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Gongshang Bulletin

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Public Holiday

Good Friday: 29 March 2024 (Friday)

School Holiday

Term 1 break: 9 March 2024 (Saturday) to 17 March 2024 (Sunday)

Punctuality for School

With Term 1 almost coming to an end, we have observed that most pupils have settled in well for the new academic year and are punctual for school.

However, we also observe some pupils reporting to school late, which causes them to miss important morning routines, announcements and part of the learning each day.

Our school has repeatedly reminded our pupils to be punctual for school, which means being physically present at the assembly area (e.g. school hall / classrooms etc) by 7.30am. This will allow them time to settle down before their school day commences.

With sufficient reminders given in Term 1, and enough time given for your child/ward to adapt to a new academic year, the school will begin recording our pupils' latecoming from Term 2 onwards. **With effect from Monday 18 March 2024, pupils who are not physically present at the assembly area (e.g. school hall / classrooms etc) by 7.30am will be recorded as late.**

Pupils who are recorded as late for school on 6 days or more in each term will have their latecoming data recorded in the Student Offence Module. Please note that this may cause your child/ward to receive a 'Fair' or 'Poor' conduct grade, which may affect his/her eligibility for awards, scholarships, bursaries etc.

Thank you for partnering us, and for ensuring that your child/ward reports to school punctually each school day.

Indiscriminate Parking

Our office has received numerous feedback regarding vehicles parking indiscriminately outside the school. While we understand the need of parents wanting to drop off / pick up their children, such inconsiderate parking had caused inconveniences, obstruction and danger to other road users.

For the safety of all road users, we would like to urge all drivers to exercise care and consideration by **not waiting or parking** at these critical areas:

- a) At road bends, entrances or exits of any access;
- b) Within 6 metres of a road junction;
- c) Within 9 metres of a bus stop;
- d) Parking abreast to another vehicle;
- e) At zebra-controlled/Pedestrian crossing area; and/or
- f) School Zone

Under the current Road Traffic Act, any of the above acts constitute to a parking offence. Upon receiving feedback of such occurrences, LTA will take enforcement action against vehicles found parking indiscriminately.

We strongly advise parents to arrive at school only when they are ready to perform the immediate pick-ups/drops offs. If there is a need to wait, we would advise you to park your vehicles at the nearby HDB car park compound which gives a grace period to avoid getting unnecessary fines in future.

Let us play our part to make the road safe for all road users.

Inculcating Responsibility In Our Students

We seek your partnership in educating your child/ward to be responsible for their personal items. As such, from 1 March onwards, the school **will not accede** to your request to pass any items (except medication) which your child/ward has forgotten to bring to school.

Peer Support Leader (PSL) Training Session 1 **(For selected Primary 3 and Primary 5 pupils only)**

Date: Friday, 1 March 2024
Time: 2.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Please refer to the letter sent out via Parents Gateway on 7 February 2024 (Ref. No. 24/E/043) for more information.

Games Day 2024

Date: 1 March (Friday)

Time: 7.30 am to 1.30 pm

We are excited to announce our upcoming Games Day, where pupils will proudly represent their Houses and showcase their skills in modified games. Primary 3 to 6 students are required to report to school as usual at 7.30 am, dressed in their House T-shirts and sports shoes. They should also bring along water bottles and some light snacks. Please note that there will be no regular lessons on that day.

As Primary 1 and 2 pupils will have their Lower Primary Games Day (LPGD) in August, they are **not required** to report to school on the upcoming Games Day on 1 March (Friday). The school-based Student Care Center (SCC) will remain open, and home-based learning activities will be assigned for those not attending the event.

Primary 6 Oral Practice (2024)

Term/Week	Date	Subject	Duration
Term 1 Week 10	Monday, 4 March 2024	English Language / Foundation English 6T, 6R, 6C Chinese Language / Foundation Chinese Malay Language / Foundation Malay 6P, 6I, 6H	After school
	Tuesday, 5 March 2024	English Language /Foundation English 6P, 6I, 6H Chinese Language / Foundation Chinese Malay Language / Foundation Malay 6T, 6R, 6C	After school

SwimSafer 2.0 Programme for all Primary 4 Students 2024

With reference to the letters sent to all P4 pupils via PG on 2nd February (reference numbers 24/E/071 to 24/E/073), the school is scheduled to conduct the SwimSafer 2.0 Programme for all P4 students. The primary objective is to enhance crucial life skills such as water confidence and safety. Certified swimming instructors will facilitate the program, which consists of six progressive stages, each emphasizing survival and activity skills. Further details about the programme can be accessed on the website: <https://www.myactivesg.com/Programmes/SwimSafer-Programme>.

Classes	4 Perseverance, 4 Thrift	4 Integrity	4 Respect	4 Courage, 4 Harmony
Day	Thursdays		Fridays	
Dates	21, 28 March 4, 11, 18, 25 April 2, 9 May		22 March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 3, 10, 17 May	
Venue	Our Tampines Hub Swimming Complex	Pasir Ris Swimming Complex	Pasir Ris Swimming Complex	Our Tampines Hub Swimming Complex
Time	7.30am – 10.00am (During P.E. periods)			

Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2024

Nominations for the annual *Inspiring Teacher of English Award* are now open. Presented by the Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times with the support of the Ministry of Education, the Award has two categories – the Teaching Award and the Leadership Award.

Nomination forms for the Teaching Award can be downloaded from:
<http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>.

The Award is open to all in-service teachers of English Language, including teachers of Literature in English and General Paper. All students, their parents, and teachers are invited to send in nominations for the Teaching Award to the Principal of the nominee's school by **6pm on 25 March 2024**.

Should you require more information, please email SGEM at:
nhb_speakgoodenglishmovement@nhb.gov.sg.

All endorsed nominees will receive a Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics membership!



*This award is open to all in-service teachers of English Language, including teachers of Literature in English and General Paper, from primary, secondary and integrated programme schools, centralised institute and junior colleges.

Nominations open on **1 February 2024** and all forms must reach the Speak Good English Movement **by 5pm on 5 April 2024**.

Download the nomination forms at www.goodenglish.org.sg.

We are looking for
teachers of English* who:

- ♥ **exemplify** the use of good spoken and written English
- ♥ **enact** learner-centred approaches during English lessons;
- ♥ **choose** pedagogical approaches appropriate to learners' readiness, interests and learning profiles; and
- ♥ **develop** their teaching competencies to enact classroom practices in alignment with the syllabuses and curriculum, as well as classroom-based innovations.

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INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD

Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award 2024

From 2 February to 1 April 2024, students, educators, parents, and members of the public are invited to nominate outstanding Malay Language teachers for the Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award (AGAB) 2024.

Jointly presented by the Malay Language Council, Singapore, Malay Language Teachers Association, Berita Harian and the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee, the Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award recognises Malay Language teachers from primary and secondary schools, junior colleges, and Millennia Institute who have made significant contributions to the teaching of the Malay Language.

Nominees will be evaluated based on their ability to:

- Instill knowledge, skills and interest in the learning of the Malay language, literature and culture, as well as their care and concern for the well-being of their students; and
- Demonstrate the values of Arif Budiman, a learned person who contributes to society through excellent and exemplary service as an educator.

Since 2007, the Awards have recognized 77 primary, secondary and pre-university Malay Language teachers. This year, awards will be given out under the following categories: (i) Motivation (less than 10 years in teaching service), and (ii) Role Model (10 years and above in teaching service).

The Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award nomination form can be downloaded from www.mbms.sg , www.mllpc.sg and www.beritaharian.sg . Nominations can also be made online via <https://go.gov.sg/agab2024> . Award recipients will be announced in November this year.

For more information, please contact MOE_MLLPC_Secretariat@moe.gov.sg.

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 February:

Happening once every four years, the leap year has made February extra special for all Gongshangers!

PSG Lohei 2024

PSG Exco, active PSG volunteers and new Primary 1 PSG members usher the year of Dragon by having the yearly lohei in the school compound on 23 February 2024. Click [here](#) to view more pictures!



Exciting activity lined up for March:

Family Movie Night – Wonka

Wonka is chosen as the first movie to screen for Family Movie Night 2024. If you are keen, please register [here](#). First-come first served!

Date: 08 March 2024, 7:30pm (Entry from 7:00pm)

Venue: GSPS School Hall

Max capacity: 150 families

Note to successful registrants:

You will be receiving an email confirmation from the PSG team, so do keep a look out for it! For parents who have registered their cars to be parked within school compound, note that the parking lot availability is on a first come first served basis. Should the lots be taken up, there are parking lots available at the nearby HDB carpark.

