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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Greetings! To continue our communication with you as our valued partners, we would like to share the following information with you.

1. CELEBRATING OUR PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Our pupils have done well in both the academic and non-academic domains. We would like to congratulate all pupils for their achievements.

• **9th International Primary and Secondary Schools Mandarin Recital Competition**

The 9th International Primary and Secondary Schools Mandarin Recital Competition was held in our school on 21 July. Jointly organised by Anderson Primary School, the Singapore Chinese Teachers' Literary Recital Society, Sgwritings Culture Association, the Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union and the Zhong Hua Cultural Society (Singapore), the competition is aimed at enhancing the appreciation of Mandarin recital and Chinese culture in our pupils and promoting friendships among local and overseas contestants. Ng Yu Le (P5.6) and Chaa Selena (P5.4) have done the school proud by clinching the Merit Award and Third Prize in the primary school category respectively.

• **Singapore Primary Science Olympiad 2018**

The Singapore Primary Science Olympiad 2018 aims to promote an active interest in Science among our primary school pupils. This competition provides an avenue for showcasing the abilities of our nation's young scientific minds and seeks to nurture young science talents. We congratulate Kang Jun Jie Joseph (P5.4) for achieving the Silver Award.

• **Singapore Youth Science Fair 2018**

The Singapore Youth Science Fair is organised every two years and provides an opportunity for pupils to put Science into practice and exercise their creativity to solve science-related issues for the society. This year, one team from our school took part in this event held at Science Centre Singapore from 25 to 27 July. The team comprising Bethany Grace Eng Li Lin, Tan Sze Yin Ashley, Fong Jian Wen and Leung Kai Heng, Sean from P5.6 clinched a Distinction award for their project on 'Investigating the effects of Bread Type on Mould Growth'. We congratulate the team members for their hard work and achievement.

• **17th Elementz Science Project Competition and Exhibition**

The Elementz Science Project Competition aims to generate interest in scientific study through investigative-type projects in science and provides a platform for schools in the North Zone to exhibit and share their findings. One team from Anderson Primary School took part in this competition organised by Anderson Secondary School from the 23 to 27 July. Their project 'An Eco-friendly Styrofoam Dissolver' was awarded the Gold Award and was selected for presentation at the Awards

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



Presentation Ceremony . We congratulate Lim Jun Yu Keane (P4.5), Lim Zhe-Cee Aiden (P4.5), Lennon Mah Jun Yuan (P4.6), Zea Oraida Binte Mohamad Roszaini (P4.4) and Trisha Toh Jing Xuan (P4.4) for their achievement in this competition.

- **E-gnite! Junior Challenge**

The E-gnite! Junior Challenge hopes to cultivate the joy of learning through Electronics and provides a platform for pupils to participate in electronics-related games, exciting activities and competitions. On 24 July, 3 teams from Anderson Primary participated in the E-gnite! Junior Challenge held at Hong Kah Secondary and the team, comprising Chen Xiang, Wui Jeongjun, Fong Jian Wen and Josiah Delroy Huang from P5.6 achieved 2nd position in 'Circuit Building'.

- **11th Mental Arithmetic International Olympiad**

Chng Jue Rui Lloyd from P2.5 achieved 3rd position for both Level 10 Abacus and Level 10 Mental Arithmetic at the 11th Mental Arithmetic International Olympiad held on 3 June. This year's competition drew about 1,400 participants from six countries. Well done, Lloyd!

- **National Public Speaking Competition – Speak Up! Kids 2018**

Organised by Speech Academy Asia and Sphere Exhibits (a subsidiary of Singapore Press Holdings) on 7 July, the Speak Up! Kids 2018 competition serves as a public speaking platform for primary school pupils. Congratulations to all our participants on their achievements!

Participants	Achievement
Team 1 Sophia Nadya Habib Ansari (P2.7) Ry'anna Aliyah Sembiring Binte Rudy Sembiring (P2.1) Wong Ruijia (P1.7)	Finalist
Team 2 Choo En Cheng, Kieran (P1.7) Jake Ng Chongkai (P1.3) Jairus Leong (P2.6)	Finalist
Team 3 Zhou Yi An (P2.3) Zhang Chengrui (P2.6) Chan Sze Yu, Nate (P2.1)	Finalist
Team 4 Wong Bohui (P3.4) Jovan Lim Chen Yu (P4.4) Janani Balamurugan (P4.4)	3rd place
Team 5 Tan Kee Neng Frank (P4.6) Kayla Chong Jin Ying (P4.6) Kara Ann Naylor (P3.6)	Champion
Anderson Team 6 Ng Yu Le (P5.6) Rachel Loh Ji Sin (P5.6) Bethany Grace Eng Li Lin (P5.6)	Finalist

- **National Primary Games Creation and Coding Competition (NPGC3) 2018**

Two teams representing Anderson Primary School participated in the annual National Primary Games Creation & Coding Competition (NPGC3) 2018 held at Wellington Primary School on 29 August. Our pupils participated in the 2D Scratch category and 3D Minecraft category and they created computer games based on the theme 'Smart Nation: Kids Can Make A Difference Too'. Through computational thinking, pupils designed and programmed original games that featured Smart Mobility, Smart Living and Digital Services in future Singapore. Chua Zheng Yang, Ryan (P6.6), Toh Pei Ying (P6.6), Lim Rui Jia,

Rachel (P6.6) of Team 1 won 1st Runner-Up in the 2D Scratch Category, Overall Champion and Best Art Work Prize. Javier Kang Wee Shin (P5.4), Ling Jun Yuan, Javier (P4.6), Tng Kai Xiang Dexter (P4.6) and Fidele Poh Xing Yun (P4.6) of Team 2 won 2nd Runner-Up in the 3D Minecraft Category. Anderson Primary School also emerged as the final NPGC3 2018 Overall Champion. Congratulations to all teachers and participants!

- **National Schools Bowling Championships 2018**

Our senior boys' team emerged top 14 in the competition and the team comprises Ng Zhi Han Davan (P6.1), Yeo Ping Shen Darrius (P6.2), Arya Ramesh (P6.5) and Tharan Mahesh Kumar (P6.5).

Our junior boys' team emerged top 8 in the competition and the team comprises James Juwono (P4.5), Aung Lwin@Lim Jun Lei (P4.6), Lim Zhong Ri, Stamford (P5.3) and Melvyn Yap Zhao Kai (P5.4).

Our junior girls' team emerged top 12 in the competition and the team comprises Hazel Tan Rou En (P4.6), Tambre Low Yee Jun (P5.2), Seah Zhuo Xuan, Jorayne (P5.2), Ng Li Lin (P5.4) and Woo Hoi Yang, Clarice (P5.6).

- **Lion Cubs Golf Championship 2018**

Wong Kit Yoi Gareth (P4.4) participated in the Lion Cubs Golf Championship and attained a Silver Award. Well done, Gareth!

- **8th National Primary School Photography Competition**

Organised by Fuhua Primary School, the National Primary School Photography Competition has helped to heighten our pupils' awareness in appreciating the beauty of nature around us through photography. The theme for this year's challenge is 'Sustainable Singapore'. Javier Kang Wee Shin (P5.4) achieved the Merit Award in the Open Photography category.

- **Singapore International Band Festival 2018**

Congratulations to our Anderson Brass Band for achieving the Gold Award at the biennial Singapore International Band Festival 2018 which was held on 26 July at Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music. This achievement is a testament of our band members' continual effort towards their quest for excellence as they uphold high standards of mastery in their passion for learning. We would like to thank all teachers, instructors and parents for their invaluable partnership in bringing out the best of our pupils.

- **Football Association of Singapore/ Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council Under 11 Football Fiesta 2018**

On 23 August, 11 of our P5 boys participated in the Football Association of Singapore/ Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council Under 11 Football Fiesta held at the Jalan Besar Stadium. Our boys played 5 matches and we are very proud of their enthusiasm and grit displayed during the matches. We hope that this exposure to competitive football will continue to spur them on towards self-discipline and mastery of the sport.

2. APPRECIATION TO PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

We would like to thank our PSG for their support at the Racial Harmony Day (RHD) Celebrations held on 20 July. During the RHD Celebrations, PSG members supported in the fringe activities held at the covered basketball court. Through the various activities, pupils learnt the importance of preserving racial harmony by appreciating that we are people of different races and cultural practices. Pupils also developed dispositions of respect and acceptance as they played different traditional games together.

3. SINGAPORE-BRUNEI SCHOOL TWINNING PROGRAMME 2018

Anderson Primary School was invited by MOE to be part of a four-year Singapore-Brunei School Twinning Programme. From 13 to 17 August, the school hosted 3 educators and 12 pupils from Sekolah Rendah Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddin (SR PSB SOAS). Twelve of our P4 pupils

provided warm hospitality to our guests as buddies. Together, they experienced a myriad of vibrant school activities through lesson immersion, special Art and Music programmes, performing arts and sports CCA experiences. They also experienced the unique cultures of Singapore through a one-day heritage tour to Little India and Chinatown. The pupils not only forged friendships and close bonds with their peers from Brunei but also learnt to hone important 21st century competencies of cross-cultural skills and global awareness.

4. P5 ANDVENTURE VALUES IN ACTION (VIA), MAGIC IN THE COMMUNITY @ AMK CENTRAL STAGE (18 AUGUST)

In support of the school's ViA initiative through the arts, our P5 pupils created and developed their own playlets centred around the theme '*Magic in the Community*' as part of their ANDventure Drama module in Semester 1. They shared their lively stories on how everyone can play their part in making Singapore the best place to live in by first being an active and responsible resident in their neighbourhood. We would like to thank all teachers and parents who attended the event, our prefects for serving as ushers for the event, and most importantly, Yio Chu Kang Constituency for their invaluable partnership in making this event a huge success.

5. PARTNERSHIP WITH YIO CHU KANG CITIZENS' CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (25 AUGUST)

On 25 August Saturday, our P3 to P5 basketball CCA members were invited to participate in the Community Youth Telematch 2018 during the Yio Chu Kang Community Day and Community Games Fiesta which was organised by Yio Chu Kang Citizens' Consultative Committee. In appreciation of our pupils' active participation and sustainable partnership established with Anderson Primary School, our school was presented with an appreciation plaque from Dr Koh Poh Koon, MP for Ang Mo Kio GRC. We thank all PE teachers, pupils and parents who participated in the event.

6. P5 ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CAMP (10 TO 12 SEPTEMBER)

The annual 3-day-2-night P5 Outdoor Camp provides an opportunity 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. Parents/Guardians may refer to the letter which was issued earlier on 30 July.

7. PSLE LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXAMINATION (14 SEPTEMBER)

P6 pupils will sit for their PSLE Listening Comprehension on 14 September. They would need to adhere to the reporting timings given by their Form Teachers and be in their school uniform. Parents/Guardians are to make the necessary transport arrangement for their children/ wards. P1 to P5 pupils do not need to report to school on that day. Home-Based Learning activities will be planned for your child/ward on that day.

8. 2018 PSLE WRITTEN EXAMINATION (27 SEPTEMBER TO 3 OCTOBER)

The 2018 PSLE Written Examination will take place from 27 September to 3 October. Parents/Guardians may refer to the booklet, *Instructions to Candidates*, which was issued to all P6 pupils in May 2018 for the full PSLE timetable. The timetable is also available at the following SEAB website: <https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2018psleexamtimetable.pdf>

P6 pupils will have to continue attending school as usual after PSLE from 4 October. Programmes to enrich our pupils in their holistic development and to prepare them for transition to secondary school have been planned for them. Pupils who are unable to attend school are to produce medical certificates or letters with valid reason(s).

9.P2 SWIM SAFER PROGRAMME (27 SEPTEMBER, 1 OCTOBER, 9 NOVEMBER & 13 NOVEMBER)

The objective of this programme is to develop in our P2 pupils important life skills such as water confidence and water safety. The programme also aims to teach swimming proficiency and water survival skills to children in a fun manner.

The programme includes survival and activity skills taught at each stage of the programme. The pupils will participate in four sessions which will be conducted during school hours. More details will be provided nearer the start of the programme.

10. P3 HEALTHIER BODY AND MIND PROGRAMME (27 SEPTEMBER AND 1 OCTOBER)

P3 pupils will embark on this special sports learning journey on these two days during school hours. Through this authentic learning experience, our pupils will learn essential fundamental movement skills and important values such as resilience, diligence, respect and integrity. In addition, they will also learn to identify healthy food items that are essential building blocks for them to lead a healthier lifestyle that would benefit their body and mind. More details will be provided nearer the date.

11. P4 SOCIAL STUDIES FIELD-BASED LEARNING (27 AND 28 SEPTEMBER)

In line with the P4 Social Studies curriculum, P4 pupils will be going on a heritage trail that will take them to different parts of Kampong Glam, Little India and Bugis. The heritage trail will be conducted during school hours and three classes will be scheduled to go on the heritage trail on each day. The guided trail aims to develop pupils' appreciation for Singapore's history and heritage. It also serves to nurture pupils with values on national resilience and help shape their national identity as they learn about how different communities live together in harmony. More details will be provided nearer the date.

12. P1 AND P2 HOME-BASED LEARNING (HBL) (28 SEPTEMBER)

P1 and P2 pupils will have HBL on 28 September, Friday, 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.

13. CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY (5 OCTOBER)

The school will celebrate Children's Day on 4 October, Thursday. School reporting and dismissal time, and all scheduled after-school programmes on that day remain unchanged.

5 October, Friday, will be a scheduled school holiday for Children's Day. Pupils do not need to report to school on that day.

14. PSLE MARKING EXERCISE & P1–P5 HOME-BASED LEARNING (HBL) (15 – 18 OCTOBER)

PSLE Marking Exercise will be conducted from 15 to 18 October, Monday to Thursday. There will be no lessons for all pupils during the PSLE Marking Exercise.

P1 to P5 pupils will have HBL assignments set by their teachers to keep them meaningfully occupied with their learning during this period. More information about HBL will be provided at a later date.

15. P2 TO P5 SEMESTER ASSESSMENT 2 (SA2)

The table below shows the P2 to P5 year-end assessment dates. A separate letter informing parents/guardians of the SA2 details will be given out.

Date (Day)	Paper
24 to 26 Sep (Mon to Wed)	P2 Oral Exam (during curriculum time)
24 and 25 Sep (Mon and Tue)	P5 Oral Exam (after curriculum time)
26 Sep (Wed)	P4 Oral Exam (after curriculum time)
8 Oct (Mon)	P3 Oral Exam (after curriculum time)
10 Oct (Wed)	P2 to P5 Listening Comprehension
22 Oct (Mon)	P2 to P5 EL & MTL Paper 1
29 Oct (Mon)	P2 to P5 English Lang / Foundation English Lang Paper 2
30 Oct (Tue)	P2 and P5 Mathematics / Foundation Mathematics P3 and P4 Science

Date (Day)	Paper
31 Oct (Wed)	P2 to P5 Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2 / Foundation Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1
1 Nov (Thu)	P3 and P4 Mathematics P5 Science / Foundation Science P2 to P4 Social Studies
2 Nov (Fri)	P5 Higher Mother Tongue Languages Papers 1 and 2

16. EARLY DISMISSAL DURING SEMESTER ASSESSMENT 2 (29 OCTOBER TO 2 NOVEMBER)

P1 to P6 pupils will be dismissed earlier at 12.35 p.m. during the SA2 period from Monday, 29 October to Friday, 2 November. This will allow our pupils to have an earlier lunch and more rest at home. Parents/Guardians who are driving to fetch your child/ward will be allowed to drive into the school from 12.50 p.m.

The usual dismissal time will resume from Monday, 5 November.

17. FINAL SESSION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY/REMEDIATION LESSONS & SUSPENSION OF CCAs

- For P6 after-school programmes/lessons, the final sessions will be as follow:

Programme / Lesson	Date for Final Session
P6 Higher Mother Tongue Lesson	19 September (Wednesday)
P6 Foundation English and Mathematics Lessons	20 September (Thursday)
P6 Revision Programme	21 September (Friday)
P6 English, Mathematics and Science ANDrich	24 September (Monday)

- For P5 after-school programmes/lessons, the final sessions will be as follow:

Programme / Lesson	Date for Final Session	Remarks
P5 English, Mathematics and Science ANDrich	3 October (Monday)	
P5 Higher Mother Tongue Lesson	5 November (Monday)	No lessons on 22 October (Monday) and 29 October (Monday) due to SA2
P5 Foundation English and Mathematics Lessons	8 November (Thursday)	No lesson on 1 November (Thursday) due to SA2

- For P3 and P4 after-school programmes/lessons, the final sessions will be as follow:

Programme / Lesson	Date for Final Session
P3 English and Mathematics Remedial	1 October (Monday)
P3 Mother Tongue Remedial	3 October (Wednesday)
P4 Mother Tongue Remedial	1 October (Monday)
P4 English, Mathematics and Science ANDrich	3 October (Wednesday)

- CCAs will be suspended from Monday, 8 October. Performing Arts CCAs will resume on Friday, 2 November and all other CCAs will resume on Thursday, 8 November.

18. ADMINISTRATIVE DAY (12 NOVEMBER)

The teachers will have the Administrative Day on Monday, 12 November to process the year-end results. There will be no lessons for all pupils. They do not need to report to school.

19. YEAR END CONCERT @ VICTORIA THEATRE (14 NOVEMBER, 7.00 PM)

2018 witnesses yet another breakthrough in the school's quest for excellence in the area of arts and character development as our performing arts CCAs bagged a total of 5 distinctions and 1 Accomplishment awards at the SYF Arts Presentation 2018.

Driven by the belief that every learner of the arts in Anderson can grow in stature and poise, performance and moral character, our journey in providing the best for every child through the arts prioritises the joy of learning and celebrates our resilience as we reach for the stars.

This November, Anderson Primary will return to the grand dames of Singapore's performing arts scene – Victoria Theatre, for yet another dazzling performance by our performing arts groups. Themed ***People. Passion. Poise! II – Wings of Wonder***, this performance promises to cast the spotlight once again on our young arts talents, as they take on the stage with passion, and shine with poise!

Tickets will be on sale at S\$ 20.00 each (Free Seating). Details on sale of tickets will be announced at a later date.

20. ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING DAY (16 NOVEMBER)

The last day of school for all pupils for this academic year will be Friday, 16 November. Pupils will be dismissed at 10.35 a.m. Parents/Guardians who are driving to fetch your child/ward will be allowed to drive into the school from 10.55 a.m. We will have our Annual Prize-Giving Day from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. More details will be given out at a later date to pupils who need to be present for the event.

21. SCHOOL SAFETY

Please note the following initiatives by Land Transport Authority (LTA) around the school:

- A) Sheltered linkway: LTA has completed a sheltered linkway along the foot path outside the school from the main vehicular entrance (Gate B) to the junction of Ang Mo Kio Avenues 6 and 9. They have also extended the shelter to the school's Gate E. Together with the existing linkway from the Ang Mo Kio – Thye Hua Kwan (AMK-THK) Hospital exit to the school's Gate A, all pedestrians will have a sheltered walk from school to the 2 signalised pedestrian traffic crossings and traffic junction. Please see appended photographs. This will help to keep our parents sheltered from the sun and rain while they wait for our pupils during dismissal.



Shelter to school's main gate (Gate A)



Shelter to school's Gate E

- B) 40km/h When Lights Flash Sign: LTA has also installed this road safety feature at two locations near the school. The first location is along Ang Mo Kio Avenue 9, just before AMK-THK Hospital's entrance. The second location is opposite the school, just outside the former Chaoyang School. LTA installed this sign at the start of an Enhanced School Zone. The two amber lights will flash

alternatively during school days from 6.30 am to 7.45 am and from 12 noon to 2.30 pm. Upon reaching this zone, motorists should reduce their travelling speed to 40km/h when the lights are in operation. Motorists should still drive within the designated speed limit of the road when the lights are not in operation. Motorists caught committing the offence of careless/inconsiderate driving, beating red lights, or speeding within school zones will receive an additional demerit point from the Traffic Police. For more details, please visit:

https://www.onemotoring.com.sg/content/onemotoring/en/on_the_roads/road_safety/-40km-h-when-lights-flash--sign-at-enhance-school-zone-.html.

22. TERM 4 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following tables are summaries of the Term 4 school events and school/public holidays for your reference.

A) School Activities

Date	Events
▪ 12 Sep, Mon to 14 Sep, Wed	P5 Outdoor Camp
▪ 14 Sep, Fri	PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam
	P1 to P5 Home-based Learning
• 24 to 26 Sep, Mon to Wed	P2 SA2 Oral Exam (during curriculum time)
• 24 and 25 Sep, Mon and Tue	P5 SA2 Oral Exam (after curriculum time)
• 26 Sep, Wed	P4 SA2 Oral Exam (after curriculum time)
▪ 27 Sep, Thu to 3 Oct, Wed	PSLE Written Examination
▪ 27 Sep, Thu	P2 Swim Safer Programme (during curriculum time)
▪ 1 Oct, Mon	
▪ 9 Nov, Fri	
▪ 13 Nov, Tue	
▪ 27 Sep, Thu and 1 Oct, Mon	P3 Healthier Body and Mind Programme (during curriculum time)
▪ 27 Sep, Thu and 28 Sep, Fri	P4 Social Studies Learning Journey (during curriculum time)
▪ 28 Sep, Fri	P1 & P2 Home-Based Learning
▪ 8 Oct, Mon	P3 SA2 Oral Exam (after curriculum time)
▪ 10 Oct, Wed	P2 to P5 SA2 Listening Comprehension Exam
▪ 15 Oct, Mon to 18 Oct, Thu	P1 to P5 Home-Based Learning (PSLE Marking Exercise)
▪ 22 Oct, Mon	P2 to P5 SA2 EL & MTL Paper 1
▪ 29 Oct, Mon to 2 Nov, Fri	P2 to P5 SA2 all other written papers (School dismissal at 12.35 pm from 29 Oct to 2 Nov)
▪ 12 Nov, Mon	Administrative Day (Pupils do not have to report to school.)
▪ 14 Nov, Wed	Year End Concert (People. Passion. Poise! II) at Victoria Theatre (7.00 pm)
▪ 16 Nov, Fri	Last Day of School for 2018 (School dismissal at 10.35 am) Prize-Giving Day 2.00 – 4.00 pm

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

B) Public Holiday & Scheduled School Holidays

Date	Events
• 5 Oct, Fri	Children's Day
• 6 Nov, Tue	Deepavali (Hindu and Sikh staff and pupils will be dismissed at 10.35 am on Deepavali Eve 5 Nov, Mon)
• 17 Nov, Sat to 31 Dec, Mon	At the End of School Year
• 1 Jan 2019, Tues	New Year's Day
• 2 Jan 2019, Wed	Start of 2019 School Term 1

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

Yours sincerely,

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Principal