

3 April 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you and your child/ward had a meaningful bonding experience during the March holidays.

1. Commemorating International Friendship Day

International Friendship Day (IFD) will be commemorated on Tuesday, 4 April 2023. The theme for IFD is Singapore in Asia. As Asia remains as one of the fastest-growing region in the world, it is crucial for Singapore to synergise and seek win-win outcomes with ASEAN partners and other nations in Asia. Through this year's IFD programmes, students will deepen their understanding about the importance of maintaining close ties with other countries.

2. Primary 4 Museum-based Learning Journey (MBL)

Since 2018, all primary school students visit a museum as part of a refreshed art education syllabus aimed at making learning more authentic and for exposure to Singaporean art. National Gallery Singapore is one of the museums nominated by the Ministry of Education for the museum-based learning programme.

All primary school students will get to visit a museum as part of their Art classes. They will learn about Singapore's heritage and cultures and get to share their thoughts and hear others' perspectives. A recommended list of artworks by local and international artists has also been included in the new art syllabus so that the students can develop an awareness of Singaporean art.

The experience has a greater focus on visual inquiry skills – observation and interpretation – and reflecting on artwork through activities and discussions facilitated by a National Gallery Singapore education facilitator. More details will be sent in a separate letter via PG.

3. PSLE 2023 On-Screen Marking

On-Screen Marking (OSM) for national examinations in Singapore started in 2015 with the GCE-level examinations. OSM will be rolled out to all subjects for PSLE 2023.

To prevent markers from having difficulties understanding students' scanned responses, students are informed of the following:

- to use only 2B pencil for shading on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)
- to use only dark blue or black ballpoint pens with 0.5 mm tip size
- do not use correction tape/fluid and highlighters on their answer scripts
- where responses are made in the Answer Booklet as in EL/FEL Paper 1, **begin every new answer on a fresh page and write the question number at the top of the page.** Students can write on both sides of the paper.

At Horizon Primary School, we want to instill the habit of making corrections through neat cancellation instead of using correction tape/fluid, especially when the Primary 3 and 4 students transit to using pen in their written work. As such, we seek parents' support to ensure that your child does not carry any correct tape/fluid in their pencil cases.

We understand that highlighters are useful for students to bring attention to important information. We will teach our students the correct and relevant use of highlighters in their written work so that their answers will not be compromised when scanned.

We urge parents to synergise with the school to help our students develop good working habits in alignment with the new requirements.

Please visit the SEAB Website (<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle>) for more details about the PSLE.

4. Public Holidays in April

- **Good Friday**

Good Friday falls on Friday, 7 April 2023. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all who celebrate a blessed Good Friday.

- **Hari Raya Puasa**

Hari Raya Puasa falls on Saturday, 22 April 2023. Muslim colleagues and students will be dismissed at 10.45 a.m. on Friday, 21 April 2023. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim colleagues, students and their families Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Students will report back to school on **Tuesday, 25 April 2023** as Monday, 24 April 2023 is a school holiday. The school, including the General Office, Student Care Centre, and KCare Centres, will be closed on Monday, 24 April 2023.

5. Meet-the-Parents Session

The Meet-the-Parents Session (MTPS) has always been a valuable platform for our teachers to engage you and establish partnership with you in your child's/ward's learning and progress. This year, the above sessions will continue to take place through video conferencing. Do take the opportunity to share your concerns with your child's form teachers and discuss strategies to support him/her. More details will be shared in a separate letter via PG.

6. P2 Social Studies Learning Journey

As part of the Social Studies curriculum, all Primary 2 students will take part in a neighbourhood walk to Punggol Meadows. Through this learning journey, students will learn about the various facilities that are provided in a neighbourhood and its intent. Through facilitated discussions, students will share how they can practice 7-Habits when interacting with others in their neighbourhood. More details of the learning journey will be shared in a separate letter via PG.

7. Primary 6 Oral Weighted Assessment (WA)

P6 Oral WA will be conducted on **Thursday, 27 April 2023**. Details of the examination will be provided to parents/guardians of Primary 6 students in a separate letter.

In order to facilitate the conduct of the assessment, **all Primary 3 to Primary 5 students need not be in school on that day**. To ensure continuity of learning and to develop our students to be self-directed learners, all Primary 3 to Primary 5 students will be assigned home-based learning (HBL) assignments to facilitate their learning at home.

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Students are advised to access their online learning accounts prior to the HBL to ensure that they do not face difficulties when gaining access to the portal on that day. If they do encounter problems, please let your child's/ward's Form Teacher know. We will provide the necessary support for your child's/ward's HBL.

Please take note that **Primary 1 and Primary 2 students will report to school** on that day.

Your partner-in-education,

Mrs Ong Hui Khim
Principal