# From the Principal's Office (March 2023)

## **Student Matters**

#### **Term 1 Experience Day 2023**

As part of the school's EXCITE Learning Approach where learning is designed to be experiential, authentic and purposeful, the school conducts termly learning journeys for all levels on the last Wednesday of each term. This term, our Kranjians will go on their learning journeys on **Wednesday 8 March 2023**. More information will be provided through Parents Gateway.

Level	Programme
Primary 1	Ignite! Programme
Primary 2	Ignite! Programme
Primary 3	Social Studies Learning Journey to Singapore City Gallery
Primary 4	Sports and Outdoor Experience Camp
Primary 5	Play Cool Sports: Archery
Primary 6	Science Learning Journey to Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

#### P1 and P2 Ignite! Programme

Ignite! is the school's start-of-year orientation programme for all students. This year, the school has placed special emphasis on developing **executive functioning skills** through interesting activities and play for our lower primary levels. As an extension of the orientation activities, we have dedicated the first Experience Day of the year to continue our efforts to develop executive functioning skills.

Executive functioning skills comprise of a set of cognitive processing skills which are necessary to learn, work, live and function on a daily basis. Through the various experiences since the start of the year, students develop an understanding of themselves and manage their own behaviors through stories and games. They learn to carry out developmentally appropriate daily tasks independently and confidently (e.g. organising their belongings and being responsible for themselves, putting things away after use and doing their work). They also learn impulse control by stopping and thinking in order to make a more positive choice in the moment. This involves learning how to "hit the pause button", calm down when emotions run high, think through a situation, and make a good choice for now and the future.



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#### P3 Social Studies Learning Journey to Singapore City Gallery

The P3 students will embark on an insightful visit to the Singapore City Gallery at the Urban Redevelopment Centre along Maxwell Road. At the Gallery, the students will learn about Singapore's physical environment and its challenges, browse the interactive displays to find out the considerations our city panners undertake before designating land for housing, commerce, conservation, and recreation. They will also discover how Singapore manages its limited natural resources to meet the needs of the country. At the end of the visit, the students will design a Singapore City Poster and consolidate their own learning with a reflection.







#### **P4 Sports and Outdoor Experience Camp**

The P4 Sports and Outdoor Experience Camp will be held at the school during curriculum time. The camp is a key element of our Learning for Life Programme (LLP): Developing Champions in Life through Sports. It will be conducted for all Primary 4 students from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm. Students will report to school in their school uniform. Special recess will be at 9.30 am and snack break will be as usual. The camp will include team building, in-school orienteering and sports experience through Tag Rugby.

#### P5 Play Cool Sports: Archery and Journey with a Champion

The P5 Play Cool Sports Experience will be conducted from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Play Cool Sports is a key element of our Learning for Life Programme (LLP): Developing Champions in Life through Sports. There will be a motivational talk by an invited para-archer, Nur Syahidah Alim, who will share her achievements and challenges in her quest for excellence in sports. This will be followed by a 2.5-hour hands-on experience in Archery for all our P5 students. Normal lessons will be conducted from 7.30am to 9.00am. Special recess will be at 9.00 am while snack break will be as usual.





## P6 Science Learning Journey to Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

As part of our efforts to take learning beyond the classroom, our P6 students will be embarking on a Science learning journey to Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve this term. Students will experience nature up close as they observe how mangrove trees are highly adapted to their habitat. They will also be able to see interesting animals that call the mangrove swamp their home. Students will be made more aware of the interdependence among all the organisms and the role of the mangroves in protecting Singapore's shoreline. They will develop a deeper understanding of the importance of conserving the natural environment.

#### Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening and Selection Exercise

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable pupils with high intellectual potential. The GEP Screening and Selection Exercises will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. Test preparation activities are not encouraged as these could inflate the scores, which may then not reflect your child's actual potential.

The GEP curriculum is an enriched curriculum designed to meet the needs of GEP students. The enriched curriculum covers the same content areas as those in the mainstream but is extended in breadth and depth. GEP students will learn skills for independent inquiry and are encouraged to do explorations on self-selected areas of interest.

The tentative schedule for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise in 2023 is shown below:

Stage	Date	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening	17 August 2023	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in	English Language
Exercise	(Thursday)	government and govern-	Mathematics
		ment-aided schools	
GEP Selection	17 & 18 October	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted	English Language
Exercise	2023 (Tuesday	after the GEP Screening	Mathematics
	& Wednesday)	Exercise	General Ability

More information will be given to parents/guardians nearer the date of the exercise. You will have to indicate whether you consent to your child's participation in the exercise.

#### **Travel Declaration for March School Holiday**

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling for the holidays. Information about this was sent to all parents via Parents Gateway on Wednesday 1 March 2023.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS].

For travel during the year-end holidays, please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by Thursday 9 March 2023**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

When planning your travel, please refer to <a href="https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart">https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart</a> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.

## **School Matters**

#### **Pathway Safety**

The school has received feedback raised by the public about the safety of young pre-schoolers when sharing the pathways with cyclists and personal mobility devices (PMDs) users, especially the covered walkway leading to Gate D during peak school arrival and dismissal times.

We would like to remind cyclists and PMD users to:

- 1) Go slow: When travelling or reversing, go slowly and carefully to avoid any collisions or accidents. Be patient and take your time to ensure that the pathway is clear before proceeding.
- 2) Give way to pedestrians: Always give way to pedestrians when using pathways. Slow down and give them plenty of space when passing or reversing. It's important to be respectful of other pathway users.
- 3) Keep to the right: When cycling or using PMDs on pathways, keep to the right side of the pathway.

This allows other pathway users to pass on the left safely.

- 4) Look before reversing: Before reversing, ensure that there are no pedestrians, especially young little children, or any obstacles in your path. Check your surroundings to avoid any accidents.
- 5) Use rear-view mirrors: If possible, use rear-view mirrors to get a better view of what's behind you before reversing.
- 6) Give audible warning: Use a bell or horn to give an audible warning to other pathway users before reversing. This will help alert others to your presence and avoid any surprises.



#### Road Works Near School

The Land Transport Authority's (LTA) appointed contractor will be carrying out removal and repainting of road marking works at Choa Chu Kang Street 54 near to the school between 27 February to tentatively 6 March 2023 (excluding Sunday) from 9.30am to 5.00pm. Please exercise caution when you are in the area.



### **Parent Matters**

## **Parenting Programme**

Join us at our upcoming Parenting Talk to learn how to prepare your children for the ultimate success in life. Sign up now!

## IQ, EQ, AQ FOR CHILDREN



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#### KRANJI PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE: 25 MARCH 2023 TIME: 9.30AM-11.00AM

VENUE: ONLINE VIA ZOOM



The typical parent focuses on academic performance in their children, believing that it is the key to future success in life. However, it takes more than IQ to be successful in life. It takes IQ (Intelligence Quotient), EQ (Emotional Quotient) and AQ (Adversity Quotient).

In this workshop, parents will learn how to train and equip their children in all these areas to ensure their ultimate success in life.

#### COMPLIMENTARY

Fully sponsored by Kranji Primary School

## SPEAKER SERINA CHEONG

Mrs. Serina Cheong is a certified family-life educator. She conducts family-life talks to people from different backgrounds and has appeared on Radio 933 Live and "Good Morning Singapore" (Mandarin Channel) as a guest speaker for parenting issues. She also conducts marriage counselling as well as counselling for singles, children and teens.

#### Academic Qualifications:

- · Graduate Dip in Counseling Psychology
- Dip. in Special Needs Cert. Family Life Educator.
   Swinburne University (Australia) & Family Resource Training Centre,
- Cert. Trainer for "No Apologies" by Focus on the Family,
- Cert. Trained Smoking Cessation counsellors by Health Promotion Board.
- Cert. On Expressive Therapies (Interviewing with children)
- Choice Theory and Reality Therapy Practitioner (William Glasser Institute)

#### **Staff Matters**

#### **Inspiring Teacher of English Award**

The Inspiring Teacher of English Award acknowledges teachers who have been instrumental in igniting a love for the English Language and are effective in helping their students communicate better. These teachers are passionate about making English interesting and relevant to their students, and are innovative in engaging their students to help them learn English better. The Award salutes these teachers for their continual learning and constant efforts to upgrade themselves to benefit their students and schools.



Nomination forms for the Teaching Award can be downloaded from <a href="https://www.languagecouncils.sg/goodenglish/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information">https://www.languagecouncils.sg/goodenglish/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information</a>. All students, their parents, and teachers are invited to send in nominations for the Teaching Award to the Principal by <a href="mailto:6.5.2">6.5.</a> p.m. on Monday 27 March 2023.

#### Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award



The *Arif Budiman* Malay Language Teacher Award recognises Malay Language teachers from primary and secondary schools, junior colleges, and Millennia Institute who have made significant contributions to the teaching of the Malay Language. These teachers instil knowledge, skills and interest in the learning of the Malay language, literature and culture, as well as their care and concern for the well-being of their students and demonstrates the values of *Arif Budiman*, a learned person who contributes to society through excellent and exemplary service as an educator.

The *Arif Budiman* Malay Language Teacher Award 2023 is open for nomination till **Friday 31 March 2023**. Nomination form can be downloaded from <u>www.mbms.sg</u>, <u>www.mllpc.sg</u>, and <u>www.beritaharian.sg</u>; or made online via <a href="https://go.gov.sg/agab2023">https://go.gov.sg/agab2023</a>.

#### **Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers' Award**

The Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers' (MITT) Award recognises Tamil Language (TL) teachers in primary and secondary schools, junior colleges and Millennia Institute who have made significant contributions to the teaching and learning of TL. These teachers nurture students' interest in Tamil language by using innovative methods to make lessons more engaging and demonstrate a keen interest in students well-being and inspire students to be self-directed and engaged learners.

The nomination form can be obtained from school or downloaded from <a href="www.tllpc.sg">www.tamilmurasu.com.sg</a>. Nominations can also be made online at <a href="https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2023-form-el">https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2023-form-el</a> till <a href="mailto:Monday 10 April 2023">Monday 10 April 2023</a>.



## **Public Holidays and Major School Events**

We would like to share with you the School Calendar for 2023. The dates below are subject to change and parents are advised to take note of changes/updates through Parents Gateway (PG).

Date / Time	Event	Remarks
TERM 1		
8 Mar (Wed)	Experience Day	-
11 Mar (Sat) to 19 Mar (Sun)	TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	No school for all levels.
TERM 2		
7 Apr (Fri)	Public Holiday (Good Friday)	No school for all levels. School is closed.
24 Apr (Mon)	School Holiday (Hari Raya Puasa Day in-lieu)	No school for all levels. School is closed. SCC & KCare are closed.
1 May (Mon)	Public Holiday (Labour Day)	No school for all levels. School is closed.
24 May (Wed)	Experience Day	-
26 May (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Meeting	No school for all levels. SCC is closed.
27 May (Sat) to 25 Jun (Sun)	TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	No school for all levels.
TERM 3		
29 Jun (Thu)	Public Holiday (Hari Raya Haji)	No school for all levels. School is closed.
3 Jul (Mon)	School Holiday (Youth Day in-lieu)	No school for all levels. SCC & KCare are closed.
21 Jul (Mon)	Emergency Preparedness Exercise (Fire Incident) - Ex RHINOS	-
31 Jul (Mon) to 2 Aug (Wed)	P5 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp	-
8 Aug (Mon)	National Day Celebration	Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am.
9 Aug (Tue)	Public Holiday (National Day)	No school for all levels. School is closed.
10 Aug (Wed)	Scheduled School Holiday (Day after National Day)	No school for all levels.
15 Aug (Tue) to 16 Aug (Wed)	PSLE Oral Exam	No school for P1 to P5 students.
30 Aug (Wed)	Experience Day	-
31 Aug (Thu)	Teacher's Day Celebration	Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am.
1 Sep (Fri)	School Holiday (Teachers' Day)	No school for all levels. SCC & KCare are closed.
2 Sep (Sat) to 10 Sep (Sun)	TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	No school for all levels.

Date / Time	Event	Remarks
TERM 4		
15 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam	No school for P1 to P5 students.
28 Sep (Thu) to 4 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Written Examination	Normal curriculum hours for P1 to P5 students.
5 Oct (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration	Normal curriculum hours for P1 to P6 students.
6 Oct (Fri)	School Holiday (Children's Day)	No school for all levels. SCC and KCare are closed.
16 Oct (Mon) to 18 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Marking Exercise	To be confirmed.
10 Nov (Fri)	KPS Admin Day & 2024 P1 Orientation	No school for all levels.
13 Nov (Mon)	Public Holiday (Deepavali in-lieu)	No school for all levels. School is closed.
15 Nov (Wed)	Experience Day	-
17 Nov (Fri)	Prize Giving & P6 Graduation Day	No school for all levels.
18 Nov (Sat) to 31 Dec (Sun)	END OF YEAR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	No school for all levels.

