



Dear Parents / Guardians

A Warm Welcome back to Term 4

We are finally going into the last term of our school year. 2023 has indeed been an exciting and fulfilling year for us at Elias Park Primary School. As we look back to this year, we can attest to our learning and growth as a school community, with differentiated resources prepared by our dedicated staff.

Eliasians continued to experience many exciting learning experiences. This year saw our students participate in various Learning Journeys conducted to different locations to enable them engage in experiential learning, P3 Mother Tongue Language Cultural Camp, P4 Values-in-Action with Project Work on sustainable practices (Sungei Api-Api river clean-up), P5 activities (NE Show, Swimsafer Programme, School Camp) as well as the Teachers' Day Concert Performance and the upcoming Children's Day celebrations in October. In addition, our students also took part in various competitions and programs that enabled them to acquire skills and values that will enable them to thrive in the world beyond school.

Through these opportunities, our students have also learnt to make their thinking visible, discuss ideas, consider perspectives that might be different from their own, reflect on their takeaways and engage in creative problem-finding and solving. We hope our Eliasians have enjoyed their learning and are well adjusted to learning approaches both in the classroom and online. Above all, we will continue to support them in their growth as Citizen Leaders with empathy and resilience who can make a difference for the greater good.

EPPS Celebrates

We are pleased to announce that our student, Fan Zihan (Primary 3A) attained Tier 4, 1st at the NSG Table Tennis for National Junior Girls Division Competition 2023 (Individual Event).

Emotional support for students

With changes in learning modes in the past few years, some students may experience uneasiness or even feel distracted as they spend excessive screen time during their leisure breaks. As students across all levels prepare for their summative assessments in Term 4, our children may also experience higher levels of anxiety. Some symptoms could include feeling worried and overwhelmed, a sense of hopelessness, lethargy and feeling burned out.

At the school's end, we will continue our proactive approach to nurture Eliasians' resilience and

sense of belonging, empower them as learners and monitor their mental well-being through our teachers' observations and dialogues. We would also like to seek our parents' assistance in early detection so that the school can work together with you for early intervention and support. Please feel free to contact your child's Form Teachers if you have any concerns.

As we continue to develop every Eliasian to be a Scholar, Sportsman, Artist, Leader and Citizen, we would like to thank you for your partnership and support, for working alongside our teachers and taking a keen interest in your child/ward's educational journey.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chua Pei Pei', written in a cursive style.

Chua Pei Pei (Mdm)
Principal

A IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 First Day Term 4, 2023

As announced in the media, all students will report back to school on **Tuesday, 12 September 2023**, as 11 September 2023 has been designated a Teachers' Day school holiday in lieu of Polling Day on 1 September 2023.

2 Ensuring a Safe Environment for All

EPPS will continue to employ measures to ensure a safe school and examination environment, including wiping down high-touch surfaces and conducting visual screening of students' well-being. Exercising personal and social responsibility is key in keeping the school community safe. Those who are unwell are advised to follow the Ministry of Health's protocols to self-isolate and to see a doctor. We encourage all students and teachers to continue to stay vigilant, practice good personal hygiene and seek medical attention if they are unwell.

In addition, the school has in place a haze management plan and is ready to implement the appropriate measure as required. We would also adjust the level and nature of our activities based on the 1hr-PM2.5 readings, which may change throughout the day.

3 PSLE Examination Timetable, School Closure and HBL Dates

Please note the important dates for PSLE Examinations, school closure and HBL dates for P4 and P5 levels.

PSLE Examination	Date	Announcement
Listening Comprehension	Friday, 15 September	Only P6 students will report to school
Written Papers	Thursday, 28 September – Wednesday, 4 October	P1 – P3 students report to school as usual. P4 students report to school as usual on 28 & 29 Sept and have HBL on 2 and 3 Oct. They report back to school on 4 Oct. P5 students have HBL on 28 & 29 Sept and report to school as usual from 2 Oct. More details on P4 & P5 HBL will be shared on PG nearer the dates.
Marking Exercise	Monday, 16 October – Wednesday, 18 October	All P1-P6 students will remain at home.

The General Office remains open from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on all the above-mentioned dates. For 2023 PSLE matters such as exam timetable, paper formats, approved calculator, and dictionary lists, please visit <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle>
For the PSLE Scoring system, please visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/psle/main.html>

4 End-of-Year Examination

Information on the End-of-Year Examinations was shared with parents/guardian via PG announcement sent in end August. On our school website home page, please select the tab 'For Parents', followed by tab 'Assessment'. Parents can view:

- School Examination Policy
- Format of the Exam Papers
- Exam Schedule
- Exam Scope of Topics

If your child/ward is unwell on the exam day, we appeal to parents/guardians **not to send** their child/ward to school for exams. Parents/Guardians are required to take their child/ward to a clinic and obtain a medical certificate to certify their absence. Kindly note that there will be **no re-test** for any written component/paper for all examinations.

5 Guidelines for Class Allocation

Please be informed that the school follows these guidelines in our allocation of classes:

- Enhancing social diversity in the classroom
- Maintaining class integrity
- Strengthening peer relationships
- Reducing over-emphasis on academic performance

Students promoted to Same Class in 2024	Students promoted to New Class in 2024
Primary 1 (2023) Primary 3 (2023) Primary 5 (2023)	Primary 2 (2023) Primary 4 (2023)

6 Subject-Based Banding (For Primary 4)

Subject-based banding (SBB) gives our students the opportunity to take a combination of subjects at standard and foundation levels based on their strengths. Students can take a mix of standard and foundation subjects through SBB at Primary 5 and Primary 6.

Primary 4 students will receive their Report Books and option forms on Thursday, 9 November 2023. Parents/Guardians are to indicate their choice of 2024 Primary 5 subject combination for their child/ward. Please check that the option form is completed accurately and submitted to Form Teachers on **Friday, 10 November 2023**. Please kindly be informed that the school will not be accepting further requests for subject combination changes after the submission date. For more information on SBB, please visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/subject-based-banding>.

7 MOE Edusave Awards

Edusave Awards are given by the MOE annually to Singaporean students to enhance educational opportunities and motivate students to excel in schools in academic and non-academic domains. The three broad categories of Edusave Awards are:

- a. Excellence in Character and Values
Edusave Character Award (ECHA)
- b. Excellence in Non-Academic Achievements
Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership & Service (EAGLES)
- c. Excellence in Academic Achievements
Edusave Scholarship (ES)
Edusave Merit Bursary (EMB)
Edusave Good Progress Award (GPA)

For the Edusave Character Award (ECHA), the school would like to invite students, instructors/coaches and parents to make their nominations for deserving students so as to provide a diversity of perspectives. The nominated students must demonstrate exemplary character, integrity and altruism with consistent behaviour that would serve as a role model to others, and be held in high esteem by peers, staff, parents and other key stakeholders.

Nominations via https://bit.ly/ECHA_Nomination_By_Parents, opens on Tuesday, 12 September 2023 and closes on Friday, 29 September 2023.

For more information about the Edusave Awards, you may contact Mdm Marilyn Goh at marilyn_goh_jing_ling@moe.edu.sg or visit the MOE website at:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/awards-scholarships/edusave-awards>.

Parents/Guardians will be notified if their child/ward has been awarded with the Edusave Awards in December 2023.

B SCHOOL PROGRAMMES IN TERM 4

1 Children's Day Celebrations

EPPS will be celebrating Children's Day on Thursday, 5 October 2023, with the theme 'Moving Through Time'. In the first segment, students will enjoy a thematic concert especially prepared by our teaching staff. This is followed by our 'Happy Play' programme, which has different levels participating in various sports activities based on the theme.

During recess, games booths will be set up for our children to have some fun. All students should be in their PE attire for the celebrations.

This year's Children's Day celebration emphasizes the importance of having a balanced lifestyle. The need 'to play and relax' is just as important as working hard. MOE has scheduled the primary school holiday on Friday, 6 October 2023. The school staff and School Leaders wish all Eliasians an enjoyable Children's Day.

2 Deepavali Celebrations

Deepavali falls on Sunday, 12 November 2023, with Monday, 13 November 2023 designated a public holiday. EPPS will celebrate the occasion with cultural performances and a showcase of traditional wear. The school wishes all Eliasians and families a happy and joyous Deepavali!

3 Results Processing & Promotion Day

There will be **no school** on Wednesday, 8 November 2023 as teaching staff will be involved in the processing of academic results and discussions on student promotion. All P1-P6 students **will not** need to report for school.

4 Meet-The-Parents Session (for Primary 1- 5)

At the upcoming MTP Session on Wednesday, 15 November 2023, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet your child/ward's Form Teacher(s) and obtain feedback on his/her learning progress. MTP sessions may be conducted either in person or via online conferencing.

Instructions for the booking MTP Session will be sent via PG in end September. From Monday 2 October to Friday 13 October 2023, parents/ guardians can log into Parent Gateway app to book the MTP session to meet your child/ ward's Form Teacher(s). A separate booking should be made should parents/ guardians wish to meet Mother Tongue Language Teachers. Slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If parents / guardians are unable to book any slots for MTP, please feel free to contact your child's/ ward's Subject Teachers via email or phone call. Report books will be returned to students by Form Teacher(s) from Tuesday 14 November 2023. Please ensure that the report book is duly signed and returned to your child/ward's Form Teacher(s) on the first day of school in 2024.

5 Annual Art Charity Sale 2023

EPPS will be having our annual *#SpareYourChangeForSuzy* Campaign, in partnership with the Cerebral Palsy Association. Cerebral Palsy is a permanent condition caused by damage to the developing brain and affects muscle movement and posture. Suzy is the iconic ambassador of the charity. Donations by Eliasians will make a profound impact by providing essential programs and services to over 700 individuals with cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities.

The sale will take place during recess in the final week of Term 4. Eliasians may lend their support with the purchase of hand-made items such as ceramic works, jesmonite coasters, hand-drawn tote bags, pencil cases and drawstring bags. These handicrafts are made lovingly by our Art & Crafts Club members, scouts and prefects. All proceeds go to the charity.

We are also pleased to share that online donations are accepted by CPAS from 13 to 20 October 2023. The link will be provided via PG closer to the date. The Tote Board Enhanced Fund-raising Programme will be tapped on to maximise contribution with a dollar-for-dollar matching fund for this project. For any clarifications on the Art Charity Sale, please contact Mdm Huda. More details on the Art Charity Sale will be shared on PG nearer the date.

6 Honours Day 2023

Our Honours Day is an annual awards ceremony which recognizes our students' diverse achievements in both academic and co-curricular domains. As a school community, we celebrate the continued growth and holistic achievements of our Eliasians. The school is pleased to share that the awards ceremony will be held in the school hall with invited parents and peers joining us on this joyous occasion. The programme will also include performances by our Performing Arts CCAs.

Level	Date /Time	Audience	Remarks
Primary 1 - 4	Thursday 16 November 2023	Invitations will be given to parents of awardees to attend the awards ceremony. Details will be sent to awardees via PG nearer the date.	On Thursday 16 November, P1-P6 students should report to school as usual by 7.30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 1.30 p.m. Last day of school for P1 – P4 students.
Primary 5 and 6	Friday 17 November 2023		Only P5 – P6 are invited on Friday 17 November. Last day of school for P5 – P6 students.

7 Summary of Term 4 Events (Mid Sept – Nov 2023)

Date	Events	Remarks
Monday, 11 September	Teachers' Day Holiday	No school for all students.
Tuesday, 12 September	First Day of School	All students report for school.
Friday, 15 September	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P1 - P5 remain at home.
Tuesday, 19 September	End Year Exam: P4 Mother Tongue Language Oral P5 English Language Oral	For P4 and P5 only. <u>After</u> curriculum hours. The letter on Oral Grouping will be taken home by your child.
Wednesday, 20 September	End Year Exam: P3 Mother Tongue Language Oral P4 English Language Oral	For P3 and P4 only. <u>After</u> curriculum hours. The letter on Oral Grouping will be taken home by your child.
Monday 25 September	End of Year Exam: P3 English Language Oral P5 Mother Tongue Oral	For P3 and P5 only. <u>After</u> curriculum hours. The letter on Oral Grouping will be taken home by your child.
Monday, 25 September – Wednesday, 27 September	P6 Study Break	P6 remain at home for self-study. School as usual for P1-P5.
Thursday, 28 September – Wednesday, 4 October	PSLE Written Papers	For P6 only. During curriculum hours. P1 – P3 students report to school as usual. P4 students report to school as usual on 28 & 29 Sept and have HBL on 2 & 3 Oct. They report back to school on 4 Oct. P5 students have HBL on 28 & 29 Sept and report to school as usual from 2 Oct.
Thursday, 5 October	Children's Day Celebration	During curriculum hours. Details will be sent through PG.
Friday, 6 October	Children's Day	School Holiday.
Monday, 9 October	End of Year Exam: English Language Listening Comprehension and Paper 1	For P3 – P5 only. During curriculum hours. Please refer to the Assessment Circular sent through PG and uploaded on the school website.
Tuesday, 10 October	End of Year Exam: Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension and Paper 1	
Monday, 16 October – Wednesday, 18 October	PSLE Marking Exercise	P1-P6 students remain at home.
Tuesday, 17 October – Wednesday, 18 October	Gifted Education Programme Selection Exercise	For shortlisted P3 students only. Details will be sent through PG.

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Monday, 23 October – Friday, 27 October	End of Year Exam: English Language Paper 2 Mathematics Paper Mother Tongue Paper 2 Science Paper Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2	For P3 – P5 only. During curriculum hours. Please refer to the Assessment Circular sent through PG and uploaded on the school website.
Wednesday, 8 November	Results Processing & Promotion Day P1 (2024) Orientation	No school for P1-P6 students.
Friday, 10 November	Subject-Based Banding: Submission of option forms for 2024 P5 subject combination	For P4 students only. Option forms must be duly completed and returned to Form Teachers.
Monday, 13 November	Deepavali	Public Holiday in lieu of Deepavali
Wednesday, 15 November	Meet-The-Parents Session	For P1-P5 parents/guardians. 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Details will be sent through PG. Students need not report to school and will return on Thursday 16 November.
Thursday, 16 November	Honours Day (P1-P4)	P1 - P6 students report to school as usual by 7.30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 1.30 p.m. Last day of school for P1 – P4 students.
Friday, 17 November	Honours Day (P5-P6)	P5 – P6 student report to school as usual by 7.30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 11.00 a.m. Last day of school for P5 – P6 students.
Friday, 17 November	Eat-with-Family Day	Home celebrations