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19 Sep 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

Fuhua Primary School (Term 4 Calendar 2016)

We welcome your child back to school! Please find the school calendar for Term 4 in the attachment. I would like to take this opportunity to keep you updated on the coming events in Term 4, as well as, some events that have taken place in Term 3.

75th Anniversary Celebrations

2 This year is our Diamond Anniversary, a Golden 75th Jubilee, following after our nation's 50th Jubilee last year. Fuhua Primary started as a kampong school before the 2nd World War in a tiny village near the site of Nanyang Technology University (NTU). Through the years, it has flourished with many alumni now serving actively in our public service, educational institutes, in the community and in commerce, each of them contributing to the growth of Singapore.

3 Our Immediate Past Chairman, Mr Goh Chye Huat BBM, has served eminently for the past 33 years as the Chairman of our School Advisory Committee (SAC). This year, he has handed the baton of leadership to an alumnus, Mr Ong Eng Loon, who is also a community leader. Mr Ong has served our school with distinction, and is personally interested in education. For his work with the community and the school, our new Chairman, Mr Ong Eng Loon, has been conferred the Pingat Bakti Masyarakat or PBM by the President of Singapore. We want to congratulate Mr Ong for this National Day Award. Another SAC member, Mdm Samatha Goh Chew Hoon, was also awarded the Ministry of Education's Service to Education Award for her work in our school. We also want to welcome to our SAC, Mr Low Woo Swee, Mr Kenny Teo Meng Keh, Mr Alfred Lien Kim Seng, and Mr Koh Wee Kwang. At this juncture, I like to place on record our thanks to Mr Ong Keau PBM and Mr Ong Eng Lam who have served their terms in office. They will remain in our SAC as alumnus officials.

4 This year, we have our young alumna, Miss Thiam Jia Min, coming back as our Guest-of-Honour for our SMART Awards Day. Miss Thiam graduated from our school after her PSLE in 2003, won a Public Service Commission (PSC) Scholarship and is currently serving as Deputy Public Prosecutor/State Counsel in the Attorney-General's Chambers. The students were inspired by her speech and I am sure will strive to reach higher grounds in their endeavours.

5 To celebrate our 75th Anniversary, the school had organised successfully impactful events in alignment with our role as the Centre of Excellence in ICT for Teaching and Learning in the West Zone. At the zonal level, a total of 63 teachers shared their lessons in ICT with their colleagues in the West Zone ICT Seminar 2016 on 15 July 2016.

6 In the months of June and July, the school organised our Annual National Primary School Photography Competition. We have the largest participation from schools this year. A total of 51 primary schools from Singapore were trained and competed in this event. Our very own student, Seow Zheng Yang from 6 Loyalty was shortlisted and won one of the top prizes in this competition.



7 At the international level, the school organised the Global Finals of 'Speak!' International Competition. Students from China, Indonesia and Singapore interacted with one another honing their English speaking skills, through rounds of dialogues, drama and presentations. Our students not only played hosts to these international students but also built up their confidence and picked up the finer points of oratorical finesse through the gruelling sessions. We received a thumbs up from our international friends.

8 In the same month, we celebrated our SMART Awards Day, where the very best from the school were presented medals and prizes for their various achievements in the academic, social and emotional, physical and aesthetics fields and also for their outstanding character. Brian Lee Shen Yang was the valedictorian of the 2015 cohort and received the Principal's Medallion, a first among equals.

Homecoming

9 We will round up our 75th Golden Jubilee celebration with a Homecoming to coincide with the Mid-Autumn Festival. Our Junior Alumni, who are currently studying at prestigious Junior Colleges, have volunteered their services and will be organising an evening of fun and enjoyment. This will be on Sunday 25 Sep from 4.30pm to 9.30pm. It will be an evening of community celebrations with our neighbours from Westmere, Ivory Heights and the Jurong East Resident Committee. The Advisor to the Yuhua Grassroots Organisations, Ms Grace Fu, will grace the occasion. We hope to see you at this celebration. You may like to purchase the tickets at \$2 per person which includes a goodie bag and a lucky draw from our General Office. Please see our school website for more details.

10 We will publish a special Coffee Table Book edition on our school in English, Malay and Tamil and an anthology of our Young Authors in Chinese to commemorate our 75th Golden Jubilee. We will launch the anthology at our Homecoming. We invite monetary contributions from well-wishers towards the cost of printing this souvenir magazine and the anthology. Please lend us your generous support. Please call our Administrative Manager, Ms Wu He-ow Meng at 65624370 for more information.

11 Please contact our school at 65624370 if you need any further clarifications.

12 Thank you

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Fuhua Primary School – 2016 Term 4 Calendar				
S/no	Date		Activity	Level(s) involved
1	Mon	12 Sep	Public Holiday (Hari Raya Haji)	All
2	Tues	13 Sep	Start of Term 4	All
3	Fri	16 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension (School is closed for P1 to P5 students)	P6
			Road Safety Programme for all P4	P4
4	Mon	19 Sep	Briefing on Subject Based Banding for parents of P4 students	Parents of P4 students
5	Wed	21 Sep	Junior SMART Awards Day (For P2 prize recipients)	P2
6	Fri	23 Sep	Engagement Session with P1 Parents on PSLE (5.30pm-6.30pm)	Parents of P1 students
7	Sun	25 Sep	Homecoming (4.30pm-9.30pm)	All are welcomed
8	Thurs	29 Sep	PSLE Written Exams (EL)	P6
9	Fri	30 Sep	PSLE Written Exams (Math)	P6
10	Mon	3 Oct	PSLE Written Exams (Mother Tongue)	P6
11	Tues	4 Oct	PSLE Written Exams (Science)	P6
12	Wed	5 Oct	PSLE Written Exams (Higher Mother Tongue)	P6
13	Fri	7 Oct	School Holiday – Children’s Day	All
14	Mon-Wed	10-12 Oct	P3-P5 SA2 Oral (EL/MT) - Detailed schedules will be released to students later.	P3-P5
15	Thurs-Fri	13-14 Oct	P3-P5 SA2 – EL/MT Paper 1 & LC -Detailed schedules will be released to students later.	P3-P5
16	Mon-Thurs	17-20 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise (School is closed for all levels)	All
17	Wed	26 Oct	P3-P5 SA2 EL	P3-P5
18	Thurs	27 Oct	P3-P5 SA2 Math	P3-P5
19	Sat	29 Oct	Public Holiday - Deepavali	All
20	Mon	31 Oct	School Holiday (off-in-lieu for Deepavali)	All
21	Tues	1 Nov	P3-P5 SA2 MT	P3-P5
22	Wed	2 Nov	P3-P5 SA2 Sc	P3-P5
23	Thurs	3 Nov	P5 SA2 HMT	P5
24	Fri	4 Nov	School Holiday - Admin Day (No school for all students)	All
25	Fri	11 Nov	Hundred Languages of Children Exhibition – In the spirit of Honouring the Voices of our Children, we will be organising a Hundred Languages of Children Exhibition where we will showcase our students’ learning through their works and artefacts of learning. All parents are strongly encouraged to hear your child showcase their best works, whether in arts, dance, music, drama and speech to you.	All
26	Sat	12 Nov	2017 P1 Orientation Day	2017 P1
27	Fri	18 Nov	Last Day for Term 4	All
28	Mon	2 Jan 2017	Public Holiday – New Year’s Day	All
29	Tues	3 Jan 2017	Start of 2017 Term 4	All

Note : (1) P1 and P2 teachers will issue a separate time-table for their termly tests.

The Hundred Languages of Children

This poem by the founder of the Reggio-Emilia approach beautifully conveys the important roles imagination and discovery play in early childhood learning. Much of Reggio-Emilia philosophy is based on protecting children from becoming subjected too early to institutionalized doctrines which often make learning a chore rather than an extension of natural curiosity.

The child is made of one hundred.

The child has
a hundred languages
a hundred hands
a hundred thoughts
a hundred ways of thinking
of playing, of speaking.

A hundred.

Always a hundred
ways of listening
of marveling, of loving
a hundred joys
for singing and understanding
a hundred worlds
to discover
a hundred worlds
to invent
a hundred worlds
to dream.

The child has
a hundred languages
(and a hundred hundred hundred more)
but they steal ninety-nine.
The school and the culture
separate the head from the body.
They tell the child:
to think without hands
to do without head
to listen and not to speak
to understand without joy
to love and to marvel
only at Easter and at Christmas.

They tell the child:
to discover the world already there
and of the hundred
they steal ninety-nine.

They tell the child:
that work and play
reality and fantasy
science and imagination
sky and earth



reason and dream
are things
that do not belong together.

And thus they tell the child
that the hundred is not there.
The child says:
No way. The hundred is there.

-Loris Malaguzzi
Founder of the Reggio Emilia Approach



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