School Holidays in October 2015
Children’s Day: Friday 9 October

School closure or No-school days - PSLE Marking
Date: 19, 20, 21 & 22 October
The school will be closed during the PSLE Marking Days.

Primary 1 Bite-sized Assessments*

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End-of-Year Assessment for P3-P5
Please be reminded that the above will commence on Tuesday, 13 October 2015.
Please refer to the letters to parents dated 18 August 2015 (Ref No. for P3: 15/E/362, P4: 15/E/363, P5: 15/E/361) for the full details of the schedule as well as the dismissal times on different days.

Children’s Day Celebration 2015
Date: Thursday, 8 October 2015
Time: 7.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Attire: House T-shirt

We have invited the pupils of Metta School to join us in our celebration. There will be carnival games, pop-corn & cotton candy booths, balloon sculpting and a concert for all to enjoy. Pupils are strongly encouraged to take part in the carnival games as there are attractive prizes to be won. In addition, the school has also arranged for a photo-taking booth starring Star Wars characters from the world wide fan group 501st Legion Singapore Garrison.

Community Chest’s Children’s Day Appeal
Gongshang Primary School has accepted an invitation to be part of Children’s Day Appeal (CDA) 2015 organised by The Community Chest. This annual fund-raising campaign aims to instill in our children the spirit of caring for and sharing with the less fortunate in our society.

Every pupil will receive a donation envelope. They are encouraged to donate part of their savings or pocket allowances. All envelopes, including empty ones, must be returned to the form teachers by Monday 12 October 2015. Should your child lose his/her envelope, please contact the respective form teacher for further action.

P6 Sexuality Education
Date: Monday and Tuesday, 12 – 13 October 2015
Time: During curriculum time
Teacher-in-charge: Mdm Norizah

The objectives of this workshop are:
- To understand what infatuation and love is and the importance of maintaining a healthy relationship.
- To be aware of the potential/possible dangers of Information from the Internet and recognize that one does not need to rely on the Internet, particularly the chat rooms, to make friends.
- To inculcate positive values and attitudes of sexuality so that pupils develop a respect for themselves and others.

Please refer to the letter 15/E/092 dated 13 February 2015 for more information.
Primary 6 Learning Journey
Date: Thursday, 15 October 2015
Time: 7.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.
Place of visit: Singapore Discovery Centre and Army Museum
Teacher-in-charge: Mdm Norizah

The school will be organising the above educational field trip for the P6 pupils. The field trip will enable the pupils to have a better understanding of our need to find our own way to survive and prosper, turning challenges into opportunities. It will also raise our pupils’ awareness of our nation’s history, as well as to reinforce the following NE messages:
* No one owes Singapore a living
* Singapore is our homeland; this is where we belong

'P6 to S1' Education Fair 2015
Date: Friday, 16 October 2015
Time: 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Venue: School Hall, Gongshang Primary School
Teachers-in-charge: Mrs Shirley Puay, Ms Melissa Chan

The objectives of the sharing session are:
1. To provide our graduating classes with insights into secondary school life
2. To help our pupils and their parents make informed choices of their secondary schools.

Our school has invited several secondary schools to set up booths in our school to share their school's programmes with our pupils. Parents are invited to visit the booths from 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

A letter will be given out to all pupils nearer the date.

MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (MOE FAS)
The objective of the MOE FAS is to help needy Singaporean students meet basic schooling expenses.

Eligibility Criteria for MOE FAS:
Pupil is a Singapore citizen and meets one of the following income criteria:
a. The family’s gross household income (GHI) does not exceed $2,500 per month; or
b. The family’s per capita income (PCI)* does not exceed $625 per month
*PCI = Monthly Gross Household Income / No. of members in the household

For families who do not qualify for MOE FAS but the family's PCI is equal or not exceeding $750.00, the School will consider approval under School-based FAS on a case-to-case basis.
Application forms will be available in General Office from Monday, 26 October 2015. The deadline for submission is Friday, 6 November 2015. We regret to inform that all late submission of application form will not be accepted.

News from the MRL…
For this month, MRL is proud to present to you:

Have you heard of “Halloween”? Well, Halloween, also known as All Saints’ Eve, is widely celebrated in the Western countries. Halloween is thought to have originated from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the modern world, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats like chocolates and candies.

MRL will be displaying book titles on spooky tales for the month of October. Let your imagination run wild during this “Happy Halloween” season!

Annual Book Exchange
The annual GSPS Book Exchange is back again this year!

From 19 October to 6 November 2015, pupils who would like to take part in this project can donate their books to Mdm Rohani, our school librarian, during library opening hours. In return, they will be issued coupons which can be redeemed on the days of the GSPS Book Exchange (11 and 13 November 2015).
Note: Only children’s fiction and non-fiction books in English, Chinese and Malay languages will be accepted. The MRL will not be accepting assessment books or magazines.

More details will be released at a later date!

Teacher-in-charge: Ms Melissa Chan

Cyberwellness Message

Sense-Think-Act @ Home

To complement the cyber wellness curriculum in schools, parents can set a good example at home in the use of technology and play an active role in guiding our children to navigate in cyberspace. Below is the first step for PARENTing in the digital age:

Provide opportunities for a variety of offline activities:
Spend time with your child by carrying out family activities such as sports and outdoor activities so that your child has a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

More steps on PARENTing in the digital age will be shared in the next bulletin.