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15 May 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

1. Travel Declaration for Mid-Year Holidays

With the mid-year holidays approaching, we would like to seek your cooperation to update and submit the travel declaration for your child/ward. **No action is required** if you have no intention to travel overseas during that period.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit by 24 May 2024 (Friday). Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

Alternatively, you may also submit the travel declaration via the following QR Code or link:



When planning your child/ward's travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. **If there is a change of travel plan(s) after you have made declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s).**

2. Social Studies Field-Based Learning (FbL) for Primary 1 – 3

Field-based learning (FbL) extends beyond the walls of the classroom where students are exposed to authentic real-world settings. It allows students to contextualise their learning experiences, enabling the relational learning of concepts and content. As part of engaging students in inquiry-based learning, FbL will also motivate and sustain their interest in the subject matter as students learn to explore the surroundings, construct new knowledge, and make connections to the topic being studied. Please refer to the table below for the various locations of the FbL. Details of the FbL will be shared closer to date.

| Level | Locations | Dates |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Primary 1 | Bedok Reservoir Neighbourhood Walk | 21 May, Tues |
| Primary 2 | National Orchid Garden | 2A, 2B, 2G & 2H: 9 July, Tues |
| | | 2C, 2D, 2E & 2F: 2 Aug, Fri |
| Primary 3 | Singapore Sustainable Gallery | 3A & 3B: 26 Jul, Fri |
| | | 3C & 3D: 2 Aug, Fri |



3. Aesthetics Learning Journeys 2024

Between 11 and 17 April 2024, our Primary 4 students visited the National Gallery as part of the refreshed Art Education syllabus and had an authentic learning experience as they observed artworks up close and personal. They were guided through a series of thinking routines by the docents at the museum. Through this museum-based learning, students were exposed to and developed a greater awareness of Singaporean art.

Day Out! @ Esplanade is an exciting musical experience designed for schools by the Esplanade, under the F.Y.I. (Feed Your Imagination) series, to offer to students a series of music, dance, and drama performances by established local arts groups. Between 15 and 16 May 2024, our Primary 2 students would be immersing themselves in a captivating dance performance, participate in a vocal workshop to experience how different grooves, layering vocal melodies with body percussion and harmony have the power to evoke and express a diverse spectrum of emotions, and go on a tour of our performance venue to gain a deeper appreciation for the meticulous design of our world-class performing arts centre.

4. Values in Education

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 @ Damai.

| Level-based VIA Programmes | |
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| Level | Activities |
| Primary 1 | I am a bright SPARK! Journal |
| Primary 2 | I am a bright SPARK! Journal |
| Primary 3 | Upcycling Activity (Making a Tote Bag) |
| | Clean Classroom with NEA |
| Primary 4 | Adopt A Corner in The School |
| | Clean Classroom |
| Primary 5 | Environmental Awareness Project |
| | First Week of School – Buddy Programme |
| | Encouragement Cards for P6 Seniors before PSLE |
| Primary 6 | Kidney Awareness Project |
| | Appreciation Day |
| School-wide VIA Programmes | |
| Kids Appreciate | |
| Food From the Heart Food Donation Drive | |
| Clean Plate Campaign | |
| Paper and Plastic Recycling | |
| FairPrice Share a Textbook | |



5. Second Edition of Perfect 10

Students can look forward to ending Term 2 on a high note in the second edition of *Perfect 10*. *Perfect 10* aims to promote self-directed and collaborative learning beyond the textbook in an authentic and experiential mode.

Math and Science Exploration Day

Every student will be participating in fun hands-on activities for Math and Science Exploration Day. Students in the lower, middle, and upper primary will be playing with Tangram, Pattern Board and Geoboard respectively to develop their spatial visualisation and thinking skills. For Science, students will learn and apply scientific concepts to build a Water Filtration System [P3], Upcycle Plant Potters [P4], make a Terrarium [P5], and learn the science behind flying a paper aeroplane before competing in a Paper Plane Challenge [P6].

Cyber Wellness Education

Through Cyber Wellness activities, students will gain knowledge and skills to harness the power of technology for positive purposes, maintain a positive presence in cyberspace and be safe and responsible users in the cyberspace.

Student Leadership Programme

Student Leadership Activities will develop our students to be an engaged leader of self, others and to the community.

Talentine@Damai

We would like to thank all parents who have supported your child's interest in participating in Talentine@Damai. All shortlisted students will get to display talents to their peers in a special assembly programme on 20 May 2024, Monday.

Level-Specific Programmes

There will also be level-specific programmes for the following levels:

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| Primary 1 | Bedok Reservoir Neighbourhood Walk |
| Primary 3 & 4 | Conversational Chinese and Malay |
| Primary 4 | Day Trip to Bedok Town Park |
| Primary 4 | Public Speaking Competition |
| Primary 5 | Code for Fun |

6. Camp Alpha

Camp Alpha 2024, our upcoming student leadership training, will be held on 24 May, Friday, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. This event is designed for our Prefects, Peer Support Leaders, and CCA Leaders from Primary 3 to Primary 5. It aims to teach essential leadership skills and encourage teamwork within our school community. Through fun activities like the Mega Activity: Call of Duty and teamwork sessions, we aim to boost our student leaders' confidence, initiative, and creativity. Camp Alpha reflects our dedication to nurturing confident, engaged leaders who uphold our school values and aim to make a positive impact. This will be a valuable experience for our student leaders as it will be a significant step in their leadership journey.



7. 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 have taken 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 24 May 2024, Friday, and return the files upon returning to school after the holidays on 24 June 2024, Monday.

8. Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC)

Thank you very much to all parents who have selected a slot for the Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) scheduled for 23 May 2024, Thursday. During the PTSC, your child/ward will share with you his/her school experiences in Semester 1 and their aspirations. Teachers will also give you updates on your child's/ward's holistic development and discuss ways to better support your child/ward in school and at home. We would appreciate it if all parents adhered to the time slot selected and keep the meeting within the allotted time of 10 minutes.

9. Home-Based Learning (HBL)

The school will be conducting Home-Based Learning (HBL) for all levels on Thursday, 23 May 2024, as students need not be in school due to Parent-Teacher-Student Conference. The objectives of HBL are to ensure continuous learning in case of school closure and encourage students to be self-directed learners. More details will be provided via PG.

10. Collection of Report Book

With the completion of Semester 1's weighted assessments and timed practices, all Primary 1 to 6 students will collect their report books on 24 May 2024, Friday. Parents of selected students will receive the report book on 23 May 2024, Thursday. Please ensure the report book is duly signed when your child returns to school on the first day of Term 3, 24 June 2024, Monday.

11. 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. 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>

12. CCA Stand Down for Students in Primary 6

We understand that Primary 6 students will need more time to focus on their studies to prepare for PSLE. The school would like to take this opportunity to help our students to prioritise what is important and focus on what is necessary. Hence, Primary 6 students will stand down from their CCAs during curriculum time and after-school in Term 3. The remaining CCA sessions in Term 2 will continue as scheduled. CCA will resume after PSLE.

13. Primary 6 Supplementary Class

Primary 6 Supplementary Class will commence from the first week of Term 3. The consent form and schedule have been issued via Parents Gateway. Please refer to the schedule for the specific date and time.



14. Primary 3 to 5 Remedial Class

Primary 3 to 5 Remedial Class will commence from the second week of Term 3. The consent form and schedule will be issued when the new term begins. Please refer to the schedule for the specific date and time.

15. Postponement of SwimSafer 2.0 Programme (Primary 3)

Due to an unforeseen circumstance – a shortage of swimming instructors from the service provider – the SwimSafer 2.0 programme for Primary 3 students will be postponed to 2025. Students will now attend the programme when they are in Primary 4.

16. Our Damaians, Our Pride

We would like to congratulate the students from the following CCA:

| Categories | Awards |
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| National School Games 2024 Floorball Senior Boys and Senior Girls Teams | League 1 Division Champions |
| | Sportsmanship Award – Prakash Aarav [6A] & Aliyah Marissa Binte Abdullah [6D] |
| National School Games 2024 Senior Boy Wushu | Sportsmanship Award - Muhammad Qayyum Bin Abdullah [6B] |
| National School Games 2024 Junior Boy Wushu | Sportsmanship Award - Tan Peng Kai Nyden [4C] |
| National School Games 2024 Senior Girl Wushu | Sportsmanship Award - Nang Thiri Aye [6A] |
| National School Games 2024 Rugby Senior Boys | Sportsmanship Award – Wan Aerial Kyriee Wan Karim [6D] |
| National School Games 2024 Track and Field Championship | Multi-Skill Event: 1000m Endurance – Gold Moussa David Ech-Chatbi Patridge [5A] |
| Brownies, East Division Day | Snack Making – 3 rd |
| | Recycled Fashion -3 rd |
| Red Cross Youth | Red Cross Youth First-aid Competition – Bronze Award |
| 2024 SYF Arts Presentation – Chinese Dance | Certificate of Distinction |
| 2024 SYF Arts Presentation – Malay Dance and Modern Dance | Certificate of Accomplishment |

As the term draws to a close, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents for your invaluable partnership. Your unwavering support, whether it be through assisting with homework, attending school events, or simply offering words of encouragement, significantly enhances our efforts to nurture and develop your child. Your commitment to ensuring that your child attends school punctually every day is instrumental in fostering their resilience and determination to succeed. We are deeply appreciative of your dedication to your child's education. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful break.

Appended to this letter is our termly cyber wellness tips for parents.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal



Cyber Wellness@Damai

In today's digital age, it is important for parents to be aware of the risks and challenges that your children may face online. One of the major concerns is the prevalence of scams, which can target unsuspecting individuals, including children. Scammers often use various tactics to deceive and manipulate their victims, posing a threat to their personal information, financial security, and overall well-being.

As parents, it is crucial to educate yourselves about the different types of scams and equip your children with the knowledge and skills to identify and avoid them. By fostering open communication, staying informed about the latest scams, and teaching your children about online safety, you can help create a safer digital environment for your families.

For more information on scams and how you can protect your children and yourselves from the dangers of online scams, click on the link below.

<https://www.csa.gov.sg/Tips-Resource/videos/talking-point--malware-scams-by-channel-news-asia>

