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Through the Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians,

P6 Matters (Term 1)

We will be giving out termly level letters to all P6 parents at the beginning of each term. This serves to highlight the key programmes or activities planned for P6 each term, to better cater for advance planning.

1. After-School Remedial/Supplementary Lessons

To better support student learning, the school will be conducting supplementary classes for Mother Tongue while remedial lessons/enrichment lessons will be conducted for English, Maths and Science. Remedial lessons will be conducted for students who are deemed to be at-risk of failing or underperforming in these subjects while enrichment lessons will be conducted for the selected high progress students.

English and Mathematics lessons will be conducted on Mondays while Mother Tongue and Science lessons will be conducted on Thursdays. These lessons are held from **2.00 p.m to 3.30 p.m**. Respective subject teachers will be issuing notification slips, reflecting the relevant dates, to students who have been selected for remedial in the various subjects.

The dates for classes held in Semester 1 are as follows:

Mondays		Thursdays	
English	Mathematics	Science	Mother Tongue
22 Jan	15 Jan	18 Jan	25 Jan
5 Feb	29 Jan	1 Feb	8 Feb
5 Mar	12 Feb	1 Mar	22 Feb
19 Mar	26 Feb	26 Apr	8 Mar
2 Apr	23 Apr	24 May	5 Apr
	7 May		
	21 May		

2. Sexuality Education Programme

Sexuality Education is an important programme in schools. It aims to help our young understand the physiological, social and emotional challenges they experience as they mature, develop healthy relationships with the opposite sex and to teach them how to make responsible choices. Sexuality Education in schools is implemented using a cross-curricular and co-curricular approach. It is covered in both the curricular subjects and co-curricular programmes. The Growing Years Series (GY Series) for upper primary students is designed to respond to challenges faced by the pupils and it underscores the importance of character development and health.

For P6 students, the GY series will be conducted over 2 sessions. The first session will be on **Thursday, 22 March**, while the second session will be conducted on **Monday, 26 March**. Both sessions will be from **2.00p.m. – 3.30 p.m**. Students are separated according to gender during the lesson to encourage openness in sharing.

The following lessons from the GY series will be covered:

Lessons	Lesson Objectives At the end of the lesson, pupils will be able to:	Date
Who Are My Friends?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify the qualities of a healthy friendship recognise the importance of making wise choices in friendship 	22 March (Thursday)
Am I A Good Friend?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify the qualities that they have as a friend recognise the importance of developing in oneself the qualities of a good friend 	
What is Love?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify the characteristics of love and infatuation distinguish between the characteristics of love versus infatuation 	
Am I Falling In Love?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify strong feelings arising from infatuation. manage strong feelings arising from infatuation identify ways to manage and cope with teasing from peers 	
Are You Really My Friend?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify the pros and cons of forming relationships through social networking websites know ways to keep themselves safe when using social networking websites 	26 March (Monday)
Is It All Safe?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> know that some information (like pornography) received through the Internet may be harmful know ways to keep themselves safe when using the Internet 	

Information on the Sexuality Education programme is also uploaded in the school website. **Parents who wish to opt their children out of the Growing Years Series need to complete and submit the attached opt-out form by Monday, 15 January.** You may contact our Sexuality Education Coordinator, Ms Su Tze Han at su_tze_han@moe.edu.sg if you need further clarifications.

3. Enrichment Programme at Science Centre Ecogarden

As part of the Science Enrichment programme, P6 students will be attending a practical lab session at the Science Centre Ecogarden, **from 1.50 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.** It involves fieldwork where students get to learn about relationships between organisms (e.g. food web) in the pond ecosystem. This is aligned with the 2014 Primary Science syllabus and the topics of (1) Living Together and (2) Food Chains and Food Webs, under the theme of “Interactions”. These topics will be covered in Semester One.

The table below shows the schedule of the Enrichment Programme:

Date	Classes
19 Mar (Mon)	6B
20 Mar (Tue)	6C
27 Mar (Tue)	6E and 6F
6 Apr (Fri)	6A
11 Apr (Wed)	6O
13 Apr (Fri)	6D

4. Mock Tests

There will also be Mock Tests conducted during Week 8 (23 Feb – 28 Feb). The tests are to assess students’ understanding of topics/concepts as well as to identify learning gaps and needs early so that interventions can be made by the respective teachers. Students will also have the experience of having it in an exam setting using the OAS and exam format. The marks will not be recorded in the students’ report books.

Do note that CCAs as well as other after school activities and programmes will not be suspended due to these tests. The exact dates of the mock tests will be made known at a later time by their respective subject teachers.

5. Subscription of What's Up Newspaper

In an effort to inculcate good reading habits and to nurture pupils to be global citizens, *What's Up: Newspaper for Students* will be used as one of the teaching and learning resources in the English curriculum. *What's Up* is a monthly newspaper for students that offers a balance of kid-friendly news headlines, sports and entertainment articles and activities and serves as an authentic reading material used in the teaching of various language skills, particularly reading comprehension, and vocabulary building. The interesting stories also provide a platform for class discussion to communicate positive values and important lessons about resilience, hope and wisdom. All P6 pupils will need to subscribe to this newspaper for students. Each pupil will pay **\$15.00 for 10 issues**.

All **Singapore citizens** may use their **Edusave fund** to make the payment. **Permanent Residents** and **International Students** will pay by cash. Please put your money in an envelope and write your child's/ward's name and class on it.

Kindly fill out the reply slip below and submit the slip and the cash (if applicable) to the EL teacher by **Monday, 15 January**.

6. Acknowledgement Slip

Please submit the acknowledgement slip to your child's/ward's form teacher by **Monday, 15 January**.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mdm Shairah Sulaiman
Assistant Year Head (Primary 6) - Acting

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Acknowledgement slip for P6 Matters (Term 1)

**Kindly delete accordingly.*

Name of *child/ward: _____ Class: _____

A) Acknowledgement of letter

I have taken note of the contents of the P6 Matters (Term 1) letter dated **10 January 2018**.

B) Sexuality Education Programme

I have taken note of the information provided with regard to the school's Sexuality Education Programme, Growing Years Series. I do *allow/not allow my child to attend the sessions.

Name of *Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature/Date: _____

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Parent Opt-out Slip – Applicable only if parents/guardians wish to opt their child/ward out of the Sexuality Education Programme 'Growing Years' Series.

1. I would like to withdraw my *child/ward, _____, of
(full name of *child/ward)
P6 _____ from the Sexuality Education's *Growing Years* Series for 2018.

2. My reason for opting out is

**Parent's/Guardian's Name & Signature*

Contact No. (Mobile)

Email Address (optional)

C) Subscription of What's Up Newspaper – to be submitted to EL teacher

Mode of payment (Please tick accordingly): Edusave

Cash

Name of *child/ ward: _____

Class: P6 _____

*Parent's/ Guardian's signature: _____

Date: _____