

From the Principal's Desk

27 August 2018

Dear Parents / Guardian

We are almost into the last 4 months of the academic year and the girls and the teachers have been very busy this term. The school has also been engaged in reviewing our processes and practices (as per our usual practice) in the light of changes in the education landscape and feedback from the students, staff and parents. And I would like to share some of these with you so that you are kept abreast of the impending changes.

Separate Prize Presentation Days

Given the flurry of activities after the end of year exams and the often short notice we give to parents of prize winners, we have decided to have 2 shorter prize presentations. The first which will take place on the last day of the academic year will focus on awards for the P6 students, ex-students and staff, as well as CCA awards. The second prize presentation ceremony which will take place in 2nd Week of Term 1 of the following year will be for prize winners from P1 to P5 of the previous year.

The 2 ceremonies will allow the teachers more time to process the students' results and also for parents to make the necessary leave arrangements to celebrate with their children at the ceremony. We will also be able to have both parents attending the ceremonies with this new arrangement.

P6 Graduation Ceremony

The school has consulted with the teachers and student groups from all the P6 classes on a change to the P6 Graduation Ceremony, and they are all agreeable to try out a new format. This new format will see a more streamlined event and more student-student & student-teacher interactions.

After the P6 Graduation Ceremony (formal segment), the young ladies will be treated to a lunch reception. Following that, there will be a games segment for them to have fun with their friends and teachers before ending with a light tea pack. There will not be any outside vendor to help run the programme and everything will be managed by the school in partnership with the Alumni & PVG. We hope that this last occasion together will leave the girls with sweet memories of their primary school years.

Standard Chinese Textbooks

With the revised Chinese curriculum and the integration of the 4 language components in the individual units, the school has decided that we will adopt the standard Chinese textbooks for P1 to P3 with effect from 2019. This will allow the teachers to use more interactive pedagogies to engage the students to deepen their understanding of the vocabulary as well as space for students to practice the language more in class.

Higher Chinese will be offered to students who meet the criteria as per current practice from P4 onwards alongside Standard Chinese which is taken by the majority of the students. The textbooks used will vary depending on what the students are taking.

Raffles Experience Days

Since last year, we have mounted 2 days in the year for P5 students to learn skills that interest them, such as sewing, scrapbooking, foreign language, baking, taekwondo, dance and journalism. The objective is to work from the children's interests to generate an inner motivation to learn. Hopefully this can then spur them to pursue that interest further. We also believe that exposure to different things provides the basis for creative minds to generate possibilities and connections.

So far the response from the children has been very encouraging. The school has provided more than 15 workshops for each session for them to choose from. We have been most encouraged by the support from Alumni & PVG who either volunteered their time to run these workshops or sourced for people who could facilitate them at practically no cost.

This year the workshops have been extended to P4 & P5; and next year, it will run for all 3 levels – P3 to P5 for 2 days each in a year.

If you have a hobby/skill or you know of people who are willing to spend 2 – 4 days a year working with young children to share their expert knowledge/skills, please step forward to help us provide the opportunities for the children. You can send the email to Mrs Germaine Png, VP 2. Her email address is Nq_ying_han@schools.gov.sg.

Raffles Enrichment Programmes

The school has a rigorous curriculum programme to ensure that quality learning takes place in the classrooms. Given the mixed ability classes and diverse student strengths and talents, there are some who will need more support in their academics while others may benefit from being 'stretched' beyond the syllabus. The school works at different levels to support all our students to allow them to progress at their pace.

In the area of enrichment programmes, the school has several for P3 to P6 students such as Funthematics, E2K Math, E2K Science, Aspiring Writers' in English (AWE) Programme, Junior Model United Nations (JMUN) Programme, Art Enrichment (ACE) and Chinese Speechcraft. The selection criteria for these programmes include academic results, students' attitude towards learning and students' aptitude in that area.

Students who are selected will be invited for the programmes at the beginning of the academic year. And they will have a choice to accept or decline the invitation based on their own CCA or other commitments.

School Achievements April - August 2018

We celebrate the efforts of all our students who have competed at various competitions and their successes. My appreciation goes also to the parents and teachers for their unwavering support of the girls.

1.	National Primary Schools Softball Championship (Junior Girls)	2 nd
2	South Zone Primary Schools International Chess Carnival 2018 (Open)	Character Award Mai Shia Glenys Khor, P5Q Distinction Award Nainika Gupta, P5C Archisha Jain, P6A
3	Crocodile Challenge Cup 2018 (Primary 3 & 4 Girls)	2nd – Wong Yu Wen Sarah, P4G 4th – Dana Heng, P4G
4	Singapore International Choral Festival	Choir – Gold Award (Children’s Category)
5	Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest 2018	<u>High Distinction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cadence Wern Sea Loh, P6P ▪ Liu Yiming, P6P <u>Distinction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Natanya Faith Tham, P6P ▪ Patricia Adele Tham Yu Jin, P6P ▪ Yap Ruike, P6P ▪ Carolyn Por En Sze, P6Q ▪ Foo Yong Huei Rebecca, P6Q ▪ Goh Rei En Aislinn, P6Q ▪ Huang Sirui Vivian, P6Q ▪ Isabelle Aeryn Chong, P6Q ▪ Tricia Chia Kee Ann, P6Q
6	Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary School	<u>Gold Award</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liu Yiming, P6P <u>Silver Award</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chandrasekaran Shreya, P6P ▪ Eleanor Tay Juey Ee, P6P

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eunice Chua Kai En, P6P ▪ Faith Lim, P6Q ▪ Ge Jia Ni Eleanor, P6Q ▪ Ng Yu Tin Clare, P6P ▪ Patricia Adele Tham Yu Jin, P6P ▪ Sheng Yu Fei Carol, P6Q ▪ Tricia Chia Kee Ann, P6Q ▪ Yap Ruike, P6P ▪ Yeong Shi Xuan, P6P
7	NUS High School Oratorical Challenge 2018	1 st - Nelle Chesterman, P5Q
8	Future Problem Solving Program International On-site Scenario Writing Competition	1 st - Eashaa Pillai, P6P
9	Future Problem Solving Program International Multiple Affiliate Global Issues Competition	4 th - Grace Melody Tam, P6P
10	National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMO Σ) 2018	<p><u>Gold Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ng Wan Xin Sasha, P4Q ▪ Quek Sze Yin, P5P ▪ Ritkriti Chatterjee, P5P ▪ Natasha Marie Tan Wen-Hsing, P5Q ▪ Tay Wan Ting Chloe, P5Q <p><u>Silver Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cheng Heng Yoke, P4P ▪ Kaylene Chia Ming Yu, P5B ▪ Nainika Gupta, P5C ▪ Yuen Wai Mun Janelle, P5C ▪ Megan Lim Ser Yee, P5D ▪ Clarisse Chee Qian Ying, P5F ▪ Chua Ke Rui, P5G ▪ Arshia Mahajan, P5P ▪ Ashmi Chatterjee, P5P ▪ Kelly Aw Min En, P5P ▪ Sanvi Gupta, P5P ▪ Dana Tan Kai Li, P5Q ▪ Isabella Lim Jia En, P5Q ▪ Jia Hanyu, P5Q ▪ Khoo Yu Ying Valerie, P5Q ▪ Lee Min Jia, P5Q ▪ Loy Xing-yi, P5Q ▪ Mai Shia Glenys Khor, P5Q ▪ Ng Kai Chi Abigail, P5Q

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ng Yi Poh, P5Q ▪ Yeo Eng Hsi Chelsea, P5Q
11	3D-Tronics Challenge 2018	<p><u>Champion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Simone Tay Si-En, P6A ▪ Tam Hui Yan Claire Ashley, P6E <p><u>1st Runners-up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Simrah Ahmed, P6A ▪ Shiza Khan, P2C ▪ Best Team Award ▪ Teo Hyuin-En Emma, P4B ▪ Lee Sze Hui, Bernice, P4B ▪ Lee Ze Pin Aretha, P5B
12	Wits & Words 2018	<p><u>3rd Runners-up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eashaa Pillai, P6P ▪ Sophi Tan Xuan, P6P ▪ Kenzie Li Zhixian, P6P ▪ Grace Melody Tam, P6P ▪ Misha Anxuan Agrawal, P6C
13	South Zone Primary Schools International Chess Carnival	<p><u>(UB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chloe Piron, P1F – Distinction Award & Character Award ▪ <p><u>(Under 10)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gladys Koh Wei Le, P4Q – Distinction Award ▪ Ng U Ci, P3D – Merit Award ▪ Chua Zhi Xin Amelia, P3G – Merit Award ▪ Puah Xuan Ying, Vera, P4Q – Merit Award <p><u>(Open)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nainika Gupta, P5C – Distinction Award ▪ Archishajain, P6A – Distinction Award ▪ Mai Shia Glenys Khor, P5Q – Character Award <p><u>School Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distinction Award (U10) ▪ Distinction Award (Open) ▪
14	NUS High Singapore Primary Science Olympiad 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gold - Abhineshwari, P5P ▪ Silver - Mai Shia Glenys Khor, P5Q

Achievements of ex-students

We are also very proud of our ex-students who have continued to achieve success and we celebrate their achievements - ***Once an RGPS Girl, Always an RGPS Girl***

The Prime Minister Book Prize 2018

(from the Class of 2017)

- Julia Ho Xin Ping
- Iman Nabilah Yasmeeen bte Yunus
- Rachel Wong Chin Wen

- Nur Syahindah bte Juhari (from the Class of 2013)

- Fatima Siddiqui (from the Class of 2011)

The Lee Kuan Yew Award for Mathematics & Science 2018

- Loi Si Xian (from the Class of 2013)
- Clara Keng Hui Lin (from the Class of 2011)

2018 President's Scholarship

- Tan Xin Hwee (from the Class of 2011)

I am most heartened to hear of all these good news of our young ladies' progress in their learning journey. But more than that, my heart swells when I see and hear of them giving back to the community, being involved in acts of kindness and going the extra mile without expecting anything in return. These character acts show that together the school and the parents have done a good job in bringing up our young ladies. And this can only augur well for Singapore as our young ladies lead and serve in the future.

Yours sincerely

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