kerb drill before crossing the road.
- Look right, look left, look right again.
- Ensure that all vehicles have stopped.
- Raise your hand and cross the road briskly.

In the event that pedestrian crossings are not available, please ensure the safety of you and your child by using the kerb drill when crossing the road. As pupils' safety is paramount, please share this information with the caregivers who are fetching your child to and from school.

Cyber Wellness

With the pervasive use of digital devices for learning and communication, it is important for parents to play an active role in monitoring their children's usage of these devices. As parents, it is important to set a good example to their children on the usage of these gadgets. Parents play a crucial role to reinforce good cyber wellness habits at home and instill important values in their children's online behaviour.

Here are some tips on how you can promote cyber wellness to your child at home:

Tip 1: Guide your child on time spent online and online etiquette

Tip 2: Teach your child to stay safe online

Tip 3: Guide your child to behave responsibly online

Click on the link below to find out more about how to play an active role in your child's cyber wellness.

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/parent-kit/cyber-wellness-for-your-child.pdf>

SPOTLIGHT ON... Term 1 Happenings

Chinese New Year Celebrations



Above (left to right): P3 students and school staff sharing good wishes and festive goodie bags with school support staff and migrant workers.

As BTPS welcomed the Lunar New Year with well-wishes of good fortune, health and happiness, these well-wishes were extended to those in the larger school community. The P3 students contributed food items for the festive goodie bags, which were distributed to the 35 migrant workers who are involved in school upgrading works, as well as to our 15 school support staff. We thank parents for partnering us in this meaningful activity. Our students have learnt how compassion, when put into action, builds a caring and inclusive community.

Dear Principal Mdm Len,

BTPS! Is this the short form for Bukit Timah Primary School ?

I am amazed and happy when I saw the special CNY greeting from my letter box!

Your teachers must have put in a lot of effort to guide the pupils in this project. Thank you teachers.

Through this project, you have taught the children to celebrate the Lunar New Year, not only with their family and relative but also with the community of different ethnic groups in the neighbourhood. I believed that this action has made these young children realize that they are also part of the society.

Thank you very much to everyone in the school.

Happy & Blessed New Year!

Best regards
Mrs Ng GC

The rest of the school community also made CNY greeting cards for their family, friends, and for our neighbours in the Eng Kong Cheng Soon (EKCS) Community and the officers from Certis Cisco. We are heartened to receive the above email from our neighbour in the EKCS Community, to affirm the citizenship and character education in BTPS.

A strong Peer Support culture supports the development of resilience in our students – students are taught how to give or seek support from peers or trusted adults in school. As part of the school's student leadership development, Peer Support Ambassadors (PSAs) are also appointed to support peers socially and emotionally.

The PSAs are selected based on personal qualities such as a strong sense of empathy and moral courage. The school provides age-appropriate training for our PSAs, especially in their interpersonal skills to positively influence and support their peers. As BTPS continues to build capacity in our students to care and look out for one another, we hope to see our students become caring and resilient learners during their years with us.



Right: One of the PSA training sessions conducted in term 1

P3 Camp

The P3 students had their camping experience on the 4th of March 2022. During this day camp, students got to understand the benefits of learning and working together as a team while showing care and compassion towards each other. They also learnt the importance of listening actively to others.

Through the team building games, basic navigation skills and amazing race as well as the team challenge using Nerf guns, the students also experienced practising self-regulation skills and techniques.



Gearing up for their Team Challenge

Journaling their P3 Camp experience



The camp ended with a Mini Bon Fire session where the students consolidated the day's learning and showed appreciation towards the people whom they were grateful for during the camp.

Their camp experience was further enriched upon returning to school the week after, where teachers guided them in the journaling of their reflection and the gratitude cards written for one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Movement

We thank Ms Tong Min Yan for her contributions to BTPS for the past years and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

School Calendar Updates

Cancellation of National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test for P4 and P6 Pupils

Similar to 2021, the NAPFA Test will be cancelled in view of the safety considerations for our students. The test items will be integrated (where relevant and feasible) into PE lessons, as part of fitness-related activities within the PE syllabus.

School-wide Events

The following school events are subject to changes based on SMMs. Please refer to Parents Gateway (PG) app for the latest announcements or updates.

Date	Event	Details
1 July	P4-P6 Blended Learning Day	The school will be having our Blended Learning Day on 1 July for Primary 4, 5 and 6 students only. Primary 4 to 6 students do not need to come to school on that day. More details will be shared via PG app.
11 April	International Friendship Day Commemoration	<p>The theme, Singapore in Asia, reminds us of the importance of international collaboration and cooperation between Singapore and ASEAN countries.</p> <p>Students will learn about the rich diversity of cultures of countries in our region, at the exhibition booths set up with the generous support of our Parents Support Group.</p> <p>In view of mask-wearing and possible hot weather, wearing of ethnic costumes is encouraged but optional on that day. Students may bring along their uniform to change into that day.</p>
31 March to 1 April	Primary 4 Adventure Camp 2022 "Respectus and Gratia"	<p>The Primary 4 Adventure Camp, themed "Respectus and Gratia" (Respect and Graciousness in Latin) is a build up from the Primary 3 Cohort Camp in 2021 to enhance students' learning of the values of Respect and Graciousness through the following:</p> <p><i>Equip</i> – Students learn and apply self-regulation skills in various situations throughout the camp</p> <p><i>Empathise</i> – Students learn perspective-taking by putting themselves in the shoes of others</p> <p><i>Execute</i> – Students overcome differences to work together in team building activities</p> <p>SMMs will be observed and students are to carry their TT tokens during the camp. We look forward to a fun and fruitful Primary 4 Adventure Camp for our pupils.</p>

Important Dates

Date	Remarks
15 April	Good Friday (Public holiday)
2 May	Labour Day (Public holiday)
3 May	Hari Raya Puasa (Public holiday)
16 May	Vesak Day (Public holiday)
27 May	Meet-the-Parents Day. Details will be shared via PG app.

Updated PSLE Schedule

A. Oral Examination

Date	Paper	Time
Monday, 15 August	English Language Foundation English Language Chinese Language Malay Language Tamil Language	0800 – 1330 h
Tuesday, 16 August	English Language Chinese Language Malay Language Tamil Language Foundation Chinese Language Foundation Malay Language Foundation Tamil Language Bengali Language Gujarati Language Hindi Language Panjabi Language Urdu Language Foundation Bengali Language Foundation Gujarati Language Foundation Hindi Language Foundation Panjabi Language Foundation Urdu Language	0800 – 1330 h

B. Listening Comprehension Examination

Date	Paper	Time
Friday, 16 September	Chinese Language Malay Language Tamil Language	0900 – 0935 h *
	Foundation Chinese Language Foundation Malay Language Foundation Tamil Language	0900 – 0940 h *
	Bengali Language Gujarati Language Hindi Language Panjabi Language Urdu Language Foundation Bengali Language Foundation Gujarati Language Foundation Hindi Language Foundation Panjabi Language Foundation Urdu Language	0900 – 0930 h *
	English Language Foundation English Language	1115 – 1150 h *

* Actual duration may differ slightly

C. Written Examination

Date	Paper	Time	Duration
Thursday, 29 September	English Language Paper 1 English Language Paper 2	0815 – 0925 h 1030 – 1220 h	1 h 10 min 1 h 50 min
	Foundation English Language Paper 1 Foundation English Language Paper 2	0815 – 0925 h 1030 – 1150 h	1 h 10 min 1 h 20 min
Friday, 30 September	Mathematics Paper 1 Mathematics Paper 2	0815 – 0915 h 1030 – 1200 h	1 h 1 h 30 min
	Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 Foundation Mathematics Paper 2	0815 – 0915 h 1030 – 1130 h	1 h 1 h
Monday, 3 October	Chinese Language Paper 1 Malay Language Paper 1 Tamil Language Paper 1 Bengali Language Paper 1 Gujarati Language Paper 1 Hindi Language Paper 1 Panjabi Language Paper 1 Urdu Language Paper 1	0815 – 0905 h	50 min
	Chinese Language Paper 2 Malay Language Paper 2 Tamil Language Paper 2 Bengali Language Paper 2 Gujarati Language Paper 2 Hindi Language Paper 2 Panjabi Language Paper 2 Urdu Language Paper 2	1015 – 1155 h	1 h 40 min
	Foundation Chinese Language Paper 1 Foundation Malay Language Paper 1 Foundation Tamil Language Paper 1	0815 – 0855 h	40 min
Tuesday, 4 October	Science	0815 – 1000 h	1 h 45 min
	Foundation Science	0815 – 0930 h	1 h 15 min
Wednesday, 5 October	Higher Chinese Language Paper 1 Higher Malay Language Paper 1 Higher Tamil Language Paper 1	0815 – 0905 h	50 min
	Higher Chinese Language Paper 2 Higher Malay Language Paper 2 Higher Tamil Language Paper 2	1015 – 1135 h	1 h 20 min