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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. I hope you all had a lovely break and quality family time during the school holidays! We have so much to look forward to this term and we will make the most of our time together before the end of the school year.

We are also delighted to welcome back Ms Estee Tang after her childcare leave and Miss Abigail Choo Ru Yi, English and Science Teacher to our HGS family.

Celebrating Learning and Achievements

We are pleased to share with you the learning and achievements of our students in Character Education, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Performing Arts, and Sports. We are proud of our students who have given their best and demonstrated our school values, including students who have taken part in various competitions and have not won awards. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our teachers and instructors for their dedication and hard work, and to all parents for their support and involvement. Highlights of our key achievements in Term 3 are in [Annex A](#).

Teachers' Professional Contributions

Our staff conducted professional sharing and lesson demonstrations of our school's good practices and innovative programmes at a range of platforms. We are proud of our teachers' commitment to professional development and their contributions to the education fraternity. Details are in [Annex B](#).

Character and Citizenship Education (CCE)

School Values – Our I4Cs

In Term 3, we focused on deepening the teaching and learning of the school value of **Concern**. Explicit teaching of the value was done through Assembly, Form Teacher Guidance Periods (FTGP), school curriculum, CCAs and teachable moments like Plastic Free July and Language and Literacy Week, where we focused on the theme of relationships. Throughout the term, our students were engaged in reflections on how they can work on showing concern to their friends, family, environment, and the community.

In Term 4, we will be focusing on the value of **Cooperation**. Please see attached handout by the Character Education team with practical tips on how you can continue to support your child in harnessing the value of **cooperation**. We look forward to working closely with you in reinforcing the teaching and learning of **cooperation** with your daughter at home and in school.

Think! Contemporary Exhibition at Singapore Art Museum

TIMEOUT – Think! Contemporary is an award-winning interdisciplinary museum-based curriculum innovation initiated by our school. This year, our P4 students have been engaged in an exploration of issues associated with the themes of Identity, Home, Heritage, Nationhood, and Communities. Our students' artworks, inspired by SAM's 'Once Upon This Island' Exhibition, will be exhibited at National Library, Levels 7 & 8 from Friday, 5 October to Sunday, 28 October 2018 and this exhibition will be open to the public.

We would like to invite you to the launch of the **Think! Contemporary Exhibition**. The details of the launch are:

Venue: The Pod at National Library, Level 16

Date: Thursday, 4 October 2018.

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Art Exhibition @ HGS

It is that time of the year for us to celebrate our students' creativity through our annual art exhibition. We are pleased to invite you to our exhibition that features works by our P1 to 6 students from **Monday, 5 November 2018 to Thursday, 15 November 2018**, in our school. The exhibition will be open for viewing from **9.00am to 3.00pm**, on weekdays during this period and from **9.00am to 2.00pm on 15 November 2018**.

Term 4 Calendar – some important dates to take note of

Our Semester 2 Calendar of Events was shared in our Term 3 notification. Kindly take note of the following important dates and events in Term 4:

PSLE Listening Comprehension, Written Exams and Marking Exercise

- PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination (Fri, 14 Sep 2018). **No lesson** on this day for P1 to P5 pupils.
- PSLE Written Examination will be held from **Thu, 27 Sep 2018, to Wed, 3 Oct 2018**. Lessons will be conducted as usual for all P1 to P5 pupils during the PSLE Written Examination period.
- PSLE Marking Exercise will be held from **Mon 15 Oct 2018 to Thu 18 Oct 2018**. All P1 to P6 pupils need **not** report to school during this period.

Children's Day

The school will be celebrating Children's Day on **Thu 4 Oct 2018** and pupils will be dismissed earlier at **11.00am**. Kindly note that the following day, **Fri 5 Oct 2018**, will be a school holiday.

Results Processing Day

Results Processing Day is scheduled on **Thu, 8 Nov 2018**. There will be **no lesson** and pupils need **not** report to school on that day.

Prize-Giving Day

The school will be having our Prize-Giving Day on **Thu, 15 Nov 2018, from 10.00am to 1.00pm** in the school hall. There will be **no lessons** that day. Only pupils who are involved in the concert performance and prize-giving need to report to school. Pupils involved in the Prize-Giving Day ceremony will be notified nearer the date.

Promotion Exercise and P6 Graduation Ceremony

Please note that **Fri, 16 Nov 2018**, is the last day of school. There will be a promotion exercise for all P1 to P5 pupils. The P6 Graduation Ceremony will also be held on the same day. All parents/guardians of P6 pupils are invited to the P6 Graduation Ceremony.

School-Parent Partnership

Our school believes that parents are our partners and a meaningful collaboration with our parents supports our students' holistic development. We would like to partner you to develop your child to be the best that she can be. Your child will benefit the most when we put her at the heart of what we do, understand our shared responsibilities and work together to bring out the best in her. Having a close partnership with us will help you to better understand your child's learning experience in school, so that you can provide her with the necessary family care, support and reinforcement at home.

Regular School Attendance

Regular school attendance is critical to a child's learning. Hence students must be present on all school days and should not miss lessons unless there's a valid reason.

- Please write to seek school leaders' permission at least one week in advance should your child need to be excused due to official commitments such as external competitions and exams.
- If your child is ill, your child should submit a medical certificate or a note from you on your child's return to school.

We would like to appeal to your understanding to avoid taking your child/ward out of school for vacation during the school term. This is to ensure that your child/ward benefits fully from the school's curriculum

and enjoys a holistic school experience. The school will not be able to give permission for our students to miss curriculum time.

Drop-off or pick-up of your child/ward

We shared the revised parking policy in HGS following the introduction of season car parking in schools by MOE wef 1 Aug 2018. Thank you for your kind cooperation to use the public car parks in the vicinity when waiting to pick up your child and when visiting the school.

We would like to reiterate that when you drive into the school to drop off or pick up your child/ward, do take note of the following:

- Please ensure your child/ward alights quickly from the vehicle at the designated drop-off point so that traffic is not held up during arrival and dismissal time;
- If you are picking up your child/ward at dismissal time, we seek your understanding to enter the school compound 20 minutes after dismissal time (from 2.00pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 1.00pm on Fridays), after the school buses have left the school compound;
- If your child/ward has after-school activities – CCAs, enrichment, remedial, D3T2, please arrange to pick her up at the designated pick-up point 10 minutes after the scheduled end-time of the activity. This will help to reduce your waiting time and facilitate a smooth drive-through pick-up of your child for you as well as for our other parent drivers.

The limited carpark lots within the school compound are set aside for season parking by school staff and use of the 2 visitors' lots are subject to approval by school leaders. We seek your cooperation to:

- Not park in the season parking lots nor elsewhere in the driveway which are meant for fire engine access in case of emergency.
- Cooperate fully with our security personnel and to demonstrate respect and courtesy towards all staff members.

We look forward to your continued partnership in the holistic education of your child. A copy of this notification will be uploaded on our school website at <http://www.haigirls.moe.edu.sg>.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Lo Yen Nie
Principal

Celebrating Learning and Achievements

Character

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| Leadership | TKSS Junior Leadership Symposium | Presenters - Certificate of Participation | Chantal Nauli Setyoko, 6 Charity Clarabelle Tan Shih Jieh, 6 Charity Iris Kok Yu Xi, 6 Charity Janya Kaur Bajaj, 6 Charity Putu Dhyana Prayascitta Sari, 6 Charity Dasari Tanisha, 6 Grace Jasneet Kaur Randhawa, 6 Grace Nur Sofiah Firzanah Binte Mohamad Nazri, 6 Humility Sheryl Lim Xue'er, 6 Humility |
| | | Facilitators - Certificate of Participation | Celeste Law Xin Ning, 6 Charity Jania Kamlesh Mahtani, 6 Charity Nurul Huda Binte Helmi, 6 Charity Syeda Zainab Fathimay, 6 Charity Zoe Ysabelle Crisostomo Agbayani, 6 Charity Iyer Anvita Meghnath, 6 Grace Kovac Sophie Katie Yun, 6 Grace Maya Anne Haridas, 6 Grace Qaeela Jae Brewton, 6 Grace Sol Yen Rong, 6 Grace Soong Rui En Rachel, 6 Grace Chua Jia En Amelia, 6 Humility Chua Jiahui, 6 Humility Eliza Leong Hui Xuan, 6 Humility Gauri Khushi Khanna, 6 Humility Lauryn Esha D'cruz, 6 Humility Looi Ee Ting, 6 Humility Nosheen Batrisyia Bte Matnasir, 6 Humility Shasmeen Sabburah Binte Anwar Salim, 6 Humility |

Language Arts

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| English | Babble & Speak 2018 | Merit Award | Alexis Kwek Lexin, 5 Joy |
| | Speak Up! Kids 2018 Public Speaking Competition | 2nd Runner Up | Jasneet Kaur Randhawa, 6 Grace Lee Tse Yee Megan, 6 Grace Gabrielle Angela Anderson, 6 Humility |
| Chinese | 12th YMCA Mandarin Speaking Awards (MSA) 2018 | Finals of Upper Primary Category - Certificate of Achievement | Su Xiangling, 5 Charity |
| | | Achievement Awards | Rachel Siow Rei Tze, 5 Humility |

Mathematics & Science

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| Mathematics & Science | 9th International Young Whizzes Challenge 2018 | Gold Medal | Asha Meredith Solomon, 6 Charity Clarabelle Tan Shih Jieh, 6 Charity |
| | | Silver Medal | Janya Kaur Bajaj, 6 Charity |
| | | Bronze Medal | Lee En Jia, Calista, 6 Charity Resham Rachhpal Singh, 6 Charity Lee Tse Yee Megan, 6 Grace |

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| Mathematics & Science | | Honourable Mention | Celeste Law Xin Ning, 6 Charity Li Hanyu, 6 Charity |
| | | Merit | Aishani Sahu, 6 Charity Tse Min Jia, 6 Charity Zoe Tay Hui En, 6 Charity Victoria Choo Xin En, 6 Grace |
| | | Certificate of Participation | Erica Koh, 6 Charity Jasneet Kaur Randhawa, 6 Grace |
| | Temasek Junior College's THINK(c) Challenge 2018 | Certificate of Participation | Aishani Sahu, 6 Charity Celeste Law Xin Ning, 6 Charity Clarabelle Tan Shih Jieh, 6 Charity Janya Kaur Bajaj, 6 Charity Li Hanyu, 6 Charity Nurul Huda Binte Helmi, 6 Charity Resham Rachhpal Singh, 6 Charity Tse Min Jia, 6 Charity |
| Science | Sony Creative Science Award | Certificate of Participation | Eesha Jain, 1 Charity Oon Tsu Cheng Sophia, 1 Charity Soong Sien, 1 Charity Joanna Tan, 1 Humility Ira Bakshi, 1 Humility Marsya Aqila Binte Mohamed Afif, 1 Kindness Raviprasath Radha, 1 Kindness Siya Saurabh Rathi, 1 Patience Joan Sim Rui En, 2 Charity Japti Kaur Dang, 2 Grace Lauren Melia Le En, 2 Joy Amelia Ng Jing Xuan, 2 Patience Sarah Alyssa Binte Mohamed Faizal, 2 Patience Andrea Grace Malli, 3 Charity Ananya Ramesh, 4 Kindness Hiba Shaikh Sadique, 6 Charity Cho Ki Yan, 6 Joy |

Performing Arts

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| Performing Arts | 2018 20th Commonwealth Society Of Teachers of Dancing (CSTD) Asia Pacific Dance Competition | Jazz Solo 11 & Under - Honourable Mention | Foo Yu Xuan, 4 Humility |
| | | Jazz Duos & Trios 11 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | | Lyrical Troupe 11 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | | Tap Solo 11 & Under - 1st Place | Cheah Yan Ni, 5 Joy |
| | | Lyrical Troupe 11 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | | Lyrical Troupes 13 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | | Jazz Troupes 13 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | | Lyrical Solo 13 & Under - Honourable Mention | Melissa Koivuaho, 6 Charity |
| | | Lyrical Duos & Trios 13 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | | Contemporary Troupes 15 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | | Jazz Troupes 13 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | | Lyrical Ensemble 15 & Under - 2nd Place | |
| | | Lyrical Troupes 13 & Under - 1st Place | |

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| 2018 20th Commonwealth Society Of Teachers of Dancing (CSTD) Asia Pacific Dance Competition | Jazz Troupes 13 & Under - 1st Place | Foo Yu Han, 6 Humility |
| | Lyrical Troupes 13 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | Tap Troupes 15 & Under - Honourable Mention | |
| | Lyrical Duos & Trios 13 & Under - 1st Place | Nosheen Batrisyia Binte Mat Nasir, 6 Humility |
| | Jazz Troupes 13 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | Contemporary Troupes 15 & Under - 1st Place | Sophia Adelina bt Noor Sukhairan 6 Joy |
| | Hip Hop / Song and Dance Ensemble 15 & Under - 3rd Place | |
| 2018 Commonwealth Society Of Teachers of Dancing (CSTD) Born to Perform Singapore Regional Solo Dance Competition | Classical Open 11 & Under - 3rd Place | Foo Yu Xuan, 4 Humility |
| | Song and Dance Open 11 & Under - 3rd Place | |
| | Acrobatics Solo Novice 9 & Under /11 & Under - 2nd Place | Cheah Yan Ni, 5 Joy |
| | Demi Character Solo Novice 11 & Under - 1st Place | |
| | Jazz Solo Novice 11 & Under - 2nd Place | |
| | Lyrical Solo Open 11 & Under - Honourable Mention | |
| | Tap Solo Open 11 & Under - 1st Place | Melissa Koivuaho, 6 Charity |
| | CSTD Solo Competition 2018 Junior Championship Novice Winner | |
| | Jazz Solo Open 13 & Under - 2nd Place | |
| Contemporary Solo Open 13 & Under - Honourable Mention | Nosheen Batrisyia Binte Mat Nasir, 6 Humility | |
| Get The Beat Dance International 2018 | Solo 9 & Under Ballet - 3rd Place | Foo Yu Xuan, 4 Humility |
| | Solo 9 & Under Jazz - 4th Place | |
| | Solo 9 & Under Lyrical - 2nd Place | |
| | Solo 9 & Under Open - 4th Place | |
| | Solo 10 & Under Demi Character - 4th Place | |
| | Duo 10 & Under Jazz - 3rd Place | |
| | Group 10 & Under Jazz - 1st Place | |
| | Group 10 & Under Lyrical - 1st Place | |
| | Group 12 & Under Song and Dance - 1st Place | |

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| Get The Beat Dance International 2018 | Solo 10 & Under Acro - 3rd Place | Cheah Yan Ni, 5 Joy | |
| | Solo 10 & Under Any Style Tap - 3rd Place | | |
| | Solo 10 & Under Song and Any Style of Dance - 4th Place | | |
| | Solo 10 & Under Demi Character - 5th Place | | |
| | Solo 10 & Under Lyrical - 5th Place | | |
| | Group 10 & Under Lyrical - 1st Place | | |
| | Group 12 & Under Jazz - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group 12 & Under Song and Dance - 1st Place | | |
| | Group 15 & Under Production - 1st Place | | |
| | Junior Top 5 Solos Championship - 1st Place (Winner of National Junior Solo 2018) | Melissa Koivuaho, 6 Charity | |
| | Junior Solo Championship - Top 5 | | |
| | Solo 11 & Under Classical Ballet - 1st Place | | |
| | Solo 11 & Under Jazz - 1st Place | | |
| | Solo 11 & Under Lyrical - 1st Place | | |
| | Solo 11 & Under Open - 3rd Place | | |
| | Solo 11 & Under Acrobatic - 3rd Place | | |
| | Solo 12 & Under Demi Character - 1st Place | | |
| | Duo 12 & Under Lyrical - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group 12 & Under Jazz - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group 12 & Under Lyrical - 2nd Place (Championship Qualifier) | | |
| | Group 15 & Under Contemporary - 2nd Place | | |
| | Solo 12 & Under Student Choreography - 4th Place | | Foo Yu Han, 6 Humility |
| | Group 12 & Under Jazz - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group 12 & Under Lyrical - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group 12 & Under Song and Dance - 1st Place | | |
| | Group 15 & Under Production - 1st Place | | |
| | Group 15 & Under Tap - 2nd Place | | |
| | Solo 12 & Under Ballet - 4th Place | Nosheen Batrisyia Binte Mat Nasir, 6 Humility | |
| | Solo 12 & Under Contemporary - 5th Place | | |
| | Solo 12 & Under Jazz - 5th Place | | |

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| Get The Beat Dance International 2018 | Solo 12 & Under Lyrical - 4th Place | Nosheen Batrisyia Binte Mat Nasir, 6 Humility | |
| | Duo 12 & Under Lyrical - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group 12 & Under Jazz - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group 12 & Under Lyrical - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group 12 & Under Song and Dance - 1st Place | | |
| | Group 15 & Under Contemporary - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group 15 & Under Production - 1st Place | | |
| | Groups 12 & Under Hip Hop - 2nd Place | | Sophia Adelina Binte Noor Sukhairan, 6 Joy |
| | Group 15 & Under Production - 1st Place | | |
| 2018 Get The Beat Singapore Dance Competition | Solo Ballet Performance - 3rd Prize | Mirabelle Low, 2 Kindness | |
| | Group Dance (for 8 and Under Song and Dance segment) - 2nd Place | | |
| | Group Dance (for 8 and Under Jazz segment) - 3rd Place | | |
| 2018 Asia Arts Festival (AAF) Dance Festival | Ballet Solo - Silver Award | Mirabelle Low, 2 Kindness | |
| | Tap Solo - Silver Award | | |
| | Song and Dance Troupe - Gold Award | Ashley Thong Rui Qi, 2 Kindness Mirabelle Low, 2 Kindness | |

Sports

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| Bowling | 2018 PBC Bowling Youth Challenge 2018 Under 12 Girls (Series 4th) | 8th Place | Faustine Adara Chanel Chew Qy Uen, 4 Charity | |
| | Junior Girls' Bowling Sportsmanship Award 2018 | Sportsmanship Award | Amelya Edora Binte Mohammad Elffy, 5 Grace | |
| | Senior Girls' Bowling Sportsmanship Award 2018 | Sportsmanship Award | Kavinayah Jegaraja Pillai, 6 Joy | |
| | National Primary Schools Tenpin Bowling Championship 2018 | Junior Division Girls - 4th Overall Schools | Faustine Adara Chanel Chew Qy Uen, 4 Charity Sophia Katrina Ezra Farabi, 5 Grace Oh Elizabeth Johanna, 5 Joy Lim Sze Suan Reine, 5 Kindness | |
| | | Senior Division Girls - 3rd Overall Schools | Delaney Loh Yingqian, 6 Charity Shannon Chow Rui En, 6 Grace Cara Koo Rae Leng, 6 Humility Ngai Cheuk Shun Cecilia, 6 Humility | |
| Golf | Junior Golf Invitational @ MBGC | PC Division - 2nd Runner Up | Kwong Si Yu Faith, 3 Joy | |
| Pentathlon | Singapore National Games 2018 | Under 9 Youth Pentathlon | Tng Kai Xin, 2 Joy | |
| Skating | 2018 Oceania Australia Figure Skating Competition | 1st Prize | Ashley Thong Rui Qi, 2 Kindness | |

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| | 2018 Singapore Inter-School Ice Skating Competition | Figure Skating Shadow Pattern Dance Category- 2nd Place | Ashley Thong Rui Qi, 2 Kindness |
| | | King and Queen of Speed Junior D Division | Glory Ashley Raja Sarkunan, 6 Joy |
| | | Learn to Skate Core Blades 3 - 1st Place | |
| Squash | Lion City Junior Squash Open 2018 | Girls Under 11 Category - 3rd Place | Saiesha Ranjan, 5 Kindness |
| | SGSquash Inter-Primary School Championships 2018 | Girls Primary 5 (Individual Event) - 2nd Place | |
| | SGSquash Junior Circuit 2018 | Girls 12 and below Category - 1st Place | |
| Track and Field | 65th Annual Track and Field Championships 2018 | U8 Girls 60m - 2nd Place | Tng Kai Xin, 2 Joy |
| | | U9 Girls 60m - 2nd Place | Ng Shu Jun, Renee, 3 Joy |
| | | U10 Shot Put - 1st Place | Dasari Snikitha, 4 Grace |
| | | U10 100m - 1st Place | Chan Xuan Ying Candice, 4 Charity |
| | | U10 100m - 2nd Place | Tng Yue En, 4 Kindness |
| | | U11 100m - 2nd Place | Bryna Lai Min Han, 5 Humility |
| | | U11 4x100m Relay - 2nd Place | Bryna Lai Min Han, 5 Humility Julia Chan Yeui Mun, 5 Humility Melcia Goh Zi Ning, 5 Humility Nakano Ayane, 5 Humility |
| | National School Games Track and Field Championships | Semi-finals (Top 16) - 100m C Girls' | Nakano Ayane, 5 Humility |
| | | Semi-finals (Top 16) - 200m C Girls' | Bryna Lai Min Han, 5 Humility Melcia Goh Zi Ning, 5 Humility |
| | | Finals - Shot Put Event | Dasari Snikitha, 4 Grace Dasari Tanisha, 6 Grace |
| | | 100m D Girls Finals - 5th Place | Chan Xuan Ying Candice, 4 Charity |
| | | 4x100m D Girls' Finals Relay Team - 6th Place | Renee Ng, 3 Joy Chan Xuan Ying Candice, 4 Charity Amelia Pao Tse Teng, 4 Kindness Tng Yue En, 4 Kindness |

Celebrating Teachers' Professional Contributions

1. ***Innovation In and Through the Arts Symposium 2018 organised by the East Zone Centre of Excellence for Creative Arts @ HGS on 29 June 2018***
Mdm Anwara, Lead Teacher, Visual Arts, collaborated with Ms Michelle Yin of Deyi Secondary and Ms Sarene Loh of Ngee Ann Secondary to facilitate a workshop entitled ***Using Drawing as a Tool for Inquiry***. The session aims to offer art educators an alternative way to explore materials and artistic ideas to promote the spirit of experimentation and joy of learning.
2. ***STAR (Singapore Teachers Academy for The Arts) Champions Zonal Music Workshop@Haig Girls' School on 11 July 2018***
Ms Long Peizhen, Music Teacher and STAR Champion, collaborated with music teacher-leaders from East Zone schools to conduct a seminar for music teachers to develop their pedagogy and build music education capabilities in EZ schools. The workshop provided good opportunities for music teachers to network and to learn from one another.
3. ***Leveraging Technologies to Enhance Pupils' Oral Skills on 12 July 2018***
Mdm Norah, ST Malay, Mdm Rita and Miss Norasiken, Malay teachers, collaborated with teachers from St Stephen's School to conduct a workshop on the use of the iMTL portal for the teaching and learning of oral skills at the Academy of Singapore Teachers. The sharing was based on their lesson study for the Malay Language Networked Learning Community.
4. ***E5 Cluster MTV Masterclass Part 2 for Teacher Leaders on 2 August 2018***
Mdm Cindy Chiong did a sharing with teacher-leaders in the E5 cluster on "*The Use of Thinking Routines in the Teaching of Chinese Oral Conversation*". She shared about the effectiveness of using MTV strategies to guide pupils to respond to the questions asked during the Oral Conversation component in Chinese Oral Examinations.
5. ***Excellence 2000 (E2K) Seminar organized by Gifted Education Branch on 6 August 2018***
Miss Alice Tay, Level Head/ Mathematics and Ms Wong Yoke Lye, Assistant Year Head, shared about the implementation of the E2K Math programme since 2016. They shared with participants practical tips on anticipating student responses and orchestrating discussions so as to allow students to actively construct meaning and learn from one another.
6. ***Workshop on Writing at the Academy of Singapore Teachers on 23 August 2018***
Mdm Harjinder Kaur and Ms Genevieve Wong co-facilitated a three-hour workshop for 30 teachers from other primary schools on teaching writing at the primary school level.
The workshop aimed to provide an overview of teaching writing as a process from the practitioners' points of view.
7. ***Workshop for the Gifted Education Branch Creative Writing Programme on 4 September 2018***
Ms Genevieve Wong, Level Head/English, was invited to conduct a workshop for Primary 5 students from different primary schools for the annual Creative Writing Programme organised by the Gifted Education Branch. The workshop covered the generation of ideas for advanced writers.



COOPERATION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Cooperation means being **able to work well with others by contributing actively towards achieving a common goal and handling differences effectively.** Children yearn to create relationships and feel a sense of belonging. The ability to develop positive relationships by working collaboratively with others in childhood is a predictor of success in school and later in life. **It's never too early to learn to cooperate with others!**

As parents, we often *think of cooperation as our child doing what we want.* That is **compliance.** True cooperation means that our child recognises the fact that cooperation is a **joint effort** – a give and take that is **mutually satisfying and goal-oriented.** To develop a cooperative spirit in children, we need to help them make **guided choices** and understand how our requests and rules are good for everyone. It's also important to acknowledge that our kids love a sense of power and control. By **giving them a bit of ownership in the process** (of doing the next thing), they are more likely and willing to cooperate.

Admittedly, being able to cooperate consistently in all contexts is a tall order, but it can be achieved through **explicit teaching, experiences, reflection and role modelling.** Together, let's work hand in hand and help our children to learn and experience the joy of cooperation!



HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE A SUPER COOPERATIVE KID!



EXPLICIT TEACHING



- Talk about cooperation and understand why it is important.
 - ✓ Refer to conversation starters provided on Page 1 of this handout.
 - ✓ Refer to Student Handbook Pages 6 - 8 to discuss what cooperation looks like at different levels.
- Empower child to make guided choices while maintaining rules and parameters.
 - ✓ Give her the opportunity to make developmentally-appropriate decisions. Offering choices which you are comfortable with shows your child respect and reduces the power struggle which in turns creates a sense of collaboration.
 - ✓ Check out this link to find out more!



EXPERIENCE



- Children learn best through their lived experiences. Plan activities that encourage kids to cooperate.
- Create a family cooperation chart for chores to be done at home.
 - ✓ E.g. Set tables, fold clothes, wash the car, etc.
- Watch movies/videos or read books/articles/newspapers articles and identify specific instances where the topic of cooperation can be addressed.
 - ✓ E.g. List of books with themes on cooperation
- Schedule time for children to play fun activities and educational games like board games, outdoor games or sports and engage in free play with peers
 - ✓ Check out the link of a list of cooperative games!



REFLECTION



- Be reflective and "catch" your child cooperating (or attempting to cooperate) and offer your encouragement by verbally showing your appreciation. Material rewards are not necessary.
 - ✓ Think about how you can help child to better internalise her learning, "What went well today?" / "What do the kids need a bit of practice at?" "How can I change my instructions to help my child be more cooperative?"
- Understand your child will develop at her own pace - refrain from comparing your child with her siblings/relatives/friends.

ROLE-MODEL



- Model adult cooperation with family and friends as it teaches children what cooperation looks like and demonstrates your personal belief in the importance and value of cooperation.
 - ✓ E.g. Ask nicely, take turns, invite others to work together.
 - ✓ E.g. Share your own experiences in having to cooperate or manage differences effectively.

PLEASE GIVE US
YOUR FEEDBACK

<http://bit.ly/2NR7nHJ>

