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Dear Parents/Guardians,

JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Greetings! We are glad to welcome your child/ward back to school for the second semester. We trust that you and your child/ward have managed to recharge yourselves during the June school vacation. Here are the highlights for Term 3.

1. CELEBRATING OUR PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Our pupils have done well in both the academic and non-academic domains, and we would like to send them our heartiest congratulations.

- i. Chaa Selena (P5.4) has clinched First Prize (Upper Primary Category) in the 1st Text Recital Competition for Primary and Secondary Schools Competition held on 26 May 2018. This competition is jointly organised by the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning (CPCLL), Singapore Chinese Teachers Literary Recital Society, SG Writings and our school.
- ii. Our senior girls participated in the National Tchoukball Championships 2018 and attained the 11th position.
- iii. The school's G.A.I.A Club participated in a Youth for the Environment Day (YED) Climate Action Challenge organised by the National Environment Agency (NEA). Ms Eu Lee May, together with Cherish Lim (P4.4), Zea Oraida (P4.4), Lebelle Diong (P4.4), Keane Lim (P4.5) and Lennon Mah (P4.6), have done the school proud by winning the First Prize for their their video entry. Their video can be viewed at <https://www.instagram.com/p/BjcAlnIHezq/>. We hope that their video can help to encourage the staff and pupils of Anderson Primary School and members of the community to take concrete steps to love and care for the environment.
- iv. 11 pupils participated in the Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS). Congratulations to Chin Yung (P6.5) for achieving Silver, as well as Shaun Lee Jie Wen (P6.6), Celine Tan (P6.6) and Jay Ng (P6.6) for achieving Bronze.
- v. Ry'anna Aliyah Bte Rudy Sembiring (P2.1), Wong Bo Hui (P3.4) and Janani Balamurugan (P4.4) participated in 'Speak It, SPARKIES!', a public-speaking competition organised by Speech Academy Asia and Times Experience on 2 June 2018 at Tampines Hub. Congratulations to Ry'anna for getting through to the final round and Janani for emerging as champion.

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



2. HEALTH-RELATED MATTERS

The school continues to raise our level of vigilance and maintain high level of health and hygiene standards. We will continue to conduct visual checks for pupils who are unwell at the beginning of the day on a daily basis. Pupils who are unwell will be informed to return home and seek medical attention. The school has conducted a whole-school temperature-taking exercise on Thursday, 28 June. As a good practice, pupils should have with them their oral digital thermometers to monitor their temperature when they feel unwell.

In addition, we will continue to advise pupils to keep themselves hydrated at all times and refill their water bottles during recess or after school. If they feel unwell during school hours, they are to inform their teachers.

We would also like to remind parents/guardians to inform the school if there are any changes in your child/ward's personal particulars (e.g. address, parent's/guardian's contact number).

3. SCHOOL SAFETY

We appreciate the partnership of all parents/guardians in reinforcing the school's efforts in school safety.

Please note that LTA is currently constructing a sheltered linkway along the pavement outside the school from our Gate A entrance to the junction of Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6. While we have liaised with the appointed contractors to temporarily stop work during our daily school dismissal time to facilitate pupil movement, please remind your children/wards to walk within the cordoned area of the pavement for their safety.

We request all drivers sending/fetching pupils to school to exercise due care at our school gates as there are barricades in place.

Please join us in educating our pupils on the need to use pedestrian crossing points and to practise the kerb drill when making their way to and from school, and at all times. Inform your child's/ward's Form Teacher in advance if you need to fetch him/her from school early for appointments outside the school.

4. STUDENT LEARNING SPACE (SLS)

As part of MOE's commitment to nurturing future-ready learners, all pupils will be supported in their learning by the Student Learning Space (SLS), an online learning platform that contains curriculum-aligned resources and learning tools. With the SLS, pupils will be able to learn better through the use of technology and they will be able to learn anytime, anywhere, and at their own pace, whether independently or with their peers. Teachers will also be able to use the SLS to complement their classroom teaching, further enriching pupils' learning experiences.

Your child/ward has been given his/her SLS account in May and he/she has been guided in activating the account. We look forward to your support as we work with your child/ward to experience the joy of learning through the SLS. If you have any questions on the SLS, please contact Mdm Suzanah Saparwan, HOD/ICT, at suzanah_saparwan@moe.edu.sg.

5. SPORTS AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP OVERSEAS LEARNING JOURNEY TO VIETNAM (20 JUNE, WEDNESDAY TO 23 JUNE, SATURDAY)

A group of P4 and P5 sports and student leaders embarked on a learning journey to Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, jointly organised by the Physical Education Department and Character and Citizenship Education Department. Pupils were immersed in Vietnam's diverse culture and heritage as they visited local villages and appreciated cultural performances. They also learnt about how the Vietnamese overcame their painful past to become a rising nation through the local museum visits. In addition, the pupils made time to visit an orphanage to interact with and spread joy to the children.

The learning journey was an eye-opener for many and also one that deepened the pupils' appreciation for what we have achieved in Singapore.

6. PAL OUTDOOR EDUCATION LEARNING JOURNEY FOR P1 AND P2 PUPILS

Our school has embarked on Programme for Active Learning (PAL) Outdoor Education (OE) for all lower primary pupils since 2017. The OE modules conducted during the weekly PAL lessons aim to shape our pupils' character and attitudes positively through experiential learning in their immediate outdoor environment. As a strong emphasis is placed on helping pupils develop Social Emotional Learning (SEL) competencies through OE, learning activities are crafted to include both individual and group tasks, presenting pupils with various opportunities to develop self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, relationship management and responsible decision-making skills.

Through the PAL OE modules, we hope that our pupils will:

- learn relevant skills and knowledge to be safe and comfortable in the outdoors,
- cultivate a sense of ownership for the environment and
- take action to sustain our City in a Garden.

To complement the PAL OE lessons conducted in school, all lower primary pupils will be participating in a PAL OE Learning Journey in Term 3. Primary One pupils will be visiting Jacob Ballas Children's Garden and Primary Two pupils will be visiting the HortPark. More details will be given through a separate letter.

7. APPRECIATING THE ARTS – LEARNING JOURNEYS FOR P3 – P5 PUPILS

The school's Learning for Life Programme (Arts) realises the goal of exposing our pupils to the various art forms by bringing them closer to the heart of the action. A series of learning journeys has been organised to immerse our pupils in authentic settings of music, drama and visual arts, enabling them to gain a global awareness of diverse arts and cultures.

- P3 – Performance by Singapore Symphony Orchestra (SSO) at Victoria Concert Hall
- P4 – Museum-based Learning at National Gallery Singapore
- P5 – Award-winning local drama production at Drama Centre Theatre

Separate letters will be issued to provide more details.

8. P4 AND P5 ANDVENTURE PROGRAMME, SEMESTER 2

Following the exciting displays of creative movement depicting plant life cycles by our P4 cohort, and the heartwarming drama playlets written and performed by our P5 pupils, Anderson ANDventure programme continues to tap on the creative energies of our pupils in the upcoming drama and ICT module in Semester 2. The first six weeks of Semester 2 will see P4 pupils engaging in drama conventions to explore social issues on empathy and acceptance. To deepen the 21st century competencies in the area of ICT, our P4 and P5 pupils will also be embarking on programming and coding, and experience how these skills can be applied to creative endeavours.

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| Primary 4 | Values-driven Drama Programme (6 weeks) Introduction to Programming / Coding (6 weeks) |
| Primary 5 | Programming for Creativity (12 weeks) |

9. P5 PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION (FRIDAY, 6 JULY)

The P5 Parent Engagement Session will be conducted on 6 July, from 3.00 pm to 4.45 pm for the P5 parents/guardians who have signed up for the session. Details have already been shared with you through SNAC. We look forward to your attendance at the session.

10. ANDERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE 2018 (16 AND 17 JULY)

The school will be organising our annual Food Drive on 16 and 17 July in support of 'Food From The Heart (FFTH)'. FFTH is a voluntary food distribution programme which helps needy families in financial difficulties by providing them with food items donated by the public.

As part of our school-wide community service programme (Anderson Primary Gives Back) and in alignment to our school value of 'Service to the Community', we hope to instill empathy, care and compassion in our pupils and encourage them to share passionately with the less fortunate families in our community. More details on our annual Food Drive can be found in Annex A.

Pupils are encouraged to donate what they can carry to school. The act of donating is more important than the quantity of donation. We hope you can encourage your child/ward in his/her effort to help those who are less fortunate in the community.

11. MOE'S 'PREPARING YOUR CHILD'S TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL' SEMINAR FOR P5 AND P6 PARENTS

MOE has been organising 'Preparing Your Child's Transition to Secondary School' Seminar in the last few years to help parents understand the importance of parental support as their child transits from primary to secondary school. This year, parents will hear from a school leader, psychologist and parent who will share tips and information on how they can support their child in dealing with stress in the lead-up to PSLE, selecting a suitable secondary school and adapting to a secondary school life. If you are a parent of a P5 or/and P6 child and are interested to attend the seminar, please register for one of the following sessions at <https://bit.ly/2JL7lzd>.

Details:

Session 1 – 28 July 2018

Time: 9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Venue: Auditorium, Nanyang Junior College

Session 2 – 4 August 2018

Time: 9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Venue: Edutorium, MOE Headquarters Buona Vista

In addition to the seminar, you can visit <http://sis.moe.gov.sg/> to find out more information about secondary schools in Singapore e.g. distinctive programmes offered.

12. SCHOOL EMERGENCY EXERCISE – LOCKDOWN DRILL (THURSDAY, 26 JULY)

The school will be conducting an emergency exercise involving a lockdown drill in the morning on Thursday, 26 July. Through this exercise, our staff and pupils will learn to be prepared for any emergency in the school premises and to be familiar with the safety procedures in the event of any security incident or threat.

We seek your support to join us in continuing to reinforce to your child/ward the importance of safety and emergency preparedness, not only in the context of the school but also as a nation that every citizen should be vigilant to be prepared for any emergency. We would like to take this opportunity to refer you to the SGSecure website, <https://www.sgsecure.sg/>, which contains information on the community's response to the threat of terrorism and other security incidents. SGSecure is a national movement to sensitise, train and mobilise Singaporeans to play a part to prevent and deal with a terrorist attack. It is our community's response to safeguard our way of life against terrorism and community strife.

13. P5 NATIONAL EDUCATION (NE) SHOW 2018 (SATURDAY, 21 JULY)

As part of our NE programme, all P5 pupils are given a special preview of the National Day Parade and Celebrations. Your child/ward will be scheduled to attend the P5 NE Show 2018 on Saturday, 21 July at The Float @ Marina Bay.

This year's National Day theme is "We Are Singapore". The theme celebrates our people, our nation and our home. A pledge of unity and togetherness among our diverse cultures, "We" in this year's theme emphasises the collective, where regardless of our origins and wherever we are, Singapore is our way of life and will always be our home.

More details about your child's/ward's involvement in the NE Show will be provided through a separate letter.

14. NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS (WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST)

The school will celebrate our nation's 53rd National Day on Wednesday, 8 August. School will function from 7.15 am to 10.30 am for all pupils. As a sign of national pride, P3 to P6 pupils are encouraged to attend the celebrations in red T-shirts with their school shorts/culottes and black shoes. P1 and P2 pupils will come in their PE attire for the Lower Primary Sports Carnival. More details will be provided nearer the date.

There will be no school on Thursday, 9 August and Friday, 10 August. School will resume on Monday, 13 August.

15. P6 PSLE ORAL EXAMINATION (THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 16 AND 17 AUGUST) / LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXAMINATION (FRIDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER) / WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS (THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER TO WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER)

P6 pupils will be scheduled to sit for their upcoming PSLE, starting with Oral Examination on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 August. More details will be issued to the P6 pupils nearer each of the examinations.

For P1 to P5, there will be no school during PSLE Oral and LC Examinations. Please note the following activities planned for these levels to ensure learning continues:

- PSLE Oral Examination on 16 and 17 August: Home-Based Learning for P1 to P5
- PSLE LC Examination on 14 September: Home-Based Learning for P1 to P5

16. TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION (WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST) AND TEACHERS' DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY (FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST)

Teachers' Day will be celebrated in school on Wednesday, 29 August. School reporting and dismissal time for all P1 to P6 pupils, as well as all scheduled school activities and after-school activities on that day remain the same. Please note that Teachers' Day School Holiday is scheduled on Friday, 31 August.

17. TERM 3 PARENT-CHILD-TEACHER CONFERENCING (THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST)

The school will conduct this session for selected P1 to P6 pupils on Thursday, 30 August. A separate letter will be issued at a later date to inform parents/guardians of the identified pupils to discuss your child's/ward's progress. No classes will be held on that day.

18. P5 OUTDOOR CAMP (MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY, 10 TO 12 SEPTEMBER)

The annual 3-day-2-night P5 Outdoor Camp provides opportunities for P5 pupils to engage in a wide range of physical and outdoor activities that will develop their personal growth in leadership, confidence and team spirit amongst their peers. The active interactions among pupils during the camp also create invaluable and authentic teachable moments to guide our pupils in character development and values education. A separate letter will be issued to provide more details.

19. NEW SCHOOL BOOKSHOP AND UNIFORM VENDORS

The school's contract with the current bookshop vendor and uniform vendor has ended on Saturday, 30 June 2018.

Pacific Bookstores will commence operations as the school's new bookshop vendor on Thursday, 5 July 2018. Their operating hours are from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm daily from Mondays to Fridays during the school terms (excluding school holidays). Their phone number is 6252 1933.

Jeep Sing Fashion will be the school's new vendor for sale of school and PE uniforms. They are open from 10 am to 6 pm daily from Mondays to Fridays and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturdays at their premises at 4012 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10 #01-08/09 Techplace 1 Singapore 569628. They are not open on public holidays. Their telephone number is 6456 3198. Sale of school and PE uniforms will be made available in the school canteen every Thursday from 1 pm to 3 pm during term time.

20. UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR

A) School Activities

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Events</i> |
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| ▪ 28 Jun, Thu | Temperature-taking Exercise |
| ▪ 6 Jul, Fri | P5 Parent Engagement Session (only for parents who have signed up) |
| ▪ 21 Jul, Sat | P5 National Education Show at The Float @ Marina Bay |
| ▪ 26 Jul, Thu | School Emergency Exercise (Lockdown Drill) |
| ▪ 8 Aug, Wed | National Day Celebration cum P1 & P2 Sports Carnival |
| ▪ 16 Aug, Thu and 17 Aug, Fri | PSLE Oral Exam P1 to P5 Home-Based Learning |
| ▪ 29 Aug, Wed | Teachers' Day Celebration |
| ▪ 30 Aug, Thu | 2 nd Parent-Child-Teacher Conference |
| ▪ 10 Sep, Mon to 12 Sep, Wed | P5 Outdoor Camp |
| ▪ 14 Sep, Fri | PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam P1 to P5 Home-Based Learning |
| ▪ 27 Sep, Thu to 3 Oct, Wed | PSLE Written Examinations |
| ▪ 15 Oct, Mon to 18 Oct, Thu | PSLE Marking Exercise (P1 – P5 Home-Based Learning) |

Further details regarding the above events will be given in due course.

B) Public Holidays & Scheduled School Holidays

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Events</i> |
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| • 1 Jul, Sun | Youth Day |
| • 2 Jul, Mon (School will resume on 3 Jul, Tue) | Scheduled School Holiday (Day after Youth Day) |
| • 9 Aug, Thu | National Day |
| • 10 Aug, Fri | Scheduled School Holiday (Day after National Day) |
| • 22 Aug, Wed | Hari Raya Haji |
| • 31 Aug, Fri | Teachers' Day School Holiday |
| • 1 Sep, Sat to 9 Sep, Sun | September School Holiday (Between Terms 3 and 4) |
| • 5 Oct, Fri | Children's Day |
| • 6 Nov, Tue | Deepavali |

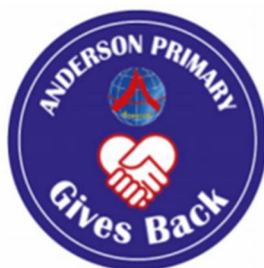
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17 Nov, Sat to 31 Dec, Mon (<i>School will resume on 2 Jan 2019 Wed</i>) | Year End School Holidays |
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Thank you for your support in our various school programmes towards the holistic development of our pupils. We look forward to your continuous support as our partners-in-education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tan Wie Pin
Principal

Anderson Primary School Annual Food Drive 2018



1. Collection Dates: 16 July and 17 July 2018
2. Collection Details:
 - Time: 7:00 am to 7:25 am

Guidelines for Donation Items

Due to concerns over food safety and to respect the recipients of the food items, please adhere to the following guidelines when selecting your donation items.

| Type of Food Item | Suitable for Donation | Not Suitable for Donation |
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| Canned Food | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 3 months before expiry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extensive rust on the metal can even if expiry date is more than 3 months away |
| Rice and other dried items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 3 months before expiry - In <u>original packaging</u> upon purchase | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loose items taken from packaging (For e.g. rice re-packed into plastic bags) - Partially used item(s) |
| Powdered Drinks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milo, formula milk (any stage), adult milk powder, coffee/tea mix, etc. - At least 3 months before expiry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loose items taken from packaging (For e.g. individual sachets of drink mix, individual tea bags) - Partially used item(s) |

Please also note that **both halal and non-halal food items are acceptable.**