

In Touch - Term 2 2018

Zhonghua Primary School – 22 March 2018

Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hope this newsletter reaches you and your family in good health. Term 1 has passed like a breeze and before we know it, we are now into the second quarter of the year, soldiering on positively to build the Learner, Thinker and Leader in your children.

Amidst the many interesting announcements made at the **Committee of Supplies (COS) debates 2018** in Parliament recently, we are sure that you would be just as interested to know about the parliamentary discussions on your children's education. The primary message from MOE this year is important: with so many major changes happening around us like the changing global economic landscape, the emergence of new technologies and changing demographics including an ageing population, it will not be an easy path for our children as they thread into the future. Thus MOE, the schools and families will need to work very hard together to get them prepared for it.

We thus must away from an over-emphasis on academic results. Programmes like the Applied Learning Programmes at primary schools to help our children be resilient and innovative will be introduced and character development programmes to help them build sound values and a shared Singapore identity will be strengthened. MOE will provide support and opportunities for all pupils depending on their needs. We believe when children enjoy learning and feel safe about learning, they will be able to develop a motivation to learn better. Our children also need to be ready for uncertainties and be able to bounce back after set-backs. These are crucial dispositions for their future. Ultimately, they also need to build empathy and compassion for those around them.

For parents who may feel it is too early to prepare their children for the future now may I offer the perspective that it is during the students' primary years that they develop attributes such as being self-driven and aware of what they are good at, and what they enjoy doing. This will help them tap on the various pathways to fulfil their aspirations later in life. Primary school years are also the best years to build character.

I welcome parents to work with us in developing and preparing our children. Should you need to engage school leaders or teachers towards this endeavour, you are most welcome to meet us without having to wait for formal Teacher-Parent meetings. As a team, we can achieve much more for our children if we continue to focus on what matters most as our children take those crucial first steps towards their future.

Thank you and regards.

Mdm Rostinah Md Said
Principal

Administration Information for Parents

<p>Revised Income Eligibility Criteria for MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (MOE FAS) With Effect from 1 April 2018</p>	<p>During the 2018 MOE Committee of Supply debate in Parliament, it was announced that the eligibility criteria for MOE FAS for Singapore Citizen (SC) pupils will be revised from 1 April 2018, to as shown in the table below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="563 506 1444 976"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="563 506 823 600">Criteria for MOE FAS</th> <th data-bbox="823 506 1137 600">Current Criteria</th> <th data-bbox="1137 506 1444 600">Revised Criteria (01 April 2018)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="563 600 823 976">Income Criteria</td> <td data-bbox="823 600 1137 976"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross monthly household income (GHI) of \$2,500 and below; or • Gross monthly household per capita income (PCI) of \$625 and below </td> <td data-bbox="1137 600 1444 976"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHI of \$2,750 and below; or • PCI of \$690 and below </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Parents of eligible SC pupils and those with queries, are encouraged to contact the General Office (GO) for further details/forms. Unsuccessful 2018 MOE FAS applicants who are now eligible, will be contacted by GO by 1 April 2018.</p>	Criteria for MOE FAS	Current Criteria	Revised Criteria (01 April 2018)	Income Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross monthly household income (GHI) of \$2,500 and below; or • Gross monthly household per capita income (PCI) of \$625 and below 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHI of \$2,750 and below; or • PCI of \$690 and below
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<p>Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) Facilities Upgrading @ ZPS</p>	<p>Our PERI construction and upgrading works have been largely completed and we are now waiting for the relevant government agencies to inspect and certify the newly created facilities. There has been a delay as the consultants and contractor rectify areas identified by the authorities to meet the new building and safety codes. School and MOE are working hard with the project team to expedite matters.</p>						
<p>Extension of the Rear Playground Area via a Slab-Over Project</p>	<p>Works started in end-January 2018 and is expected to take between 8 to 10 months. As this area is at the rear of the school, it should have minimal impact on pupils, staff, and on school operations.</p>						
<p>Emergency Preparedness Exercise</p>	<p>As part of emergency preparedness and student health, we have conducted Lockdown Drill and Evacuation Exercise on Friday, 23 February 2018. This exercise trained our pupils and staff on the immediate actions to be taken in school in an emergency situation should they be exposed to danger posed by possible intruders/assailants. The next exercise, will go one step further, where staff and pupils will practice the Lockdown drill, followed by evacuation to an external holding area (EHA), for scenarios that the school premises are not safe to remain in.</p>						

A) ST1: Fostering the Joy of Learning and Entrepreneurial Dare

<p>Primary 1 Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE) on Thursday, 22 February 2018</p>	<p>The Primary 1 pupils went to the West Coast Park where they experienced 4 different team-building activities at the Adventure Playground. Through the activities, pupils were able to appreciate nature, build confidence and inculcate values like teamwork and resilience. Pupils enjoyed the activities and they were able to bond with their teachers and friends.</p>
<p>Primary 2 Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE) on Thursday, 22 February 2018</p>	<p>The Primary 2 pupils had their OLE at the Gardens by the Bay. They went through a myriad of activities in the four categories of adventure, aquatic, environment and team-building. Through the activities, pupils were given the opportunity to develop values of Resilience (by working to the best of their ability to complete the various stations), Harmony (by working hand in hand with classmates in overcoming challenges) and Responsibility (by looking out for oneself and others throughout the day).</p>
<p>P3 Learning Journey to Zoo on Thursday, 22 February 2018</p>	<p>Our Primary 3 pupils embarked on a fun and informative trail at the Singapore Zoo. Through this mobile learning trail, pupils were actively engaged to explore the authentic environment and making connections to Science concepts. Pupils used a variety of ICT tools to capture their thoughts, critique and share their views. They were also provided with the opportunity to collaborate and develop attitudes such as curiosity while gaining knowledge that they can apply in their daily lives, society and the environment.</p>
<p>P4 Learning Journey to Oh' Farms on Thursday, 22 February 2018</p>	<p>The Primary 4 pupils went on a learning journey to Oh' Farms where they visited the butterfly lodge and learnt about hydroponics. They got the opportunity to observe the butterflies up close and learnt about the butterflies' behaviour, ways to enhance the biodiversity and promote butterfly conservation efforts in Singapore. During the hydroponics tour, our pupils were introduced to the different stages of planting such as the germination room, nursery greenhouse, hydroponics greenhouse, nutrient mixing room and the harvesting centre. This learning journey supplements what is taught in the classroom and provides an experiential learning experience for our pupils.</p>
<p>Primary 4 Mathematics Games Day</p>	<p>Organised on 5 March 2018, this event aimed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop pupils' positive attitude towards Mathematics • explore various applications of Mathematics in game play • promote collaborative learning through fun and challenging activities <p>The Primary 4 pupils found joy in learning Mathematics through application of the mathematical concepts and skills at the various game stations.</p>

EL Enrichment Programmes for P3 to P5	In our effort to promote the joy of learning the English Language, we organised special EL Enrichment Programmes for all P3 to P5 pupils in Term 1. Our aim was to help pupils develop good language skills through fun and engaging activities. A total of 6 sessions were conducted for each of the following programmes: P3 – Building Communication Skills through Readers’ Theatre P4 – Building Communication Skills through Storytelling P5 – Building Communication Skills through English Drama
Makerspace Innovation Programme	The school has embarked on a Makerspace programme to promote innovation among our pupils. Students use LEGO blocks, Strawbees and other maker tools to create constructions and test out their models. The Makerspace Programme not only fosters the joy of learning but also provide a safe platform for students to test and re-test their creative prototypes. This non-judgemental space develops a spirit of entrepreneurial dare in our students.

Recognition for Pupils

Activity	Date	Name of participants	Remarks
Wits & Words: Inter-school Debate Championship 2018 (Preliminaries)	Round 1: 24 February '18 Round 2: 3 March '18 Round 3: 12 March '18	1. Cheah Zong Heng 2. Chung Wei Hong 3. Zoe Josephine Tiah Hui Ting 4. Prakash Priyanka 5. Timothy Lim Zhi Heng 6. Tanushree Muralidaran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won Round 1 & 2 • Best speaker for all 3 rounds – Cheah Zong Heng (6DL)
Newsmaker Awards Singapore 2018	Thursday, 15 March 2018	1. Debbie Lee En Ni 2. Dwayne Low Yee Kiat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merit Award
Maxtoon Nationwide Mandarin Public Speaking Competition	Round One: March 2018	1. Cheah Zong Heng 2. Jechaele Soo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got into second round

B) ST2: Strengthening the Singapore Spirit

Physical Education / CCA / Outdoor Education

National School Games Oath Taking Ceremony	An oath taking ceremony led by one of our CCA Leaders, Charmaine Toh of 6 Discipline, was held before the start of the National School Games. School Team players from the Football, Volleyball and Sepak Takraw CCAs participated in the recitation of the athlete’s oath witnessed by the whole school. The oath is a solemn promise that every athlete makes to play fairly and obey all rules in true sportsmanship in the coming Zonal & National’s Competitions.
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Mass Workouts	This year, we are partnering with the Health Promotion Board to bring in various mass exercise workouts such as the KpopX Fitness, Piloxing and Cardio Kickboxing in the hope of allowing pupils to experience a wide range of contemporary workout sessions and motivate them to exercise regularly. The pupils will go through the different mass workout activity once a term starting with KpopX Fitness in term 1 where they danced to their favourite Kpop songs for greater fitness and mental health.
Junior Sports Academy (JSA) Selection Trial 2018	The Junior Sports Academy (JSA) programme is open to all Primary 4 and 5 pupils. This programme gives pupils opportunities to strengthen their overall physical competencies and motivation in sports at the primary school level. A trial for the programme was held on Saturday, 24 February 2018, at Singapore Sports Hub, OCBC Arena. The trial evaluated the pupils' general physical ability, such as natural ability of agility, balance, coordination, speed and power. A total of 38 pupils participated in the trial this year. Results for the trial will be out in mid-April.

Aesthetics

Choir Performing Arts	The Choir will be performing in the upcoming Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation on Tue 10 April 2018. They will be performing a total of three songs: Laudamus Te, Little Red Dot, and Double Trouble. The pupils have been practising diligently. They have gone for their SYF rehearsal at School Of The Arts (SOTA) on 1 March and taken part in a Choir Exchange with six other choir. Their SYF Performance will be on 10 April 2.15 pm. We wish them all the best.								
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Chinese Dance Performing Arts

The Chinese dance performing arts group has been assiduously practising their new dance for the upcoming SYF Arts Presentation in April this year. The title of their dance is “Xi Yi Le 《洗衣乐》”. The performance is about four minutes long and the dance genre is categorised as “Traditional Dance”. The SYF Rehearsal will be on 27 March and the SYF performance will be on 9 April at the University Cultural Centre (UCC) at NUS. We wish our Chinese Dancers all the best.

Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
Chang Ying-Chen Loh Wan Ning Lim Jia Yi Nicole Ong Hui Ling Darriel Chan En Jean Rhiannon Batac Bacsal	Chung Shi Man Lim Kai Ying Huang Mingjuan Jeganathan Jyotsna Shivani Andreena Lew Yun Xuan Teng Shuang Xi Wong Ling Yue Shana Yeung Ler En Ruth Felicia Haerine Darmawa Peng Jiayi	Cheryl Ling Xin Jie Chong Yi Shin Koh Jing Wen Joie Koh Si Qi Shermaine Lee En Qi Lim Ying Jia Low Cher Yen Low Tze Ru Clarrise Ong Sze Wei Wong Jia Ying Chan Le Yi Chem Xuan Hui Giselle Hong Yan Ping Stefanie

Malay Dance Performing Arts

The Malay dance performing arts group has been diligently practising their choreography for the upcoming SYF in April this year. The title of their dance is “Langkah Gemilang”. The choreography is about four minutes long and the dance genre is categorised as “Zapin”. The SYF Rehearsal will be on 23 March and the SYF performance will be on 3 April at the University Cultural Centre (UCC) at NUS.

Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
Nur Nadirah Andreesha Balqis Adrianna	Khadijah Md Musthafah Nur Insyirah Md Kamal Nurfitri Imanina Sulaiman Idrus Chua Ming Ying Siti Mariana Jamari Syafinaz Ayu Qistina Afiriana	Ching Zi Ying Fion Nurfarisha Insyirahi Sulaiman Idrus Nur Quraisyah Atikah Abdullah

In addition we also have dancers from P1 to P3 who have enthusiastically embarked on this SYF journey with us.

P3: Lee Jia Xi Shanice, Nur Aisyah Binte Suhairi,

P2: Nur Humairah

P1: Ayra Qaisara

We wish our Malay Dancers all the best.

Indian Dance Performing Arts

The Indian Dance performing arts group will be performing in the upcoming Singapore Youth Festival Arts Performance on Mon 23 April 2018. They will be performing the dance entitled 'Odi Vilaiyadu Papa'. The four-and-half minutes' dance is a joyous and light-hearted one emphasising the importance of play in a child's life. The element of play is choreographed using Bharatanatyam moves.

Our pupils are practising diligently and looking forward to their SYF performance. We wish them all the best.

Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
Baskara Raman Pavithra Subhasri D/O Lakshmanan Govindaraj Suchitra Govindaraj Keerthika Geesal Gurung	Jasmita Pal Ramasamy Dhaksha Selvam Raja Tejal Shruti Sardar C R Bavesk Kumar Jenani D/O Murugan Pandiyan Sadhana Thalamuthu Disha Gopika Janathakesh S/O Mahindran Dharshini D/O Pavalan Sanjaya Iyer Karthikeyan	Govindaraj Mohana Priya Prakash Priyanka Subiksha Sunthari Shanmuga Sunthar Tanushree Muralidaran

We also applaud the participation of our junior members from P2 and P3: Shivenitha Jayachandran and Baskara Raman Ragavi

Pupil Management and Pupil Leadership**Class Leadership**

In line with the school vision of every pupil a leader, opportunities are provided for pupils to take on leadership roles at least once a year at the class level on a rotational basis. Leadership roles at the class level include class monitor, subject monitors, group leaders and sports leader. Besides teaching pupils the characteristics of a good leader who starts by leading himself/herself, on-the-job trainings are also provided to equip pupils holding different leadership roles with skills to carry out their roles.

Prefects Leadership Training

P5 prefects completed a leadership training on project management in Term 1. The prefects learnt the importance of being adaptable and proactive as a leader, interpersonal communication skill as well as project management skills. P5 prefects have been tasked to organise our Teachers' Day celebration concert for 2018, a platform for them to apply the project management skills that they have acquired during the training.

	<p>The school also organised a leadership training on mentoring for P6 prefects in Term 1 where the P6 prefects are imbued with the value of being proactive and accountable as a leader who lead others. They were also taught mentoring skills to help them in their roles as mentors to the junior prefects. In Term 2, P6 prefects will organise a mini workshop for the newly appointed P4 trainee prefects.</p> <p>Developing the spirit of Entrepreneurial Dare was another focus of the leadership training for both P5 and P6 prefects, to instill in them the never-say-die attitude and the spirit of daring to try new things. It also aimed to develop the prefects' ability to analyse situations and convince others of their ideas.</p>
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Character and Citizenship Education (CCE)

<p>Chinese New Year Celebrations 2018</p>	<p>On 14th February, during recess, our pupils took part in CNY-related activities at various booths set up by our Parent Volunteers.</p> <p>A CNY concert was held on 15th February starting with the highly-anticipated Lion Dance performance. The concert included a skit on CNY traditional customs and interactive quizzes, followed by an impressive Martial Arts performance put up by P2 pupil Jason Yang and his mother. Our Chinese Dance performers also put up a mesmerising Chinese Dance performance. The CNY celebration ended on a high note with the mass singing led by our school's talented Choir members. It was indeed a high-spirited celebration involving staff and students from all ethnic groups with a view to build inter-cultural appreciation and understanding.</p>
<p>Commemoration of Total Defence Day (TDD)</p>	<p>On 15 February 2018 we commemorated Total Defence Day with the theme "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". Different types of emergency preparedness activities were catered for the various levels during their Social Studies lessons and achieved the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The P1 pupils are now equipped with the knowledge and skills of what to do when a fire breaks out. • The P2 pupils are aware of the necessary actions to be taken should they hear the Public Warning System. • The P3 pupils know about the need for responsibility and to call the right department during a specific emergency. • The P4 pupils are aware of preventive measures to avoid fire outbreaks and create a hindrance for emergency evacuation. • The P5 pupils have a better understanding about the term "Terrorism" and what they would need to do should such an incident happen. • The P6 pupils learned to think and plan for the correct move when a crisis happens.

	On the commemoration day itself, our pupils watched a film titled “SQ 117” that showcased the crisis Singapore faced and handled back in 1991 and heard from a guest speaker, Mr Cassidy Goh, an experienced volunteer in the army who shared his experiences on serving the SAF and the nation.
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Recognition for Pupils

Model Pupils of the Month	<p>The Monthly Model Pupil Award aims to give recognition to pupils who demonstrate school values well. Each month, the form teacher of every class, in consultation with the subject teachers, identifies the model pupil for the class based on the rubric which is aligned to the school values. Pupils’ attitude towards learning in the academic areas as well as the non-academic areas such as CCA, learning journeys and Values-In-Action activities is taken into consideration.</p> <p>The school celebrates the achievement of the selected pupils by giving out certificates during the Monthly Model Pupil Award presentation ceremony. Photograph of each awardee is displayed outside the classroom and at the Learning Hub as a form of recognition.</p> <p><u>Model Pupils of the Month of January</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">Primary 1</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Primary 2</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Primary 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Janella Wee Syazeera Binte Syaib Zhang Zhiyu Teo Xin Rui</td> <td>Loh Yi Xuan Yeo Shao Zhi Shawn Anuska Kaucha Gharti Tan Xin Man</td> <td>Cheah Jia En Pandiyen Sethu Madhavan Gillian Mae Chung Nur Syazwani Vira Nica Ng Hai Yan</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Primary 4</th> <th>Primary 5</th> <th>Primary 6</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Geethanraj Jayachandran Xanthus Liew Jean Rhiannon Keiko Tng Jiaqing Tan Xin Yi Guo Si'en Rainie</td> <td>Shaun Wong Wang Yi-Syun Nur Faiqah Dayana Teng Shuang Xi Liao Xiaoyang Muhammad Syaliqin</td> <td>Zoe Josephine Tiah Lim Ying Jia Nur Syarafina Peggy Lin Lee Xuan Nur Iffah Md Jumlan</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Model Pupil for the Month of February</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">Primary 1</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Primary 2</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Primary 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lee Jin Hiang, Lucas Taekyeon Gurung Aarzo Rai Isaac Sai</td> <td>Ethan Aditya Dsouza Meemik Thapa Jasper Chew Goh Hui Ting</td> <td>Madhumitha Natarajan Adly Rizky Amzah Surya Gurung Liu Fanfei Ipshana Rai</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3	Janella Wee Syazeera Binte Syaib Zhang Zhiyu Teo Xin Rui	Loh Yi Xuan Yeo Shao Zhi Shawn Anuska Kaucha Gharti Tan Xin Man	Cheah Jia En Pandiyen Sethu Madhavan Gillian Mae Chung Nur Syazwani Vira Nica Ng Hai Yan	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6	Geethanraj Jayachandran Xanthus Liew Jean Rhiannon Keiko Tng Jiaqing Tan Xin Yi Guo Si'en Rainie	Shaun Wong Wang Yi-Syun Nur Faiqah Dayana Teng Shuang Xi Liao Xiaoyang Muhammad Syaliqin	Zoe Josephine Tiah Lim Ying Jia Nur Syarafina Peggy Lin Lee Xuan Nur Iffah Md Jumlan	Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3	Lee Jin Hiang, Lucas Taekyeon Gurung Aarzo Rai Isaac Sai	Ethan Aditya Dsouza Meemik Thapa Jasper Chew Goh Hui Ting	Madhumitha Natarajan Adly Rizky Amzah Surya Gurung Liu Fanfei Ipshana Rai
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2018 South Zone Volleyball Championships	<p>Zhonghua volleyball junior and senior girls' teams did our school proud by showing resilience and their never-say-die attitude. Through their grit and determination, they each won 4th position in the South Zone Volleyball Championship and will proceed to the National Competition. The Junior boys' team also put up a good fight in their competition.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Junior Boys</th> <th>Junior Girls</th> <th>Senior Girls</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Poon Joe Yew Andrew Khoo Leow Wen Ze (Vice Captain) Migin Thapa Darlami Yushesh Gurung Ong Jing Wei Piyush Bachhas Sim Zheng Kai Deion Yulove Gurung Neo Wei Lum Tan Zhan Yi (Captain) Yip Jun On Ethan</td> <td>Dolor Ana Camille Pagdanganan Dolor Ana Gabriella Pagdanganan Loke Jia Xuan Mettu Deepal Reddy (Captain) Shreya Rai Arielle Kristen Mak Koh Ying Hui, Bernice Trinh Evhanna Cristel Suy Man (Vice Captain) Kim Wong Purnima Pun Tan Rui En, Glynnis</td> <td>Jechaele Soo Ming Le Jodie Yap Wing Yan Charmaine Toh Jia En (Captain) Chloe Tay Wei Xuan Jhenuel Rinoah Batac Bacsal Guo Luoqian Nur Syarafina Abdul Rahman (Vice Captain) Clariece Kee Wyn Xuan Isabel Wang Qian Wen</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The following pupils were awarded the Sportsmanship Awards for best exemplifying the attributes of character, integrity and sportsmanship: Mettu Deepal Reddy, Trinh Evhanna Cristel Suy Man, Ong Jing Wei, Sim Zheng Kai Deion, Jechaele Soo Ming Le and Charmaine Toh Jia En</p>	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	Senior Girls	Poon Joe Yew Andrew Khoo Leow Wen Ze (Vice Captain) Migin Thapa Darlami Yushesh Gurung Ong Jing Wei Piyush Bachhas Sim Zheng Kai Deion Yulove Gurung Neo Wei Lum Tan Zhan Yi (Captain) Yip Jun On Ethan	Dolor Ana Camille Pagdanganan Dolor Ana Gabriella Pagdanganan Loke Jia Xuan Mettu Deepal Reddy (Captain) Shreya Rai Arielle Kristen Mak Koh Ying Hui, Bernice Trinh Evhanna Cristel Suy Man (Vice Captain) Kim Wong Purnima Pun Tan Rui En, Glynnis	Jechaele Soo Ming Le Jodie Yap Wing Yan Charmaine Toh Jia En (Captain) Chloe Tay Wei Xuan Jhenuel Rinoah Batac Bacsal Guo Luoqian Nur Syarafina Abdul Rahman (Vice Captain) Clariece Kee Wyn Xuan Isabel Wang Qian Wen
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2018 South Zone Football Championships	<p>A total of 30 pupils were selected to form the school's Junior and Senior Football Teams and represented the school in the Inter-School Football Championships held from January to March. Through the competition, the players were given an opportunity to showcase their ability and certainly gained valuable experience from the games that they had played.</p> <p>This year, the Junior Team did exceptionally well to come in top 4 in the Zonal Competition. They will be playing in the final stage of the competition in Term 2 Week 1 and participate in the National's Competition thereafter. We wish them all the best and hope that they will cherish and enjoy the experience!</p>						

<p>Cleanest Classroom Award (Feb)</p>	<p>The 'Cleanest Classroom Award' is given out on a monthly basis to select the cleanest class in each level. Rubrics were used to assess the class based on cleanliness and neatness.</p> <p>Winning class representatives were each presented on stage with a certificate which they could display on their class notice boards as a mark of recognition. Congratulations to the monthly class winners from the various levels!</p> <p>P1: Primary 1 Respect P2: Primary 2 Discipline and 2 Respect P3: Primary 3 Diligence P4: Primary 4 Diligence P5: Primary 5 Care P6: Primary 6 Diligence</p>
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C) ST3: Building Staff Innovation and Engagement

Staff Learning and Development

<p>Lesson Walkthroughs by School Leaders</p>	<p>School leaders conduct regular lesson walkthroughs to observe lessons and activities in academic and non-academic areas including remedial lessons and enrichment classes. Through the walk-through School Leaders get snapshots of each lesson and get to affirm the strengths of each teacher while ensuring that Active Learning and Joy of Learning is taking place. Exemplary pedagogical approaches adopted are highlighted so that they can be shared with other colleagues at our staff development platforms both within and beyond the school. Areas for growth are also identified so that teachers are able to continue to enhance their craft further.</p>
<p>Singapore Teaching Practice In Action</p>	<p>The school continued its journey of using STP to support the school's learning direction of helping staff build skills to enhance the Joy of Learning and Entrepreneurial Dare in the curriculum. Through workshops held during Contact Time, a common understanding of the shared beliefs that underpin our schools' teaching and learning is established for the four teaching processes. After each workshop, the teachers work collaboratively in their professional learning teams (PLT) to draw on the STP to design learning experiences that foster the joy of learning in our students and bring about more effective teaching and learning.</p> <p>The STP has been a great resource in our staff's professional development journey and its adoption has resulted in more competent teachers and reflective practitioners.</p>

ICAN Cluster Collaboration	<p>Mrs Sharon Seah, Mrs Wendy Ng and Mr Christopher Lee are currently involved in the S6 Cluster ICAN Project. The ICAN project aims to level up every student in the learning of Mathematics by equipping teachers with the knowledge, skills and resources to support students who need more assistance in Mathematics.</p> <p>The Project Team meets once every fortnightly on Wednesday with colleagues from S6 primary schools with the aim of addressing four main learning issues: Learning Gaps, Language, Motivation and Memory among our students.</p>
Environmental Education Amazing Race For Staff	<p>On 7 March 2018, an Environmental Education Amazing Race was planned for the staff at Macritchie Reservoir. However, due to the inclement weather, the staff had to complete the 6 stations of games at our school instead. Despite the setback, the staff had fun bonding as a team in solving challenges at the stations while at the same time learning more about environmental conservation.</p>
PE Edulab Project 2017 - 2019	<p>A team of PE teachers led by the HOD ICT and HOD PE is working with MOE to re-design how students could better learn Physical Movement and Sports Skills supported by technology. The intent is to enhance the students' learning experience so that they could develop sports skills and sportsmanship from more diverse opportunities given and with guidance by the teachers. The teachers have been actively involved in their innovation journey through the following rigorous learning process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading published research papers to learn from other educators - Customising existing technology to meet the learning needs of our students in ZPS - Collaborating with MOE officers with expert knowledge - Gathering evidence of learning from lesson enactment

Staff Recognition

MOE Service Excellence Award (MSEA) 2018	<p>The MSEA recognises MOE staff who are passionate in their service delivery, consistently serve internal and external customers with C.A.R.E (Courtesy, Accessibility, Responsiveness and Effectiveness), and inspire their colleagues to do likewise. We congratulate our school awardees.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="507 1738 1313 2033"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of MSEA</th> <th>Recipients</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Platinum</td> <td>Mr Abdul Mutalib</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gold</td> <td>Mdm Elaine Lee Mr Liew Yong Chew Mrs Raj Mr Abdul Mutalib</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Silver</td> <td>Mdm Carol Wong</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type of MSEA	Recipients	Platinum	Mr Abdul Mutalib	Gold	Mdm Elaine Lee Mr Liew Yong Chew Mrs Raj Mr Abdul Mutalib	Silver	Mdm Carol Wong
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Sharing at the Academy of Singapore Teachers (AST)

The Educational Support Chapter at AST organises a series of professional development sessions for teachers by teachers in the Educational Support fraternity. One of our staff Mr Lim Beng Kim will be presenting at the session on 23 March 2018. We wish him all the best.

Title of Presentation	Presenter
"Embracing a Growth Mindset in the Primary Classroom", to help teachers learn about motivating and engaging students through the growth mindset.	Mr Lim Beng Kim

iCTLT Conference on 31 May 2018 at RWS

The theme of the conference "Shape the Future, Be a Spark" invites educators to share insights, practices, experiences, and research studies on harnessing technology for 21st century learning, so as to envision and share emerging trends, pedagogical use of cutting-edge technology and innovative use of established technology for learning and teaching. Two of our school teams will be presenting at the conference and we wish them all the best.

Title of Project	Contributors
Edulab Project on Active Learning in PE through Self-Assessment Enabled by Similarity Analysis Technology and Collaborative Learning (SASA-CoL)'	Mr Ravi Mr Nelson Chong Mr Tang Qisheng Mr Abdul Mutalib Mdm Siti Farhanah
Model Lesson on Active Learning through enriched ICT lessons to foster the Joy of learning	Mr Justin Ang, Mr Chris Lee Mr Teh Khen Hian

Vote of thanks and Best Wishes

Mr Ong See Guan has left for further studies in Feb 2018. The school thanks Mr Ong for his contributions to ZPS and wishes him all the best in his studies.

Staff Wellbeing

Focus Group Discussions (FGD) with Staff	<p>The school enhances two-way communications between the staff and management through small-group dialogues (known also as Focus Group Discussions) for the various levels of teachers and non-teaching staff on a termly basis.</p> <p>Facilitated by school leaders, teacher leaders or year heads, staff well-being is looked into by eliciting concerns from the ground. Topics can range from workload and career development issues to school's support for children with learning difficulties or special needs. Follow-up actions are taken to attend to the concerns raised by staff.</p> <p>FGDs form part of the overall effort by the school management to promote a School Culture of Care and Collaboration.</p>
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D) ST4: Engaging and Collaborating with Partners in Education

Partnership with Parents

Parent-Teacher Conference on 1 and 2 Mar 2018	<p>A Parent-Teacher Conference was held on 1 and 2 Mar 2018. The conference serves as a platform to allow parents/guardians to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- learn more about the progress that their child/ward has been making in school in both academic and non-academic areas;- discuss how they can work together with teachers to help pupils perform at their best in school. <p>We thank parents/guardians for the mostly positive and encouraging feedback we have received. Parents who wish to have more feedback on their children's progress can contact our teachers through email, via the pupils' handbook or make an appointment to see them at any point of the year.</p>
Science Workshop for Parents Sat 3 March 2018	<p>The Science department organised a Science workshop for parents on Sat 3 March 2018. The purpose of the workshop was to provide parents with an understanding of what their child is learning in Science as well as strategies to help their child learn Science effectively.</p> <p>About 130 parents turned up for the workshop and they gave positive feedback that they had gleaned useful strategies to help their child in learning Science. Parents found the three hands-on activities aimed at providing parents with an experience of what Science learning is like in the classroom very useful.</p>

<p>Math Heuristics for Problem Solving Workshops for Parents (Primary 3 to Primary 6) (24 March 2018 9.00am to 11.30 am)</p>	<p>The Math Department will be conducting the workshops for the parents of the various levels concurrently on Sat 24 March 2018. The presenters are Mrs Sharon Seah (P3), Ms Rozi (P4), Mrs Chan HW (P5) and Mrs Wendy Ng (P6). The Math Department aims to assist you in bringing out the best in your child/ward.</p> <p>At the heart of the Primary Mathematics Syllabus is problem solving. It involves the acquisition and application of mathematical concepts and skills in a wide range of situations, including non-routine, open-ended and real-world problems. In the workshops, we will share with you the various heuristics skills.</p> <p>With this knowledge, as a parent/guardian, you can be better equipped to work with your child/ward and help him/her to be adept at using thinking skills to solve mathematical problems. Through this collaboration between teachers and parents/guardian, we hope that your child/ward will develop greater competency in solving complex word problems using these strategies.</p>
<p>English Workshop for Parents (21 April 2018 9.00 to 11.00 am)</p>	<p>This workshop by our EL Teacher, Mdm Rafida, is for parents of P5 and P6 pupils. It aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give parents an overview of the PSLE reading comprehension assessment format • introduce parents to reading strategies which can be applied in the understanding of text • provide a hands-on session where the Question and Answer Relationship (QAR) strategy will be explored <p>(Please note that parents who have attended English Language Workshop – Reading Comprehension Assessment 2017 will <u>not</u> need to attend).</p>
<p>Chinese Language Parent Learning Day 2018 (7 April 2018 9.00 am to 11.30 am)</p>	<p>We hope to partner with parents to make a positive difference in our pupils' learning and maximize their potential in the learning of CL. Parents of P1 and P2 Chinese Language pupils will be invited to attend a workshop on how to better coach their children with the new P1 and P2 syllabus, while parents of P5 and P6 Chinese Language pupils will be invited to attend a workshop to understand more about the new PSLE exam format for CL Paper 2 and E-oral examination. There will also be a sharing on eZhishi Chinese Language portal to help parents familiarise with the use of the portal.</p>

<p>Father-Child Bonding Activity</p> <p>Date: 14 April 2018 (Saturday) Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm Target: P1 – P3</p>	<p><u>Part 1: Parents workshop on Navigating the adolescent years (Raising Confident & Resilient children)</u> Most parents are deeply concerned about their children’s future. The chances of your children succeeding in navigating this increasing challenging world in future increases with intentional preparation. Your interaction with your future teens now can build them up or tear them down. This well reviewed and interactive seminar is a primer for parenting your future teens. It provides parents with the helpful information on what children need from you now to build confidence and competence.</p> <p><u>Part 2: Construct and programme a desk fan through Microbit</u> Capacity: Limited to 30 Pairs of father and child only, first come first serve basis according to time logs of online registration. (Details of registration will be released nearer the date)</p> <p>Remark: The father-child bond activity for P4-P6 will be conducted on 15 September 2018 (Saturday). More details will be released nearer the date.</p>
<p>Mother Child Bonding Activity</p>	<p>The mother-child bond activity will be conducted on 28 July 2018 (Saturday), do stay tuned for more details nearer the date of the event.</p>

Partnership with ZEST (Parent Volunteer Group)

<p>2018 Induction Session and lunch for ZEST members</p>	<p>An induction programme for new and existing ZEST members was held on 26 January 2018. The objective of the programme was to familiarize the ZEST members with the roles and responsibilities of being partners of the school. Mdm Rostinah gave the welcome address and informed the parents about school directions and expectations. The members were then treated to a buffet lunch. This was to thank the existing members for the services provided and to welcome new members.</p>
<p>ZEST activity for CNY</p>	<p>Our parent volunteers celebrated CNY with the pupils on 14 Feb 2018 with various recess activities. They set up booths for pupils to participate in CNY-related activities such as calligraphy writing of Chinese auspicious words, crepe paper artwork and using of red packets to make origami dogs. A photo booth was also set up for pupils to explore and take photos with CNY related props. A big Thank You to all the Parent Volunteers for their help and support in setting up of all the booths!</p>

Partnership with School Advisory Committee (SAC)

School Advisory Committee Name List	<p>Zhonghua Primary is honoured to have the opportunity to work closely with our team of very supportive School Advisory Committee members. They readily render their valuable support and service to the school and we would like to acknowledge their generosity and involvement. Our SAC members are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr Jason Tang Chuan Ann (Chairman)2. Mr Jeffery See Siang Chai (Vice-Chairman)3. Mr Goh Cheng Chuan (Vice-Chairman)4. Mr Texan Chia Jui Pheng, PBM (Treasurer)5. Mdm Rostinah Bte Mohd Said (Hon. Secretary)6. Mr Peter Lim Teo Yang, PBM7. Mr Ang Poo Hua8. Mr Wee Lai Huat, PBM9. Mr Lim Wong Kee
Service to Education Award 2018	<p>The school is proud to announce and congratulate our SAC member who has been awarded the Service to Education Award 2018 by Ministry of Education:</p> <p>Name of Recipient: Mr Lim Wong Kee Award Category: 10 to 19 Years</p>

Partnership with the Community

To support various pupil needs, the school's partnership effort also embraces the wider community as follows:

Bartley Care Community Services (BCCS) - Story-Based Reading Programme	<p>The programme adopts a story-based approach in cultivating reading interest and ability. It is supported by trained volunteers from the BCCS. It will benefit about 30 identified pupils from Primary 1 to 3, with additional reading support, over and above those provided by the school/MOE.</p> <p>Commencing on 9 April 2018, these thrice weekly two-hour sessions would be conducted in school from 2.15 to 4.00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.</p>
MENDAKI Youth In Action Programme (MENDAKI YIA)	<p>This is a mentoring programme for Malay/Muslim pupils that focuses on building resilience to withstand negative social influences and reduce at-risk behaviour. Lessons are designed based on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) which enables pupils to acquire cognitive, affective and behavioural competencies.</p>

	<p>Commencing on 11 April 2018, from 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm, about thirty Pri 4 to Pri 6 pupils will be benefitting from this programme.</p> <p>This MENDAKI funded 15 x weekly one-hour sessions will be conducted by external trainers on Wednesday and is funded by MENDAKI.</p>
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Partnership with Educational Partners

<p>Immersion Programme for pupils from Smart Auladi's International School Indonesia</p>	<p>11 pupils from Aulia Smart School, Indonesia chaperoned by their Principal, Vice Principal and 3 teachers joined us on a 2- day immersion programme on 6 & 7 February 2018. 11 of our P5 pupils had the honour and opportunity to be their buddies. During the 2-day visit, there were lots of interactions, sharing of ideas and learning experiences with these visitors. They put up 3 concert items, Tari Topeng, an Indonesian Betawi Cultural Dance, Pencat Silat a traditional sport and a lively song for all the primary 5 pupils. Our pupils learnt to appreciate something about their culture. In exchange, the visitors got to experience the learning of core and non-core subjects in a typical primary 5 classroom.</p>
<p>Visitors from Sweden</p>	<p>On 28 February 2018, we had an educational team of visitors (comprising of directors of education and teachers) from Sweden. They were here to observe and learn how Mathematics is taught in primary schools in Singapore. They had a conference with our school leaders and observed 3 Mathematics classes in Primary 6, Primary 3 & Primary 4. Visitors were inspired by the effective teaching and learning delivered by our teachers in the classroom.</p>

Yoga @ ZPS

A series of 12 Yoga lessons will commence for our 25th Class on Thursday, 26 April 2018. You, your family members, relatives and neighbours are all welcome. The details are as follows:-

Time	:	7.00pm to 9.00pm
Venue	:	School Hall on Level 2
Registration Fee	:	\$10 / Lesson notes : \$5 (Optional)
Registration Dates	:	At 6.30pm on 26 April, 3 May and 10 May 2018
Things to bring	:	Exercise Mat, a Towel and a Bottle of Water

The instructors are from Nikam Guruji Yoga Kutir. Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis, up to a maximum of 100 participants. Participants must be at least 12 years old.

2018 PSLE Examination Timetable

A. Oral Examination

Date	Paper
Thursday, 16 August & Friday, 17 August	English Language / Chinese / Malay / Tamil
Thursday, 16 August	Foundation English
Friday, 17 August	Foundation Chinese / Foundation Malay / Foundation Tamil

B. Listening Comprehension Examination

Date	Paper
Friday, 14 September	Chinese / Malay / Tamil Foundation Chinese / Foundation Malay / Foundation Tamil English Language / Foundation English

C. Written Examination

Date	Paper
Thursday, 27 September	English Language Paper 1 English Language Paper 2 Foundation English Paper 1 Foundation English Paper 2
Friday, 28 September	Mathematics Paper 1 Mathematics Paper 2 Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 Foundation Mathematics Paper 2
Monday, 01 October	Chinese / Malay / Tamil - Paper 1 Chinese / Malay / Tamil - Paper 2 Foundation Chinese/ Foundation Malay/ Foundation Tamil - Paper 1
Tuesday, 02 October	Science Foundation Science
Wednesday, 03 October	Higher Chinese / Higher Malay / Higher Tamil - Paper 1 & Paper 2

**Zhonghua Primary School - Calendar of Events
2018 Term 2**

Date	Description
Thur 22 Mar	P4 MTL Language and Cultural Camp
Sat 24 Mar	Parents' Workshop (Mathematics)
Week 2 to Week 5	Primary 3 CCA Exposure and Identification (during Curriculum Time)
Fri 30 Mar	Public Holiday – Good Friday
Sat 7 Apr	Parents' Workshop (Chinese Language)
Wed 11 Apr	P4 & P6: NAFPA Test
Thur to Sat 12 to 14 Apr	P5 Leadership and Adventure Camp (3 day 2 night residential camp)
Sat 14 Apr	P1 to P3: Father-Child Bonding Activity (9am to 1pm)
Mon 16 Apr	SA1: P4 Oral
Tue & Wed 17 Apr & 18 Apr	SA1: P5 Oral
Thur 19 Apr	SA1: P5 HMT Paper 1
Sat 21 Apr	Parents' Workshop (English)
Mon 23 Apr	SA1: P3 Oral
Mon 23 Apr	SA1: P6 HMT Paper 1
Thur & Fri 26 & 27 Apr	SA1: P6 Oral
Tue 1 May	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Wed 2 May	SA1: English Paper 1
Thur 3 May	SA1: Mother Tongue Language Paper 1
Fri 4 May	SA1: Listening Comprehension – English & Mother Tongue Language
Mon 7 May	P1 Oral SA1: Higher Mother Tongue Paper 2 – P5 & P6
Tue 8 May	SA1: English Paper 2
Wed 9 May	SA1: Mathematics

Date	Description
Thur 10 May	SA1: Mother Tongue Language Paper 2
Fri 11 May	P2 Oral SA1: Science
Thur & Fri 17 & 18 May	Cyberwellness Activity
Fri 25 May	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference
Mon & Wed 28 & 30 May	P6 Remedials and Support Lessons
28 May to 22 Jun	Term 2 School Holidays

Notes to Parents/Guardians:

1. The information given in the calendar is correct at the time of printing. Should there be any changes to the dates above, a letter will be issued to inform parents of the changes.
2. Parents are kindly reminded not to take their children out of school during term time including the days after SA1. This is to ensure that your children will benefit from the whole term programme that has been planned for them.
3. Should there be any CCA or remedial lessons and other school activities which are carried out during the school holidays, parents will be informed of such arrangement in advance. The school will also ensure that pupils are given protected time to rest and enjoy the holidays with their families.