



Dear Parents/Guardians

We have just finished a very fruitful and exciting Term 1. Due to the lifting of COVID restrictions and with our nation moving back to DORSCON Green, our students were able to enjoy the full repertoire of programmes as they were meant to be experienced. This was evident during the OEL week where all our P1-P6 students were engaged in various out-of-classroom activities. This is the first time we have resumed residential camps so our P4 and P5 students got to camp overnight in school and at the campsite respectively. We want to thank parents for your active participation in our PTCs for P1, P2, P3, selected P4 and P6 students. We are glad that many parents joined us in our Principal's engagement session organised for P2-P6 levels. Thank you all for your support. We hope that you were able to catch the latest updates on our education system and glean useful information from these sessions to help you better support your child in his or her learning.

## **Staff Movement**

We are happy to welcome new staff members to our PGVP Family. At the same time we want to thank and bid farewell to the staff who have left us and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

### New staff :

Mr Timothy Leong  
Mr Kok Yao Xiang  
Mr Siow Jit Keong  
Mdm Rajabunnisah D/O Abdul Latiff  
Mdm Sohana Binti Abd Halim

### Staff Who have left :

Ms J Durgeshwary

## **Student Achievement**

### Dunman High World Water Day Video-Making Competition

We are pleased to announce that a group of our P6 students emerged as one of the top 3 winning teams in the Dunman High World Water Day Video-Making Competition! The team members who are from 6 Ruby are:

Chua Yu Heng  
Lee Jay-En  
Rachel Chan Jia En

Michael James Tan  
Ng Jian Hao  
Ng Ting Yu

In keeping with the theme of water conservation and the appreciation of Singapore's water ways, the team researched, scripted, recorded and edited their video clip in our ALP facility, the Star Studio@PGVP. Congratulations and well done! A big thank you Ms Choo Jia and Mr Iskandar for providing guidance and assistance to our students.

Their creative project can be viewed in our school's Youtube channel via this link:  
<https://youtu.be/EQwH2YOBs2k>

## **PGVP Niche Programmes**

Each year in Term 2, we want to highlight our niche programmes which your child will be going through. They are our Learning for Life Programme (LLP) and Applied Learning Programme (ALP). The ALP and LLP work in tandem and are also inter-woven into the curriculum to ensure that students adopt a "learn for life" attitude and to 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, with emphasis on our R<sup>3</sup>ICH. Values for the different camps.

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

Our Star Studio @ PGVP is a media performance and recording facility that plays an important role in the school's efforts to develop effective and empathetic communicators. The school's ALP, E<sup>2</sup>C @ PGVP, focuses on communication, collaboration, and information skills and seeks to equip students with effective communicative skills grounded in values and empathy. The school believes that oracy skills are foundational to literacy and will leverage its existing oracy programs to teach students how to listen and speak effectively in a variety of situations. The goal is to boost students' confidence and performance, develop critical thinking skills, and help them become active citizens and effective communicators. The ALP is critical to achieving the school's vision of confident learners and active citizens.

## **PGVP Assessment Policy and Practices**

### Removal of Mid-Year Examinations

In recent years, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has introduced several policy changes under the Learn for Life movement to nurture our students to be **confident and resilient learners**. The removal of mid-year examinations for all remaining levels in primary and secondary schools by 2023 is another step towards inculcating **a joy of learning in our students** and is part of our ongoing efforts to move away from an overemphasis on academic grades.

Schools will have more time to design and provide a variety of learning experiences for our students. Teachers can better pace and scaffold learning to the needs and interests of your child, enabling him or her to feel a greater sense of competence in his or her daily learning. Students enjoy more opportunities to discover their interests and strengths as well as to act on teachers' feedback. We believe this will **strengthen students' intrinsic motivation to learn** and help them become **more self-directed in learning**.

In supporting the learning and development of your child/ward, the school is committed in assessing our students holistically and has put in place modes of assessment which are varied and progressive. As such, in PGVP we design assessment:

- with clarity of purpose to gather evidence of our students' progress, and
- to provide timely and targeted feedback to our students to move their learning forward.

We use a variety of non-weighted tests and formative assessments such as bite-sized tasks and daily work (see Student Handbook, pp 24-28). The emphasis here is on consistency and the importance of daily revision to ensure that our students enjoy the learning process. Bite-sized tasks and daily work may include class quizzes, short writing and reading assignments, show and tell, class presentations, discussions, in-class work and homework, etc. Teachers will diagnose each student's learning progress from these tests, tasks and daily work. As these are formative in nature, parents/ guardians should not overstress your children with unnecessary preparation.

Parents play a crucial role in helping their children build resilience and develop a passion for learning. The school will continue to partner parents to help children focus on the value of their educational journey and not just the assessment outcomes.

### Assessment Reporting Structures

Our reporting structure will also vary accordingly to ensure that the time set aside for PTC is meaningful and beneficial. During PTC, our teachers will help you to interpret, understand and use assessment information to support your child's learning. The conversation during PTC will give you the opportunity to make sense of your child's learning progress and together with your child's teacher, support your child through acting on feedback given.

In 2023, our parents will receive information about your child's learning progress from Term 2 to Term 4 through the various reporting structures listed below.:

Lev	Term 2		Term 3		Term 4	
	Type of Reporting	When	Type of Reporting	When	Type of Reporting	When
P1	HDP (Mid-Year Reporting)  CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 1 Reporting)	T2 Wk 10	Academic Progress Booklets	T3 Wk 10	HDP (EOY Reporting)  CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 2 Reporting)	T4 Wk 10
P2	HDP (Mid-Year Reporting)  CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 1 Reporting)	T2 Wk 10	Academic Progress Booklets	T3 Wk 10	HDP (EOY Reporting)  CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 2 Reporting)	T4 Wk 10
P3	--	--	HDP (Mid-Year Reporting) CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 1 Reporting) Academic Progress Booklets  Academic* Progress Booklets	T3 Wk 1   *T3 Wk10 (Term 3 reporting)	HDP (EOY Reporting)  Academic & CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 2 Reporting)	T4 Wk 10
P4	--	--	HDP (Mid-Year Reporting) CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 1 Reporting) Academic Progress Booklets  Academic* Progress Booklets	T3 Wk1   *T3 Wk10 (Term 3 reporting)	HDP (EOY Reporting)  Academic & CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 2 Reporting)	T4 Wk 10
P5	HDP (Mid-Year Reporting)  CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 1 Reporting)	T2 Wk 10	--	--	HDP (EOY Reporting)  CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 2 Reporting)	T4 Wk 10
P6	--	--	HDP (Mid-Year Reporting)  CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 1 Reporting)	T3 Wk 1	HDP (Prelim Reporting)  CCP Progress Booklets (Semester 2 Reporting)	T4 Wk 1

*#Abbreviation: HDP: Holistic Development Profile CCP: Co-Curricular Programme*

There are many ways in which you can support your child in his/her learning. For example,

- At home, you can support your child by reinforcing the importance of learning for self-improvement, rather than learning for examinations or to out-perform others.

You can also work with him or her to set realistic learning goals, manage his or her expectations towards learning, and enjoy a more balanced life.

- You can build your child's confidence to learn by discussing his or her learning in school, recognising his or her efforts when he or she tries yet struggles in the face of challenges, and celebrating his or her learning progress.

We hope to work with you to help our children gain self-confidence and independence to manage their learning and work towards their goals. Together, we will help our students to thrive in the test of life, instead of associating their time in school with a life of tests.

### Confirmation of PSLE dates

Please see below the tentative schedule of the PSLE 2023. We hope that the P6 students are actively preparing for the exam. Parents, if you have not done so, do help your child to establish a good study routine so that they can better pace their revision with a balanced diet, sufficient sleep and exercise.

PSLE Exam	Dates (Tentative)
Oral	Tue, 15 Aug – Wed, 16 Aug
Listening Comprehension	Fri, 15 Sep
English Language	Thu, 28 Sep
Mathematics	Fri, 29 Sep
Mother Tongue Languages	Mon, 2 Oct
Science	Tue, 3 Oct
Higher Mother Tongue Languages	Wed, 4 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 2023

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

Holiday	Date	Return to school date
Good Friday	Fri, 7 Apr 2023	Mon, 10 Apr 2023
Hari Raya Puasa	Sat, 22 Apr 2023	Tue, 25 Apr 2023
Designated Common Day-off-in lieu school Holiday (see below)	Mon, 24 Apr 2023	
Labour Day	Mon, 1 May 2023	Tue, 2 May 2023

### Common Day Off-in-Lieu for all staff

Ref : MOE's Press release on 19 Oct 2022 on the 2023 School Terms and Holidays

Previously, whenever a Public Holiday falls on a Saturday, Monday will be a school holiday but our Support services will remain open. From 1 Jan 2023, all staff in the school will go on off-in-lieu on Monday when a Public Holiday falls on a Saturday. This will allow our non-teaching staff to be able to spend time at home with their children during this designated school holiday. Please note that all Student Care Centres, General Office and KCare will be closed on this designated Common Day Off-In-Lieu (Common DOIL). In 2023, we have one such Common DOIL - Hari Raya Puasa, which falls on Sat, 22 Apr 2023. All school services will not be available on Mon, 24 Apr 2023. School will resume on Tue, 25 Apr 2023.

### R3 – Additional Support for P6 Students

As mentioned during our Principal's engagement session with P6 parents, and shared in the notification, PGVP/105/2023 (24 Feb 2023), 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 (21 Mar 2023).

### Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight

The MTL Fortnight is an annual program organised for students aimed at bringing joy to learning their Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) and to learn more about their roots and culture through various engaging activities. This year, it will be held from Mon, 20 Mar to Fri, 31 Mar. Students will participate in activities related to traditional art, music, games and costumes. This program provides opportunities for students to actively learn beyond the textbooks and classroom teaching, embrace their MTL and stay rooted in their culture. It deepens their learning and improves their ability to use their MTL, enabling them to apply what they have learned in authentic settings.

### Anti-Bullying Week (27 – 31 Mar 2023)

In PGVP, we strive to build a culture of care among students. Students are taught the R<sup>3</sup>ICH values and are given platforms to demonstrate these values. Every year, we reinforce and emphasise the value of care to our students through our Anti-Bullying Week. They will also be taught how to be an *Upstander* and be exposed to the various help-seeking measures available. We seek your support at home to reinforce the importance of showing care and harmony amongst schoolmates.

### Parent Teacher Conference

We will be having our next PTC for the following groups of students:

Level	Date	Remarks
P5	Wed, 24 May –	Parents to book a timeslot.
Selected P6 students	Thu, 25 May	P6 PTC will be conducted after school.

More information will be given later regarding the PTC. During the 2 days of PTC, there will be **no school** for the P5 cohort, but school will be as per normal for the rest of the levels. Our P6 students will also be having lessons in the morning as usual. Only selected P6 students will have PTC in the afternoon.

#### Games Days

Our P3, P4 and P5 levels will be having their Games Days on the following days.

Level	Date
P3 Games Day	Tue, 23 May
P4 Games Day	Thu, 25 May
P5 Games Day	Fri, 26 May

Conducted during curriculum time, the Games Days will be an eventful day for our students as they compete in fun and exciting activities.

#### NAPFA Test (P6)

The conduct of NAPFA test for P4 and P6 students will resume this year after a 2-year hiatus due to COVID. Our P6 students will be undergoing their NAPFA test in May.

- 1.6km : Mon, 8 May – Fri, 12 May
- 5-stations test : Thu, 18 May

Our students have been practising hard during their PE lessons to progressively build up their fitness level. The test comprises a 5-station test as well as a 1.6km run/walk component. While the 1.6km run will be conducted during curriculum time, the 5-station tests will be conducted after curriculum time.

Finally, Fri, 26 May 2023, the last day of Term 2 is designated as Eat-With-Your-Family-Day for Singapore. All workplaces are encouraged to close early to enable parents to return home to have dinner together with family members. We hope that you are also able to have a nice meal with your family on this day. Our General Office will also close early at 5.00 pm.

Our Muslim community have just started their month of Ramadan. 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!

With no Mid-Year examinations, we hope that it will help to reduce some of the stress faced by students and make learning more enjoyable and meaningful for them. In Term 2, we look forward to the continued support and partnership of our parents to instil the joy of learning in our students.

Yours in partnership,



Mdm Sharifah Samirah  
Vice-Principal

----- ✂ Parent's/Guardian's Acknowledgement Slip -----  
**PGVP/119/2023 Punggol View Quarterly (Term 2/ 2023) (This acknowledgement slip will only need to be completed for parents who do not have PG)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parent) of \_\_\_\_\_ (child) from Primary  
\_\_\_\_\_ (class) have read and noted the content of the Term 2/2023 PGVP Quarterly.



<b>Term 2 Calendar of Events 2023</b>			
<b>Day / Date</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Event / Activity</b>	<b>Remark(s)</b>
Mon, 20 Mar – Fri, 31 Mar	P1-P6	MTL Fortnight	During curriculum time
Mon, 27 Mar – Fri, 31 Mar	P1-P6	Anti-bullying Week	During Curriculum time
Wed, 5 Apr	P1-P6	International Friendship Day	During Curriculum time
Fri, 7 Apr	-	Good Friday	Public Holiday
Mon, 17 Apr – Fri, 21 Apr	P3-P5	Friends@Recess	During Curriculum Time
Mon, 17 Apr – Tue, 18 Apr	P6	EL/MTL Oral (WA)	After curriculum time
Wed, 19 Apr – Thu, 20 Apr	P4	EL/MTL Oral (WA)	After curriculum time
Fri, 21 Apr	P1-P6	Hari Raya Celebrations	Half-day for Muslim students and colleagues. Muslim students will be dismissed at 10.30am. Please make your own transport arrangements.
Sat, 22 Apr	-	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday. School will resume on Tue, 25 Apr
Mon, 24 Apr	-	School holiday	General Office, SCC, KCare will be closed.
Tue, 25 Apr	P3-P6	CCA Open House Day 1	After curriculum time
Tue, 25 Apr – Fri, 28 Apr	P1-P6	Let's have a PAMtastic Week!	During Curriculum Time
Mon, 1 May	-	Labour Day	Public Holiday
Tue, 2 May	P3-P6	CCA Open House Day 2	After curriculum time
Mon, 2 May – Fri, 12 May	P6	P6 NAPFA Test 1.6km	During PE
Thu, 4 May & Fri, 5 May	P3 & P5	EL/MTL Oral (WA)	After curriculum time
Fri, 12 May and Fri, 19 May	P4	Museum-based Learning (Art)	After curriculum time. Please refer to notification to be sent for the details and schedule for each class.
Thu, 18 May	P6	P6 NAPFA 5-stations	After curriculum time. Please refer to the notification to be sent.
Tue, 23 May	P3	P3 Games Day	During curriculum time. Please refer to the notification to be sent.

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Wed, 24 May – Thu. 25 May	P5 & Selected P6	Parent Teacher Conference	<p>P5 : 1<sup>st</sup> PTC <b>(No school for P5 students)</b></p> <p>P6 : 2<sup>nd</sup> PTC for selected P6 students after school. Normal curriculum time for P6 students in the morning.</p> <p>School will function as normal for all other levels. Notification will be sent at a later date.</p>
Thu, 25 May	P4	P4 Games Day	During curriculum time. Notification will be sent at a later date.
Fri. 26 May	P5	P5 Games Day	During curriculum time. Notification will be sent at a later date.
Fri, 26 May	P1-P6	Class VIA	Last day of Term 2
Fri, 26 May	P1-P6	Eat With Your Family Day	General Office will close at 5.00pm
Sat, 27 May - Sun, 25 Jun	P1-P6	June School Holidays	<p>SCC is open from 7.30am to 7.00pm from Monday to Friday.*</p> <p>(*SCC is closed on Thu, 1 Jun for staff training and spring cleaning)</p>
Mon, 26 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.