



# 毅勤小学

## ENDEAVOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Letter from the Principal

2 February 2023

Dear Parents

Here are some important announcements pertaining to school activities for February.

#### 1) Briefing cum Networking sessions for Parents

The schedules for the various virtual Briefing cum Networking sessions for Parents are as follows:

##### P5 & 6 Parents

Dates	2.30 – 3.15 pm	3.15 – 3.30 pm	3.30- 4.15 pm
<b>Fri 10 Feb</b>	P5 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teacher	Screen break, logging into next session	P5 briefing by School Leaders and HODs
	P6 briefing by School Leaders and HODs		P6 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teachers

##### P3 & 4 Parents

Dates	2.30 – 3.15 pm	3.15 – 3.30 pm	3.30- 4.15 pm
<b>Fri 17 Feb</b>	P3 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teacher	Screen break, logging into next session	P3 briefing by School Leaders and HODs
	P4 briefing by School Leaders and HODs		P4 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teachers

##### P1 & 2 Parents

Dates	2.30 – 3.15 pm	3.15 – 3.30 pm	3.30- 4.15 pm
<b>Fri 24 Feb</b>	P1 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teacher	Screen break, logging into next session	P1 briefing by School Leaders and HODs
	P2 briefing by School Leaders and HODs		P2 Networking with Form Teacher and Co-Form Teachers

More information on the Zoom details will be shared with parents via Parents Gateway nearer the briefing dates. For parents who are not able to attend the session, we will upload the slides to our school's website and parents can contact the relevant staff for clarifications.

#### 2) Rainbow Day 1 and Commemoration of Total Defence Day (Mon 13 Feb)

Our first Rainbow Day for 2023 will be held on Mon 13 Feb in conjunction with Total Defence Day.

Total Defence Day (TDD) marks Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942 and is held annually to remind ourselves of what may happen if we are not able to defend our country. The theme for Total Defence Day 2023 - "Together We Keep Singapore Strong" – focuses on the many ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives. Total Defence remains relevant to deal with the ever-evolving threats and challenges to Singapore. These include misinformation, supply chain disruptions, and food security, which affect communities and Singapore's way of life. Every Singaporean has a part to play in our daily lives to ensure that Singapore is prepared for crises and disruptions and that we remain resilient and united as one people.

Rainbow Days are non-uniform days and students can come to school in their home clothes. However, they would need to put on their black school shoes for safety reasons.

Please visit our web site: <http://endeavourpri.moe.edu.sg/>

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### 3) Parental Consent – Photos/Videos of EDP students & parents

We would like to inform parents/guardians that photographs/videos of students/parents taken at all school events by our official school photographers may be published on the school's official media platforms (eg: newsletters, school website or similar platforms) and used for briefings, workshops, and other educational purposes. The school may publish photographs, videos, and students' work/achievements together with the names of the students from time to time. Please notify the school in writing if you do not wish to grant such permission. You may email to [endeavour\\_ps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:endeavour_ps@moe.edu.sg)

### 4) Inculcating Good Habits to Make School Bags Lighter

We seek parents' assistance to help inculcate good habits for your children to help them make their school bags lighter. A simple way is to remember the acronym PACK. Students should:

**P** – Plan the night before what they need for school the following day. Pack according to the timetable and do not bring unnecessary items.

**A** – Avoid heavy items. For example, there is no need to bring a big A4 sized hard cover story book when a paperback version would do. There is also no need to fill their water bottle to the brim when going to school as water bottles can make their bag heavier by 0.7 to 0.9 kg. Students can bring enough water to last their journey to school and then top up the water bottle when they are in school. The same goes when they are going home.

**C** – Carry their school bags properly using both straps instead of just one. This will help distribute the weight of the bag evenly across their shoulders.

**K** – Keep proper posture. Avoid slouching when walking as it may increase the risk of neck and back pain.

### 5) New Parents Gateway Features

In this release, PG will be introducing the “Delete” feature on the parents' mobile app. Parents will be able to manage the housekeeping of their posts by deleting outdated posts from their PG mobile app.

The “Delete” option will only be available for posts in the [Completed] tab. So, parents **will not be able to remove unread** announcements and Meetings/Forms which they have yet to respond to (unless the deadline has passed).

## Posts Deletion

Parents will be able to manage and housekeep their posts in PG

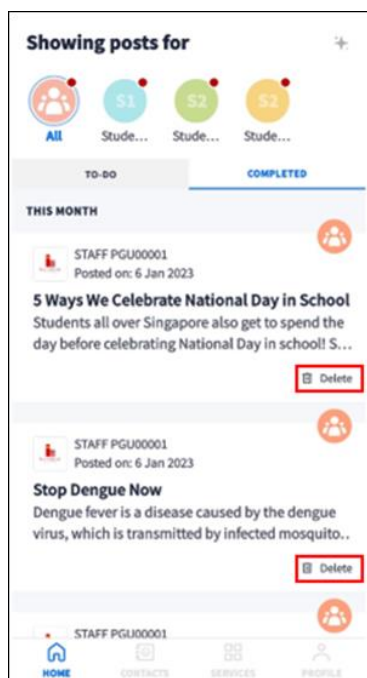


Figure 1 - "Delete" option will only be available in the [Completed] tab

Parents will be able to select multiple posts for deletion. The posts will be removed from the parents' PG account.



Figure 2 - Parents will be able to select multiple posts for deletion

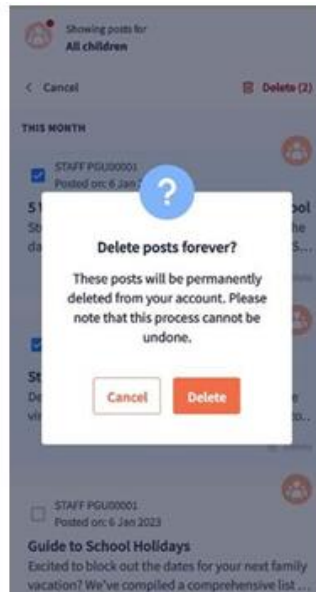


Figure 3 - Parents will be prompted a confirmation for the deletion



Figure 4 - Deleted posts will be removed from the parent's PG account. It will not be removed from the PG staff web portal

### 6) Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2023

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.

\*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 2023** and all forms must reach the Speak Good English Movement by **5pm on 10 April 2023**.

Download the nomination forms at [www.goodenglish.org.sg](http://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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Nomination forms for the Teaching Award can be downloaded from <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>. All students and their parents are invited to send in nominations for the Teaching Award to the Principal of the nominee's school by **6 p.m. on 27 March 2023**.

Together we endeavour all the way!

Thomas Koh  
Principal