



NEW TOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Another academic year has come to a close. We would like to thank you for your partnership in the holistic development of our students. To continue our communication with you as our partners-in-education, we would like to share the following information with you.

1. Celebrating Learning and Achievements

We are pleased to share with you some of our students' achievements in Term 4.

| Competitions | Achievements |
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| Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 Silver Awards• 11 Bronze awards |
| Raffles Science Olympiad 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Merit Award |
| Singapore Primary Science Olympiad | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Silver Award• 1 Bronze Award• 2 Merit Awards |
| Sportsmanship Award for Netball | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Division• Junior Division |
| Puan Noor Aishah Honour Award for Girl Guides (Brownies) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bronze Award |
| Singapore Youth Festival Certificate of Participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brass Band• Chinese Dance• Choir• Malay Dance• Modern Dance |
| Media Literacy Council Cyber Wellness Challenge 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd Prize in the 'Be Safe' Category |

Our heartiest congratulations to all!

More information on our students' achievements can be found on our school website:
<https://newtownpri.moe.edu.sg/accolades/achievements>.

2. Celebrating our Staff Achievements

National Day Awards

The Singapore National Day Awards recognise various forms of merit and service to Singapore. This year, Mr Low Yew Fai (LT/ Mathematics) received the *National Day 2022 Long Service Medal* and Mdm Noraini Karsani (ST/ Malay Language) received the *National Day 2022 Commendation Medal*. Congratulations for your excellent service!

MOE Service Excellence Awards (MSEA)

The MOE Service Excellence Awards (MSEA) are given to MOE staff who are passionate in their service delivery and consistent in serving customers with C.A.R.E (courtesy, accessibility, responsiveness and effectiveness). We are proud to announce the recipients of the MSEA 2022 from our school. They are:

Platinum Award

- Ms Saratha Devi

Silver Award

- Mdm Guan Sin Loi
- Ms Guo Zhen Zhen
- Ms Ho Si Ying
- Mdm Noraini Karsani
- Mr Tham Yeu Kuan
- Mdm Woon Wei Li

Associate of AST Award 2022

Our heartiest congratulations to the following colleagues for attaining the Associate of AST Award 2022. Thank you for contributing to the professional development of our teachers in the fraternity.

- Miss Chan Jia Yu
- Mdm Hartini Bte Abdul Rahman
- Mdm Koh Choon Hia
- Mdm Lee Poh Geok
- Mdm Lee Yew Fang
- Mrs Lim-Ng Ren Min
- Mr Low Yew Fai
- Mdm Noraini Binte Karsani
- Mdm Nurul 'Ain Aqidah Binte Rosli
- Mdm Siti Mariam Binte Mohd Yussof
- Mdm Tan Yi Hui Joan
- Mdm Woon Wei Li

2022 Innergy Award

The Innergy (Schools) Awards are given out to recognise school-based innovations in the education service. Congratulations to our colleagues in the Brain-based Learning Team for receiving the 2022 Innergy Award (Bronze).

- Mdm Koh Choon Hia
- Mr Michael Long
- Mdm Siti Mariam
- Mdm Woon Wei Li

3. Nomination for the President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2023

Every year, two national awards are given out to teachers in Singapore to recognise their professional excellence. They are the President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA).

President's Award for Teachers (PAT)



The **President's Award for Teachers** gives national recognition to experienced teachers who are role models for the teaching profession. These teachers personify deep passion for teaching and inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds. Nomination for PAT 2023 is now open and will close on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA)

The **Outstanding Youth in Education Award** gives national recognition to young teachers who are role models for the teaching profession. These teachers personify youthful idealism, energy and enthusiasm, and inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds. Educators who are 35 years and younger are eligible for the award. Hence, OYEA 2023 is open to educators who are born on, or after 30 June 1988. Nomination for OYEA 2023 is now open and will close on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

Submission of Nominations for PAT 2023 and OYEA 2023

We would like to encourage you and your child / ward to submit your nomination(s) for any deserving teacher(s) via the URLs or QR codes below.

| PAT 2023 | OYEA 2023 |
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| go.gov.sg/pat2023 | go.gov.sg/oyea2023 |
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4. Teaching and Learning Matters for Year 2023

Weekly Timetable Plan and After-school Programme 2023

To facilitate your planning for your child's after-school arrangements, we have appended below the weekly timetable plan and after-school programmes for 2023, as follows:

Weekly Timetable Plan 2023

| Pd | Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----|---|--|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------|
| | 7.15 a.m. | Assemble for Flag-Raising Ceremony / Attendance Taking / Silent Reading ¹ | | | | |
| | 7.30 – 7.40 a.m. | Flag–Raising Ceremony | | | | |
| 1 | 7.40 – 8.10 a.m. | | Assembly | Enrichment Lessons [P1 & P2] CCAs [P3 – P6] | | |
| 2 | 8.10 – 8.40 a.m. | | FTGP | | | |
| 3 | 8.40 – 9.10 a.m. | | FTGP [For P4 – P6] | | | |
| 4 | 9.10 – 9.40 a.m. | P3 & P4 Recess P6 Snack break ² | | | | |
| 5 | 9.40 – 10.10 a.m. | P1 Recess | | | | |
| 6 | 10.10 – 10.40 a.m. | P2 Recess P5 Recess | | | | |
| 7 | 10.40 – 11.10 a.m. | P6 Recess | | | | |
| 8 | 11.10 – 11.40 a.m. | | | | | |
| 9 | 11.40 a.m. – 12.10 p.m. | | | | | |
| 10 | 12.10 – 12.40 p.m. | Snack Break ² [P1 – P5] | | Snack Break ² [P4 & P5] | Snack Break ² [P1 – P5] | |
| | | | | Lunch [P1] | | |
| 11 | 12.40 – 1.10 p.m. | | | Lunch [P2 – P3] | | |
| 12 | 1.10 – 1.40 p.m. | | | | | |
| 13 | 1.40 – 2.10 p.m. | Dismissal at 1.40 p.m. | | | Dismissal at 1.40 p.m. | |
| | Extended Curriculum, CCA, Remedial & Enrichment | | | Late Day Dismissal at 2.10 p.m. | | |

After-school Programme 2023 [Middle Primary – P3 & P4]

| Level | Prog | Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------|---|------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| P3 | Extended Curriculum | 1.40 – 3.10 p.m. | SDR / RRP³ [1.40 – 2.40] | | Late Day SDR /HMTL [2.10 – 3.10] | SDR / RRP [1.40 – 2.40] | |
| | CCA, Remedial ⁴ & Enrichment | 2.15 – 3.00 p.m. | Remedial | SDEs & Enrichment Prog⁵ (For Selected Students) | | Remedial | CCA sessions⁶ [2.15 to 3.45] (Performing Arts CCA ends at 4.15 pm) |
| | | 3.00 – 3.45 p.m. | Remedial | | | Remedial | |
| | | 3.45 – 4.30 p.m. | | | | | |
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| P4 | Extended Curriculum | 1.40 – 3.40 p.m. | SDR / RRP [1.40 – 2.40] | | Late Day SDR [2.10 – 3.10 pm] HMTL [2.40 – 3.40] | SDR / RRP [1.40 – 2.40] | |
| | CCA, Remedial ⁴ & Enrichment | 2.15 – 3.00 p.m. | Remedial | SDEs & Enrichment Prog⁵ (For Selected Students) | | Remedial | CCA sessions⁶ [2.15 to 3.45] (Performing Arts CCA ends at 4.15 pm) |
| | | 3.00 – 3.45 p.m. | Remedial | | | Remedial | |
| | | 3.45 – 4.30 p.m. | | | | | |
| | | 3.45 – 4.30 p.m. | | | | | |

Notes to Weekly Timetable Plan & After-school Programmes 2023

- Morning Reading Programme: Students are required to bring a story book or recommended reading material.
[Mon to Wed: English Language books; **Thu & Fri:** Mother Tongue Language books]
- All students will have at least one snack break at a stipulated time every day. Students are strongly encouraged to pack dry finger foods, e.g. fruit, bread, biscuits, as well as wet wipes / tissue papers to clean up.
- SDR – School-based Dyslexia Remediation and RRP – Reading Remediation Programme: As these programmes involve a small group of students, they will start immediately after school dismissal, with a snack break incorporated into the lesson. HMTL – Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons. Students will be given a short lunch break prior to lessons
- Remedial is a class-based support programme for selected students conducted by the subject teachers. Notification letter (via Parents Gateway) will be issued by subject teachers.
- Student Development Experiences (SDEs) such as student leadership development programmes and other enrichment programmes (e.g. E2K trainings), will generally be held on Tuesdays. Information on these individual programmes will be given through the registration forms.
- CCA sessions in school will start at 2.15 pm on Fridays. Sports CCA trainings will run from 2.15 to 3.45 pm. Performing Arts CCAs will run from 2.15 to 4.15 pm.
Should CCA Sessions be pivoted online via Zoom, the sessions will run from 3.00 to 4.30 pm.

After-school Programme 2023 [Upper Primary – P5 & P6]

| Level | Prog | Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------|---|------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------|----------|--|
| P5 | Extended Curriculum | 1.40 – 3.00 p.m. | HMTL ³ [2.00 – 3.00] | Extended lessons [1.40 – 2.10] (Students with foundation subj) | Late Day | | Extended lessons [1.40 – 2.10] (Students with foundation subj) |
| | CCA, Remedial ⁴ & Enrichment | 2.15 – 3.00 p.m. | Remedial | SDEs & Enrichment Prog ⁵ (For Selected Students) | | Remedial | CCA sessions ⁶ [2.15 to 3.45] (Performing Arts CCA ends at 4.15 pm) |
| | | 3.00 – 3.45 p.m. | Remedial | | | Remedial | |
| | | 3.45 – 4.30 p.m. | | | | | |
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| P6 | Extended Curriculum | 1.40 – 3.00 p.m. | HMTL ³ [2.00 – 3.00] | Extended lessons [1.40 – 2.10] (Students with foundation subj) | Late Day | | Extended lessons [1.40 – 2.10] (Students with foundation subj) |
| | CCA, Remedial ⁴ & Enrichment | 2.15 – 3.00 p.m. | Remedial | SDEs & Enrichment Prog ⁵ (For Selected Students) | | Remedial | CCA sessions ⁶ [2.15 to 3.45] (Performing Arts CCA ends at 4.15 pm) |
| | | 3.00 – 3.45 p.m. | Remedial | | | Remedial | |

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- 2 All students will have at least one snack break at a stipulated time every day. Students are strongly encouraged to pack dry finger foods, e.g. fruit, bread, biscuits, as well as wet wipes / tissue papers to clean up.
- 3 HMTL – Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons. Students will be given a short lunch break prior to lessons
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5. Home-School Partnership

Advisories on Crime, Drug/Inhalant abuse and Vaping

The above organisations have jointly provided an advisory to remind students to stay away from crime and drug/inhalant abuse, as well as to take measures to prevent themselves from becoming victims of crime during the coming school holidays. In addition, the HPB and HSA have also provided an advisory to remind students of the harmful effects of vaping and that it is illegal, regardless of age. Please refer to the advisories attached.

6. Administrative Matters

Traffic Management, Arrival and Dismissal of Students

Parents are strongly discouraged from alighting or picking up their children outside the school gate near the pedestrian crossing, to avoid traffic congestion along Tanglin Halt Road. This poses a danger to students using the pedestrian crossing from cars negotiating around your parked cars.



With effect from Tuesday, 1 November 2022, parents may drive into the school to alight students at the foyer between 6.45 to 7.30 a.m. Parents must follow the directions provided by the traffic wardens.

| | Arrival of Students | Dismissal of Students |
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| School Days | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (w.e.f. 1 November 2022) Parents may drive into the school to alight students at the foyer between 6.45 to 7.30 a.m.• Parents must follow the directions by the traffic wardens. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All gates are closed till dismissal time.• Parents are advised to wait for their children outside the school (at Gate 1) and at the Parent Waiting Area at Gate 2 and at Gate 3.• The front and back gates are opened for half an hour after dismissal time.• For safety reasons, parents are not allowed into the school for the first ten minutes of the school dismissal.• Parents who drive may enter the school to pick up their children after the school buses have left the school grounds¹ (approximately 20 minutes after dismissal time). |

¹The school main gate will be open for about 30 minutes after dismissal time for parents to drive into the school, e.g., from 2.00pm - 2.30pm if the dismissal time is 1.40pm. Should parents arrive early before the school gates are open, do not stop along the side of the road as this will create traffic congestion.

Purchase of 2023 Textbooks, School Uniform and Physical Education (PE) attire

The sale of textbooks for 2023 will commence from Monday, 14 November to Wednesday, 28 December 2022. Sale of school uniforms has commenced. You are strongly encouraged to make your purchase of textbooks and school uniform online via the URL or QR code below.

| Purchase of School Textbook | Purchase of School Uniform and PE Attire* |
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| www.thecontinental.sg/newtown | www.schooluniforms.sg/new-town-primary-school-0 |
|  |  <small>https://go.gov.sg/schooluniformnewtown</small> |

Note: For school textbooks and uniforms, you may opt for either home delivery or self-collection at school. Self-collection and in-person purchases are **strictly by appointment only. You may book your appointment slot via the QR code below.*

| Booking of appointment for Self-Collection and Walk-In Purchase |
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For more details on the schedule for sales and collection, please refer to the booklist and the dates of uniforms sale that were sent via Parents Gateway on 2 November 2022.

Registration for School Bus Services in 2023

Parents who would like to sign up for school bus services (**for new applications only**) in 2023 may register your interest via the URL or QR code below. Details of the bus fare structure and conditions can be found in the online registration form. Registration will close at 12.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 November 2022.

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| School Bus Registration |
| https://forms.gle/xjCxmA2tjoGgJGxg6 |
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School Uniform and Attire

Every student must be neatly attired and wear their prescribed school uniform with pride. **Modification to the school uniform is not allowed.**

Students can come to school in their Physical Education (PE) attire on days with PAL and/or PE lessons. Students may wear a **plain black or navy-blue** outer wear such as a windbreaker, sweater or cardigan in the morning. The length of their outer wear should not go beyond the hip.

7. School Reopening in 2023

The reopening of schools in 2023 will be staggered for all children in primary schools.

First Day of School for Primary 1 students in 2023

Primary 1 students will report to school on **Tuesday, 3 January 2023**. A Primary 1 student will be allowed to be accompanied by only **one** parent / guardian to help their child/ward adjust to new routines and environment.

First Day of School for Primary 2 to 6 students in 2023

Primary 2 to 6 students will report to school on **Wednesday, 4 January 2023**. Do ensure that your child / ward comes with packed snacks for their snack break on the first day of school. Flag-raising will commence at 7.30 a.m. and students who are not with their form classes during flag-raising ceremony will be considered late.

On subsequent days, all students are encouraged to be with their form classes by 7.15 a.m. for Morning Programme (Reading Programme and Morning Connect). Flag-raising will commence at 7.30 a.m. every morning. This will allow students to ease into the class routines at the start of the day and learning can begin promptly.

Student Health and Well-being

Although Safe Management Measures have been further relaxed, parents should continue to be vigilant and continue to have your children exercise personal hygiene and social responsibility e.g., children not to report to school if unwell when school resumes.

The school will conduct the Temperature-Taking Exercise (TTEEx) conducted twice yearly as we aim to:

- a. maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate temperature-taking regime should there be a need to, and
- b. educate students to take personal responsibility for their own health and practise social responsibility.

The first TTEEx will be conducted on **Wednesday, 11 January 2023**. Students are to bring their oral thermometer for the exercise.

Thank you once again for all your support in recognising the good work of our teachers and in our various school programmes towards the holistic development of our students. We look forward to your continual support as our partners-in-education and would like to wish you and your family a restful holiday. Stay safe and stay strong.

Yours faithfully,

MRS TAN-NG WIE PIN
PRINCIPAL