



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thinkers. Learners. Leaders.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From the Principal's Office – July 2016



A warm welcome back to Jing Shan Primary this second semester!

The first six months of this year has been busy for our pupils and staff. If you have been reading our monthly updates, you would be able to see the multitude of events and activities that our teachers plan and implement for our pupils in the delivery of a holistic education to them.

In the midst of doing all this, our staff have kept constant with curriculum innovations and educational research. For instance, our teacher-led Professional Learning Communities are studying the feasibility of using thinking routines in the teaching of Writing, exploring the use of formative assessment strategies in the classroom, and working with the National Institute of Education in a research study on the use of thinking routines in the seamless learning of Science. In fact, we are scaling up on our efforts to infuse thinking routines in the classroom, and all Jing Shan teachers benefited from a workshop on Making Thinking Visible conducted by Harvard University lecturer Ms Tina Blythe over the June holidays.

Our efforts in two areas of strength have especially paid off. In April, the school received word of our successful application for an Applied Learning Programme (ALP) and a Learning for Life Programme (LLP). ALP teaches students to apply learning in real-world settings and schools can focus on areas such as logical thinking or problem-solving. The school's ALP is in the area of Science and is distinguished through the I³ Approach (Inquiry, ICT & Innovation) to learning Science. LLP is meant to instill life skills and socio-emotional competencies, and could be in the areas of sports or the performing arts. The school's LLP is in the area of Visual Arts and Design and promotes 'Nurturing Thinkers, Learners and Leaders through Visual Arts and Pottery'. Our Jing Shan pupils at all levels will definitely benefit from these two programmes with the increased funding and support.

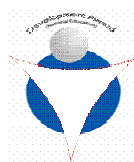
Our pupils have done us proud in the first semester across all domains. In particular, we are proud to highlight the following achievements: a Certificate of Distinction and two Certificates of Accomplishment by our Performing Arts Groups at the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation, two 3rd placings in South Zone Inter-School Badminton Competition, 2 Puan Noor Aishah Silver Awards by our Brownies, a Frank Cooper Sands Silver Award by Scouts, and 2nd Prize in South Zone Inter-School Malay Scrabble Competition.

In Jing Shan, our pupils and staff work, learn and thrive in a culture of care, learning and collaboration. We are committed to delivering our mission of realising your child's full potential through a values-driven holistic education. I look forward to another semester of rich interactions and learning at Jing Shan Primary School.

Principal,
Mdm Goh Meei Yunn



Loyalty
Integrity
Generosity
Enthusiasm
Respect &
Responsibility



1) School Values

In line with school vision and mission, the school places special emphasis on our school values of **Respect** and **Responsibility** throughout the year. In addition for Term 3, the value of **Loyalty** will be emphasized. The school hopes that all parents can support the school's efforts and reinforce these values at home.

Loyalty: All pupils are expected and encouraged to show loyalty at all times. They must be loyal to their friends, school and country. Pupils can demonstrate the value of Loyalty by taking care of one another, obeying the school rules and celebrating National Day with enthusiasm.

2) Public Holiday

Please note the following School and Public Holidays in Term 3:

Date	Day	Event	Remarks
4 July 2016	Monday	Youth Day	School Holiday
6 July 2016	Wednesday	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
9 August 2016	Tuesday	National Day	Public Holiday
10 August 2016	Wednesday	Day after National Day	School Holiday
31 August 2016	Wednesday	Parent-Teacher Child Conference Parent-Teacher Meeting	For parents and pupils of P1 – P2 For parents of P3 – P5 pupils *No school for P1 – P5 pupils Classes as per normal for P6 pupils
2 September 2016	Friday	Teachers' Day	School Holiday

3) Updates on Staff

We would like to welcome Art teacher Ms Soon Hui Ying Katie who joined the school in Term 3.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the following staff for their services rendered to the school when they were with us. They are:

- Mrs Elaine Wong (HOD/Science)
- Mdm Christine Wong (Administrative Manager)
- Mdm Gene Ho (Clerical Support Officer)

4) School Achievements

We are pleased to share with you the following achievements of our pupils since our last update in April. More information is available on the school's Facebook page.

- Our Performing Arts Groups did the school proud with their stellar results at the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation, with Chinese Dance achieving a Certificate of Distinction, and both International Dance and Guzhang Ensemble achieving a Certificate of Accomplishment each.
- Our Uniformed Groups have done well with 1 Silver Award for Scouts Frank Cooper Sands Award and 2 Silver Awards for Puan Noor Aishah Award (Brownies).
- Solanki Akshat Dharmesh (P2/1) received the Character Award and Distinction Prize at the South Zone International Chess Carnival 2016.
- Nurfaiqah (P5/5), Zulkarnain (P6/1) and Naufal (P6/1) clinched 2nd place in the South Zone Malay Scrabble Competition.

5) Temperature-Taking Exercise, 30 June 2016

Temperature-Taking Exercise is conducted twice a year – once in term 1 and another in term 3. This allows us to maintain our readiness to reactivate the temperature taking regime in an event of a health-related emergency. Pupils are reminded to bring their thermometers to school on 30 June, Thursday for the temperature-taking exercise. All pupils are to report to their respective classrooms by 7.20am. The temperature-taking exercise will start immediately after flag-raising.

6) **Hari Raya Puasa Celebration, 5 July 2016**

The school will be celebrating Hari Raya Puasa on 5 July, Tuesday. There will be a concert in the school hall from 8.00am to 9.00am and all parents are cordially invited. Due to space constraints in the Hall, only 2 members from each family are invited.

All pupils are encouraged to wear their ethnic costumes to school. Alternatively, they may choose to wear their school uniform. For footwear, all pupils are to wear their black school shoes. They should not come to school in slippers, sandals or party shoes.

There will be early dismissal at 10.00am for Muslim staff and pupils. A form to indicate how your child will be going home will be given to all Muslim pupils by the Mother Tongue teachers. Parents are to submit the form to your child's Mother Tongue teacher by 30 June, Thursday.

7) **School Open House on 9 July 2016**

Jing Shan Open House 2016 is held on 9 July, Saturday, from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. The Open House provides an opportunity for parents of potential P1 pupils to know more about the school's programmes and view the school's facilities. Highlights include presentations by the Principal, Mdm Goh Meei Yunn and Director of Alphajoy Student Care Centre Mr Spencer Tan, activities for the children and a school tour. More information, including registration details, can be found on our school website.

8) **Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight from 11 to 15 July 2016**

The Mother Tongue Language Fortnight aims to promote the love of learning Mother Tongue Languages through various activities conducted in a language-rich learning environment. A series of activities has been lined up for all students during the MTL Fortnight from 11 July, Monday to 22 July, Friday. Pupils will be exposed to various language activities during curriculum lessons, recesses and also through after-school Learning Journeys or enrichment activities. To promote the love of reading, there will be a sale of Mother Tongue story books in the canteen on 21 July, Thursday and 22 July, Friday. A brochure of the books on sale will be distributed prior to the sale for parents' and pupils' perusal.

9) **Racial Harmony Day on 25 July 2016**

The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on 25 July, Monday. Students will learn the importance of making choices that promote and advocate inter-cultural understanding, and build strong relationships between people of all races, cultures and nationalities, to strengthen our distinctive identity as Singaporeans living in a multi-cultural Singapore. There will be classroom activities as well as recess activities organised to enhance the students' learning experience.

10) **Collaboration with NLB: Books to Go, 27 to 28 July 2016**

The mobile library from NLB will be in Jing Shan for a mass borrowing exercise from Wednesday, 27 July to Thursday, 28 July. All pupils are encouraged to bring along their student identification card and to participate in this exercise. Please be reminded that all pupils are to be responsible for the books borrowed and they are to return the library books to NLB before the due-date. The nearest NLB bookdrop is located at the Ang Mo Kio Library.

11) **Learning Journey for Term 3**

Please refer to the table below for details of up-coming learning journeys or significant event for the different levels. A separate letter will be issued to parents of pupils concerned.

Level	Date	Activity
P1	30 August, Tuesday	Jacob Ballas
P2	19 July, Tuesday (Class 2/1, 2/2 & 2/3) 20 July, Wednesday (Class 2/5) 21 July, Thursday (Class 2/4 & 2/6)	Esplanade: Feed Your Imagination
P3	28 June, Tuesday (Class 3/1 & 3/3) 29 June, Wednesday (Class 3/2, 3/3 & 3/4)	Learning Journey to the Zoo
P4	21 July, Thursday – 22 July, Friday	P4 Camp

Level	Date	Activity
P5	16 July, Saturday	National Education Show
P6	12 July, Tuesday (PM – For pupils taking CL as MTL only)	CL Theatre Experience
	14 July, Thursday (Class 6/1 & 6/2)	Learning Journey to Sungei Buloh
	15 July, Friday (Class 6/3, 6/4 & 6/5)	

12) **Updates from PE/CCA Department**

a) **P3 Swimming Programme**

As part of MOE's efforts to ensure that every child is equipped with basic water survival skills, the school will be conducting a 12-week swimming programme for all P3 pupils in Semester 2, starting in Term 3, Week 1. It is mandatory for all P3 pupils to participate in the programme. Only pupils with pre-existing medical conditions will be exempted from the programme. Details of the programme was disseminated in a separate letter on 27 May, Friday.

b) **P4 Leadership Camp**

In Jing Shan Primary School, we aim to provide our pupils with a holistic education and experiential learning opportunities. The school will be conducting a 2-day 1-night residential camp in school on 21 July, Thursday and 22 July, Friday. Through the P4 camp, the school aims to help our pupils learn leadership skills, develop the right values to be a good leader, increase self-esteem, self-confidence, self-mastery and resilience to overcome challenges and demonstrate better problem-solving and communication skills. Please refer to letter given out on 27 May, Friday for additional details. A gentle reminder also for parents of P4 pupils to log into AsknLearn to fill in the registration form and other related administrative documents by 2 July, Saturday.

13) **Family Matters@School: Workshops for Parents**

The school is organizing a series of parenting seminars which are subsidised by the Ministry of Social and Family Development. Please refer to the table below for a summary of the upcoming workshops. A separate letter with more details is attached for the relevant level(s).

Workshop Title	Details	Fee	Target Group
Talk on Cyber Wellness	9 July, Saturday 9.00 am to 11.30am Computer Lab	\$5 / parent	P1 – P6 parents Maximum capacity 30 parents
Triple P Level 2 Parenting Seminar #3	16 July 2016 9.00am to 11.00am AVA Room	Free	P3 & P4 parents only

14) **Updates for August**

a) **School Health Service – Health Check and Immunization from 5 to 18 August 2016**

The School Health Services will be visiting our school to conduct the annual health screening from Thursday from 5 to 18 August. During this visit, the health team will need all relevant past and current medical information about your child/ward, and your consent to give the immunization, where indicated. Please submit the health booklets, immunization documents and consent forms to the form teachers by 20 July, Wednesday.

b) **Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Selection Exercise 2016**

The tentative date for the GEP Screening Exercise for P3 pupils is on 26 August, Friday. Shortlisted pupils from the Screening Exercise will be invited to participate in the GEP Selection Exercise on 18 and 19 October, Tuesday and Wednesday.

15) **Traffic Matters**

a) **Parking of Vehicles along Ang Mo Kio Street 52**

We wish to remind parents/guardians to observe traffic rules on the parking of vehicles along Ang Mo Kio Street 52. The school has been alerted to the unhappiness and inconvenience caused to residents in the neighbourhood due to the parking of vehicles along the road while

waiting to alight or pick up your child/ward during school's arrival or dismissal time. We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to have your child/ward ready with their school bag seated on the left passenger side to facilitate a quick drop off and to arrange for an appropriate time to pick your child/ward up **without having to park along the road** to wait for them. Please do make alternative arrangement for the drop-off and/or pick-up points for your child/ward if you need more time to ensure safety for all pupils and other road users. The school will continue to monitor the situation and inform parents of any changes to the current arrangements if necessary. Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation.

b) Alternative Pick Up and Drop Off Points

The school has previously recommended two alternative drop-off/pick-up points in the interest of road safety for everyone.

The first one is located at Blk 522. There is a driveway and a porch that is located at the block. The pupils can then use the pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights located on Street 52, in front of the school and enter via the side gate. Parents are reminded not to park your car at the driveway as it would obstruct other cars behind which are waiting to drop-off.



The second one is located at Blk 588. There is a driveway and porch that is located at the block. The pupils can then use the sheltered walkway that leads to the school's side gate.



16) Collated Activities and Assessment Plan for Term 3 2016

Attached with this letter, we have included a list of school activities and events in Term 3, as well as the Assessment Plan for Term 3, for parents'/guardian's information. We hope the detailed collation will provide all parents/guardians with a good idea of what your child/ward is experiencing across all subjects in the ten weeks this term, so that you can better support your child/ward at home. We will inform by letter if there are any changes due to unforeseen circumstances.