



# 毅勤小学

## ENDEAVOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Letter from the Principal**

**2 March 2020**

Dear Parents

### **1) Ensuring EDP remains a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment for our Students**

While our teachers actively look out for our students' well-being, please help us to ensure that your child practises good personal hygiene and social responsibility. Do take your child to the doctor if he/she is unwell and we would appreciate it that you keep your child at home until he/she recovers.

In the event that your child displays flu-like symptoms and/or has a temperature whilst already in school, we seek your understanding that we will contact you to bring your child home so that he/she will be able to seek medical treatment. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work together to ensure the safety of all our students and staff.

### **2) Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2020**

Nominations for the annual Inspiring Teacher of English awards are open. Presented by the Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times with the support of the Ministry of Education, the Teaching Award is meant to affirm teachers who exemplify the use of good spoken and written English, promote learning-focused interaction during English lessons and choose pedagogies that are appropriate to learners' needs, abilities and interests.

Nomination forms for the Teaching Award can be downloaded from the following link: <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>. Forms are also available from our Library. If you would like to nominate any teacher, please do hand in your nominations to our school by 6 pm on 23 March 2020.

### **3) Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award 2019**

The Arif Budiman Malay Language Teachers' Award (AGAB), inaugurated in 2007 is an annual event, which aims to recognise Malay Language (ML) teachers who have made excellent contributions to the teaching and learning of the ML in mainstream schools. The Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Awards 2020 is organised by the Malay Language Council, Singapore (MBMS) and Malay Language Teachers Association (PGBM), Berita Harian (BH) and is funded by the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC).

If you would like to nominate any Malay Language teacher, nominations can be made online through <https://tinyurl.com/AGAB-2020>. Nominations open on 24 February and will close on 10 April 2020. Hard copies of the nomination forms are also available from our Library. If you would like to nominate any teacher, please do hand in your nominations to our school by 6 April 2020.

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### 4) March School Vacation

The one-week school vacation will be from Sat 14 Mar to Sun 22 Mar. Do have a good time bonding with your children during the one-week break.

### 5) Smart Watches

Last year in May and in September, I shared about the use of Smart watches in our school. Smart watches can be rather expensive and we strongly discourage our students from bringing any valuables to school (including any kind of electronic devices such as mobile phones). Simple watches that enable our students to tell the time would suffice for primary school students.

While we should embrace technology as part of our daily lives, the following rules must be adhered to if students were to bring smart watches to school:

- a) Parents must deactivate (and ensure that it remains so) the following features:
  - a. Photo-taking
  - b. Video and Audio Recordings

In light of PDPA (Personal Data Protection Act), we would like to remind all parents and students that unauthorized usage of these functions will be taken to be flouting PDPA and the school reserves the right to confiscate the smart watch, delete the recording if need be and return it to parents only after investigations have been completed and after the parents have attended a conference with the School Leaders.

- b) Smart watches are not permitted to be brought into the classrooms for all school assessments including examinations. This is in line with national examination practices.
- c) Smart watches are communication devices and will be treated in the same manner as mobile phones. They can only be used for communication after lessons at the dismissal points (at the gates) so that students can contact their parents or guardians. We would also like to strongly urge parents not to send messages to the smart phones during curriculum hours as it will be a source of distraction for students in the classrooms. We expect all our students to be fully engaged during lessons and not fiddle with their smart watches. If the smart watches are too much of a distraction during lessons (because of frequent messaging or use of any functions found in the smart watches), we reserve the right to confiscate the smart watches and return them only after a conference with parents.

The rules mentioned herewith are part of our school's rules and will be included in subsequent editions of our student handbook. We seek parents' co-operation to work with us so that your child can be fully engaged in learning during school hours.

Students will be fully responsible for their own smart watches and/or mobile phones and our school will not be liable for the loss of these valuables.

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### 6. Key Events in Term 2, 2020

Date	Key Events
9 Apr (Thu)	Upper Primary Sports Day (to be confirmed in lieu of present COVID-19 situation)
10 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
16 Apr (Thurs)	P6 SA1 EL Oral Exam (PM) – All Classes
17 Apr (Fri)	International Friendship Day
23 Apr (Thu)	P6 SA1 MT E-Oral Exam (PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CL/ML: 6 Compassion, 6 Perseverance &amp; 6 Respect</li> </ul>
24 Apr (Fri)	P6 SA1 MT E-Oral Exam (PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CL/ML: 6 Diligence, 6 Integrity &amp; 6 Responsibility</li> <li>• FCL/FML: 6 Respect &amp; 6 Responsibility</li> </ul>
30 Apr (Thu)	P4 SA1 EL & MT Oral Exam (PM) – All Classes P6 SA1 HMT Paper 1 (during MT periods)
1 May (Fri)	Labour Day
4 May (Mon)	P4 & P6 SA1 EL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension
5 May (Tue)	P4 & P6 SA1 MT Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension
7 May (Thurs)	Vesak Day (Public Holiday)
11 May (Mon)	P4 & P6 SA1 EL Paper 2
12 May (Tue)	P4 & P6 SA1 Math
13 May (Wed)	P4 & P6 SA1 Science
14 May (Thu)	P4 & P6 SA1 MT Paper 2 P6 SA1 HMT Paper 2 (During HMT Supp lessons)
24 May (Sun)	Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)
25 May (Mon)	Public Holiday (in lieu of Hari Raya Puasa)
29 May (Fri)	Meet-The-Parents session for all levels (no lessons for all levels, scheduled timeslots for parents) School will be closed at 5.00 pm (Eat With Your Family Day)
30 May (Sat) to 28 Jun (Sun)	School Vacation
29 Jun (Mon)	Term 3 begins

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### 7. **Primary 3 CCA Experience**

P3 students who were not selected for our Talent Identification programme when they were in Primary 2 last year will be given a "Primary 3 CCA Experience" form via Parents Gateway by the end of this Term. Parents, in consultation with their child, can select two CCAs for their child to experience in Term 2. More details will be provided in a letter via Parents Gateway.

### 8. **Parents Gateway update**

The Parents Gateway (PG) team released an enhanced version of the App on Tue, 25 Feb 2020. This new version of the App includes the enhancements for MOE HQ Pop-up comms.

1. **HQ Comms** – Based on feedback from schools and parents, enhancements have been made to the HQ Pop-up comms, which will be pinned at the top of the "Home" page. By tapping on the pinned message, parents would be able to access the Pop-up Comms message. The HQ Pop-up comms message will remain pinned at the top until the message is removed by MOE HQ.
2. **Capitalisation of names, class and schools** – All names of students, parents and schools are now reflected in upper case in order to represent special punctuation requirements accurately.

### 9. **Punctuality**

All students have to report to school by 7.35 am and the vast majority of students report between 7.10 am to 7.25 am. We still have some habitual latecomers who report to school after 7.35 am, sometimes as late as past 8.00 am. Most of these latecomers actually walk to school, which means that they live in the vicinity. We seek the assistance of parents to have your child report to school by 7.35 am.

For students residing in Woodlands or Yishun who are frequently late, we seek the assistance of parents to have your child wake up earlier as they would have to take public transport to school. Punctuality is a virtue that will put our students in good stead, not only for school, but also for everyday activities and in the future, when they join the workforce.

*Together we endeavour all the way!*

Mr Thomas Koh  
Principal

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