

PGVP/104/2022

#### Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your support to allow our students to have a fruitful Term 1. We hope that our students have had a good break during the March holidays. Term 1 culminated in a series of exciting events for our students as we conducted our signature Outdoor Experiential Learning (OEL) week as part of our Learning for Life Programme (LLP) (see below). Despite the restrictions imposed by the SMM, we managed to ensure that the P1-P6 students have at least a day of learning and fun as they interacted with their friends outside the normal classroom learning environment. I will share more details below.

We start off Term 2 with the promise of greater flexibility in our programming with the easing of some aspects of SMM such as the necessity of enforcing the 1m distancing with the mask on. As the school team examines how the new SMM will benefit our students, we will gradually be introducing some changes where required while bearing in mind the advantages of some of the existing platforms used previously. The school may therefore implement a blended and phased-in approach in the implementation of new measures to ensure that we are able to continue providing an optimal and safe learning environment for our students.

I want to thank parents for your cooperation and support during the period when our nation's case load was rising during the Omicron wave. Some of you chose to keep your child at home out of an abundance of caution so as not to potentially pass the infection on to the school population while also keeping the form teachers updated of your child's condition. While we may be seeing a light at the end of the tunnel, we cannot let our guard down and need to continue our vigilance. One of the important aspects of ensuring accurate and prompt contact tracing will be to encourage your child to remember to bring his or her trace together token with them every day. Our teachers will also continue to check and remind our children.

# **OEL Week and PTC**

Though we were unable to have our OEL activities to be conducted beyond our school grounds in view of prevailing SMM, we were heartened to see our students learning and interacting in an out-of-classroom environment. We could see the joy of learning igniting in many of the students at the end of the OEL week. Students from each level got out of their comfort zones as they went about their experiential learning activities. Our P1 students had the opportunity to explore and learn more about the various gardens in our school and they also had a chance to experience an outdoor picnic right on our school field. The P2 students learned about seeds and local spices through an interactive online experience. Our P3, P4, P5 and P6 students had a chance to experience a day-long OEL within our school campus. Throughout the experiences, the students have also learnt to become more independent and

collaborative as they worked with one other. We want to thank our teachers and staff for their effort and hard work in organising and pulling together all the activities for the OEL week. Not forgetting parents, thank you for your continued support of our OEL week.

During OEL Week, parents were also involved in the e-PTC as well as the various Principal's engagement sessions for our P2, P3 and P4 level parents. We want to extend a big thank you to parents who have taken time to attend these sessions. We hope that you have gleaned some useful information from these sessions to better understand how to support your child's educational journey.

As mentioned in our first PGVP Quarterly in Term 1, we had reviewed our PTC frequencies, schedules and structures whereby all levels will have two PTC sessions per year (instead of three in the past years). Since all levels had their first PTC conducted at the end of Term 1, the second PTC will be conducted at the end of Term 4 for P1 to P5, while for P6 it will be conducted for selected parents at the end of Term 2 (on the afternoons of 26 and 27 May 2022).

# PGVP Niche Programmes

The Learning for Life Programme (LLP) and Applied Learning Programme (ALP) are niche programmes in our school. They work in tandem to ensure that students adopt a "learn for life" attitude and motivate them to be self-directed and collaborative learners. More importantly these niche programmes help our students grow to be Confident Learners.

# • PGVP Learning For Life Programme (LLP) - Building of Character through Outdoor Experiential Learning (OEL)

OEL is our niche and the focus of our Learning for Life Programme (LLP) here in Punggol View Primary School. A key focus of our LLP is to infuse learning and character building into camps for P3 to P6 and learning journeys at each level. Each year, we dedicate a week during Term 1 Week 10 as our OEL Week. During the OEL week, we consolidate our OEL activities for all levels.

# • PGVP Applied Learning Programme (ALP) - Effective and Empathetic Communicators (E<sup>2</sup>C @ PGVP)

We are pleased to announce that we have launched our Star Studio @ PGVP in end 2021 as an integral part of our ALP efforts. Star Studio is a dedicated media performance and recording facility which allows our students to hone their skills in critical thinking and communication skills.

ALP focuses on communication and we aim to leverage real-life issues and authentic problems to equip our students with effective communicative skills, grounded in values and expressing empathy in communication to achieve impact, effect and affect. Our ALP, entitled **Effective and Empathetic Communicators (E<sup>2</sup>C @ PGVP),** seeks to address a key competence on "Communication, Collaboration and Information Skills" which are important future ready skills for our students. We will continue to leverage our existing oracy (speaking and listening) programmes as we believe that

oracy skills are the foundation to literacy. Classroom talk helps students to learn and reflect on what they are learning and communicate their knowledge and understanding. Our students need authentic opportunities to learn how to listen and speak effectively in a variety of situations. By taking the time to teach specific oral strategies to our students, we will be working towards helping them to be effective in their communication. By doing so, we aim to boost their confidence and performance, which in turn will help develop our students to become effective and empathetic communicators.

Our ALP will be critical in helping us achieve our vision – Confident Learners. Active Citizens, and in developing our students to be effective communicators and critical thinkers.

### **Cessation of Staggered Dismissal**

With the latest SMM, it is encouraged but no longer mandatory to ensure the 1m distancing in a masked-on environment. As such, we will be removing the staggered dismissal and reinstating a common dismissal for all levels from 1.30pm with effect from Term 2 Week 5 (Monday, 18 April 2022). The after-school programme for the various student groups which was introduced in Term 1 will continue. Parents and caregivers please take note of the revised dismissal timing. To ensure that you can pick up your child promptly, all classes will be using back the same exit gates (Gates 3,4 and 5). Even with the removal of the distancing requirement, we do highly encourage all parents and caregivers to continue to maintain some distance from one another during the short period when you are waiting for your child.

With the updates to the SMM, our teachers will also be sharing with your child about the other upcoming changes to the school processes which they can look forward to.

## **Confirmation of PSLE Oral dates**

MOE has announced that this year, the PSLE Oral will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday instead of a Thursday and Friday. It will be held on 15-16 August 2022. Please see below the tentative schedule of the PSLE 2022:

PSLE Exam	Dates (Tentative)
Oral	Mon, 15 Aug – Tue, 16 Aug
Listening Comprehension	Fri, 16 Sep
English Language	Thu, 29 Sep
Mathematics	Fri, 30 Sep
Mother Tongue Languages	Mon, 3 Oct
Science	Tue, 4 Oct
Higher Mother Tongue Languages	Wed, 5 Oct

# **Upcoming Events in Term 2**

Please find attached to this newsletter, a detailed schedule of school events for Term 2. A summary of the activities is presented below.

Public / School Holidays in Term 2

There are several public / school holidays to take note of in Term 2.

Holiday	Date	Return to school date
Good Friday	Fri, 15 Apr	Mon, 18 Apr
Labour Day	Sun, 1 May	Wed, 4 May
Public holiday in lieu of Labour Day	Mon, 2 May	
Hari Raya Puasa	Tue, 3 May	
Vesak Day	Sun, 15 May	Tue, 17 May
Public holiday in lieu of Vesak Day	Mon, 16 May	

#### Annual School Health Screening for students

As mentioned in PGVP/092/2022, the annual school health screening will be conducted between 21 Mar – 29 Mar. The health checks are an important service provided by the School Health Services team of the Health Promotion Board to ensure that all our children grow up to be healthy individuals. You may access their website for more details of the health screening and immunisation for P1-P6 students.:

https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/365/health\_screening\_for\_primary\_school

# <u>R3 – Additional Support for P6 Students</u>

As mentioned in our previous notification, PGVP/089/2022 (7 March 2022), our school will continue to give emphasis to its key areas of focus in the holistic development of our students. This year, we will continue to use the Happy Hall periods (Tuesday and Wednesday) to engage P6 students meaningfully in the different subjects. Teachers will also be using this pocket of time to revisit topics and skills taught. To ensure that we instill the value of punctuality and also to ensure that your child is able to reap the full benefits of the additional support, they are strongly encouraged to report to their class by 7.25 am daily starting from Term 2 Week 1 (22 Mar 2022). P6 Form Teachers will be contacting parents of students who are continually late for the R3 sessions.

#### Curriculum Briefings / Workshops for Parents

As mentioned in our previous issue of PGVP Quarterly, our final curriculum workshop (Science) for parents will be opening from Friday, 26 March as part of our Student Learning Space (SLS) package. We hope that you will be able to benefit from this virtual session.

## International Friendship Day

Every year, PGVP commemorates the different National Education (NE) events by having activities and Assembly programmes to reinforce important messages behind each event. From 4 - 8 April, we will be commemorating International Friendship Day. This year's theme is Singapore in Asia. International cooperation remains key in our complex world. By recognising the importance of connectedness between our neighbouring countries, our students can play an active role in fostering people-to-people ties, and thus celebrate the region's diversity and vibrancy and promote the spirit of friendship and collaboration. In addition, our older students can deepen their understanding of Singapore's realities as a small state and appreciate how we can safeguard our national interest and have much to contribute to our nation-building efforts.

# Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight

The MTL Fortnight is an annual programme for our students and it aims to bring joy to the learning of MTL and to learn more about their roots and culture through various engaging activities. This year, it will be held between 21 Mar and 1 Apr 2022. Students in different levels will go through activities related to traditional art, music, games and costumes, etc. This programme provides many platforms for our students to actively learn beyond the textbook and classroom teaching, as well as embracing their MTL to stay rooted. While going through the programme, it deepens students' learning and heightens their ability in using their MTL. This will also help make our MTL come alive and allows our students to actively apply what they have learnt in authentic settings.

### Anti-Bullying Week

In PGVP, we strive to build a culture of care among students. Students are taught the R3ICH values and are given platforms to demonstrate these values. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, which is the week starting 28 Mar 2022, we will be emphasising the value of Care to students. They will also be taught how to be an *Upstander* and the various help-seeking measures. We seek your support at home to reinforce the importance of showing care and harmony amongst schoolmates.

#### Semestral Assessment 1 (SA1)

At the end of Term 2, students from P4 and P6 will be sitting for their Semestral Assessment 1 (SA1). Do ensure that your child establishes good study routines at home and guide him or her to manage time well to balance between work, sleep, and play. Having good study routines and habits will go a long way towards reducing the amount of stress and anxiety associated with tests and examinations. Weighted Assessment (WA) will be conducted for P3 and P5 levels to allow teachers to have a gauge of the students' learning progression. Please refer to the notification PGVP/078/2022 P3 Weighted Assessment and PGVP/079/2022 P5 Weighted Assessment dated 24 Feb 2022 for details. More information can also be found in the Student Handbook.

This year, all report books will be tentatively returned to parents at the end of Term 2 (27 May 2022) before the June holidays. More information will be confirmed with you in due course.

Finally, 27 May 2022, the last day of Term 2 is designated as Eat With Your Family Day for Singapore. All workplaces are encouraged to close early so as to enable parents to return home to have dinner together. We hope that you are also able to have a nice meal with your family on this day. Our school General Office will also close early at 5.00 pm on this day.

Our Muslim community will be starting their fasting month soon. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all our staff, to wish our Muslim families a blessed month of Ramadan and Selamat Hari Raya in advance!

Yours in partnership,

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Mr Goh Zensen Vice-Principal

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_(name of parent) of \_\_\_\_\_\_(child) from Primary \_\_\_\_\_(class) have read and noted the content of the Term 2/2022 PGVP Quarterly.

Term 2 Calendar of Events 2022					
Day / Date	Level	Event / Activity	Remark(s)		
Mon, 21 Mar – Wed 29 Mar	P1-P6	Annual School Health Screening	Please refer to PG notification : PGVP/092/2022		
Mon, 21 Mar – Fri, 1 Apr	P1-P6	MTL Fortnight	During curriculum time		
Fri, 25 Mar – Fri, 8 Apr	P3-P6	Science Curriculum Workshop for parents (via SLS)	Please refer to PG notification : PGVP/090/2022		
Mon, 28 Mar – Fri, 1 Apr	P1-P6	Anti-bullying Week	During Curriculum time		
Mon, 4 Apr – Fri, 8 Apr	P1-P6	International Friendship Day	During Curriculum time		
Fri, 15 April	-	Good Friday	Public Holiday		
Mon, 18 Apr – Fri, 22 Apr	P1-P6	Green Week	During curriculum time		
Mon, 18 Apr – Tue, 19 Apr	P6	SA1 EL/MTL Oral*	After curriculum time		
Thu, 21 Apr – Fri, 22 Apr	P4	SA1 EL/MTL Oral*	After curriculum time		
Mon, 25 Apr & Thu, 28 Apr	P3 & P5	WA EL/MTL Oral*	After curriculum time		
Tue, 26 Apr	P6	SA1 EL/MT Listening Comprehension*			
Sun, 1 May	-	Labour Day	Public Holiday		
Mon, 2 May	-	Public Holiday in lieu of Labour Day	Public Holiday		
Tue, 3 May	-	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday		
Thu, 5 May	P4	SA1 EL Paper 1*			
Fri, 6 May	P4	SA1 MTL Paper 1*			
Mon, 9 May	P4 & P6	SA1 EL*	P6 : EL Paper 1 & 2 P4 : EL Paper 2 only		
Tue, 10 May	P4 & P6	SA1 Math*			
Wed, 11 May	P4 & P6	SA1 MTL*	P6 : MTL Paper 1 and 2 P4 : MTL Paper 2 only		
Thu, 12 May	P4 & P6	SA1 Science*			
Fri, 13 May	P6	SA1 HMT*			
Sun, 15 May	-	Vesak Day	Public Holiday		

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Mon, 16 May	-	Public Holiday in lieu of Vesak Day	Public Holiday		
Thu, 26 May – Fri, 27 May	P6	PTC*	For selected P6 parents after curriculum hours		
Fri, 27 May (TBC)	P1-P6	Release of Report Books			
Fri, 27 May	P1-P6	Class VIA	Last day of Term 2		
Fri, 27 May	P1-P6	Eat With Your Family Day	School General Office will close at 5.00pm		
Sat, 28 May - Sun, 26 Jun	P1-P6	June School Holidays	SCC is open from 7.30am to 7.00pm from Monday to Friday.		
Mon, 27 Jun	P1-P6	First day of Term 3	School starts as per normal at 7.30am. Students are to report to the respective classrooms by 7.25am.		

\*A separate notification will be sent.