



OPERA ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Updates: 3/2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Staff Updates

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff who have joined the school.

Name of Staff	Appointment
Miss Nur Aisyah Afiqah Binte Muhammad Hafiz	Teacher

We would also like to bid farewell to the following staff and wish her all the best in her future endeavours:

- Mdm Hafizzah binte Mustafah

2. Nomination for Teacher Awards

As shared on 3 February 2023 in the 2/2023 updates, the following staff awards are still open for you to nominate deserving teachers.

Award name	Description	Submission method and deadline
Inspiring Teacher of English Award	A national award for English teachers in Singapore schools that acknowledges teachers who ignite a love for the English language and are effective in helping their students speak and write accurately.	Download the nomination form at www.goodenglish.org.sg and submit the form to General Office by 27 March, Monday.
Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Award	This award recognises Tamil teachers in Singapore schools who have made significant contributions to the teaching and learning of Tamil.	Online nomination at https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2023-form-tl and https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2023-form-el by 10 April, Monday.
Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award	An annual award which recognises outstanding Malay Language teachers who have made significant contributions to the teaching and learning of Malay language in our schools.	Online nominations one at https://go.gov.sg/agab2023 by 31 March, Friday.

3. Language Week

The school will be conducting its annual Language Week from **20 March, Monday to 24 March, Friday** when school reopens. The theme for this year is "Reading Comes Alive!" Besides promoting a reading culture in the school, this programme aims to enhance the joy of language learning through a variety of exciting and interactive activities organised for the students throughout the week.

Character Day

One highlight of Language Week is the Character Day which is held on **22 March, Wednesday**. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed up as characters from books. Students who dress up are encouraged to bring along the book of the character they are dressed in as they will be required to introduce their characters to their classmates during English or Mother Tongue lessons.

Guidelines:

- The character should originate from a book and not a movie
- The attire should be modest and appropriate
- School shoes are to be worn
- No face paint or make-up allowed
- No weapons or props that might cause injury of any kind
- Students can bring their PE attire to change if there is PE/PAL on that day
- If your child does not want to wear a costume, he/she should be in his/her school uniform

Students will be given a Reading Choice Board with a myriad of activities for them to engage in independently. They are encouraged to complete at least three reading activities in the Reading Choice Board to claim a token. Students will be briefed on the details closer to the event.

4. World Water Day and Earth Hour

We will be commemorating World Water Day and Earth Hour in the first two weeks of Term 2. Through an assembly show and recess activities, the students will learn about Singapore's Water Story and the importance of conserving water in daily living.

To commemorate Earth Hour, we will turn off all lights in school for 30 minutes on 24 March, Friday as a pledge to act towards environmental sustainability.

5. P1 to P6 Cyberwellness Talk

Our Cyberwellness programme aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to harness the power of ICT for positive purposes, maintain a positive presence in cyberspace and be safe and responsible users of ICT.

In Term 2, students will be watching an assembly show titled "Little Red Riding Hood and The Big Bad Cyber Wolf ", which share important tips on balanced screen time and adopting healthy cybersecurity habits. The assembly show complements our CCE-FTGP Cyberwellness lessons which teach the values and skills required to navigate the online space and Cyberwellness week, which will allow students to engage in hands-on games and activities during recess.

6. Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)

To foster strong collaboration with parents, we will be conducting e-PCTC for P2 to P6 levels which will be held on **25 May, Thursday** via an online platform. Each session will last approximately 15 minutes.

For P1 level, the PCTC will be conducted face-to-face on **25 May, Thursday**.

More details will be provided at a later date.

7. Safety in the School Bus

If your child/ward takes the school bus home, kindly remind your child/ward to watch out for his/her safety and maintain discipline throughout the journey. Please remind your child/ward to remain seated and fasten his/her seatbelt throughout the journey to and from school. We will continue to remind students to always look out for their safety. We seek your support and cooperation in reminding your child/ward daily.

8. Attitude of Gratitude (AOG) for School Admin and Operations staff

On **22 May, Monday**, we celebrate the contribution and hard work by the School Admin and Operations staff. Each staff will be presented with a handmade gift drawn by selected students. Opera AOG is our uniquely OEPS gratitude initiative to celebrate and affirm other-centredness. It encourages all stakeholders to show their appreciation to one another and be grateful for the blessing which we have brought to one another.

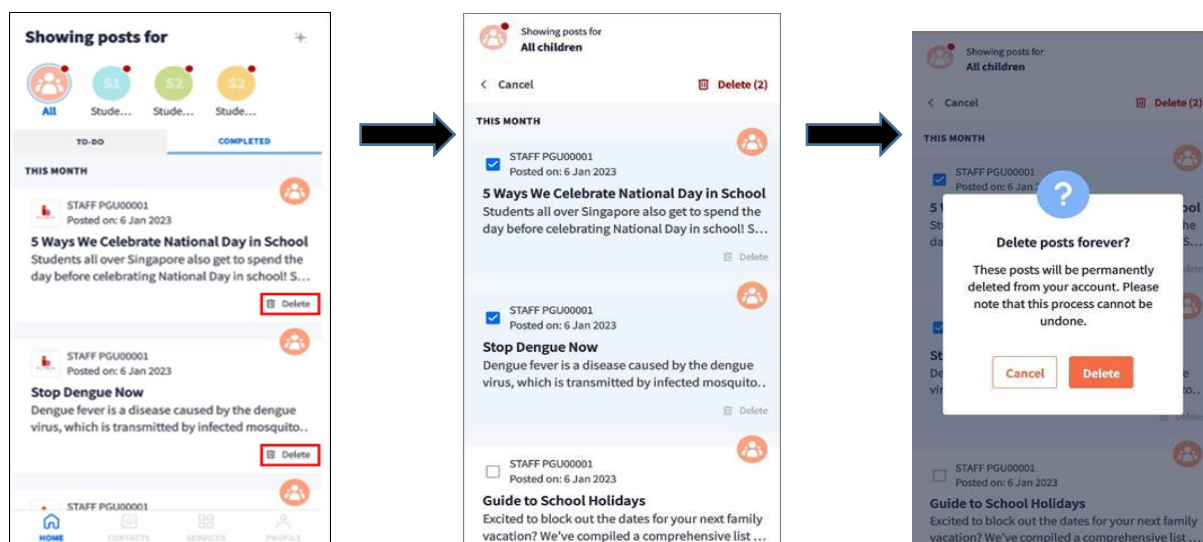
As our partners in education, we would also love to hear from you words of encouragement and appreciation to our staff of OEPS! You can submit your AOG to our staff via this link:

<https://form.gov.sg/5e94f7682b18f50011ee37e1>

We thank you in advance for the AOG messages for staff of OEPS!

9. New Features in Parents Gateway

Parents Gateway has introduced the “Delete” feature on your mobile app in the [Completed] tab. This will allow you to manage the housekeeping of the posts by deleting outdated posts from your PG mobile app. You will be able to select multiple posts for deletion. To enjoy this new feature, please update the Parents Gateway app. Do note the “Delete” option will only be available for posts in the [Completed] tab, so you **will not be able to remove unread** announcements and Meetings/Forms which they have yet to respond to. The diagrams below show a sample of how the ‘Delete’ option is used.



10. Calendar of Activities (Term 2)

The key activities for Term 2 can be found on the next page.

We hope that your child/ward will have an enjoyable break during the March holidays from **11 March, Saturday to 19 March, Sunday.**

We will see your child back in school on **20 March, Monday.**

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TWL' with a stylized flourish.

Mrs Tan Wai Ling
Principal

Calendar of Activities Term 2 2023		
Date	Events/Programme	Level
20 Mar (Mon)	School re-opens for Term 2	All Levels
20 Mar (Mon) onwards	Resumption of CCA <i>*More information will be given by the respective CCA teachers-in-charge.</i>	P3 to P6
20 Mar (Mon) to 24 Mar (Fri)	Language Week <i>*Character day on 22 March, Wednesday</i>	All Levels
20 Mar (Mon) to 31 Mar (Fri)	Commemoration of World Water Day and Earth Hour	All Levels
21 Mar (Tue)	Motivation and Study Skills Workshop (i)	P6
3 Apr (Mon)	International Friendship Day celebration	All Levels
7 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday (Public Holiday)	All Levels
21 Apr (Fri)	Eve of Hari Raya Puasa <i>*Early dismissal for Muslim students and staff @ 10.30 a.m.</i>	All Levels
24 Apr (Mon)	Hari Raya Puasa (School Holiday) <i>*School and Student Care Centre will be closed</i>	All Levels
24 Apr (Mon) to 19 May (Fri)	Opera Got Talent Showcase for P1 to P3	P1 to P3
25 Apr (Tues)	Hari Raya Puasa Celebration in school	All Levels
25 Apr (Tue) to 18 May (Thu)	Learning Reviews <i>*One subject assessment paper per week</i>	P6
1 May (Mon)	Labour Day (Public Holiday)	All Levels
11 May (Thu) to 17 May (Wed)	Weighted Assessments	P3 to P5
19 May (Fri)	Motivation and Study Skills Workshop (ii)	P6
22 May (Mon)	AOG for School Admin and Operation staff	All Levels
25 May (Thu)	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) E-learning Day <i>*All students do not need to report to school</i>	All Levels
27 May (Sat) to 25 Jun (Sun)	Term 2 School Holidays	All Levels
26 Jun (Mon)	School re-opens for Term 3	All Levels