



# Z H A N G D E P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

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## OPEN LETTER

*May / June 2018*

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Warm greetings from Zhangde Primary School! We hope that this letter finds you in good spirits and in good health. As Semester 1 draws to a close, we would like to highlight recent school achievements and key events for the coming months.

### *ZPS Celebrates International Biodiversity Week! ~Celebrating 25 years of Action for Biodiversity~*

Singapore is home to a large variety of animal and plant species, which can be found in their natural habitats. Be it dry land tropical rainforests, mangroves or coral ecosystems, there is a rich biodiversity to be found in our City in a Garden. Do you know that there is also a rich biodiversity of birds, insects and plants in our school? At our last count in 2017 with assistance from NParks, we recorded at least 80 over plant species and a number of birds who make their homes in our gardens. This week, our school celebrates International Biodiversity Week. Through a variety of activities, we hope to further inculcate in our students a greater appreciation of nature and show them how they can play their part in conserving and preserving Singapore's natural heritage.

## What is IBD?

**Biological Diversity or Biodiversity, is the term given to the variety of life on Earth.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May is proclaimed as the International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biological issues.**



## ***ZPS Celebrates the Achievements of Our Students!***

### ***1) Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation 2018***

It is with a deep sense of pride that we announce the results of the recent bi-annual SYF Arts Presentation 2018. ***Our Chinese dancers, Malay dancers, and Indian Dancers clinched the Certificate of Accomplishment respectively while our Choir clinched the Certificate of Distinction!*** For each child that performed, it was a precious journey of growth. The amount of preparation required was tremendous and thorough. It is through these experiences that our children learn to persevere and keep striving for the best. Strong friendships that will last a lifetime are also formed during this time. Most importantly, we believe that the SYF is an excellent platform for character building, team building and allows our children to appreciate the arts even more. The school would like to register our heartfelt thanks to all teachers, instructors and parents for their unwavering support of the children in the preparation leading up to the presentation. It takes a village to raise our children!

### ***2) Boys' Brigade***

The 35J BB Coy has been awarded the J M Fraser Gold Honour Roll for 2017. This award will spur the company to continue its efforts to make excellence a way of life so that our BB boys can enjoy a wholesome and beneficial programme. Well-done, Zhangderens! We would like to register our sincerest thanks to our BB teachers and volunteers for the hard work put in.

### ***3) Girls' Brigade***

Our 53<sup>rd</sup> Girls' Brigade Company once again clinched the Gold Award and Sustained Gold Award for 2017. We are indeed very heartened and humbled by this award. This would not have been possible without the heart work put in by our GB teachers and volunteers. Well-done, girls!

## ***Important Announcements...***

### ***4) Student Learning Space (SLS)***

A letter on SLS has been sent out to all parents / guardians on 14<sup>th</sup> May. In the next two weeks before school closes, students will be given their SLS accounts. With the SLS, students will be able to learn better through the use of technology, anytime, anywhere, and at their own pace, whether independently or with their peers. To enable your child/ward to learn better through the use of technology, IMDA (Infocomm Media Development Authority) has the **NEU PC Plus Programme**, which offers students and persons with disabilities from low income households the opportunity to own a brand new computer at an affordable price. If you are interested in the programme, you can find out more at <https://www.imda.gov.sg/neupc>. Alternatively, you can approach our staff at the school's General Office for any enquiries.

### ***5) Meet-the-Parents Session***

**Tuesday, 22 May** is the school's Meet-the-Parents Session. This day is set aside for parents to meet with their child's teachers to discuss his/her progress and to collect his/her Report Book. You would have received an invitation from your child's form teacher. Please indicate on the response slip any alternative arrangement if you are unable to meet the teachers on the date set aside for this event.

### ***6) Online Travel Declaration for P2 to P6 students (May/June School Holidays)***

With the approaching May/June 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, students 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, 25 May**, via the online form accessible at the following website: <http://www.mconline.sg>. Please check the login ID and 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/>. Students with no access to the internet at home may collect the travel declaration form from the general office.

Primary 1 students will complete and return the attached hardcopy travel declaration to the Form Teacher **by Wednesday, 23 May**. For further clarifications, please contact the school Administration Manager, Ms Linda Lau, at Tel: 62740357 x 102.

#### **7) P5 Relationship Camp 2018**

Our P5 students will embark on a 3-day Relationship Camp from **Wednesday, 27 June to Friday, 29 June** that will be held at the school. As the camp will be held during school curriculum time, all students including those who are not participating in the camp will need to report to school by 7.30 am.

#### **8) Temperature Taking Exercise**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> temperature-taking exercise for 2018 will be conducted on **Thursday, 28 June** in the school. As part of the school's preparation for this routine exercise, we will be conducting a pre-exercise check on Oral Digital Thermometers (ODTs) on **Tuesday, 26 June and Wednesday, 27 June**. We would like to seek your assistance in ensuring that your child brings his/her personal ODT on the two days mentioned. For students who have lost or misplaced their ODTs, or have unserviceable ODTs, please purchase a replacement ODT available in most of the pharmacies and supermarkets. Alternatively, the ODTs can also be purchased at the school bookshop at \$4.00 each.

#### **9) 2018 Primary One Registration Exercise**

The registration of children for admission to Primary One classes in 2018 will open from Thursday, 28 June 2018 to Tuesday, 21 August 2018. This begins with Phase 1 on Thursday, 28 June and Friday, 29 June for all Singaporeans and Singapore PRs born between 2 January 2012 and 1 January 2013 (both dates inclusive), with siblings studying in ZPS. All eligible children would have been issued with the Registration Form on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. The form should have been returned to the school on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. If your child is eligible for registration under Phase 1 and has not receive the Registration Form through their siblings, or if you have any queries, please contact our Administration Manager, Ms Linda Lau at Tel: 62740357 x 102 for assistance. For more information, do visit the Primary One Registration website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/primary-one-registration>.

#### **10) Lessons for P6 students during the school holidays**

During the June holidays, the school will be organising lessons for our P6 students. They will be conducted from Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> May from 8 am – 12 pm. Do ensure that your child attends all the lessons. All absences must be covered by either a letter or medical certificate.

#### **11) ZPS Fiesta 2018**

We will be holding our annual Open House, **ZPS Fiesta** on **Saturday, 7 July** from 9 am to 12 noon in our school premises. This is a good platform for the school to share with the community our programmes, facilities, and achievements. If you know of friends who are considering a school to register their child in, do invite them to our Open House and work with us to recommend Zhangde Primary School to them.

#### **12) Name Tags**

Name tags are part of the school uniforms. All students must have a nametag ironed on to their uniforms for easy identification. **The nametag should be placed just above the school badge.** If you have not purchased for your child the nametags, kindly proceed to the school bookshop to purchase them. The cost is \$4.00 for 6 pieces of nametags.

#### **13) School Shoes and Socks**

As stated in the Student's Diary 2018, only PLAIN BLACK shoes and white/off-white socks are allowed. Ankle socks are not allowed. We seek parents' cooperation to ensure that the school rules are adhered to. P3 to P6 students are only allowed to wear their sports shoes to school on Fridays when there is CCA. On all others days when the students have CCA extra practices or other sports-related activities in the afternoon, they will be required to wear the school black shoes during school curriculum time and only change into their sports shoes before the start of their CCA extra practices or activities.

#### ***14) Safety of your child at School Zone***

As you approach the school along Jalan Membina, you would have noticed the red-textured surface and “SCHOOL” markings on the road outside our school. There are also traffic lights installed just outside the school. These road safety measures are part of the School Zone Scheme implemented by the Land Transport Authority (LTA) to improve road safety for all primary schools. This scheme highlights to motorists that they are approaching a primary school and should therefore take extra care, slow down, and be alert to look out for school children crossing the road. As you may encounter heavy traffic during school days especially between 7.15 am to 7.30 am as well as during dismissal times in the afternoon, we seek your understanding to exercise patience when you bring or fetch your child to and from school.

If you drive your child to school, please drop off your child and allow him / her to walk towards the school lobby by himself / herself so as not to hold up the traffic at the drop off point. Do avoid parking in the school as they are reserved for our staff only. If you walk your child to school, please set a good example by crossing the road at the traffic lights located outside the school and enter via Gate 3.

LTA has implemented the road safety measures to safeguard the safety of school children. However, it requires your cooperation to make them work effectively. The public road is a shared space for all road users; let us be more gracious and considerate the next time we are in a school zone. If you require more information on the School Zone Scheme, you can call the LTA at 1800-2255 582 or visit the One.Motoring website at [www.onemotoring.com.sg](http://www.onemotoring.com.sg).

***Value of the Term (VOTT): Integrity*** ~ Do the right thing even when no one is watching ~  
(Sharing by the Science Department on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April)

#### ***Calendar of Events for May & June***

Please refer to Annex 1 for the calendar of events for the remaining month of May.

We have also included the schedule of activities in June.

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

*~Biodiversity starts in the distant past and points towards the future~  
Frans Lanting, French Wildlife Photographer*

For the whole of Term 2, we have been focussing on the school values of Graciousness and Integrity. We seek your assistance to continue to reinforce these values with our students at home.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all mothers, a blessed Mother’s Day!

As Father’s Day falls in June, we would also like to take this opportunity to wish all fathers, a blessed Father’s Day!

As this will be the last Open Letter before the Semester 1 break, we would like to wish all of you a fruitful and meaningful June Holidays. We will see all the students back in school in Semester 2 on Monday, 25 June.

Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!

Warmest Regards,

Miss Loh Sing Huay  
Principal

Day	Date	Activities	Students Involved	Time
Mon	14-May	P2 LJ to S'pore Science Centre - Life In A Shell	P2Re & 2S students	8.30am - 12pm
		P4 Code for Fun Programme	All P4 Classes	10.45am-12.45pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 NAPFA Test	P4G & 4I pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 FMA	P5 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 NAPFA Test	P6V & 6S students	3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tue	15-May	P4 Code for Fun Programme	All P4 Classes	10.45am - 12.45pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 HMT	P5 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 FMA	P6 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 NAPFA Test	P6G, 6I, 6E & 6Ry students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Wed	16-May	P1 Guided Reading by Reading Ambassadors	P1 CL Students	9.45am - 10.10am
		P3 Guided Reading by Reading Ambassadors	P3 CL Students	10.45am -11.10am
		P4 Code for Fun Programme	All P4 Classes	10.45am - 12.45pm
		Basketball Training	P3, P4 & P5 Basketball Boys	2.30pm - 4.30pm
		Choir Extra Practice	Choir students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Floorball Extra Practice	P4 - P5 Floorball Boys	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Rope Skipping Training	Rope Skippers	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Table Tennis School Team Training	Table Tennis students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Volleyball CCA Training	P3 - P5 Volleyball students	2.15pm - 3.15pm
Wushu Extra Training	Wushu School Team	2.15pm - 4.15pm		
Thu	17-May	P5 Code for Fun Programme	All P5 Classes	11.15am - 1.15pm
		P1/P2 MT Reading Programme	Selected P1 & P2 students	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 NAPFA Test	P4V, 4E, 4Ry & 4S students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5 Science Olympiad Lesson 5	Selected P5G & 5I students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Outreach Programme (Just4U)	Identified students	2.15pm - 4pm
Fri	18-May	P2 Guided Reading by Reading Ambassadors	P2 CL Students	10.15am - 10.40am
		SINDA PROJECT Teach Programme	P3 - P6 Indian Pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		P5 Code for Fun Programme	All P5 Classes	10.45am-12.45pm
		Debate Training	Junior Debaters	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Friend of Singa Training Session 3	Selected P5G and 5I students	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		Ukulele Enrichment	Selected P5 & P6 students	2.15pm - 4pm
Sat	19-May	BB Parade 14	BB Boys	7.30am - 10.30am
		GB Meeting 14	GB Girls	7.30am - 9.30am
Mon	21-May	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 Science Olympiad Lesson 6	Selected P5G & 5I students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 Code for Fun Programme	All P5 Classes	11.15am - 1.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		Volleyball CCA Training	P3 - P5 Volleyball Students	2.15pm - 3.15pm
Tue	22-May	<b>Meet-the-Parents Session (No School Day)</b>		
Wed	23-May	Display of New CL Books (P1)	P1 CL Students	9.45am - 10.10am
		Display of New CL Books (P3)	P3 CL Students	10.45am - 11.10am
		P5 Code for Fun Programme	All P5 Classes	11.15am - 1.15pm
		Choir Extra Practice	Choir students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Volleyball CCA Training	P3 - P5 Volleyball Students	2.15pm - 3.15pm

Day	Date	Activities	Students Involved	Time
Thu	24-May	P5 Code for Fun Programme	All P5 Classes	11.15am - 1.15pm
		P1/P2 MT Reading Programme	Selected P1 & P2 students	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Outreach Programme (Just4U)	Identified students	2.15pm - 4pm
Fri	25-May	SINDA PROJECT Teach Programme	P3 - P6 Indian Pupil	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Friend of Singa Training Session 4	Selected P5G and 5I students	2.15pm-3.15pm
		Debate Training	Junior Debaters	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Ukulele Enrichment	Selected P5 & P6 students	2.15pm - 4pm
		NPark's Science Research & Communication Module	Selected Environment Club members	1.15pm - 6pm
Sat	26-May	BB Parade 15	BB Boys	7.30am - 9.30am
		GB Meeting 15 : Usual meeting for P5 and P6	GB Girls	7.30am - 9.30am
		GB Meeting 15 : Pizza-making Session	P2 - P4 GB Girls	7.30am - 12pm
Mon	28-May	P6 Lessons	All P6 students	8am - 12pm
		Basketball Girls Extra Training	Basketball Girls	9am - 12pm
		Basketball Training	P3 - P5 Basketball Boys	1pm - 4pm
		Chinese Dance Extra Practice	P3 - P5 Chinese Dancers	9am-12pm
		Rope Skipping Extra training	Rope Skippers	8am - 11am
		Volleyball CCA Extra Training	P3 - P5 Volleyball Students	1pm - 3pm
		Wushu Extra Training	Wushu School Team	9am - 12pm
Tue	29-May	<b>Public Holiday: Vesak Day</b>		
Wed	30-May	P6 Lessons	All P6 students	8am - 12pm
		Rope Skipping Extra training	Rope Skippers	8am - 10am
		Basketball Girls Extra Training	Basketball Girls	9am - 12pm
		Wushu Extra Training	Wushu School Team	9am - 12pm
		Basketball Training	P3 - P5 Basketball Boys	1pm - 4pm
		Volleyball CCA Extra Training	P3 - P5 Volleyball Students	1pm - 3pm
Thu	31-May	P6 Lessons	All P6 students	8am - 12pm
		Rope Skipping Extra training	Rope Skippers	8am - 11am
		Volleyball CCA Extra Training	P3 - P5 Volleyball Students	1pm - 3pm
		Basketball Training	P3 - P5 Basketball Boys	1pm - 4pm
Fri	01-Jun	Basketball Girls Extra Training	Basketball Girls	9am - 12pm
		Basketball Training	P3 - P5 Basketball Boys	9am - 12pm
		Volleyball CCA Extra Training	P3 - P5 Volleyball Students	1pm - 3pm
Fri	22-Jun	Chinese Dance Extra Practice	P3-P5 Chinese Dancers	9am - 12pm
<b>Term 3 starts on Monday, 25 June.</b>				
Mon	25-Jun	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 FMA	P5 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Tue	26-Jun	Checking of ODTs	All students	Curriculum Hours
		kidsREAD programme	Selected P2 Students	2.15pm - 3.30pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 HMT	P5 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 FMA	P6 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 students	2.15pm - 4.15pm

Day	Date	Activities	Students Involved	Time
Wed	27-Jun	Checking of ODTs	All students	Curriculum Hours
		P5 Relationship Building Camp	P5 students	Report at 7.30am
Thu	28-Jun	<b>Temperature Taking Exercise 2</b>	<b>All students</b>	<b>7.45am - 8.15am</b>
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 Science Olympiad Lesson 1	Selected P4G & 4I students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 Science Olympiad Lesson 6	Selected P5G & 5I students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 Relationship Building Camp	P5 students	Full Day
Fri	29-Jun	P5 Relationship Building Camp	P5 students	Dismiss at 1.45pm
Sat	30-Jun	GB Meeting 16	GB Girls	7.30am - 9.30am
Sun	01-Jul	<b>Youth Day</b>		
Mon	02-Jul	<i>Scheduled School Holiday in lieu of Youth Day</i>		

*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