



13 September 2017

Greetings

Welcome back to the final term of the year. Term 4 is a term when teachers will consolidate the learning for our pupils and the pupils will sit for their End-Of Year examinations and Holistic Assessments. As you support your child in their preparation for the examinations and tests, it is crucial to let your children know that their identity does not depend on how well they do in their examinations.

Carol Dweck, psychologist and a professor at Stanford University, a pioneering researcher in the field of motivation, says, "Praise the process that kids engage in: their effort, their strategies, their focus, their perseverance, their improvement." In other words, it is important for us to focus on the process and not just the end result.

We all need to look beyond academic success for our children. We must not let grades define our child but instead, should focus on their attitude, effort and strengths. I am sharing with you an article extracted from <https://www.schoolbag.sg/> (see Annex A) on how parents can support a child during examinations so that he/she can cope better. It will be great to show our children that we love them unconditionally, that we accept them for who they are, regardless of their grades. Our school counsellors, Miss Chui Wai Sim and Miss Karina Lee, will be glad to speak with you or share more tips with you in this area if you have further questions. They can be contacted at 67586472.

This notification covers the following matters:

1. Indoor Sports Hall (ISH)
2. Safety and Health
3. Applied Learning Programme
4. Parent Teaching Meeting
5. Annual Prize Presentation
6. Internal Awards Ceremony
7. School Calendar for Term 4 2017



1. Indoor Sports Hall (ISH) for all School to Further Promote Holistic Education

We have updated all our parents some time ago regarding the building of the ISH in our school premise. The building of the ISH is to further support schools' broad-based education by giving more students the opportunity to participate in sports and games. The school's ISH was scheduled to be completed in the beginning of this year. However, due to some delay in construction work by the contractors, the opening date for the building has been postponed. The school is working closely with MOE School Campus, Infrastructure & Facility Services Division to see to the completion of the ISH as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the school has made arrangements to increase the school's sports facilities within our existing building so that our pupils can continue to participate in mass sports and activities.

We hope to bring you good news soon with regards to the completion of our Indoor Sports Hall.

2. Safety and Health

As we start this term together, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of safety of our pupils during school arrival and dismissal. For pupils who walk to school, please do remind your children/wards to take extra precaution as they make their way to school and back home. There were times when cyclists rode past the pupils at a high speed on the pedestrian walkway. This is dangerous and our pupils need to be alert so as to avoid getting hurt. As a school, we will continue to do our very best in putting up sign boards along the pedestrian walkway and have staff on duty to remind the adults to dismount from their bicycles and push the bicycles when they are approaching the school gates. Please help to remind your child/ward to look out for bicycles even as they walk on the pedestrian walkway.

In addition, we seek your cooperation to remind your child to practise good hygiene habits. Should your child feel unwell, please take him/her to seek medical help and let them stay at home till he/she is fully recovered. We hope that parents will understand that we will have to send pupils home when they show symptoms of contagious illnesses which can spread fast. For instance, for Hand Foot Mouth Disease, if pupils have red spots on their hands/soles of their feet, ulcers in their mouth and fever, we will request that parents take their children home to see a doctor and rest. The well-being of your child and all the pupils in the school is important to us. We will do our utmost to ensure that the school is a safe place for all pupils to study and play.



In the recent years, we have also observed that there are more parents/guardians sending their child/ward to school to sit for tests/school examinations despite their child/ward having a very high fever or are very sick. We strongly advise that you take your child/ward to see a doctor and let him/her recover fully before sending them to school. The children will not be able to perform at their best if they have to sit for the tests/school examinations when they are not feeling well and the results that they receive may not reflect their true ability.

3. APPLIED LEARNING PROGRAMME

I am happy to share with you a recent article that has been published <https://www.schoolbag.sg/> on 10 July 2017 on how Jiemin Primary School has added a dose of fun to English lessons to help pupils find joy in learning the language.

Over the years, MOE has made sustained efforts to nurture well-rounded individuals by:

- Developing our students in every domain of learning (e.g. Increased emphasis on Physical Education, Art and Music)
- Equipping students with the skills, values and competencies that they need to succeed in life (e.g. Programme for Active Learning, Outdoor Education Masterplan);
- Diversifying the school landscape (e.g. Applied Learning Programme, Learning for Life Programme); and
- Providing multiple pathways at various stages of our education system

For Jiemin Primary School, our Applied Learning Programme incorporates practical and interesting activities such as choral reading, poetry recitation, film appreciation and journalism to help pupils cultivate the love for English Language and to impart skills such as reading, speaking and writing. These efforts are aimed at providing students with more opportunities to discover and develop their strengths and interests. You may read more about this article in SCHOOLBAG, the education news site.

4. Parent Teacher Conference for P1 to P5

The Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) for P1 to P5 will be held on 16 November 2017 (Thursday). Teachers will meet you to discuss your child's/ward's progress and conduct. Do note that all Jieminites are required to attend the PTC with their parents/guardians on that day during the scheduled appointment time with the Form Teachers. I would like to seek your cooperation to **adhere strictly** to the schedule given as our teachers will have to meet many parents on that day. More details will be given in November by the Year Heads regarding this event.



5. Annual Prize Presentation

The school will be holding its Annual Prize Presentation Day on 17 November 2017 (Friday). The prize recipients, selected pupil audience and performers will be informed by the respective teachers through a separate letter regarding the reporting time to school for the event on that day. Please note that the rest of the Jieminites **do not** need to attend school on that day.

6. Awards Day

The school will be holding our Awards Day on 15 November 2017 (Wednesday) to recognise pupils for the following categories:

- Best Progress in Overall Marks
- Outstanding Contributions in CCA

All pupils together with their teachers will attend the awards ceremony for their respective levels. Through this platform, the school hopes to recognise as many pupils as possible for their effort and good work this year and celebrate their success together.

7. School Hours and Other Matters for Y2018

We would like to inform you of the school curriculum hours for Y2018 so that you can make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward. The curriculum hours for Y2018 are stated below.

Days	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
Monday and Tuesday	7.30 am	1.45 pm
Wednesday to Friday	7.30 am	1.15 pm

In addition, two time slots have been reserved for Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) on the following days.

Days	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
Monday	2.15 pm	4.30 pm
Tuesday	2.15 pm	4.30 pm



Remedial/Supplementary Lessons

The Year Heads/Assistant Year Heads of the respective levels will provide you with more information on the school remedial/supplementary schedule in the beginning of next year.

For further queries, you may contact the following personnel.

Level	Year Head	Tel No
P1 and P2	Mdm Maslinda	6257 1772
P3 and P4	Mdm Jayasree	
P5 and P6	Mdm Tan Hwee Min	

8. Calendar Term 4 2017

Please refer to Annex B for more information pertaining to school events and activities in Term 4.

We hope to work closely with you in this coming term and look forward to your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Cheah Poh Lian
Principal



Supporting Your Child During Examinations

Annex A

Nurejah and Janet, parent volunteers at Admiralty Primary School, shared tips on how to support a child during exams.



While preparing for exams, students and sometimes parents feel the strain and pressure. Janet Yong, mother of two boys who are in Primary Six and Primary Four, and Nuryejah, mother of three, shared with Schoolbag.sg their experiences and perspectives on how they overcome conventional societal perceptions, help their children rise above challenges and most importantly, ensure that their kids are growing healthy and happy.

- 1. Set realistic goals with your child.** As parents, we know our children best. It is important to set realistic targets so that we do not overstress them. For example, Janet discusses with her son openly about his long-term and short-term goals. Both parent and child have to understand and come to a consensus on attainable goals so that they can plan specific steps to create achievable milestones.
- 2. Parents often ask, how involved should I be in my child's education?** Although some parental guidance can be beneficial, a well-intentioned, yet over-involved parent can hurt the child. Doing your child's homework or guiding them through every question may appear to work for a while, but it ultimately handicaps the child's learning. Janet can testify to that. 'I stopped working when my younger boy was in Primary Two. Being a full-time homemaker, I was heavily involved in not just his homework, but also his school life. One day, my younger son started asking me which subject he should study first and I realised he has become overly reliant on me to plan his time. It would be a failure on my part if I did not allow him to build his resourcefulness and find ways of doing things at his own pace.'



3. **Do not be narrowly focused on academics.** This world is huge so we have to remind not just our children, but ourselves as well that there are other opportunities for them to explore and find success in life. Remember that we should try not to be overly narrowly focused on pushing them to do well academically and neglect other aspects of their life.

4. **Our kids are depending on us!** Nuryejah feels that naturally as a mother, she has to be realistic, focused and strong so that she can be a pillar of support to her children. At this age, children depend a lot on parents and if we send the signal that they have failed as a person if they do not enter a good secondary school or achieve stellar grades, how can we expect them to overcome other obstacles later in life? 'As parents, we need to make good judgements and move on, if we don't, how can they?' Janet opined.

5. **Expand your focus, get to know your child.** What are their interests? What do they aspire to be when they grow up? Are they getting along well with their friends? Was there anything fun that happened in school today? Exams are important, but it is crucial to let your child know that their life and identity does not depend on their grades. 'When we are proud of the effort our children put in and inculcate traits such as trust, care, independence and perseverance in them, they can grow up to be happy kids and that to me, triumphs over all the distinctions,' shares Janet.

Extracted from <https://www.schoolbag.sg/>

School Calendar for Term 4 (11 September to 17 November 2017)**Annex B**

Date	Activities/ Events
8 Sep (Fri)	Release of Report Books for P6
11 Sep (Mon)	Release of Report Books for P1 to P5
11 Sep (Mon) – 13 Sep (Wed)	P2 SA2 Oral Examination (EL & MTL Oral) (During curriculum time)
12 Sep (Tue) – 14 Sep (Thu)	P3 SA2 Oral Examination (EL & MTL)
15 Sep (Fri)	P6 PSLE Listening Comprehension (No school for P1 – P5 pupils)
18 Sep (Mon) – 19 Sep (Tue)	P5S & P5F SA2 Oral Examination (EL & MTL)
20 Sep (Wed) to 26 Sep (Tue)	Annual School-based Health Screening for P2, P3, P4 & P6
25 Sep (Mon) – 26 Sep (Tue)	P4 SA2 Oral Examination (EL & MT)
26 Sep (Tue)	P2 SA2 EL Listening Comprehension & Spelling
28 Sep (Thu) – 29 Sep (Fri) 2 Oct (Mon) – 4 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Written Examination
5 Oct (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration
6 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day (No school for all pupils)
18 Oct (Wed)	Deepavali (Public Holiday)
19 Oct (Thu) – 24 Oct (Tue)	PSLE Marking Day (No school for all pupils)
25 Oct (Wed)	P2 EL Paper 1 (Guided Writing) P3 & P4 SA2 English Language Paper 1 P5 English language Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension
26 Oct (Thur)	P3 & P4 SA2 Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 P5S SA2 Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & MTL Listening Comprehension P5F SA2 Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension
30 Oct (Mon)	P2 SA2 English Language Paper 2 P3 SA2 English language Paper 2 & Listening Comprehension

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Date	Activities/ Events
	P4 SA2 English language Paper 2 & Listening Comprehension P5S & P5F SA2 English Language Paper 2
31 Oct (Tue)	P2, P3, P4, P5S & P5F SA2 Mathematics
1 Nov (Wed)	P2 SA2 Mother Tongue Language Paper & Listening Comprehension P3 & P4 SA2 Mother Tongue Language Paper 2 & Listening Comprehension P5S SA2 Mother Tongue Language Paper 2 P5F SA2 Mother Tongue Language Paper 1
2 Nov (Thu)	P3, P4, P5S & P5F SA2 Science
3 Nov (Fri)	P5 SA2 Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & Higher Mother Tongue Paper 2
4 Nov (Sat)	P1 Orientation 2018
15 Nov (Wed)	Internal Awards Day
16 Nov (Thu)	Parent Teachers Meeting
17 Nov (Fri)	Annual Prize Presentation Day (only selected pupils to attend)
18 Nov (Sat) – 1 Jan 2018 (Mon)	Term 4 School Holidays

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