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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Since the start of the school year, we have held several events in school with the help of the members of our Parent Support Group (PSG). To the parents of our PSG, we are very grateful for your support and dedication. Your assistance has enhanced the learning experience of our students. Thank you for volunteering. It is parents like you who help make Damai Primary School a great place for students to learn.

Our most sincere appreciation also goes to all the parents who have supported us with your presence at the competition venues of the various National School Games. Your presence is indeed a booster to the morale of our students. Thank you for playing a significant role in encouraging our students to put in their best effort and have a positive attitude.

1. **Safety Updates**

Hot and Inclement Weather

Since we will continue to experience hot weather conditions over the next few months, the school strongly encourages our students to hydrate themselves adequately while in school. With the occasional moderate to heavy thundery showers that are also expected, we seek your assistance to check the condition of the footwear and attire of your children to ensure that they are properly attired for school, so they that they can learn in comfort.

Driving In and Out of the School – Reminder

To maintain a smooth flow of traffic during arrival and dismissal times, parents are reminded **NOT TO DISEMBARK** from the vehicle when dropping off and picking up their children at the school foyer to avoid causing a congestion. We would like to urge all drivers to exercise due care and patience when entering and exiting the school premises. Do observe the 15 km/h speed limit when driving within the school premises. When driving out of the school, do keep a lookout for other road users as you approach the main gate. Please also take note of the zigzag lines and pedestrian crossings outside the school.

Traffic Safety

For the safety and consideration for other road users, we seek your kind cooperation not to park along the roadside before the school main gate or entrance of Belvia HDB residence during dismissal. Do park at the nearby car parks while waiting for the school gates to be opened for other vehicles after the departure of the school buses at about 1.45 p.m.



2. International Friendship Day

We commemorated International Friendship Day (IFD) on 3 April 2023, Monday. The theme this year is 'Singapore in Asia'. Students had the opportunity to learn about the different festivals celebrated in ASEAN countries. A series of activities were carried out in class and during recess to help students build their knowledge on the various festivals celebrated in ASEAN countries and have a better understanding of the rich culture in ASEAN.

3. Holistic Assessment

For holistic reporting in Semester 1, students' learning for Primary 1 and 2 will reflect their performance in relation to the learning outcomes identified. Students in Primary 3 to 5 will take weighted assessments based on the topics identified and results will be reflected in the report book.

All holistic assessment tasks will be filed in the Holistic Assessment Portfolio. You may refer to your child's portfolio to monitor your child's progress in the various subjects.

Students will take their Holistic Assessment Portfolios home for endorsement by parents on 25 May 2023, Thursday, and return the files upon returning to school after the holidays on 26 June 2023, Monday.

The school will be conducting a Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) on 24 May 2023, Wednesday. More information regarding the PTSC will be given at a later date.

4. PSLE Score Calculator

The PSLE is a useful checkpoint to gauge your child's understanding of key concepts and academic strengths. This will help your child learn at a suitable pace when they progress to secondary school. The revised PSLE scoring system in 2021 will help your child focus on their learning instead of how they compare to others.

This is the third year of implementation of the revised PSLE scoring system. Parents can access the website listed below to find out which course their children will be eligible for in secondary school and check if their children can take subjects at a more demanding level.

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/resources/score-calculator.html>

5. Internationalisation Programme @ Damai

The Internationalisation Programme aims to strengthen students' understanding of and exposure to Asia. This year, the programme will be conducted virtually and our overseas partner school -China, Chengdu Experimental Primary School – will be hosting an online immersion programme for our Primary 4 and 5 students on 18 May 2023, Thursday, to teach the art of Chinese Tie Dye. In return, our school's teachers and students will be imparting knowledge on Traditional Malay Dance and making of Bunga Manggar on 19 May 2023, Friday. We hope both sets of students will enjoy the programme and have fruitful sessions.



6. 2023 Social Studies Field-Based Learning Overview

After two years of going on virtual learning journeys, our students will finally be going on physical learning journeys as part of their Social Studies learning experience. The Field-based Learning Journeys allow our students to contextualise their learning experience in an authentic real-world setting, thus enabling and reinforcing the learning of concepts and content. Students will also be able to experience hands-on exploration in a focused area of study, thus being engaged in multi-sensory learning. Students will learn to explore, construct new knowledge, and make connections to the topic being studied.

Please refer to the table below for the venue selected for each level.

Level	Venue
Primary 1	Bedok Reservoir Neighbourhood
Primary 2	National Orchid Garden
Primary 3	Singapore Sustainable Gallery
Primary 4	Kreta Ayer Heritage Centre
Primary 5	Indian Heritage Centre
Primary 6	Asian Civilization Museum

7. 2023 Values in Action Programmes

Values in Action (VIA) is part of the Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) programme to encourage student ownership when students discover what they care about and effect positive change. Students will get to exercise social responsibility in their spheres of influence and play their part through meaningful contribution to the community.

Please refer to the table below for the list of VIA programmes.

Level-based VIA Programmes	
Level	Activities
Primary 1	I am a bright SPARK! Journal
Primary 2	I am a bright SPARK! Journal
Primary 3	Upcycling –SS Activity (Making a Tote Bag)
	Clean Classroom with NEA
Primary 4	Adopt the Garden
	First week of school – Buddy Programme
Primary 5	Hydroponics
	First week of school – Buddy Programme
	Encouragement Cards for seniors in Primary 6 before PSLE
Primary 6	Kidney Awareness Project
	Appreciation Day
School-wide VIA Programmes	
Kids Appreciate (to Staff from SMRT)	
Food From the Heart Food Donation Drive	
Clean Plate Campaign	
Paper and Plastic Recycling	
Save That Pen!	



8. Cyber Wellness @Damai - Supporting our Children in their Digital Journey

The use of technology is integrated into our daily life, and children are spending more time on their devices to access the internet. In doing so, it increases their access to inappropriate contents on the internet that are unsafe, violent, or inappropriate for their age. Additionally, the use of social media platforms also increases the risk of children being cyberbullied. At Damai Primary School, we place great emphasis on teaching our students cyber wellness, so they can navigate the digital world safely. Appended to this letter is our termly cyber wellness tips for parents.

9. Our Damaians, Our Pride **Broadcast Journalism Plus**

Students in the Broadcast Journalism Plus programme recently went on a learning journey to Singapore Press Holdings. The students enjoyed their time there tremendously and displayed confidence in asking questions and interviewing the reporters and DJs. Their visit was featured in Thumbs Up Junior Magazine Issue 6, Berita Harian Singapore's Instagram account and Tamil Murasu. Please see annexes for details.

Red Cross Youth

Warmest congratulations to our team of students from Red Cross Youth who participated in the National First Aid Championship and clinched the silver award for their performance.

National School Games: Floorball

We are proud to share that our Senior Boys Floorball Team won the national championship this year! The Senior Girls Floorball Team achieved the 2nd place by a very narrow difference of one goal! We would like to congratulate our Damai Dragons for their commitment and dedication!

National School Games: Rugby

Although our Senior Boys Rugby Team did not qualify for the Top 4 positions, we would like to commend them for the courage and the tenacity they have displayed. We are proud of their strong teamwork and good sportsmanship!

Early Dismissal for Muslim Students on the Eve of Hari Raya Puasa

As 21 April 2023, Friday, is the eve of Hari Raya Puasa, Muslim students will be able to leave school at 10.00 a.m. Gates will be opened from 10 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.

Please note that 24 April 2023, Monday is a designated school holiday.

Last but not least, I would like to wish all Muslim parents and students Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri. May this festive season bring you and your family peace and joy.

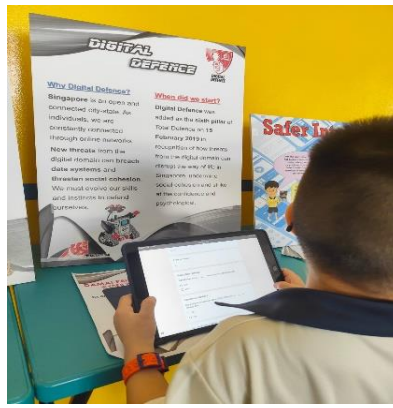
Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal

Annex 1

Safer Internet Day and Total Defence Day (Digital Defence)

The school commemorated Total Defence Day and Safer Internet Day in Term 1. Recess activities were organized to increase students' awareness of cyber wellness and educate our them on the importance of Digital Defence. Our Damaians had the opportunity to choose their Cyber Wellness Pledge during the meaningful event.








Peer Support Leader Training – Cyber Wellness

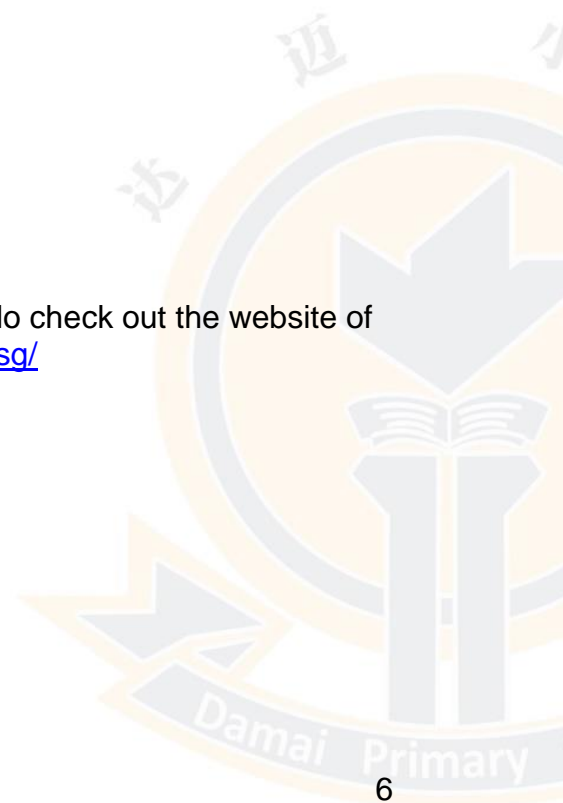
In Term 2, the school conducted our first training session for our Peer Support Leaders (PSL). During the training, students learnt about the roles of PSL and the importance of being an upstander if they encounter cases of cyberbullying amongst their peers in class or in school. Our PSL were also taught to advise their peers in times of need and seek help from either their form teacher, school counsellor or any trusted adult in school.



Parents can also learn how to detect early signs of cyberbullying and help your child manage the situation. You may wish to explore and discover more tips and upcoming events on Cyber Wellness in the attached links and follow the Parenting links below.

	Instagram:	@parentingwith.moesg
	Facebook:	@Ministry of Education
	Telegram:	Contact@Schoolbag_edu_sg

For more resources on keeping your children safe online, do check out the website of Cyber Security Agency of Singapore: <https://www.csa.gov.sg/>



Annex 2



Learning Journey to Singapore Press Holdings

A Feature in Thumbs Up Magazine



达迈小记者之旅

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《大拇指》记者谢尚怡分享新闻写作方法，达迈小学的学生积极提问。

达 迈小学小记者团到访，《大拇指》编辑室的哥哥姐姐准备了精彩的分享活动迎接他们。在三个小时的工作坊中，同学们通过不同的活动学习如何成为一名小记者。

作为小记者，同学们得先知道如何进行采访和写作。《大拇指》记者谢尚怡分享了新闻写作方法，如：倒金字塔写法、**导语**①的运用和新闻标题的重要性。同学们也了解到，写新闻要**避免**②使用第一人称，或加入

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报道 / 蔡建群
图片 / 叶振忠摄

这是今年《大拇指》接待的第一支学校小记者团！

太多的形容词，以及个人的感受。

杨一美（13岁，小五）学会了写好一份报道要包含“六何”——何人、何时、何事、何地、为何及如何，才能把事情写清楚和完整。她也说，学会访问时要记住人家的名字，“因为那是一种尊重别人的方式。”

精彩摄影分享

一份好的报道也要有一张照片。

《联合早报》资深摄影记者叶振忠和大家分享了基本的摄影技巧，还“秀”出了好多精彩的新闻照片，让师生们**饱足眼福**③。

小五生黄洲福（11岁）对摄影记者的分享印象深刻，他说：“我觉得摄影记者可以拿着相机到处拍照，听起来这是一份很有趣的工作。”

模拟记者会

整场活动的**重头戏**④，要属小记者们和UFM1003广播员张承尧的采访环节。



佟鑫泽（9岁，小四）兴奋地说，承尧哥哥的分享让他印象最深刻，“因为他说的话很幽默⑤，我们觉得好好笑。”



UFM1003广播员张承尧和学生分享自己的工作。

记者一边讲解，同学们一边记笔记，学习写好新闻报道的技巧。

A Video Posted on Berita Harian Singapore Instagram Page



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A Feature in Tamil Murasu

தமிழ் முரசு **மாணவர்களுக்காக** திங்கள் 13 3 2023 | மாணவர் முரசு | 9

தமிழ் முரசுக்கு வருகை தந்த இளம் செய்தியாளர்கள்



“ மாணவர்கள் செய்தித்தாளான ஆவ்வளவாக படித்ததில்லை. ஆனால் இந்த பாரிலரங்கின் மூலம் செய்தித்தாள் படிப்பதில் அதிக ஆர்வம் காட்டியதோடு செய்தியாளராக வேலையில் சேரவேண்டும் என்று விருப்பம் தெரிவித்தனர்.

திரு மகலாகா தமிழ்ச்சிவர் டாமாய் தொடக்கப்பள்ளி

மயிலாங்கின்போது மாணவர்களுக்கு எப்படி செய்தி நயாசிப்பது என்பது பற்றி விளக்குகிறார் நிருபர் விஷ்ணு வர்தினி. உடன் இருப்பவர் ஆசிரியர் திருமகலாகா.

அ. விஷ்ணு வர்தினி விடுவின்ராஜ். அழைப்போல மார்க்க டாமாய் தொடக்கப்பள்ளியின் தமிழ் மூத்தபிழைய நேர்காணல் வேறுபட்டவை, செய்தி எழுதும்போது

செய்தித்தாளான ஆவ்வளவாக மாணவர்கள் செய்தித்தாளான ஆவ்வளவாக செய்தித்தாளான ஆவ்வளவாக செய்தித்தாளான ஆவ்வளவாக

