



SBPS/25/046

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### **Open Letter from School Leaders 6/2025**

Dear Parents,

1. We hope you had a wonderful family bonding time over the National Day long weekend.
2. We believe in recognising and celebrating our students' achievements as these are essential elements in fostering motivation and creating a positive school environment. We thank you for your continued partnership in this endeavour.

#### ***Staff Movement and Recognition...***

3. Movement of Staff. We extend a warm welcome to our new staff members and bid farewell to those who are leaving the Sembawang family. See Table 1.

Table 1 – Movement of Staff

<b>New Additions to SBPS</b>	<b>Leaving SBPS</b>
1. Ms Lee Tze Shuen (CL/CCE Teacher)	1. Ms Oh Shi Ying (CL/CCE Teacher)
2. Ms Nazreen Begam (EL/MA Teacher)	2. Ms Selina Chong (Music Teacher)
3. Mdm Lim Mie Sie (Music Teacher)	3. Ms Grace Lee (School Counsellor)
4. Ms Nur Syafiq Lubna (Art Teacher)	
5. Ms Diyanah (PE Teacher)	

4. National Day Awards 2025. We congratulate the following staff members who have received the National Day Awards 2025 (Long Service Medal) in recognition of their contributions and service to the country:

- Mdm Shadidah Bte Mokhtar (26 Years in Service YIS)
- Ms Ruhaida Bte Hashim (26 YIS)
- Mr Lim Jeen Perng (24 YIS)

#### ***Important Information...***

#### **Safety, Emergency Preparedness & Student Well-Being**

5. Anti-Vaping Education. The school has strengthened its education and awareness efforts against vaping through the "Bin the Vape" campaign and mass briefings which will continue at regular intervals, if necessary. For more information about safe disposal methods, please visit <https://go.gov.sg/bin-vapes>.





6. Heat Mitigation Measures. In view of the current warm weather conditions, students are permitted to wear their Physical Education (PE) attire throughout the school day. This measure aims to mitigate heat-related stress and enhance student well-being. We will review this arrangement at the end of Term 3.

7. Transport Ambassador Programme (TAP). In collaboration with the Land Transport Authority (LTA), the school organised the TAP to promote sustainable transport and safer commuting habits. The programme featured an engaging assembly presentation on eco-friendly travel options and road safety practices. This was complemented by a roving exhibition and the Green Commutes Challenge. During the two-week challenge (8 to 21 July), students were encouraged to Walk, Cycle and Ride (WCR) public transport to school, helping to reduce traffic congestion and carbon emissions (see Figure 1).

**Figure 1 – Highlights from Transport Ambassador Programme**



### **Student Matters**

8. Visit by Foshan Experimental School. On 23 July, we hosted our twinning school, Foshan Experimental School, from Guangdong, China. The delegation comprised 4 staff members, including a school leader, and 32 students. The visit included classroom lesson experiences conducted by our teachers, a school tour led by our student leaders, cultural exchange through traditional games and snacks, and special performances during school assembly (see Figure 2). We commend our P5 student buddies, student leaders and staff for their dedication in ensuring a successful exchange programme.

**Figure 2 – Visit by Foshan Experimental School**



*Delegation from Foshan Experimental School*



*Dance and song item by Foshan students*



*Science lesson with Foshan students*



*Social Studies lesson with Foshan students*



*Exchange of gifts between students*



*Foshan students sampling traditional ethnic snacks*



*Classroom observation during school tour*

9. **Building Civic Literacy.** Our school's approach to developing civic literacy focuses on nurturing students' understanding of Singapore's identity, respect for diversity, and commitment to community contribution. This is achieved through the CCE curriculum, anchored on three key concepts of Identity, Relationships, and Choices. Learning is reinforced through various platforms such as National Education commemorative events, cohort-based activities and learning journeys, school assemblies and special programmes, and school-based initiatives promoting student agency and leadership. Several of these events were organised this term.

- a. **Racial Harmony Day.** Racial Harmony Day was celebrated on 23 July with a vibrant showcase of Singapore's cultural diversity. In the lead-up, students learned about the significance of the Singapore Pledge during Positive Minutes sharing and heard it recited in all four languages. The celebration featured non-Chinese students performing the Chinese drum and lion dance, a joint Malay, Chinese and Indian dance item symbolising unity, and a Cantonese song performance by our guests from China. Our PSG members participated in a traditional costume walkway, and students enjoyed local food stations serving roti prata, tutu kueh and satay during recess (see Figure 3).

**Figure 3 – Racial Harmony Day Highlights**







- b. Head Prefect Election. The Head Prefect election 2025 concluded on 30 July. Established in 2017, the process included campaigning, candidate posters and a cooling-off day. This year, our P1 and P2 students participated in physical voting at polling stations for the first time (see Figure 4). Muhammad Reyhan Bin Sabri (5G) and Wong Xin Yi (5RE) were elected as Head Prefect and Vice-Head Prefect respectively. They have begun their first task of organising the Teachers' Day celebration. Congratulations to Reyhan and Xin Yi!

**Figure 4 – Head Prefect Election 2025**



*Head Prefect candidates -  
Xin Yi and Reyhan*



*A student approaches the  
polling officers (prefects)  
to collect a ballot slip*



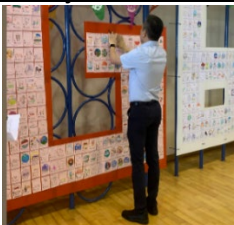
*A student casts her vote  
at one of the polling  
boxes*

- c. SG60 Commemorative Activities. In commemoration of our nation's Diamond Jubilee, the school launched the SG60 Tapestry Board to capture well-wishes and dedications for Singapore. The board was unveiled during the school assembly on 6 August, with incoming and outgoing head and vice-head prefects, followed by School Leaders placing the final pieces. On the same day, interactive activities were conducted during recess for students to learn about Singapore's history, culture, and achievements in a fun and engaging way (see Figure 5).

**Figure 5 – SG60 School Assembly and Recess Activities**



*SG60 Tapestry Board*



*Our Principal Mr Ng  
putting in the final  
piece of well wishes*



*Learning through games  
during recess*

On 8 August, the National Day celebration began with an observance ceremony and parade, where student leaders and Red Cross members led the school in the singing



of the National Anthem and recitation of the Pledge. Students viewed the 'Moment of Recollection' video and listened to the National Day message by Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for Education. The celebration continued with classroom activities and a concert featuring Singapore's journey from past to present. The popular 'mobile column' display showcased our land, sea and air arsenal amid National Day songs (see Figure 6). The school also hosted elderly visitors from Lions Befrienders during the celebrations, with our student Red Cross members and PSG in attendance.

**Figure 6 – Highlights from National Day Celebrations**

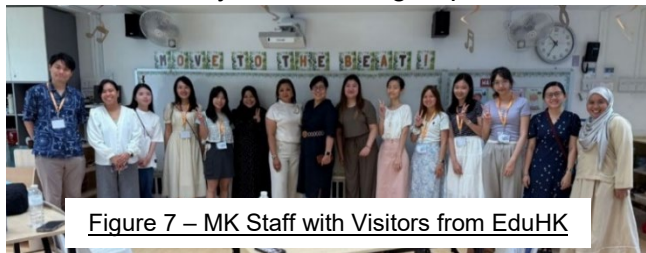


10. Important Dates to Note for September and October. Please refer to Enclosure 1 for the early dismissal days and non-reporting days for P1 to P6 students in September and October.

11. Pre-PSLE Study Break for P6 Students. The school will be implementing a three-day study break for P6 students from 22 September (Mon) to 24 September (Wed) to support their well-being prior to the PSLE. During the study break, students are strongly encouraged to remain at home to revise and consolidate their learning. Selected students will be asked to report to school for targeted academic support. These students will be notified by their Form Teachers closer to the dates.

### ***Celebration of Successes...***

12. Visit by Hong Kong Early Childhood Educators. On 10 July, our MOE Kindergarten hosted 1 lecturer and 15 student teachers from the Early Childhood group of Education University of Hong Kong (EduHK), as part of their exchange with Singapore University of Social Sciences (see Figure 7). MK Centre Head Ms Nursyafiqah and staff shared pedagogical practices and the preparation of pre-school students (K2) for primary school education.



**Figure 7 – MK Staff with Visitors from EduHK**

13. Sembawang Central SG60 National Day Carnival. Our SBPS Choir performed the national day song "Home" at the Sembawang Central SG60 National Day Carnival on 3 August. The event was graced by MP Mr Ong Ye Kung. Our students were delighted to be part of this community celebration (see Figure 8).





**Figure 8 – Choir Performance and Group Photo with Mr Ong Ye Kung**



14. National School Games (NSG). Our student athletes have demonstrated excellence, resilience and teamwork throughout the NSG competitions. Please refer to Enclosure 2 for the detailed results. In particular, our Rugby teams have developed into cohesive units through their participation in the games (see Figure 9). Well done, student athletes!

**Figure 9 – Rugby Senior and Junior Team**



15. Primary One Registration. The P1 Registration Exercise was completed in phase 2C with all vacancies filled. The overwhelming response during registration reflects parents' strong confidence in our educational programmes and values. We thank all parents and students for your trust and support.

16. Professional Development of Tamil Language Teachers. MKE Nasrin Fatimah's entry, titled பொங்கல் திருநாள் (Pongal Festival), was selected for the SG60 e-publication by the Academy of Singapore Teachers. Her project is one of many that showcases innovative initiatives from Tamil departments across schools. She was also appointed as a facilitator at the Preschool Tamil Language Teachers Workshop 2025 held on 19 July at Geylang East Public Library, where she supported participants in integrating Tamil language learning with outdoor experiences. Well done, Nasrin!





17. Our primary Tamil Teachers shared their experiences on the integration of civic literacy into Tamil Reading Club, highlighting effective practices and rich resources at the poster session, held as part of the Tamil Seminar titled “*Creating the Future through the Past*”. The seminar was organised in collaboration with the Tamil Language Unit of the Curriculum Planning and Development Division and the National Library Board, on 6 Aug. Well done to the trio.



### **Miscellaneous...**

18. Staff Appreciation. As we work closely together to support your child, there may be occasions where our staff made a positive impact during their interactions with you. We invite parents to share your appreciation of staff members via the following link: <https://form.gov.sg/67ae9ba515ef7ba256cda499>. Your messages will help us affirm and celebrate their efforts.

19. Teachers' Day Messages. In conjunction with Teachers' Day Celebration on Thursday, 4 September, parents and students are invited to share well wishes and words of appreciation for our teachers and staff via <https://form.gov.sg/6882cf6ab3cc6768412895e7>. Please submit your messages by 27 August, 2359h to allow time for collation. Thank you in advance for taking time to share your well wishes and appreciation for our teachers and staff.

20. Eat with Your Family Day (EWYFD). The next EWYFD falls on Friday, 5 September. To support this initiative, the General Office will close at 5.00 pm to allow our staff to spend time with their families over meals.

### **Concluding Remarks...**

21. As we head towards the end of Term 3, we wish all parents and children a pleasant September school holiday.

22. Please stay safe and healthy.

Yours in education,

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**Important Dates to Note for September and October 2025**

Date (Day)	Event	Instructions
4 Sep (Thurs)	Teachers' Day Celebration	Students will be <b>dismissed at 10.30 am.</b>
5 Sep (Fri)	Teachers' Day	<b>Scheduled school holiday.</b>
16 Sep (Tues)	PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination	<b>P1 to P5 students do not need to report to school.</b> As the school-based Student Care Centre will not be open that day, please plan for alternative care arrangements in advance where necessary.
22 – 24 Sep (Mon – Wed)	P6 Pre-PSLE Study Break	<b>Primary 6 students do not need to report to school.</b> Only selected P6 students will return to school.
25 Sep (Thurs)	PSLE Written Examination: English Language & Foundation English Language	<b>P4 and P5 students do not need to report to school.</b> Home-Based Learning (HBL) will be conducted for the students.
26 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Written Examination: Mathematics & Foundation Mathematics	P1, P2 and P3 students will report to school.
29 Sep (Mon)	PSLE Written Examination: Mother Tongue Language & Foundation Mother Tongue Language	<b>P3 and P5 students do not need to report to school.</b> Home-Based Learning (HBL) will be conducted for the students.
30 Sep (Tues)	PSLE Written Examination: Science & Foundation Science	P1, P2 and P4 students will report to school.
1 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Written Examination: Higher Mother Tongue Language	All P1 to P5 students will report to school.
2 Oct (Thurs)	Children's Day Celebration	Students will be <b>dismissed at 10.30 am.</b>
3 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day	<b>Scheduled school holiday for primary schools.</b>
13 to 15 Oct (Mon to Wed)	PSLE Marking Exercise	Only selected students will return to school for academic support programmes. All other students <b>do not need to report to school.</b>







**National School Games (NSG) Competition 2025**

**A. NSG Rugby Competition**

- Senior Div Team, 3rd (Tier 2)
- Junior Div Team, 4th (Tier 2)

**B. NSG Track Competition**

Division	Name	Class	Event	Achievement
Senior 2 Girls	Elice Quek An Yu	6E	Standing Long Jump	1st (PB)
			80m Run	3rd (PB)
			Long Implement Throw	4th (PB)
			Combined Events	3rd
Senior 1 Girls	Ilyusyirah Bte Indrayadi	6CU	Shot Put	4th (PB)
	Safura Qairiya Bte Mohd Nizar	6E	Long Implement Throw	5th (PB)
Senior 2 Boys	Muhd Mirzan B Mazlan	6E	Shot Put	3rd (PB)
			Combined Events	7th
Senior 1 Boys	Lai Siu Wei	6CU	Vertical Jump	6th (PB)
Junior 2 Boys	Zyle Sim Kel Zen	5RE	1000m	8th
			4 x 50m Relay	4th
	Chow Keqiang, Wesley	5I	120m Run	5th (PB)
			4 x 50m Relay	4th
	Cai Yuchen	5C	4 x 50m Relay	4th
	Max Ng Zhuo Yang	5E	4 x 50m Relay	4th
Junior 2 Girls	Lim Poh Poi Germaine	5RE	25m Run	3rd (PB)