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From the Principal's Desk...

IN TOUCH 05/2018

Dear Parents,

This will be the last issue of the In Touch before we go for our mid-term break. I am proud to share that we have started the year well. Our students have done the school proud by achieving stellar performances in the academic, performing arts and sporting arena. These include achievements in the Singapore Youth Festival Presentation, Odyssey of the Mind and the Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council Competitions. The school will continue to provide support and create opportunities for our students to “aspire and achieve”.

For the P1 students who have just started their educational journey with us, I am glad to see that most if not all have made a smooth transition to BPPS. It is heartening to see them learning new skills, gaining independence and building new friendships.

Thank you very much for the support. I wish you and your family, a rejuvenating mid-term break.

P5 and P6 English Language and Mathematics Sharing for Parents

The English and Mathematics Department jointly organised a sharing for our Primary 5 and Primary 6 Parents on 6th April 2018.

The English Department shared writing strategies which students can use to enhance their writing. The department also shared some oral skills and areas which students could work on to improve their oracy skills. The Mathematics Department shared the S.U.P.E.R. approach which is used by our Mathematics teachers to help students understand and analyze the various ways of solving Mathematics problems.

We hope to see more parents attending similar sharing sessions conducted by the school in future so that the strategies used in school can also be reinforced at home to benefit the children more.

Hosting Educators from Queensland, Australia

BPPS hosted 16 principals from Queensland, Australia, on 6th April 2018. They were keen to find out how schools in Singapore nurture and develop their students holistically. The visitors observed some of our teachers in action and were also brought for a school tour where they interacted with some of our students. They were impressed by our students who are spontaneous, confident and articulate.



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Earth Day

“End Plastic Pollution” is the theme for Earth Day this year. In BPPS, we created the awareness of conserving and protecting planet Earth by engaging our students meaningfully with a series of activities that led up to the commemoration of Earth Day on 22nd April.

These activities include:

- Pets Day
- Photo booth
- Quiz for pupils
- Plastic upcycling
- Assembly programmes
- Reciting the Earth Day Pledge

Today’s students are tomorrow’s leaders. It is of utmost importance that our students are taught to be kind to animals and to love the environment for a sustainable future.

Pictures of Earth Day@BPPS can be found using the QR code below:



International Friendship Day (Updates)

International Friendship Day was commemorated in BPPS from 2nd to 6th April. It was an exciting week for the students as fun-filled programmes were lined up for them during their assemblies and recesses.

We would like to thank all BPPS staff and PSG members for the support they had shown in contributing to the success of this event. We would also like to thank the following students for their enriching sharing on ASEAN countries with their schoolmates during the morning assemblies.

Name	Class	Country presented	Name	Class	Country presented
Lucas Lim	2G	Cambodia and Myanmar	Liew Yee Jay	6F	Thailand and Philippines
Jovi Goh	2G		Ang Ee Erne	6F	
Chi Xin Hui	2G		Joanne Oh	6F	
Veronique Wong	2G		Dong Kaixi	6F	
Randall Siow	4A	Singapore and Malaysia	Cyrus Goh	6G	Laos and Vietnam
Ho Shu Han	4A		Laavanya Sundaravel	6G	



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2018 “Awe-Inspiring Virtue and Ocean of Wisdom” National Calligraphy Competition

This competition aims to promote the culture and art of Calligraphy in Singapore. Participants were assessed based on their use of hard-tipped pen and their proficiency in Calligraphy.

Twenty BPPS students were shortlisted from over 2000 participants for the finals, which was held on 14th April 2018. We are pleased to announce that two of our students won the Merit Award.

The proud winners are:

- LIM ZU'ER ZOEY (5A) &
- WONG JIA MIN PRISLEY (6E)

OPS BACA Competition 2018

OPS BACA programme aims to heighten awareness and excite students about good reading habits, particularly in the Malay Language. The competition comprises three categories meant for Primary 2 to Primary 4 students.

Students who took part in the competition were required to act out what they had read and comprehended from a book of their choice. Ten of our students participated in the competition which was held on 14th April at Nanyang Community Centre.

Our Primary 2 and 3 students were awarded consolation prizes while our Primary 4 students clinched the 2nd position.

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Muhammad Sa'if Zayyan Bin Shamsuri	2E	Aryan Bin Azrin	3C
Aniqah Falisha Binte Md Danial	2D	Hadi Haziq Bin Mohd Aidil	4C
Azfar Matynn Bin Mohd Azhar	2D	Nur Zuraidah Binte Mohamed Raihan	4D
Aqyl Bin Aminnurasyid	2D	Muhammad Arif Bin Muhammed Tahir	4D
Muhammad Irfan Mirza Bin Mohamed Rashid	3D	Adam Bin Nadzri	4A



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Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition which challenges students to go beyond conventional thinking and incorporate innovative problem solving skills to create original solutions to solve real-world problems.

Our team decided to write and adapt their play based on one of the Chinese classic tales, Journey to the West. To allow audience to relate to their play better, the team ingeniously included a 'Rushomon' spin to it. Their efforts were recognised when our upper & lower primary teams clinched 2nd and 1st position respectively in this competition.

The upper primary team has been invited to represent Singapore in the world finals in the USA where more than 800 teams will pit themselves against one another. This is the second time BPPS has been invited to the world finals.

Team member (Lower Primary)	Class	Team member (Upper Primary)	Class
Chan Kwon Young, Julian	2A	Koh Le Bon	6E
Rae-Ann Cheah Rui En	2B	Jinn Lim Ji Yan	6E
Raihanna Eliza Mcardle	2C	Celeste Niam Xuan Lin	6G
Khor Joon Khaii	2D	Nicole Tan Jingwen	6E
Muhammad Sa'if Zayyan Bin Shamsuri	2E	Laavanya Sundaravel	6G
Lee Zi Xuan	2F	Boon Kelley	5A
Chew Xin Yu, Faith	2G	Cheng Yukai	6G



CCA Achievements

Months of hard work, perseverance and commitment put in by our students, teachers, instructors and parents have finally paid off. They have lived up to the school motto “Endeavour” and not giving up in times of challenges. We are proud to share with you the following CCA achievements.

Wushu

The 14th National Primary Schools Wushu Championship 2018 was held from 19th to 27th March 2018. Our Wushu team clinched a total of 7 medals, comprising one 1st placing, two 2nd placings, two 3rd placings and two 4th placings.

Winners are:

NAME	CLASS	DIVISION	EVENT	POSITION
Lim Tze Kiat Jayden	3C	Junior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Koh Le On (Xu Le'ao)	4B	Junior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Yeo Liaw Jia Yi, Alden	4B	Junior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Lim Jia Jun Eugene	4C	Junior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Erazmo Teo Jin	5B	Junior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Chong Ernest	5C	Junior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Xavier Sim Kai Hing	6D	Senior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Jinn Lim Ji Yan	6E	Senior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Law Cheuk Hong	6F	Senior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Zachariah Loy Yiqi	6F	Senior Boys	Group Weapon	3rd
Tey Kay Eng	6G	Senior Girls	24-Style Taijiquan	4th
			42-style Taijijian	5th
Jeremy Yeo	6C	Senior Boys	24-Style Taijiquan	4th
			Group Weapon	3rd
Koh Le Bon	6E	Senior Boys	5-Duan Changquan	2nd
			5-Duan Broadsword	1st
			5-Duan Cudgel	2nd
			Group Weapon	3rd



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Chinese Dance

The members of the Chinese Dance participated in this year's Singapore Youth Festival Chinese Dance category and clinched the SYF Certificate of Distinction award.

Members are:

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Lim Tze Xuan	4A	Boon Kelley	5A	Lee Yong En	6B
Koh Jia Pei Fiona	4B	Channer Lim Zi Xin	5A	Martin Tan	6C
Luo Zi Xuan	4B	Joraine Tan Si Xuan	5A	Jayla Goh Qin Yi	6D
Tong Yu Xuan	4B	Aw Yuhui Sherise	5B	See Qi Yi	6D
Yow Lok mann	4B	Chin Le Xuan	5B	Yau Jing Xue, Kelis	6D
Ching Sze Min, Amanda	4C	Ee Jay	5B	Ho Qian Hui Ruth	6E
Goh Yen Xuan	4C	Foo Yi Ting	5B	Loo Brandon	6F
Jabez Jeavan	4C	Kaitlyn Ma YuRui	5B	Huang Yi Jia	6G
Toh Yan Shan Felicia	4C	Kee Ting Wei	5B	Rainie Woon Rui Ning	6G
Yew Jia Le, Laura	4D	See Jing Xun	5C		
Aw Wen Hui Sherbell	4D	Paris Ng Ying Ting	5D		
Phoebe Ang Shi Ying	4E	Chloe Goh Qian En	5E		

Malay Dance

The members of the Malay Dance participated in this year's Singapore Youth Festival Malay Dance Category and clinched the SYF Certificate of Distinction.

Members are:

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Nur Sarah Ellyana Binte Ahmad Farhan	3E	Hannah Insyirah Binte Jubri	6B
Nur Ellyana Ameera Binte Syed Sulaiman	3E	Kyra Amelia Binte Mustaffa	6C
Nur Sufeah Binte Muhammad Nursham	3D	Marissa Binte Mohamad Yusoff	6B
Nur Hasyira Binte Noor Haizad	3F	Nur Irah Zahirah Binte Mohd Rahim	6B
Nur Aliah Binte Mohd Asshur	4C	Emilia Nur Halim Klaseboer	6D
Nur Zuraidah Binte Mohamed Raihan	4E	Weeratunge Sarisha Dinandee Perera	6D
Jiffie Yanti Binte Mohammad Fairuzi	4D	Nur Farah Farisha Binte Imam Mujtahid	6E
Sarah Anisah Binte Muhammad Hidayat	4D	Nur Hasyifa Binte Noor Haizad	6B
Syazana Rauqa Qaliesa Aiman	4F		
Sharifah Qarmilla Binte Alfian	4D		

Please use the QR codes for photos of the various clubs:



Wushu



Chinese Dance



Malay Dance



Indian Dance

The members of the Indian Dance participated in this year's Singapore Youth Festival 2018 (Art Presentation) – Indian Dance Category and clinched the SYF Certificate of Accomplishment.

Members are:

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Preeti Sundaravel	3A	Peck Yi Xin (Bai Yixin)	5A
Ritika D/O Ranvijay	3B	Qurratu Ain Binte Mohamad Faizal	5B
Devendra Thashaayinie	3B	Vadivel Pavithra	5C
Nurfatin Humairah D/O Abdul Shameer	3B	Thulasiraman Nikhita	5D
Parab Kabir Vijay	3C	Anisha Zahra Mohamed Sulaiman	5E
Jabez Jeevan Marcus	4D	Chang Min Xuan	6A
Lim Jia Xuan Rachel	4E	Samayra	6C
Lim Tuong Vy	4F	Manasvini Mendu	6C

Choir

The members of the Choir participated in this year's Singapore Youth Festival 2018 (Arts Presentation) - Choir Category (Primary School Level) and clinched the SYF Certificate of Accomplishment.

Members are:

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Low En, Grace (Liu En)	3A	Jessica Quek	4F
Nicole Ong Zixuan	3A	Aaralyn Ang Rui Yi	5A
Rakesh Jatin	3A	Soh Ming Hui	5A
Dhanya D/O Gopalan	3B	Teoh Yu Xi	5A
Jasper Soh Zhi Bang	3B	Toh Zi Xuan, Kerrolyn	5B
Uma Aleya Binte Md Fauzi	3B	Yeo Kai Yan	5B
Wong Sze Qi, Raeanne	3B	Wong Xin Yi	5C
Wu Si Hui , Andrea	3B	Leow En Yi	5D
Ho Idella	3C	Deepa D/O Gopalan	6C
Levonne Then Ruo Ling	3C	Jocelyn Quek	6D
Ho Yi Xuan	3D	Kendra Lim En Hwee	6D
Lim Li Ying	3D	Ng Zheng Hao Bryan	6D
Ng En Ling Randy	3D	Sakthi D/O Pandian	6D
Nicholas Yap Han Yuan	3D	Andrea Loh Yin Tong	6E
Xander Toh Ik Rayy	3D	Chanelle Lim Zi En	6E
Xu Xiaohan	3D	Chang Le-Enn	6E
Vernon Wee Xin Jun	3F	Ng Zong Heng	6E
Kartha Jeremiah Jeevan	4A	Zhou Qianqian	6E
Sik Ting En (Xue Ting'en)	4A	Lai Yong Yan	6F
Goh Jun Le, Javier	4B	Caroline Cai Minzhen	6G
Tan Ze Xuan, Hagen	4B	Lea-Anne Hoe En Le	6G
Chin Yan Yu	4C	Wong Yu Qing, Skyler	6G
Chloe Tiong Tze Shuen	4C	Yeo Khai Kiat, Gabriel	6G
Alexis Chee Yan Han	4D		



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Modern Dance

The members of the Modern Dance participated in this year's Singapore Youth Festival 2018 (Arts Presentation) – International Dance Category and clinched the SYF Certificate of Distinction.

Members are:

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Nikki Tan Jiaru	3A	Chia Yu En	5D
Joelle Liew En Yu	3B	Gladis Ong Xin Yi	5E
Shernaz Chew Zhi Xuan	3B	Ng Wee Shuan	6A
Passion Chng Pei Xuan	3B	Irfath Irshana d/o Rias	6C
Shazmeennisa Binte Mohamed Ibrahim Musa	3C	Tan Xuan Ru, Elicia	6C
Alicia Tan Ler Yun	4D	Choy Wen Hui, Judith	6D
Irsa Ayra Binte Mohammed Sharazin	4E	Megan Ching Sze Ean	6D
Charmaine Sim Kai Xin	4F	Alyssa Mahtani Kaiting	6E
Jovial Ng Ruo Wei	5A	Goh Yi Xuan, Eunice	6E
Shirmaine Koh Cui Lay	5B	Sim Wan Ting, Geraldine	6E
Vanessa Boo	5C	Sim Kai Xin, Sherise	6G

School Band

Our school band participated in the SYF 2018 Arts Presentation (Band - Brass Ensemble). Under the tutelage of Mrs Chia Meow Hiang and Mr Pisit Piriyaorn, the School Band clinched the SYF Certificate of Accomplishment.

Members are:

NAME	CLASS	NAME	CLASS
Oh Wen Zhe, Warren	4B	Sammi Lin Hui'en	6A
Chew Sheng Xuan	4D	Theodore Zion Ong Xian	6A
Tan Jing Xuan, Kylie	5A	Thng Kai Xin Alicia	6C
Heng Jing Jing, Tertia	5A	Cheong Jun Meng	6C
Liu Minhui	5B	Espaldon Joben Nazarene Rabano	6C
Ilya Auni Binte Mohammed Sharazin	5D	Dave Karyadi	6D
Tan Hee	5D	Edison Ng Kai Le	6D
Keith Oh Xin Wei	5E	Ammarr Ali Mohamed Sulaiman	6E
		Yuan Hao Zhe	6G

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Parent-Teacher Dialogue

The school will be holding its second Parent-Teacher Dialogue (PTD) session for parents/guardians of Primary 1 to Primary 6 students on 25th May 2018 from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. There will not be any school for the students on this day.

The objectives of the PTD session are to provide a platform for parents and teachers to discuss the progress of your children. We also hope to foster stronger collaboration between the school and parents.

To facilitate our preparation, parents have to book their appointments with the teachers through the Asknlearn portal from 11th May to 20th May 2018. Instructions on how to access and make an appointment using the system can be found at <http://bukitpanjangpri.moe.edu.sg/partners-corner/parents-as-partners>. All Mother Tongue teachers will be seated in the hall and they will be seeing parents on a first-come, first-served basis. Hence, no appointment needs to be made with any MT teachers via AsknLearn.

We also seek your cooperation to be punctual and keep to the allocated time. If you are driving, please park your vehicle at the nearby HDB car parks.

Supplementary classes for Primary 6 during June Holidays

Primary 6 students will be having their supplementary classes on the last week of the June holidays. The subjects covered are English Language, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue Languages.

These supplementary lessons are planned to help better prepare our students for their upcoming PSLE. As such, we require your support in ensuring that your child attends the supplementary classes regularly and punctually.

Consent forms will be issued to our students at a later date.

CCA Stand down for Primary 6 Pupils

With the Competition Season for Sports and SYF Showcase for Performing Arts coming to an end, all Primary 6 students are not required to participate in CCAs by the end of Term 2.

Programmes/activities related to different academic subjects will be organised to engage our Primary 6 students on Friday mornings during the CCA periods.

We thank all our Primary 6 students for their contributions in their CCAs and wish them all the best in the coming PSLE Examinations.



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Security of school and safety of pupils

For security reasons, parents/guardians are not allowed into the school premises unless for official reasons. Parents/Guardians delivering lunch to the children/wards should make prior arrangements with their children to collect the lunch box at the designated school gates.

Parents who are driving to fetch their children after school dismissal are reminded to fetch them at Gate B.

We seek your understanding in making the school a safe and secure environment for our students.

'BPPS for Club Rainbow' Donation Drive

The BPPS Prefectorial Board will be holding a donation drive for Club Rainbow, a charity dedicated to help children with various chronic and life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Chronically-ill young patients require long-term medication, complicated therapy and frequent visits to hospitals for treatment. Club Rainbow helps these children and their families in many ways including providing them with medical and educational support.

Like our students in BPPS, the children with Club Rainbow also have dreams and aspirations. All of us can play our part to help these children and their families overcome challenges and adversities by donating to Club Rainbow's cause.

'BPPS for Club Rainbow' Donation Drive will be held from **Monday, 21 May 2018 to Friday, 25 May 2018.**

There are two ways to make your donations – In-kind Donations and Monetary Donations.

In-kind Donations

For in-kind donations, you may wish to contribute the following items:

Item	Brand	Stage	Weight	Flavour
Milk Powder	Similac Gain IQ	3	1.6kg	-
	Similac Gain IQ	4	1.6kg	-
	Pediasure	-	850g	Vanilla
	Ensure	-	850g	Vanilla

OR

Item	Brand	Type	Size
Diapers	Tena Slip	Adult	Small/ Medium
	Drypers /Mamypoko Tape/Pants	Unisex	L/ XL/XXL

Kindly ensure that donated items have **at least 6 months before their consume-by date.** Donated items may be deposited at the Collection Area in front of the school canteen. Our prefects will be there to assist you in the morning.



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Monetary Donations

If you wish to make a monetary contribution, you may place any amount of money in a sealed envelope. Students may drop the sealed envelope into the Club Rainbow donation box which will be placed in the General Office from **Monday, 21 May 2018 to Friday, 25 May 2018**.

For parents who wish to obtain tax deduction for their monetary donations, you may make your donation via cheque and drop the cheque into the donation box. Please make your cheque payable to "Club Rainbow (Singapore)" and on the back of the cheque, please write your name, NRIC number and contact details.

We hope that you will support this cause and make the lives of these children and their families better through your contribution in this donation drive.

If you would like to reach out to the children helped by Club Rainbow, you can always visit Club Rainbow's website at <http://www.clubrainbow.org>. If you have any queries, do feel free to approach any of the prefects to clarify your doubts.



Sharing

Article taken from schoolbag.sg

It's going to be a messy, messy world

Mr Ho Kwon Ping addresses the crowd of educators at the Education and Career Guidance Seminar 2017. As parents and educators, what can we do to help our children thrive? Mr Ho Kwon Ping, Chairman of Singapore Management University and Banyan Tree Holdings, shares his insights.



“By the time a student graduates, half of the jobs that exist today will not even exist anymore. And half of the jobs [he might] work in haven't been created.”

This will be the impact of digital disruption in the future.

“[The future world] is not going to be a world where [just] a set curriculum in school can help young people adjust...”

As educators (or parents), what can we do to prepare our students to face such messiness and unpredictability in the future?

Build up strong values in them

“It's going to be unimaginable.” Mr Ho was referring to the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI). That is why it's important that we help our children develop values such as discipline and resilience. “They will have to acquire unknown skills that you cannot teach them, overcome undefined challenges... and values will provide the constancy as they navigate uncharted paths.”

Teach them to ask “why?”

“We talk so much about [encouraging] innovation in Singapore,” Mr Ho says. “But [to do this], we have to encourage our students to ask ‘why’ until they get an answer they are truly satisfied with, not an answer that's ‘correct’ or ‘incorrect’.”

Help them learn the rules (even if they eventually break them)

Thinking of breaking out of the box? Know its structure, the shape and material it is made of, first. “You must learn everything that's in the curriculum.... unless you do, and truly master it, you cannot break from it and innovate.”

Encourage purposeful exploration

“Everything you do in life has consequences [for] you in the future. And young people need to be told that. Too often, they just meander around. They don't recognise that you are always the total, net result of everything you have been before.”



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Mentor them

What's one thing that AI can never replace? It is our human ability to connect with one another. Jobs that require face-to-face interactions, such as nursing or tennis coaches, will have a better chance in the future world. Students will need "a warm fuzzy body — a teacher who hugs you when you are down, and encourages you when you do well".

The quotes were taken from Mr Ho Kwon Ping's keynote speech at last year's Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Seminar. The seminar is a networking platform for teachers and ECG practitioners to share best practices and gather insights on ECG issues.

Thank you.

Buckthan Seelan
Principal

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love ~ Lao Tzu