



HPPS Monthly Newsletter

Jan 2025

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Principal's note

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Start it Right

In my address to our students on their first day of school, I read them a story: "Only One You" by Linda Kranz.

This heartwarming story conveys three important themes that align with our school's vision to lead with character and serve with talents. The story celebrates the uniqueness of each individual, emphasizing that everyone is different and special in their own way. It also encourages kindness, empathy, and compassion towards others, reminding us that even small actions can make a big difference. Lastly, it promotes the value of making new friends and being inclusive.

As we begin this new academic year, I encourage you to reinforce these values at home. Let us work together to instill in our students the importance of kindness, empathy, and inclusivity.

We look forward to partnering with you in their educational journey. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a successful and fulfilling year ahead for our students!

*Honesty in Performance
Pride in Service*

Charles Chan
Principal

1 School Leaders and Year Heads

Let me take this opportunity to introduce our school leaders and Student Development Team (SDT) to you.

Mr Chua Chye Hock, VP (Academic P2/P4/P6)

Mdm Jean Lim, VP (Academic P1/P3/P5)

Ms Regina Kim, VP (Admin)

The Student Development Team (SDT) oversees the holistic development of the students. Through the SDT, the school seeks to provide a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students where they have opportunities to engage in quality learning experience and acquire values supportive of their lifelong well-being.

The Year Heads (YHs) will send out letters each term to keep you updated of key matters pertaining to the respective levels.

Student Development Team	Email
P1 & P2 Level Year Head: Ms Iris See (P1) AYH: Ms Lam Yuen Kay (P2)	see_siao_jun_iris@moe.edu.sg lam_yuen_kay@moe.edu.sg
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2 Updates in Teaching Staff

We bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for their contributions to the school.

Mdm Leo Siew Hui	HOD SWB
Mdm Sabrina Ayoob	SH SWB
Mr Jeremy Wan	SH PE & LLP
Miss Yvonne Fan	Maths & Art Teacher
Mr Bernard Li	PE Teacher
Mdm Nabisa	EL & Maths Teacher
Ms Chong Pei Shan	School Counsellor
Mr Rodney Sea	Maths & Sci Teacher (No-Pay leave)
Mdm Zhou Yujun	Senior Teacher (No-pay leave)
Mdm Zou Wen	CL Teacher (No-pay leave)
Ms Estella Khin	EL & Maths Teacher (No-pay leave)

We also welcome the following staff who joined the school in Jan 2025.

Mdm Lim Yi Jun Jean	VP(EO)
Mdm Wong Wei Ling	LH EL
Mdm Yu Ziling	CL teacher
Mr Ramakrishnan Gowrishankar	TL Teacher
Miss Teo Ya Qi	Music & Maths Teacher
Ms Gwendolyn Natasha Bava	Senior SENO
Ms Lee Shulian	Flexi-adjunct School Counsellor
Miss Poon Si Ying, Averil	PE Teacher (UT)
Miss Chu Li Xuan	Art Teacher (UT)

We like to congratulate the following staff member for the new appointment wef 01 Jan 2025.

Ms Rajesheela d/o Rajanthiran	AYH
Mdm Toh Mei Siew	ST/EL

3 SHINE Days in HPPS (3rd & 6th January 2025)

We will be having HPPS SHINE Days on 3 and 6 January 2025. SHINE Day marks the perfect beginning to an exciting new academic year! It is aimed at fostering promoting holistic well-being of the students as they ease back into school after the long break. The programme embodies the HPPS **SHINE** outcomes:

Strive and Serve

Have Healthy Habits

Increase Positive Emotions

Nurture Meaningful Relationships

Engage in Lifelong Learning.

SHINE Day helps students set meaningful goals, develop healthy habits, and foster a positive mindset, preparing them for a successful year ahead. Through the classroom and recess activities, we hope that students can connect meaningfully and build their relationships with their teachers and peers. By igniting curiosity and encouraging self-exploration, SHINE Day promotes not just academic readiness but emotional well-being too. Together, we aim to cultivate a supportive school community where every child feels empowered to grow, discover, and SHINE brightly throughout 2025 and beyond!

Thank you for your continuous support and partnership with the school.

4 Educational Technology (EdTech) at HPPS

Aligning with MOE's vision to prepare students for a technology-transformed world, Henry Park Primary School (HPPS) leverages Educational Technology (EdTech) to enhance learning experiences and develop digital literacy among our students. We achieve this by integrating various digital tools and platforms into teaching and learning, including the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS), Google Classroom, and Microsoft 365.

To ensure seamless access to these digital resources, every student will be issued an MOE Identity Management System (MIMS) account. This account provides access to MOE learning applications, including SLS and Google Classroom. Form Teachers will share the MIMS account details in the Student Diary at a later date.

For more information about the available digital learning platforms and login procedures, please visit the "e-Learning Platforms & Logins" section under "School Info" on the Henry Park Primary School website.

5 Home-Based Learning (HBL) at HPPS (31 January 2025)

Home-Based Learning (HBL) will take place on 31 January 2025. Students from P1 to P6 are not required to attend school on this day.

The HBL exercise is designed to familiarize students with remote learning practices and ensure educational continuity during emergencies. On the HBL day, students will need to log in to the e-learning platforms using their MIMS accounts to participate in online learning activities.

Further details and instructions regarding HBL will be provided closer to the date.

6 Health, Safety and Security

Our school believes in providing our students with a safe and secure environment to ensure that quality learning takes place. If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., by wearing a mask, minimizing social interactions with big groups). We appreciate your support and will continue to work with you closely. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.

On road safety, we would like to urge parents to remind their children as well as the adults picking them up to utilize designated pedestrian crossings at all times. Jaywalking is very dangerous even if accompanied by adults. It might be slightly inconvenient or entail a longer walk but this ensures the safety of our children.

As a school, we will also practice fire drills, lock-down drills and evacuation of the whole school to the designated assembly areas.

7 School Bus

We like to remind parents whose children are taking the school buses to inform the bus driver in advance on days when your child is not taking the school bus home at the standard dismissal time. This is to avoid holding up the bus as the driver seeks to locate your child before moving off.

8 Students' Well-Being

Over the next few days, the school will collect the students' workbooks, files and materials, and place them in the classrooms. Students should use their timetable to guide them in packing their school bags. We seek your assistance to guide your child/ward in the matter. Our collective efforts will ensure that our students' school bags are not too heavy.

We believe that our P1 students will adjust well to the primary school. We seek the support of parents to encourage your child to be independent. If they need any help, please encourage them to approach their teachers so that we can assist them.

For a start, encourage your P1 child to talk about his/her new experiences and what he/she likes and dislikes about school. Listen for any worries that he/she may have and attend to those concerns. To us adults, some matters may seem small, and you may be inclined to brush them aside, but it will be helpful to learn to see things through his/her eyes.

As your P1 child adapts to school life, show your support in other ways, such as valuing him/her for who he/she is, and not what he/she has achieved. Instead of comparing his/her performance with others or expressing disappointment when he/she is not performing up to your standard, appreciate his/her efforts. Focus on the learning process – not only on the marks/grades!

9 Snack Break

To cater to the well-being of our students, all students may have a 10-minute snack break daily during lesson time. The timing of the snack break is arranged by teachers who will consider their recess time. Depending on the nature of the lessons, the teachers will inform the students when they can have the 10-minute snack break during the day.

We seek your cooperation in packing healthy snacks or fruits for their snack break and encouraging your child/children to take responsibility in keeping the classroom clean by observing the hygiene protocols and completing the necessary wipe down procedures after finishing their food.

10 HPPS Celebrates! (13 November 2024)

A throwback to 13 November 2024, when we celebrated HPPS Celebrates! It was a day to remember, honouring the achievements and talents of our students. After the formal awards ceremony, the festive spirit continued with intimate performances by our talented students. The atmosphere was relaxed and lively, with guests having the opportunity to mingle with our VIPs, teachers, students, and performers. Customized photo booths and props provided a fun way for everyone to capture cherished memories with friends, family, and colleagues. A big thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating at HPPS!



Our confident emcees



Our Prize-winners!



Our Prize Winners



Token of Appreciation for Our GOH



Our CCA Performances



11 Primary 6 Graduation Day (12 November 2024) and PSLE Results (20 November 2024)

The P6 Graduation Party was a joyous and meaningful celebration, marking the end of an incredible journey at Henry Park Primary School. With stunning decorations thoughtfully put up by HPPA, the event was filled with vibrant energy and heartfelt moments. Each P6 class took to the stage and delivered captivating dance performances, showcasing their spirit and teamwork. The celebration also provided a special opportunity to express gratitude to teachers and parents for their unwavering support, making it a truly memorable occasion for all.

A heartfelt thank you to the Henry Park Parents' Association (HPPA) for transforming the hall into a wonderful setting for this memorable day.



Dance performances by our P6 classes



Families joining in the celebration

The Class of 2024 has made us proud with their commendable PSLE results. Congratulations and best wishes for the exciting journey ahead! We are proud to announce that our 2024 P6 cohort did well in the PSLE with 100% passes. 38% of our students obtained PSLE Score of 10 or less. In all subjects, our students have fared well when compared with national results and comparable schools. Congratulations to our Class of 2024 P6 students and we wish them the best as they move on to the next lap of their education journey.

12 2025 Primary 1 Orientation Day (14 November 2024)

On 14 November 2024, we warmly welcomed our new Primary 1 students to HPPS. Excitement filled the air as they stepped into their classrooms, where their teachers greeted them with warm smiles. The students quickly got to know their new classmates and immersed themselves in engaging classroom activities.

Meanwhile, parents attended a Parents' Engagement Session in the hall, followed by a briefing led by the 2025 Primary 1 Form Teachers. The session offered useful insights and practical tips to help parents support their children's smooth transition into school life.

The day brought teachers, students and parents together, fostering a strong partnership and setting an upbeat tone for the year ahead at HPPS.



Happy P1 Faces All Around!



First Friendships Take Shape!



Peer Support Leader Steps In with Care



Explore New Activities Together



2024 P1 Students Reflect on their adventures



2025 P1 Form Teacher's Warm Welcome

13 Calendar of Events

A copy of the Term 1 Calendar of Events will be provided to your child. Please refer to **Appendix 1**.

14 Parenting Article

'Beat the Buzzer: Morning Routine Game'

'Beat the buzzer' works because it rewards your child for being on time and ready in the morning.

As you introduce this game into your morning routine and play it with your child, praising your child will help things along. When children get praise for behaving well or doing what you want them to do, they're likely to want to keep behaving that way. Refer to this [link](#) for more information on the game.

Vision
Lead with Character, Serve with Talents

Mission
Nurturing concerned citizens with integrity and a spirit of excellence through holistic education

School Values
Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence



School Distinction Award



Teaching and Learning



Student All-Round Development



Partnership



Character and Citizenship Education



Appendix 1

HPPS 2025 Term 1 School Calendar (Tue 2 Jan to Fri 14 Mar)

Day/Date	Time	Event	Remarks
Fri, 17 Jan	3 – 4 pm	P4 GE Parents' briefing	Venue: 4H Classroom
Mon, 20 Jan		Start of Recreational CCA	
Fri, 24 Jan	3 – 4.30 pm	P5 parents' briefing (include camp briefing)	All P5 Parents Venue: Hall
Tue, 28 Jan	7.30 – 10.30 am	Chinese New Year Eve Celebration	P1 to P6 classes
Wed – Thur, 29 – 30 Jan		Chinese New Year	Public holiday
Fri, 31 Jan		Home-based Learning	P1 to P6 classes
Fri, 7 Feb	3 – 4.30 pm	P6 parents' briefing	All P6 Parents Venue: Hall
Wed - Fri, 12 – 14 Feb		P5 Camp	P5 classes only
Fri, 14 Feb		Commemoration of Total Defence Day	Regular School Day
Fri, 14 Feb	3 – 4.30 pm	P3 parents' briefing	All P3 Parents Venue: Hall
Fri, 21 Feb	3 – 4 pm	P2 Parents' briefing	All P2 Parents Venue: P2 Classrooms
Sat, 15 Mar to Sun, 23 Mar		Term 1 School Vacation	