



17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

### **Annual Sports Day : 23 Feb 2020 (Sunday)**

Preparations have been in full swing for our upcoming Sports Day. Excitement is building up and the competitive and festive spirit is quite palpable. I do hope you will be present at the **Panasonic Stadium in Shah Alam** this Sunday to support your children. We have already sent out the einvite for this occasion a few days back. **We will begin at 4pm.** All students are expected to be at the stadium by **3:30 pm** to get their attendance marked.

The **Dress Code for Sports Day:** New Sports House T shirt/ School Pants or Culottes/ Black Shoes and socks. We will be handing over the new T-shirts to the students within the next couple of days. Please note that there is no bus going to the venue from school. Students are asked to make their own arrangements.

The TCC had asked for sponsors for water and other canned drinks. As always the TCC works together with the school to provide for refreshments for students as well as parents. TCC will be setting up stalls for food and drinks. Please patronise them as any money they make will ultimately be used for the students or for community service.

### **Covid-19 Update**

Three more Covid-19 (novel coronavirus) cases have been identified in Malaysia, bringing the total number to 22. A few parents have written in to me personally to ask how we are monitoring the situation. I decided to use this newsletter to address all of you. Here is what we have done as a school;

- We have asked all our students if they have been back to China recently. None have, even the two Chinese Nationals who are our students.
- We have enquired with our students if any of their parents have been to China for work or have been exposed to anyone from the region. I have been informed in the negative to this as well.

- We have increased the frequency of cleaning of our common areas and classrooms.
- Hand sanitisers are in place outside every washroom.
- Students have been requested to stay away from school if they have flu like symptoms.
- We send back students should the child feel sick or develop a fever while in school.

Its works as usual in school except for few minor setbacks. We are unable to plan trips frequented by tourists. Trips for our Earth Week are as scheduled. We are hoping once the weather changes in Wuhan and other parts of China, the flu outbreak will subside.

### **Phone APP Use and its monitoring**

We are living in a modern, connected world that is governed by hi-tech gadgets that can access all kinds of information with the touch of a fingertip. Young children are becoming increasingly susceptible to bullying in cyberspace without the knowledge of their parents, guardians or teachers.

With the recent skull breaker challenge being tried out by youngsters (we have already had a case) all around the world without even realising the dangers of it, we as adults **MUST** address, caution and protect our children. Here is a list of 6 Apps every parent should know about

1. HIP: Making it to the top of our list is HIP — Take control of your contact list with hip Crowds. Arrange your contacts into groups and tailor your settings so that you see more of what matters.
2. Snapchat. Facebook is an outdated platform for younger groups.
3. TikTok: All the kids love it, and even some adults use it.
4. Ask fm: Anytime you have an app geared towards adolescents hiding their identity, parents should be worried.
5. Kik: **Kik** is a cross-platform application **used for** communicating with friends in group chats or direct messages. Initially, **Kik** looks just like any other instant messaging service.
6. Tinder: Dating app

There are many more such apps. Please monitor your children's phone apps.

### **Talk on Recycling and Single Use Plastic**

A talk is being held in school on the above topic on **19-Feb-2020 (Wednesday)** in our Multipurpose Hall. The presentation will be broken up into two for primary and secondary students . The speaker is from TAIWAN BUDDHIST TZU-CHI FOUNDATION MALAYSIA (KL & SELANGOR BRANCH) and this talk is being held in association with the TCC. Many thanks for all your help Mr Somanadhan. If parents are interested, they may join in.

#### **Secondary School**

Activity Starting Time: 9:00:00 AM

Activity Ending Time: 10:00:00 AM

#### **Primary School**

Activity Starting Time: 10:15:00 AM  
Activity Ending Time: 10:45:00 AM

That is all for today.

Below are the dates for the activities this term.

*Dates to Remember !*

23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Sun	Annual Sports Day @ Panasonic Stadium
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon	School Holiday in lieu of Sports Day
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tues	Trial I Exams commence (Year 11s)
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Last Day for ECA</b>

Thank you.

**Barnali Guha**