

17 March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we start Term 2, we would like to warmly welcome all our students and staff back to school. We hope that you and your child/ward had a restful March break. Meaningful programmes will still be planned this term to provide all Yuhualites with a positive school learning experience.

With the start of Term 2, we would also like for you to iterate two Growth Mindset messages to your child/ward together with us - 'My good efforts and attitude make all the difference.' and 'I can learn from my mistakes and be even better.' - to encourage him/her to possess a growth mindset and build resilience when they face any challenges. The school believes that with a growth mindset, all Yuhualites will be able to ACHIEVE, develop their talents and interests, and fulfill their potential.

As we strive towards building a stronger home-school partnership with you, we also hope that the strategies and information shared during our Parents' Engagement Sessions in Term 1 have been useful for you to help support your child/ward in his/her learning. These resources are also made available on our school website (under our 'Parents Engagement Information' tab). Towards the end of Term 2, we will also be holding a Parent-Teacher-Child Conference and hope that you will be able to join us to discuss about the growth and development of your child/ward. We are confident that with your continuous support, we will be able to grow the hearts and minds of our students well.

We would also like to welcome the following new staff to our Yuhua Family:
Mrs Denise Kee (Year Head for Middle Primary), Mdm Liu Jia, Ms Tan Fang Ni, Mr Irfan Silalahi and Ms Jonnalyn Teo. As MOE continues to post more teachers to us, there may be some adjustments to your child's/ward's class timetable to provide better support for his/her learning.

Key Highlights for Term 2

Annual Prize-Giving Day 2023

Annual Prize-Giving Day (APGD) will be held on Friday, 5 May 2023 to celebrate and affirm the good academic performance and outstanding character of our students based on their efforts in 2022. This year, we are delighted to be able to extend invitations to parents/guardians of prize winners to join us in our face-to-face celebrations. APGD will be held in our school hall. Concurrently, Yuhualites will partake in segments of the ceremony via Zoom or Facebook Live from their classrooms.

The theme for this year's APGD is 'Every Yuhualite Can ACHIEVE'. ACHIEVE is the acronym of the Yuhua Primary student framework that undergirds our school's programmes and enactment of positive lifelong learning practices.



The day's activities and showcases will unpack further the 21 desired behavioural indicators and outcomes for our students while motivating them to strive towards the demonstration of these desired behaviours and dispositions.

Home-Based Learning Day

Home-Based Learning Day will be held for all P1 to P6 students on Friday, 26 May 2023. Through meaningfully designed lessons by our teachers, we would want to provide opportunities for our students to learn from and beyond the curriculum, apply the knowledge and skills that they have acquired to complete the tasks assigned, and progressively build their 21st century competencies and dispositions to develop them to become independent, self-directed and lifelong learners. This will also be a good opportunity for our students to leverage technology for their self-directed learning.

The assignments will be shared with your child/ward through the Student Learning Space (SLS) portal on the actual day. The SLS guide for parents' reference is also available on our school website (under our 'General Information > Student Learning Space' tab) should your child face any technical issues on that day.

Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)

We are dedicating Friday, 26 May 2023 for parents to discuss the progress and growth of our children during PCTC with our teachers and students. Based on positive feedback from parents, we will continue to provide face-to face and virtual meeting platform options for parents who wish to meet our teachers. More details about the PCTC will be provided at a later date.

National Digital Explorer (NDE) 2023 for Primary 4 Students

Jointly organised by Crescent Girls' School and ICDL Asia, the world's leading computer skills certification, National Digital Explorer is a nationwide digital literacy initiative designed to promote the self-directed learning of baseline ICT skills, with a focus on the effective use of office productivity tools to nurture future-ready students for the modern workplace.

As an extension of the school's FLIGHT programme, our Primary 4 students will be taking part in this programme in Term 2. Each P4 student will be provisioned with an account on the ICDL eLearning platform to access a range of eLearning content and activities to build their ICT knowledge and skills progressively. They will complete the eLearning at their own pace using digital learning devices at home. Our teachers will keep pace with the students, monitor their rate of completion and guide them towards attainment.

More details about the implementation as well as student accounts will be shared with you through our P4 Form Teachers.

Primary 6 Holiday Programme

To help support our Primary 6 students in bridging their learning gaps, targeted revision classes will be conducted for them on 22 and 23 June 2023 (Thursday & Friday). More details will be shared with you at a later date.

Primary 3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) - Screening and Selection Exercises

P3 GEP Screening and Selection Exercises are conducted annually for the Primary 3 cohort nationwide. The above will be conducted during curriculum time for P3 students who are interested to take part in the Exercise.

Kindly note the schedule:

- a) GEP Screening Exercise – 17 August 2023 (Thursday)
- b) GEP Selection Exercise – 17 and 18 October 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

2023 Dates for Primary 6 Preliminary Examinations and PSLE

As mentioned during the P6 Parent Engagement, dates of Preliminary and PSLE Examinations will be shared with you so that you can support your child's/ward's learning better. Apart from encouraging our P6 students to develop a growth mindset, it is also important to pay attention to their well-being and health. Do continue to partner us to develop our children to ACHIEVE their potential.

Date	Preliminary & PSLE Examinations
20 July and 21 July (Thurs & Fri)	Prelim Oral - EL and MTL
28 July (Fri)	Prelim Listening Comprehension - EL & MTL
15 August (Tues)	PSLE Oral (Day 1)
16 August (Wed)	PSLE Oral (Day 2)
17 August (Thurs)	Prelim Higher MTL Paper 1 & Paper 2
18 August (Fri)	Prelim EL Paper 1 and Paper 2
21 August (Mon)	Prelim Mathematics Written Papers
22 August (Tues)	Prelim MTL Paper 1 and Paper 2
23 August (Wed)	Prelim Science Written Papers
15 September (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension - EL & MTL
28 September (Thurs) to 4 October (Wed)	PSLE Written Examinations

Examination dates for PSLE 2023 can also be found at <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle>

Road Safety

Safety of our students is always our topmost priority. We would like to seek the cooperation and kind understanding of all parents/guardians to use the pedestrian crossings in front or around the school and not to jaywalk across the roads with your child/ward to access the school gates.

We would also like to appeal to all parents/guardians who drive, to use the HDB carpark next to the school (next to HDB Blk 250 where the school's Gate 5 is located nearby) as a pick-up or drop-off point for your child/ward. Parents/Guardians should not park/stop their vehicles in front of the school along Jurong East St 24 to pick up or drop off your child/ward. Not only is it illegal, it also poses grave danger to our children, pedestrians and other road users.

In the event of inclement weather, parents/guardians are allowed to drive into the school compound to drop your child/ward off at the school's foyer. Please drive with care and observe instructions given by our security officers/staff on duty especially when there are also staff members trying to park in the school's carpark during the morning peak arrival timings. To ensure a smooth drop-off for your child/ward, please ensure that he/she has his/her belongings with him/her in the car, and is ready to alight on his/her own when the vehicle comes to a halt. We strongly discourage parents from alighting from their vehicles during the drop-off in the school as that will further hold back the traffic. Your kind understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

Punctuality

A big part of your child's/ward's education with us is learning to be responsible. We are heartened by the support of parents/guardians who ensure that our children not only attend school regularly but arrive in school punctually every day. These behaviours are ways our Yuhualites can demonstrate responsibility and self-discipline.

We seek the continued support of all parents/guardians to ensure that our children get to enjoy a positive school experience from the start of the day. This includes teaching and guiding him/her to have good preparation and organisational skills that will help him/her to get out of bed early on a school day, wash and dress up, have breakfast and travel to school in a timely manner. Packing his/her school bag and laying out his/her school uniform the night before would also help.

Please partner us in ensuring all the students arrive in school by 7.25 am or earlier daily, as the Flag Raising Ceremony starts sharply at 7.30 am. Students who are early and punctual get to settle down faster and are more ready to learn. Constant late-coming, on the other hand, is not a positive habit to develop and there will be implications to your child's/ward's overall holistic development if not corrected.

Cyberbytes for Parents

Singapore kids are among the most Internet-savvy in the world. Even back in 2008, the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore's statistics showed that some 98 per cent of teenagers were already using the Internet. It might be good to ask, "What's the average amount of time my child spends on the internet every day?"

While there is nothing wrong with the use of technology, long hours at the computer, on a mobile device or on television can become a problem. There are some warning signs we ought to look out for in our children:

- He/she is constantly online.
- He/she is visibly irritable or feels restless when attempting to cut down or stop gaming/online activities.
- He/she uses gaming/online activities as a way of escaping from problems.

To understand more about your child/ward's behaviour and share your concerns with them, you can:

- identify specific behaviours and discuss a realistic duration for his/her screen time,
- encourage him/her to participate in outdoor activities with you, and
- praise them when you see him/her putting in effort to change his/her habits.

Related content can be found on Health Hub (<https://go.gov.sg/healthhub-screentime>).

Term 2 – Yuhua Primary School’s Calendar of Activities

The list of activities and dates of examinations are included for your reference. Should you need further clarification, please speak to your child/ward’s teachers or contact the General Office at 6560 5062.

Wk	Date	Time	Activity / Event	Venue	Target Group
1	20 Mar (Mon) & 22 Mar (Wed)	Curriculum Time	Class Photo-Taking (Students to don full school uniform)	School	All Students
	22 Mar (Wed) to 24 Mar (Fri)	Curriculum Time	P4 Museum-based Learning Journey (Selected P4 classes on different days)	Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery	All P4 Students
	23 Mar (Thu)	Curriculum Time	P5 Internationalisation Programme (Hosting Students & Teachers from Hong Kong)	School	All P5 Students
	23 Mar (Thu) to 24 Mar (Fri)	Curriculum Time	P6 Museum-based Learning Journey (Selected P6 classes on different day.)	Asian Civilisation Museum	All P6 Students
3	7 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday (Public Holiday)			
6	24 Apr (Mon)	Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday Day Off-in-lieu)			
	28 Apr (Fri)	Curriculum Time	P5 Museum-based Learning Journey (Selected P5 classes on different day.)	Indian Heritage Centre	P5 Students
7	1 May (Mon)	Labour Day (Public Holiday)			
	5 May (Fri)	7.30 am – 10.30 am	Annual Prize-Giving Day 2023 (More details to be given at a later date)	School	All Students
8	8 May (Mon) to 12 May (Fri)	Curriculum Time	Term 2 Review Test Week	School	P3 – P6 Students
10	25 May (Thu)	Curriculum Time	Last Day of School (Use Our Hands Campaign – Bring a clean rag to clean up the classroom)	School	All Students
	26 May (Fri)	-	Home-Based Learning Day	-	All Students
			Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (More details to be given at a later date)	School	Parents & Students
-	22 Jun (Thu) & 23 Jun (Fri)	Curriculum Time	P6 Holiday Programme	School	All P6 Students
	27 May (Sat) to 25 Jun (Sun)	Mid-Year School Holidays			

Note:

a) **CCA will commence in Week 1.**

b) **After-School Programme (ASP) will commence in Week 2.**

We wish you and your child/ward a meaningful and purposeful Term 2 ahead.

Thank you.

Your Partners-in-Education,

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Principal

Mrs Zoey So
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Vice-Principal (Admin)