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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of our Yuhualites back to school as we embark on Term 4. It is our pleasure to share with you what lies ahead as we journey through the last quarter of the academic year together.

As the students welcome Term 4 with enthusiasm, we are also aware that some may be apprehensive about the upcoming Primary School Leaving Examinations and school-based weighted assessments. We will continue to encourage a Growth Mindset in our students where all Yuhualites know that they can challenge themselves to learn new things and with perseverance, they know they can ACHIEVE at their own readiness levels and learning pace! Through embracing a Growth Mindset, Yuhualites can continue to grow in confidence and understand that they can reach their potential if they believe in themselves and put in the efforts to learn well and eventually flourish in life.

We hope that Term 4 will be one that promises growth, achievement, and the opportunity for our students to shine brightly in their academic pursuits and personal development. We are confident that, with your continued partnership and support, we will be able to provide our students with an enriching and fulfilling educational experience.

On this note, we would also like for you to join us on our official Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/yuhuaprimarieschool/> to find out more about the latest happenings/ events in the school, if you have not already done so.

Key Highlights for Term 4

Tech Play for P1 & P2

Our P1 and P2 students can look forward to 'Tech Play 1 2 3!', a programme specially designed by the ICT Department to kickstart our students in their journey with learning how to code. Learning to code will help our students understand why and how the technology around them operates while fostering critical and computational thinking in them. Students will be using age-appropriate coding kits to learn basic coding skills through technology play.

P3 to P5 Learning Journeys to the Singapore Science Centre

The Science Enrichment Programme at the Singapore Science Centre complements the school's science curriculum with hands-on learning experiences in the centre's specialised teaching laboratories. Tagged to the different science curriculum topics, the school is organising these trips to the Singapore Science Centre so that our children will be able to participate in the science enrichment lessons to help deepen their understanding of the science learning concepts.

InnoMake for P4 to P6

Following their learning at P1 & P2 for 'Tech Play 1 2 3!', our P4 to P6 students will undergo the InnoMake programme to learn more sophisticated and advanced coding skills. P4 and P5 students will have the opportunities to create digital artefacts.

Combined with sensors and other materials, our students will collaborate, build and develop innovative solutions using a pocket-sized computer called the 'Micro:bit'. Our P6 students will also tinkle with an app development software. Using the 5 stages of Design Thinking - Empathise, Define, Ideate, Prototype, and Test, our students will have the opportunity to create a mobile app that value-adds to the user experiences of their target audience.

P5 Camp at MOE Changi Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre (OALC)

Our P5 students' Residential Camp will be conducted from 12 October to 14 October (Thursday to Saturday) at MOE Changi OALC. The camp will be conducted by accredited MOE Outdoor Adventure Educators (OAEs) together with our teachers, using the outdoors as the 'classroom' for learning and development of ruggedness, resilience and cohesion amongst our students. Through this camp, our students will also learn more about themselves, build new friendships amongst their team members and understand the importance of caring for the environment. More details will be provided at a later date.

Environment Education Programme – Develop Eco-Stewardship in our Students

The 'Clean Plate Campaign' and the 'Great Book Swap' are some of the activities carried out by the Environment Education Committee to develop Eco-Stewardship in every Yuhualite. Through these programmes, Yuhualites are given the opportunity to practise and learn more about food waste management, reducing, reusing and upcycling. In the 'Clean Plate Campaign', Yuhualites were encouraged to be active contributors in reducing food waste by finishing all the food they have purchased on their plates. Through the 'Great Book Swap', we hope to cultivate in our students the good habit of reusing items, such as books, instead of buying new ones, and upcycling items such as an old bookshelf, to give it a renewed purpose.

More importantly, we hope to encourage our students to practise sustainability by adopting daily habits and efforts that allow them to be active contributors in playing their part for the environment.

Student Development Matters – Responsible Use of Social Media

In our digital age, the internet provides various opportunities for learning and growth. As we support our students' development, it is crucial to emphasise the importance of monitoring their online activities to mitigate the impact of potential risks. Regularly supervising your child/ ward's internet use allows you to ensure their safety, guide their interactions, and help them make responsible choices online.

Particularly concerning is the use of social media by children. Social media platforms offer connectivity, but they also expose children to various online strangers and dangers. The anonymity of the online realm, exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and privacy concerns can have lasting negative effects on their overall well-being. Conversations about these potential risks, combined with active monitoring and setting age-appropriate boundaries, are essential in fostering a safe online experience.

By staying engaged in your child/ ward's digital life, you can create an environment of trust and respect where they feel comfortable discussing their online encounters with you. Encourage them to report any uncomfortable situations and educate them about responsible online behaviours. The school will also continue to guide our students through our Cyberwellness programmes and Assembly Talks. Together, we can guide all Yuhualites to become adept and responsible digital users and citizens while safeguarding their socio-emotional and psychological welfare.

A Quick Read from the MOE 'SchoolBag' Online Newsletter – '7 Things Every Parent Can Do to Keep Kids Cyber-safe'

The Internet has exacerbated risks like cyberbullying, harmful content, and digital addiction. Do parents '*accept*' or '*fight*' how attractive this cyberspace is to children? What can parents do to keep our children safe? In Schoolbag (The Education News Site), four fathers who work in the technology industry share their tried-and-tested ways to keep their children safe on cyberspace.

Do find out their parenting tips from: <https://go.gov.sg/term4cyberbytes-schoolbag>

Term 4 – Calendar of Activities

The list of activities and dates/ week(s) of weighted assessments or year-end examinations are included for your reference. Details of post-exam activities would be informed at a later date.

We wish you and your child/ ward a fruitful and satisfying Term 4 ahead.

Thank you.

Your Partners-in-Education,

Mrs Ruth Tai
Principal

Mrs Zoey So
Vice-Principal (Acad)

Mr Noah Ong
Vice-Principal (Admin)

**Yuhua Primary School
Calendar of Activities
Term 4, 2023**

Wk	Date	Time	Activity / Event	Venue	Target Group	
1	11 Sept (Mon)	Teacher's Day (School Holiday)				
	15 Sept (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination <i>(P1 to P5 students do not have to report to school. Only P6 Candidates are involved.)</i>				
After School		Science Learning Journey	Singapore Science Centre	4 Kindness & 4 Diligence		
2	19 Sept (Tues)	After School	Science Learning Journey	Singapore Science Centre	3 Kindness & 3 Unity	
	22 Sept (Fri)	After School	Science Learning Journey	Singapore Science Centre	4 Joy & 4 Gratitude	
3	25 Sept (Mon) – 27 Sept (Wed)	PSLE Study Break for P6 Students Only <i>(More details to be provided at a later date for P6 students. All P1 to P5 students to still report for school.)</i>				
	25 Sept (Mon) – 26 Sept (Tues)	After School	P5 End-of-Year Oral Examinations <i>(More details to be provided at a later date)</i>	School	All P5 Students	
	25 Sept (Mon)	After School	Science Learning Journey	Singapore Science Centre	3 Courage & 3 Gratitude	
	28 Sept (Thurs)	-	<i>More details to be provided at a later date</i>	PSLE – Papers 1 & 2 (English Language – Standard/ Foundation)	School	All P6 Students
				Home-Based Learning for P2 Students Only		All P2 Students
	29 Sept (Fri)	-	<i>More details to be provided at a later date</i>	PSLE – Mathematics (Standard/ Foundation)	School	All P6 Students
			Home-Based Learning for P1 Students Only	-	All P1 Students	
4	2 Oct (Mon)	<i>More details to be provided at a later date</i>	PSLE – Papers 1 & 2 (Mother Tongue Language - Standard/ Foundation)	School	All P6 Students	
	3 Oct (Tues)		PSLE – Science (Standard/ Foundation)	School	All P6 Students	
	4 Oct (Wed)		PSLE – Papers 1 & 2 Higher Mother Tongue Language	School	Only P6 Students taking HMTL	
	5 Oct (Thurs)	Curriculum Time	Children's Day Celebrations	School	All Students	

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	6 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day (School Holiday)			
5	9 Oct (Mon)	Curriculum Time	End-of-Year Examination – Paper 1 (English and Mother Tongue Languages)	School	All P3 – P5 Students
	12 Oct (Thurs) – 14 Oct (Sat)	P5 Residential Camp @ MOE Changi Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre <i>(More details to be provided at a later date)</i>			
6	16 Oct (Mon) – 18 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Marking Exercise <i>(All students <u>do not</u> have to report to school)</i>			
	17 Oct (Tues) – 18 Oct (Wed)	Curriculum Time	P3 GEP Selection Exercise <i>(More details to be provided at a later date for selected students)</i>	To be confirmed	Only Selected P3 Students
	19 Oct (Thurs)	Curriculum Time	P3 End-of-Year Oral Examination	School	P3 Students
	20 Oct (Fri)	Curriculum Time	P4 End-of-Year Oral Examination	School	P4 Students
7	23 Oct (Mon)	Curriculum Time	End-of-Year Examination - English Language Paper 2 and Listening Comprehension	School	All P3 – P5 Students
	24 Oct (Tues)	Curriculum Time	End-of-Year Examination - Mathematics	School	All P3 – P5 Students
	25 Oct (Wed)	Curriculum Time	End-of-Year Examination - Mother Tongue Language Paper 2 and Listening Comprehension	School	All P3 – P5 Students
	26 Oct (Thurs)	Curriculum Time	End-of-Year Examination - Science	School	All P3 – P5 Students
	27 Oct (Fri)	Curriculum Time	End-of-Year Examination - Higher Mother Tongue	School	Only P5 Students taking HMTL
9	8 Nov (Wed)	Admin Day <i>(All students <u>do not</u> have to report to school)</i>			
10	13 Nov (Mon)	Deepavali (Public Holiday Off-in-lieu)			
	16 Nov (Thurs)	Last Day of School & P6 Graduation Party <i>(More details to be provided at a later date)</i>			
	17 Nov (Fri)	P1 Orientation for 2024 Cohort <i>(All students <u>do not</u> have to report to school)</i>			
	18 Nov (Sat) to 31 Dec (Sun)	Nov/ Dec School Holidays			

Note:

For Year 2024, Primary 1 students will start school on Tuesday, 2 January 2024 while Primary 2 to 6 students will only start school on Wednesday, 3 January 2024.