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Gongshang Bulletin

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Holidays

Monday, 30 January 2017, is a public holiday.
Tuesday, 31 January 2017, is a school holiday.



Total Defence Day (TDD)



Date: Wednesday, 15 February 2017
Teacher in charge: Mrs Gwendolyn Chee
TDD 2017 Theme: *Together We Keep Singapore Strong*

Singapore fell to the Japanese during World War II in 1942. Thus, Total Defence Day is commemorated every year on this date to remind us about the difficulties Singapore faced during the Japanese Occupation and that we, as Singaporeans, cannot rely on others to defend our country.

Singapore has remained safe and peaceful for the past 51 years because of the efforts of all Singaporeans. We should not take the peace and stability that we have for granted but continue to put Total Defence into action in our daily lives. Our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people.

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day from Monday, 6 February to Friday, 17 February. These are some of the things we have in store for the pupils:

- Fun activities
- Assembly talk
- Books and newsletters

Look out for more details as the date draws near!

30th Annual Sports Day 2017

Day	Date	Time	Event and Venue
Wednesday	22 February 2017	7.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Lessons will be conducted as per normal. Please bring book(s) for the subject stated in the timetable. Form teachers will advise your child accordingly. P1 & P2 pupils will be dismissed at 11.20a.m. P3-P6 pupils will be dismissed at 11.30a.m. Pupils who have been selected by their House Masters for the events in the afternoon will need to report in their House T shirts at 12.45p.m in the hall.
		1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.*	Preliminary rounds at Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). For selected pupils only. Competitors will be informed by their House masters/mistresses.
Thursday	23 February 2017	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.*	Preliminary rounds at Gongshang Primary School. For selected pupils only. Competitors will be informed by their House masters/mistresses.
Thursday	2 March 2017	7.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.*	Finals at Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). Attendance is compulsory for P3-P6 pupils.

*Estimated end time

Teachers in charge: Mr Sean De Zilva and Mrs Ow Kwee Gim

School will function from 7.30 am – 11.30 am on Wednesday, 22 February 2017.

Transport will be provided to and from school on Wednesday, 22 February and Thursday, 2 March 2017.

More details will be given in a separate letter nearer the date.



Gifted Education Programme Identification Exercise 2017 **(for Primary 3 pupils only)**

The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education is carrying out the identification of pupils for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) on Wednesday, 23 August 2017.

The identification exercise is carried out in two stages – Screening and Selection. Shortlisted pupils at the Screening Stage will be invited to the Selection Stage.

	GEP Screening Exercise	GEP Selection Exercise date(s) (Shortlisted pupils only)
Date	Wednesday, 23 August 2017	19 and 20 October 2017 (Thursday & Friday)
Venue	Gongshang Primary School	To be advised
Time	Curriculum time	To be advised

Teacher-in-charge: Mrs Angie Wong
More details will be provided in Semester 2.

News from the School Media Resource Library (MRL)...

MRL Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 7.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Closed from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily for lunch

Media Island Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday from 2.00 p.m. -3.30 p.m.



MRL Celebrates Lunar New Year!

Come February, all P2 to P6 pupils will get to borrow 6 books (instead of 4) for the entire month. The first 20 borrowers daily to borrow 6 books (including at least 2 Mother Tongue books) during their recesses will be entitled to our daily *Angbao* Lucky Dip!

MRL Borrowing Policy

Pupils are only to borrow books from the MRL using their student pass/ Ezlink card. A photocopy bearing the pupil's photograph clearly can also be accepted.

MRL Lost Book Policy

All pupils are reminded that they are responsible for all school library books loaned out in their name. If a book is lost or damaged, the pupil will be required to replace it with either a book of the same title OR of the same genre (with proof that the replacement book is of comparable value) within a grace period of 4 weeks (from date due).

Project Give & Share

MRL appeals to all to donate books they have “grown out of” to our Project Give & Share corner (located on the first floor outside the Rainbow Room) instead of throwing the books away or leaving them to gather dust at home. All you need to do is:

- bring the book you want to donate to the Project Give & Share corner during your recess/ after school
- fill up the donation slip to indicate you are donating the book
- paste the duly completed slip on the first page of the book and
- drop the book into the book drop!

You are also strongly encouraged to pick a book and bring it home to read. Thank you for doing your part to care for the environment (through recycling books) while sharing good reads with your schoolmates!



Cyberwellness Message

Posting too much personal information online can form a picture of your life to other Internet users and strangers whom you do not wish to share information with.

Visit <https://www.pdpc.gov.sg/resources/for-individuals> for more information on personal data protection online.