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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Warmest greetings from Zhangde Primary School! The month of September flew past so quickly and we are now into the last week of October and moving towards November.

Recent Achievements

1) ICAS Science

A total of 193 P3 – P6 pupils participated in the annual competition held on 19th April. There were a total of 1 High Distinction, 20 Distinctions and 47 Credits. Justin Htet Aung of P4 Graciousness was awarded High Distinction. Well done, children!

2) National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS)

The following pupils took part in the National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore on 29 June 2016. There were a total of 7 Honorable Mention, 1 Silver and 2 Bronzes. Well done, Zhangde-rens!

	Name	Award
P5 Graciousness	Angeline Philo John Rajakumar	Honorable Mention
P5 Graciousness	Kimberly Chelsea P.Abu	Honorable Mention
P5 Graciousness	Mohamed Muzammil Bin Saibudeen	Honorable Mention
P5 Graciousness	Tang Yu Kai	Honorable Mention
P5 Integrity	Hoy Xin Long	Honorable Mention
P5 Integrity	Lim Zhe Xian	Honorable Mention
P5 Integrity	Seow Hui Zhi	Honorable Mention
P5 Integrity	Yong Chuen Jet	Silver
P5 Integrity	Saung Hnin Phyu Ko Ko	Bronze
P5 Graciousness	Xercis Oh Zhi He	Bronze

3) ICAS Mathematics

A total of 308 P2 – P6 pupils participated in the annual competition held on 2nd August. There were a total of 4 High Distinctions, 19 Distinctions and 74 Credits. The children who obtained High Distinctions are as follows:

Class	Name	Award
P2 Graciousness	Koh Jin Zhi	High Distinction
P2 Versatility	Isaac Loh Kei Loong (Lu Qilong)	High Distinction
P2 Responsibility	Ang Cheng Xi Keiran	High Distinction
P2 Respect	Lee Jun Yee, Allen	High Distinction

Well done, children!

Important Announcements ...

4) Parents Survey 2016

As the school year is drawing to an end for 2016, the school is gathering feedback from our stakeholders on our school programmes and processes for our review and continuous improvement. Your feedback is very important to us as it provides us valuable insights into the impact of the programmes and processes that have been put in place in the school. We would appreciate it if you could complete the 2016 Parents Survey online by **Friday, 11th November** via the online form accessible at the following website: <http://www.mconline.sg>. Please note that the Login ID is your child's BC No. and kindly check the password from your child. Pupils with no access to the internet at home may collect a hardcopy of the Parents Survey form from the general office. For further clarifications, please contact the school Administration Manager, Ms Linda Lau, at Tel: 62740357.

5) Online Travel Declaration for P2 to P6 pupils (November/December School Holidays)

With the approaching November/December school holidays, you may be planning holidays to overseas destinations for the family. To help us safeguard your child's health and that of all children in the school, pupils are required to declare their travel plans whenever they leave the country during the holidays. We seek the cooperation of parents/guardians in ensuring this. Please submit your child's travel declaration online by **Friday, 18th November**, via the online form accessible at the following website: <http://www.mconline.sg>. Please note that the Login ID is your child's BC No. and kindly check the password from your child. Instructions on how to do so can be found on our school website accessible at <http://www.zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/>. Pupils with no access to the internet at home may collect a hardcopy of the travel declaration form from the general office.

Primary 1 pupils must complete and return the hardcopy travel declaration to the Form Teacher by **Friday, 11th November**.

For further clarifications, please contact the school Administration Manager, Ms Linda Lau at Tel: 62740357.

6) MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) for 2016

Your child would have received the application form in September 2016. The form and all supporting documents should have been returned to the General Office by end-September. We are in the midst of processing the applications. You would be informed of the status of your application by mid-November. If you have not submitted your application form, please do so by **Friday, 11th November**.

If your child has never been a recipient and you would like to find out more about this scheme, please feel free to contact our Administration Manager, Ms Linda Lau, or any of our office staff for assistance. You may reach them at Tel: 6274 0357 x 101.

7) Scheduled School Holiday in lieu of Deepavali – Monday, 31st October

Deepavali falls on Saturday, 29th October this year. All Hindu and Sikh staff and pupils will be dismissed at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 28th October. All Hindu and Sikh pupils leaving the school at 10.00 a.m. must be fetched by either a parent or an adult relative.

In lieu of Deepavali which falls on a Saturday, **Monday, 31st October is a scheduled school holiday**.

8) School Admin Day – Wednesday, 9th November

There will be **no school for all pupils** on Wednesday, 9th November. Your child will report to school as usual on Thursday, 10th November.

9) P1 Orientation – Friday, 11th November

The P1 Orientation will be held on Friday, 11th November from 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

10) End of Year Meet-the-Parents Session – Tuesday, 15th November

A letter will be given out to all parents with regard to this. We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday, 15th November. Do proceed to your child’s form class to meet with the form teacher and the school hall to meet with the MT teacher respectively on that day.

11) Annual Prize-Giving & Appreciation Day – Friday, 18th November

The Annual Prize-Giving and Appreciation Day will be held on the last day of school, Friday, 18th November. The event will be conducted in our school hall from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. In order for all participants and guests to witness the celebrations in comfort, we will arrange chairs for all. However, this will limit the number of participants and guests that we can accommodate. As such, this event will only be opened to our P6 pupils, prize recipients, performers and their parents. The rest of the P1 to P5 pupils **do not** need to come to school on this day.

In order not to disappoint pupils who are not invited for the event, a full dress rehearsal of the performances will be held on Thursday, 17th November during school hours.

12) Contribute to the Development of ZPS Heritage Curriculum and Gallery Project

As the school is currently working on building her Heritage Curriculum and Gallery which will document the milestones in Zhangde Primary School’s history, and capture precious memories of the ZPS experience, we welcome all ex-students to contribute to the project in one or more of the following ways.

A	Quotes about your ZPS memories	<i>Email: zhangde_ps@moe.edu.sg Please include your name, graduation year, attachments and/or URL links of your photographs and videos, etc.</i>
B	Photos with captions (eg. class photos)	
C	Videos	
D	Artefacts	<i>Please contact us at (65) 62740357 x 101 or email to zhangde_ps@moe.edu.sg to make the arrangements for your contributions.</i>

Instead of keeping the artefacts at home, you may want to consider donating them to the school to preserve and showcase them in the school heritage centre. Please note that your contributions may be printed in our school publicity materials and displayed in the school. For more information, please visit the school website at <http://www.zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/>.

General Information...

13) Tree Planting Day - Gracious Living Programme

Tanjong Pagar GRC and Radin Mas SMC will be organizing the GRC Tree Planting Day on Sunday 6th November at 8.30 am at Leng Kee Park. On this day, Tanjong Pagar Town Council will be launching the *Gracious Living* programme. Our students will be involved in tree planting as well as in the distribution of pamphlets and promoting the *Gracious Living* message. Do support them at this event.

14) “Transition to Secondary Education” Parent Seminar – Saturday, 12th November

Moving from primary to secondary school is a transition for children and parents. Parents play an important role in supporting their children during the transition so that they can adjust and settle down in the new environment quickly.

To familiarise parents with the current secondary education landscape, MOE will be organising a Parent Seminar on Saturday, 12th November from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at Nanyang Junior College. At the seminar, parents can learn about the various learning pathways and secondary school programmes available, and pick up tips and strategies to help their children cope with the challenges of adolescence.

If you have children who are in Primary 5 or 6, sign up for this Seminar by 4 November at <https://goo.gl/Mq1HN3>. Admission is free and registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. For queries on the Parent Seminar, you may email info@moeparentseminar.sg or call 9421 6900 (Mon – Fri, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.).

15) Healthy Lifestyle Festival SG

Healthy Lifestyle Festival SG is back! Want to enjoy a weekend of healthy fun? The event will take place on 12 to 13 November 2016, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Singapore Sports Hub and Kallang Wave Mall. Hop down for a weekend of healthy fun with exciting activities and attractive prizes for the whole family. Learn how you can stay healthy while having fun whether at Home, School, Workplace or Neighbourhood. For more information, you may visit the website at <https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/101/healthy-lifestyle-festival-sg>.

Calendar of Events for October/November

Please refer to Annex 1 for the calendar of events for the last week of October and November.

Concluding Remarks...

In the remaining weeks leading to the end of our academic year, we focus on the school value of Sincerity, an important value that helps our children relate to one another.

Confucius said, *Hold faithfulness and sincerity as first principles*. In this VUCA environment that we live in, we want our children to always speak with honesty, think with sincerity and act with integrity!

Let's work hand-in-hand to strengthen our children's character and emotional well-being.

Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!

Here's also wishing all our Hindu staff and students a blessed Deepavali!

Warmest Regards,

Miss Loh Sing Huay
Principal

Day	Date	Activities	Pupils Involved	Time
Mon	24-Oct	SA2: EL / FEL Paper 2 (P2 - P5)	P2 - P5 pupils	Curriculum Time
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Tue	25-Oct	SA2: MATH / FMA (P2 - P5)	P2 - P5 pupils	Curriculum Time
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wed	26-Oct	SA2: MT Paper 2 (P2 - P5) / FMT Paper 1 (P5)	P2 - P5 pupils	Curriculum Time
Thu	27-Oct	SA2: Science / FSC (P3 - P5)	P3 - P5 pupils	Curriculum Time
		P5 MENDAKI ROPE Math Programme	Selected P5 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 MENDAKI ROPE Math Programme	Selected P6 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Fri	28-Oct	Science, Art & Mathematics Festival	All P6 pupils	Curriculum Time
Sat	29-Oct	Public Holiday: Deepavali		
Mon	31-Oct	School Holiday in lieu of Deepavali		
Tue	01-Nov	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P2-P5 Volleyball players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Wed	02-Nov	P3 LJ to Madam Tussauds & Images of Singapore Live	P3G & 3V pupils	Curriculum Time
		Floorball Extra Practice	P3 - P5 Floorball players	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
		Malay Dance Extra Practice	Malay Dance pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Rope-Skipping Extra Practice	Sch Team Rope Skippers	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Table Tennis Extra Practice (Girls & P3 Boys)	Selected Table Tennis players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Thu	03-Nov	P3 LJ to Madam Tussauds & Images of Singapore Live	P3I & 3S pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P3 Murasu Anjal Workshop	P3 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Chinese Dance Junior Team Practice	P2 Chinese Dancers	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
		Rope-Skipping Extra Practice	Sch Team Rope Skippers	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Table Tennis Extra Practice (P4 & P5 Boys)	Selected Table Tennis players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Fri	04-Nov	P3 LJ to Madam Tussauds & Images of Singapore Live	P3E & 3Ry pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 Murasu Anjal Workshop	P3 TL pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Badminton CCA Extra Practice	Selected Badminton players	2.30pm - 4pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
		Outreach Programme	Selected pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Parents' Talk - Cyber Wellness Talk	Parents who signed up	7pm - 9pm
Sat	05-Nov	BB Parade 24	BB Boys	7.30am - 9.30am
		GB Meeting 25	GB Girls	7.30am - 9.30am
Mon	07-Nov	P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Tue	08-Nov	P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Badminton CCA Extra Practice	Selected Badminton players	2.30pm - 4pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wed	09-Nov	Admin Day (No school for all pupils.)		
Thu	10-Nov	P2 PAL (OE) Learning Journey to Jurong Bird Park	P2Re & 2S pupils	8.30am - 12pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Badminton CCA Extra Practice	Selected Badminton players	2.30pm - 4pm
		Chinese Dance Junior Team Practice	P2 Chinese Dancers	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
		Table Tennis Extra Practice (P4 & P5 Boys)	Selected Table Tennis players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P2-P5 Volleyball players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Parents' Talk: Empowering Child to be a Champion in Life	Parents who signed up	6.30pm - 9.30pm
Fri	11-Nov	P1 Orientation	Selected pupils	2.30pm - 5.30pm
		GB Year End Camp	GB Girls	Report 5.30pm
Sat	12-Nov	GB Year End Camp	GB Girls	Whole day

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Sat	12-Nov	BB Parade 25	BB Boys	7.30am - 9.30am
Sun	13-Nov	GB Year End Camp	GB Girls	Dismiss 12pm
Mon	14-Nov	Badminton CCA Extra Practice	Selected Badminton players	2.30pm - 4pm
		Cyber Wellness (CW) Ambassador Training	P4 & P5 CW ambassadors	2.15pm - 3.30pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Tue	15-Nov	<i>Meet-the-Parents Session (No school for all pupils.)</i>		
Thu	17-Nov	P6 Graduation Day	All pupils	Curriculum Time
		Badminton CCA Extra Practice	Selected Badminton players	2.30pm - 4pm
		Indian Dance Extra Practice	Selected Indian Dance Pupils	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Fri	18-Nov	Annual Prize-Giving & Appreciation Day	Selected pupils	7.30am - 12.30pm
Sat	19-Nov	BB Parade 26: End-of-Year Outing	BB Boys	TBC
		Li Ning Invitational Badminton Championship	Selected Badminton players	7.15am - 2.30pm
Tue	22-Nov	Annual Sports Camp 2016	Selected pupils	8am - 5pm
Wed	23-Nov	Annual Sports Camp 2016	Selected pupils	8am - 5pm
Thu	24-Nov	Annual Sports Camp 2016	Selected pupils	8am - 5pm
		5th National Young Shutterbugs Competition 2016	Selected Infocomm Club members	7.15am - 5pm

Information is updated and correct at the time of printing.

Legend:

G – Graciousness V – Versatility Rt – Respect Re – Resilience
 I – Integrity E – Empathy Ry – Responsibility S – Sincerity