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A Community School of Excellence: Caring Hearts and Creative Minds

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you very much to all who managed to join us for our first virtual Parents Engagement for the respective levels on 2nd and 3rd Feb. You will receive the information booklets (with details of level distinct programmes and subject requirements), slides for both the level and Mother Tongue Language Briefings through Parents Gateway. We appreciate parents who have completed the feedback form. Form teachers will be following up with your enquiries by 13th Feb. If you need any further clarification, please do contact your child's form teachers and we will be most pleased to assist.

Assessment Matters

You would have received the letter on Assessment Information 2023 on 30th Jan. We would like to add that teachers will use a range of holistic assessment practices throughout the course of the year. With the removal of mid-year examinations, TPPS has adjusted the school calendar to include other activities such as learning journeys and experiential learning throughout term two. Teachers will also use this 'freed-up' time to engage the students to explore their interests and in certain instances, time will also be dedicated to help students improve their understanding and application of core concepts. We believe this will strengthen students' intrinsic motivation to learn and help them become more self-directed learners.

Birthday Celebrations - Food, Gifts and Goodie Bags

The teachers would like to seek your cooperation not to send any food and/or goodie bags for distribution as some children may have special dietary needs and/or allergy to certain food items. As we strive to build an inclusive culture in TPPS and no child should feel left out, we appeal for parents' understanding not to distribute gifts to celebrate their children's birthdays. All form teachers will have simple but meaningful ceremonies so that the entire class can celebrate their classmate's special day.

Good Practices for Student Health

We thank parents for your strong support in our temperature-taking Exercise on 11 Jan. Do continue to remind your child to maintain good personal hygiene both in and out of home, and in school. These practices are:

- Frequent hand washing with soap and water.
- Sanitize hands with hand sanitizer if there is no water available.
- Continued practice of wipe-down at their desks and canteen tables in school.
- Not to share food and drinks with their friends during recess/lunch or snack breaks.

Please bring your child to see the doctor if your child has flu or any flu-like symptoms. Do allow your child to rest at home until s/he is completely recovered. We appreciate all parents who have put in effort to help us to ringence the school.



Total Defence Day 15th Feb 2023

We will commemorate Total Defence Day on 15 Feb. The theme this year, “Together We Keep Singapore Strong” focuses on the many ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives. Our celebrations in school will strengthen students’ knowledge on the 6 pillars of Total Defence and how students can put them into action. The programme this year include TPPS Community Cafe, community songs sing-along, N.E.mation video screening and SGSecure roving exhibition. In line with our National Education Theme for 2023, ‘The Arts’, students will also be engaged in Visual Arts creation:

P1 & P2 (Military & Civil Defence): Wayang Kulit

P3 & P4 (Social & Economic Defence): Batik Painting

P5 & P6 (Digital & Psychological Defence): String Art

In addition, selected P6 NE Ambassadors will represent the school in the annual Junior SCDF Lionhearter Challenge 2023, a virtual event which will see our students pit their emergency preparedness knowledge and quick wits against other schools. Through this myriad of enriching programmes, we hope that our students will appreciate the importance of Total Defence, reflect on its importance and play their parts to build a stronger Singapore.

Conclusion

My staff and I deeply appreciate the partnership of all parents. The Parents Engagement is a good start to 2023. There has been a lot of information shared by the staff both during the virtual meeting and the information booklet. I encourage all parents to help us to know your child/ren better and to affirm your child/ren’s efforts. Let us work together via the various platforms and programmes to help to celebrate every child!

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Lay See Neufeld

Principal

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