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Gongshang Bulletin

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Public Holiday

Chinese New Year: 12 February 2024 (Monday)

School Holiday

Chinese New Year off-in-lieu: 13 February 2024 (Tuesday)

Commencement of P6 Remedial Programme

The Primary 6 remedial programme for selected pupils will begin in Term 1, Week 5.

Objective	To provide learning support to selected students to consolidate basic knowledge in the subjects by reinforcing selected learning concepts.	
Day	Tuesday	Thursday
Session 1	2.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.	2.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.
Session 2	2.45 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	2.45 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

More details will be provided in a letter which your child/ward will receive if he/she is selected for the remedial programme.

Student Leadership Development Workshop for P3 to P6 Prefects, CCA Leaders, Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons

The school is organising a student leadership workshop for all P3 to P6 prefects, CCA leaders, chairpersons and vice-chairpersons. During this workshop, participants will explore key leadership traits, identify exemplary models to follow and gain insights on how to incorporate these traits into their leadership style. We aim to provide your child with essential skills, values and insights necessary for success in their respective leadership roles. The details of the training are as follows:

Day/Date: Friday, 2 Feb 2024
Time: 2pm to 4 pm
Meeting Point: School Hall at 1.55pm

Teacher-in-charge	Student Leadership Areas	Email
Mdm Chang Yating Mr Hazmi Hasan Miss Liu Xiaoyun	Prefects	chang.yating@gsps.edu.sg hazmi.hasan@gsps.edu.sg liu.xiaoyun@gsps.edu.sg
Mrs Yap-Loy Sim Lan	Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons	loy.sim.lan@gsps.edu.sg
Mr Ismail Mdm Foo Tseh Chyn	CCA Leaders	ismail.jemaah@gsps.edu.sg foo.tsehchyn@gsps.edu.sg

Total Defence Day (TDD)

Date: 15 February 2024

Teacher-in-charge: Mdm Rosilah

Theme: Together We Keep Singapore Strong

Total Defence Day (TDD) 2024 will mark 40 Years of Total Defence (TD40). The focus for TDD 2024 will be on Singaporean's readiness and resilience in the face of crises and disruptions. Events in recent years have made it more apparent how Singapore can be susceptible to various disruptions of resources key to our basic needs.

As part of the commemoration of TD40 this year, the students will experience an **energy disruption simulation** in school on **Friday, 16 February 2024** during which, electricity will be turned off school-wide for an hour from 7.45 am to 8.45 am.

Besides the TD40 Exercise, the following activities will be carried out between Monday, 5 February and Friday, 23 February that relate to the 6 pillars of Total Defence.

- Integration of TD40 into the CCE (FTGP) and SS lessons
- Assembly Programmes – Skit on Food Sustainability and TDD in GSPS
- First Aid Demonstration by the P6 Scouts trained in the Lionhearters' Programme
- Exhibition@Foyer: "Tampines Together, Powering Tampines" in partnership with Tampines GRC

2024 MOE Kindergarten Registration Exercise

Online Registration for MK Sibling Priority Admission (Priority Order 2)

Singapore Citizen (SC) and Permanent Resident (PR) children born between 2 January 2020 and 1 January 2021 (both dates inclusive), who have elder siblings currently studying in **K1 - P6** in the MK or the primary school that the MK is located within, are eligible for sibling priority (Priority Order 2) admission to 2025 K1.

If you intend to register your child under sibling priority admission, you will need to submit your application online during the 2024 MK registration period from **9am on Friday, 16 February 2024 to 4pm on Tuesday, 20 February 2024**.

Scan the QR Code or click on the link below to start the registration process:



www.moe.gov.sg/mk-howtoregister

You will be notified of the Open Admissions (OA) registration outcome by **Monday, 15 April 2024 via e-mail**. If you do not receive the outcome e-mail, you should check the junk e-mail folder. Otherwise, you can contact the MOE Kindergarten (MK) directly.

If you need assistance for your child's application, you can refer to the OA online registration guide (www.moe.gov.sg/mk-howtoregister), or contact your preferred MK directly (www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder-mk). For more information on MK matters, you can visit the MK website (www.moe.gov.sg/mk).

If your child is currently enrolled in an Early Years Centre (EYC) partnering an MK, you will also receive a notification letter for EYC children by 31 January 2024. You will be directed to the same registration webpage via the QR code / URL link above to start the registration process.

Onsite Uniform and PE Attire Sale (Primary Students)

This is to inform you that there is an onsite sale of school uniforms and PE attire in school on **15 March, Friday from 10.00am to 2.30pm**. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to call the uniform vendor, Chop Kong Chong, to check on the availability of sizes prior to coming down to school.

You can also place an order online and collect your order onsite on 15 March. Online ordering will be available from 15 February to 10 March for onsite collection and a delivery fee will be collected but will be refunded when the order is collected onsite. For non-collection of online orders, the vendor will contact you for delivery to your home address.

Alternatively, you may also make your purchases by visiting their retail outlet. The contact details of the vendor are available on the [school's website](#).

Road Safety Education at Road Safety Community Park (Primary 4)

The school is organising a road safety education programme at the Road Safety Community Park for all P4 students. The objectives of the programme are to instill responsible and safe behavior, enhance awareness of potential risks, and empower students to make informed decisions as road users. More details will be provided in a letter sent via PG. The schedule is as follows:

Day/Dates	Classes	Timing
22 Feb (Thursday)	4P, 4I, 4C	1.30pm to 5pm
27 Feb (Tuesday)	4R, 4H, 4T	* Pupils will be dismissed from the school foyer at 5pm

Cyber Wellness

To support our students' wellbeing, we will continue to raise their awareness of cyber threats and guide them on ways to engage safely and healthily in the cyber space. One aspect of cyber wellness involves safeguarding youth from exposure to online information that promotes radicalisation. To know more about how to safeguard your child you are encouraged to read the pamphlet "Protecting our Youth from Radicalisation and Extremism". This pamphlet can also be found on the Parents' Gateway Parenting Resources Repository (Cyber Wellness category).

" HOW CAN I KEEP MY CHILD SAFE? "

Cyber Wellness Tips

To keep our children safe while using the Internet, we can start by teaching them to **READ**

R **RECOGNISE EMOTIONAL MANIPULATION**
Terrorist groups use emotion-evoking content to influence us.

E **EVALUATE BOTH SIDES OF AN ARGUMENT**
Consider different views before deciding on which is correct.

A **AWARENESS OF SELF**
Pay attention to what we find on the Internet, and how we feel and think about them.

D **DETERMINE IF SOMETHING IS FACT OR OPINION**
Always cross-check information with legitimate sources.

" WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT? "

EARLY REPORTING MATTERS

Parents play a key role in keeping our children safe from the terror threat. We are best placed to notice changes in our children, and raise the alert if we detect any signs of radicalisation.

Early reporting allows authorities to intervene before radicalised individuals harm themselves or others. They will also receive guidance and counselling. Any information provided will be kept strictly confidential.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS



ISD Counter-Terrorism
Centre hotline
1800-2626-473
ctisd@mha.gov.sg



Your child's school
counsellor, teacher, or
principal

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH FROM RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

ISD INTERNAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT

RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM IN SINGAPORE

People may be radicalised in different ways to engage in extremism, or even terrorism-related activities.

RADICALISATION

- The **process** by which people come to support extremist beliefs.

EXTREMISM

- The **holding** of political or religious views that are far from the mainstream

THE EVOLVING TERROR THREAT IN SINGAPORE

The terrorism threat to Singapore remains high. Terrorist groups have stepped up their recruitment efforts **targeting youths, using social media and online gaming platforms to spread extremist propaganda**. Today, self-radicalised individuals are a key threat to Singapore's safety and security.

While ISD will continue to detect and prevent terror attacks, we cannot do this alone. It is important that parents **remain alert to signs that their child may have become radicalised**.

" WHAT DO I LOOK OUT FOR? "

6 Behavioural Indicators*

- Frequently surfing extremist websites
- Posting or sharing extremist views on social media platforms
- Sharing their extremist views with friends and relatives
- Making remarks that promote ill-will or hatred towards people of other races/religion
- Expressing intent to participate in acts of violence overseas or in Singapore
- Inciting others to participate in acts of violence

* This list of radicalisation indicators is not exhaustive

ENGAGING YOUR CHILD

" HOW DO I TALK ABOUT IT? "

Create a safe space to talk

- Let your child feel at ease.
- Engage them when you are both unlikely to be interrupted, or when the topic is relevant.

Understand how your child feels

- Ask for their opinions.
- Use open-ended questions.
- Listen sincerely.

Provide simple, honest answers

- Share your views calmly, in an engaging manner.
- Gently correct wrong perceptions.

" WHAT SHOULD I KEEP IN MIND? "

- Be approachable.** Let them know you are here to help if they are concerned or unsure about something.
- Do not be confrontational.** Your child's beliefs require careful handling.
- Let them speak **without interrupting**. Encourage them to ask questions.
- Avoid stereotyping people** by race, religion, or nationality. Encourage mutual respect and tolerance.

GSPS Parent Support Group

Special call out to all parents of Gongshangers!

Make your parenting journey memorable by joining the GSPS Parent Support Group (PSG)! We are a vibrant and passionate group of parents, actively involved in our children's learning journey to create stronger bonds between the school, parents and teachers. All parents / guardians of current Gongshang Primary School students are welcome to join PSG and/or PSG events. Use the link or scan the QR code to join our GSPS PSG and Facebook!

It is of utmost importance to ensure our pupils' privacy are protected by implementing strong gatekeeping measures as pictures and videos are shared on the platform. One of the ways is to ask requestors to complete certain details upon requesting for membership, thereby ascertaining the legitimacy. Details include:

1. Please indicate your Child's name, Class, and Form Teacher's name
2. Do you want to be kept informed of upcoming events in Gongshang by joining Parents Support Group?
3. Do you agree to the rules from the admins?

We seek your understanding in signing up as PSG member and completing above questions before submitting your request to join the group. Looking forward to your participation in and out of social media for the betterment of our pupils!

To sign up as a PSG member, click [here](#) or scan the QR code

All PSG members are invited to join the PSG Facebook. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code



Highlights for January:

A warm welcome back to a new school year for the Primary 2 to Primary 6 cohort! To our new addition to the GSPS big family, we hope that our Primary 1 cohort has gradually gotten used to the routine.

PSG EXCO 1st Committee Meeting for Year 2024

School Leaders and the PSG EXCO met to set intentions and aspirations to make primary school life more enriching for both pupils and their family. Intensive planning took place in 90 mins, leaving all much inspired! Click [here](#).



Call for Volunteers:

Games Day 2024

GSPS is hosting the school's annual Games Day earlier this year! Games Day aims to foster mass participation in sports and boost school spirit through exciting team games for Primary 3 to Primary 6 cohort. Look at the fun we had [last year](#)!

Date: 01 March 2024 (Fri)

Time: 7.15am to 1pm

Venue: GSPS

Sign up [here](#) to volunteer and participate in the event!

