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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

We are fast approaching the end of Term 1 and we would like to continue our communication with you as our valued partners.

1. Primary 4 to 6 ANDventure Programme

Our school curriculum innovation, ANDventure, focuses on providing a holistic, collaborative and creative learning space for our pupils to construct and demonstrate their understanding of curriculum concepts through different art forms and ICT. The deliberate spread of platforms provides diverse opportunities to tap on pupils' varied interests and aptitudes. ANDventure is crafted based on **3Es**:

- a. **ENGAGE** our pupils in a creative process
- b. **EXCITE** them to build a learning community with their peers
- c. **ENCOURAGE** them to take risks, explore possibilities and consider different perspectives

P4 ANDventure comprises 4 modules, one module a term. It begins with The Leader in Me, a CCE journey in the acquisition of good habits based on Steven Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. In Term 2, pupils will explore a Science topic on Life Cycles through Dance and Creative Movement. In Term 3, they will experience Drama conventions meaningfully while learning more about values of empathy and appreciation of diversity. The programme ends off with a values-based ICT module in Term 4. Pupils will learn to design Cyber Wellness posters using a graphic design software.

P5 ANDventure continues the learning through the arts with a 15-week Drama/CCE module. Pupils will explore with greater focus the elements of performance in terms of movement, voice and character. Pupils collaborate to produce their own drama playlets to promote kindness and neighbourliness. In Semester 2, P5 ANDventure will transit to an ICT module where pupils learn to design their own mobile games.

P6 ANDventure further taps into the creativity of our pupils through an integration of visual arts and Science in Semester 1. Pupils will create functional pieces of ceramics based on their Science understanding of energy conversions.

An overview of the ANDventure Programme:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Primary 4	The Leader In Me	Dance/Science	Drama/English	ICT
Primary 5	Values-in-Drama		Cyberwellness / ICT	
Primary 6	Ceramic Art / Science			

"Learners with Passion. Leaders with Heart. Citizens of Character."



2. Character in Sporting Excellence Assembly (Wednesday, 21 February 2018)

The school conducted a simple yet meaningful ceremony on 21 February during morning assembly to mark the importance of the National School Games (NSG). It also highlights the roles of student athletes in ensuring that the NSG are conducted safely, fairly and are a good learning experience for all. The ceremony also recognises the efforts put in by our school athletes and to encourage participation in sports as part of character development.

3. Celebrating Our Pupils' Achievements - North Zone Primary Schools Sports Championships

We are proud of all our sports boys and girls in showing their fortitude and perseverance during their training sessions and competitions for the zonal championships.

- i. Congratulations to our Junior Boys, Senior Boys and Senior Girls Volleyball Teams, and Junior Boys Basketball Team for coming in Top 4 in the Zonal Championships. We wish the teams all the best in their next round of competitions at the National Championships.
- ii. We wish to commend all our sports boys and girls from the Badminton, Basketball, Football and Volleyball teams for their active participation in the tournaments.

4. 2018 Raffles Scholarship

Our heartiest congratulations to the following Andersonians for being awarded the 2018 Raffles Scholarship (Primary 5 – 6) for their excellent learning attitude as seen in their academic achievements in their Primary 4/5 examinations last year.

- Chan Zi En, Stanley (P5.4)
- Angeline Yap Qian Er (P5.6)
- Jay Ng (P6.6)

We are proud of their achievements and we hope that they will keep up the good work and continue to strive towards excellence!

5. Healthy Meals in School Programme (HMSP)

Since 2016, we have embarked on the HMSP in collaboration with the Health Promotion Board (HPB). To serve healthy set meals for our pupils, we have worked with HPB and our canteen vendors to cut down fat, sugar and salt and serve whole-grains, fruit and vegetables. These healthy set meals incorporate food from the four main food groups – brown rice and wholemeal bread, meat, vegetables and fruit – thereby helping our pupils receive the right nutrients necessary for their growing needs. These healthy meal sets are priced at \$1.20 and \$1.50.

Our canteen vendors attend culinary training to equip themselves with knowledge of healthy nutrition and culinary skills in using healthier ingredients. The school also works closely with nutritionists and dietitians commissioned by HPB to monitor our canteen vendors' compliance with HMSP guidelines.

As part of the HMSP, our Physical and Health Education teachers also reinforce the importance of eating healthier meals and leading a more active lifestyle. We hope our parents will join us in encouraging our children to make healthier choices for their overall well-being and growth.

6. CNY Visit to Thye Hwa Kwan (THK) Hospital (Saturday, 24 February 2018)

On 24 February, a team of student leaders, teachers, PSG members and members of our Guitar Ensemble visited THK Hospital to spread festive joy to the residents. They distributed mandarin oranges and our Guitar Ensemble pupils serenaded the patients with a medley of CNY songs, much to the delight of the patients. Handmade festive cards were also presented to the residents to convey the pupils' well wishes. This Values in Action (ViA) project provides our student leaders with the opportunity to apply our school value of 'Service to the Community' and learning the importance of care and empathy through meaningful interactions with the patients. We appreciate the time and

support rendered by our Parent Support Group (PSG) in carrying out this project and would like to thank them for the sustained collaboration.

7. P1 to P6 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (Friday, 9 March 2018)

As part of our continued home-school partnership, all parents/guardians of P1 to P6 pupils are invited for this session. Your child's/ward's Form Teacher would have issued a letter to invite you in selecting the preferred appointment time via the online portal. No classes will be held on that day. Pupils are to come to school in their uniform/PE attire with their parents/guardians. For parents/guardians who are driving, we seek your understanding to park at the nearest HDB public car parks. Should you need further information on this session, please contact your child's/ward's Form Teacher.

8. Anderson Family Day (Saturday, 10 March 2018)

Our biennial Anderson Family Day will be held on 10 March from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You would have received a letter through SNAC that was issued earlier regarding this event. Anderson Family Day is organised by our Parent Support Group (PSG) for families of Andersonians to come together to build closer bonds over fun-filled activities. For parents who are driving, we would like to seek your understanding to park at the nearest HDB public car parks. For more information, you may contact Mr Eric Tay, PSG Chairman at erictaykb@gmail.com or Ms Julie Heng, PSG Vice-Chairperson, at julie.heng@gmail.com. We look forward to your support.

9. Sports Camp (Tuesday & Wednesday, 13 & 14 March 2018)

The PE & CCA Department is organising a two-day, one-night sports camp for selected Sports CCA members on 13 and 14 March. The objectives of the sports camp are to foster greater camaraderie among the various sports CCA members, as well as to develop their leadership potential and competencies such as confidence, collaboration and communication. More details regarding the camp will be given to the selected sports CCA members.

10. P4 Programme D.A.R.E (Wednesday, 21 & 28 March 2018)

As part of the school's Outdoor Education (OE) programme, all P4 pupils will be given the opportunity to engage in outdoor physical recreation and learn important orienteering and basic first aid skills through Programme D.A.R.E. Each letter in the acronym 'D.A.R.E' represents our hope and vision for our pupils through an outdoor education programme.

- D – **D**iscover their strengths and how to tap on them to achieve excellence
- A – **A**ppreciate the benefits of the outdoors for holistic development
- R – **R**eflect on how they can appreciate nature, care for the environment and learn important values such as resilience, ruggedness and tenacity from the OE programme
- E – **E**xcel and thrive as healthy individuals (both physically and psychologically fit) and be ready to tackle the challenges ahead of them

Some details on Programme D.A.R.E:

- Dates: 21 March 2018 (for P4.1, P4.3 & P4.5) and 28 March 2018 (for P4.2, P4.4 & P4.6 pupils)
- Time: 1.45 – 5 p.m. (lunch break will be from 1 – 1.45 p.m.)
- Venue: Sembawang Park

A separate letter with more details will be given to all P4 pupils.

11. P6 Parent Engagement Session (Friday, 23 March 2018)

The P6 Parent Engagement Session will be held on 23 March, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The session aims to engage parents/guardians on how they can better support their child/ward for the final year in their primary school education. We look forward to your attendance at the session. More details will be provided nearer the date.

12. P4 Parent Engagement Session (Friday, 6 April 2018)

The P4 Parent Engagement Session will be conducted on 6 April, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The session aims to share more information on Subject-based Banding (SBB) with our P4 parents/guardians. We look forward to your attendance at the session. More details will be provided nearer the date.

13. Annual HPB Health Check (Tuesday to Wednesday, 24 April to 2 May 2018)

The Annual Health Check by the Health Promotion Board (HPB) will be conducted from **24 April to 2 May**. More details will be provided nearer the date.

14. P3 to P6 Sports Carnival / P1 & P2 Home-based Learning (Friday, 25 May 2018)

The annual Sports Carnival for P3 to P6 pupils will be held on 25 May in our school. On that day, P1 and P2 pupils will have Home-based Learning and do not need to report to school. Lessons will be prepared by our teachers to enable P1 and P2 pupils to experience an alternative form of learning at home. Further details will be provided nearer the date.

15. P3 MOE Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise

The MOE GE Branch will conduct the GEP identification exercise in two stages - Screening and Selection. All P3 pupils are invited to participate, although participation is not compulsory. Pupils who have opted not to participate in the screening exercise are still expected to attend school. The tentative dates for the GEP Screening and Selection Exercises are as follow:

- a) GEP Screening Exercise - 24 August 2018 (Friday)
- b) GEP Selection Exercise – 16 and 17 October 2018 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable pupils with high intellectual potential. Test-preparation activities could inflate pupils' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Pupils who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will not benefit fully from it. Thus we urge parents/ guardians not to conduct test-preparation activities to prepare pupils for the GEP Identification Exercise.

16. P6 PSLE 2018 Timetable and Syllabuses

The PSLE 2018 timetable and information on the PSLE Syllabuses have been published on the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) website. Please refer to the following links for more information.

- **Timetable:** <https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2018psleexamtimetable.PDF>

- **Syllabuses:** <https://www.seab.gov.sg/pages/nationalExaminations/PSLE/syllabuses>

17. School Calendar, Term 2 2018

School Activities

P1 to P6 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference	Friday, 9 Mar
P6 Motivational and Study Skills Programme	Monday & Tuesday, 12 & 13 Mar
Sports Camp	Tuesday & Wednesday, 13 & 14 Mar
P4 Programme D.A.R.E	Wednesday, 21 Mar (for P4.1 – P4.3) Wednesday, 28 Mar (for P4.4 – 4.6)
P6 Parent Engagement Session	Friday, 23 Mar
P4 Parent Engagement Session	Friday, 6 Apr
P3 to P6 Sports Carnival	Friday, 25 May
P1 & P2 Home-based Learning	Friday, 25 May <i>(P1 & P2 pupils do not report to school)</i>
P5 & P6 Supplementary Lessons	Wednesday, 30 May to Friday, 1 June

(More details on the above events will be given in due course)

Public Holiday & Scheduled School Holidays

March School Holidays	Saturday, 10 March to Sunday, 18 March
Good Friday	Friday, 30 Mar
Labour Day	Tuesday, 1 May
Vesak Day	Tuesday, 29 May
Hari Raya Puasa	Friday, 15 June

Thank you for your support in our various school programmes aimed towards the holistic development of our pupils. We look forward to your continual support as our partners-in-education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tan Wie Pin
Principal