



# Communication Update

27 June 2006

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back!

We are excited to receive 46 new students joining Pathlight School this month. The school is operating at full capacity with many more interested students waiting to join us. We are grateful for the positive response to Pathlight.

## Term 3 Pathlight Schedule of Key Events

To keep you posted on the upcoming events in Term 3, please find below the list of key Term 3 events. You should share this with your children but warn them that sometimes, schedules may change. Please say 'yes' to us if we approach you to volunteer at some of the events.

Date/Time	Event	Remarks
1 July 2006 (Saturday, 2.00-8.30 pm)	Singapore Youth Festival at National Stadium for Secondary Level students	
3 July 2006 (Monday)	Youth Day	<b>School Holiday</b>
10 July 2006 (Monday)	Racial Harmony Day Celebrations	School hours from 8 to 1 pm for <b>all</b> classes including secondary classes
12 July 2006	GCE NT Oral English Exam	
15 July 2006 (Saturday, 9-12 am)	Mini Games Carnival in Pathlight School organized by Paya Lebar Methodist Girls School	Details will be given at a closer date.
15 July 2006 (Saturday, 2.30-10 pm)	NE (National Day) Show for <u>Primary 5</u> and MOE-approved older students	Details will be given at a closer date.
15 July 2006 (Saturday, 9-12 am)	Parent Training: How to help your child excel in Maths (Primary Level)	See details below
18 July 2006 (Tuesday, 10-12 am)	Visit by Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister of State, MOE	
19 July 2006	Invitation to RJC Library	Details will be given at a closer

(Wednesday, 1.50-5 pm)	Opening	date
21 July 2006 (Friday, 9-11 am)	Pathlight School Open House for Parents of potential students of Pathlight	If you know of any external parent who is interested to attend, please ask them to register with Ms Candace Quek, School Counsellor T:64599951
22 July 2006 (Saturday, 9-12 pm)	How to help your child excel in Maths (Secondary Level)	See details below
5 August 2006 (Saturday, 8.30-10.30 am)	Very Special Walk at Pasir Ris Park	Important Fundraising Event for building new Pathlight School. Details will be given at a closer date.
8 August 2006 (Tuesday)	National Day Celebrations	School hours from 8 to 1 pm for <b>all</b> classes including secondary classes
9 & 10 August 2006 (Wednesday & Thursday)	National Day and Day after National Day	<b>School Holidays</b>
14-18 August 2006	Practice Papers for Track 2, Edison, Mozart and Einstein classes. PSLE & GCE Preliminary Exams.	Details will be given at a closer date.
17 August 2006 (Thursday)	PSLE English Oral Exam	
29 August 2006 (Tuesday, 7.30-9.30 pm)	Parents Communication and Training Session for all parents cum Mainstream Readiness Talk for Track 1 parents	<b>Attendance is compulsory</b>
30 August 2006 (Wednesday)	Term end school outing at Road Safety Park	School hours from 8 to 1 pm for <b>all</b> classes including secondary classes
31 August 2006 (Thursday night)	Pathlight and ARC Staff Dinner and Dance	
1 September 2006 (Friday)	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
4 September 2006 (Monday)	GCE N Level English Listening Comprehension Exam	

### **CCA for Primary 4 and above STARTS THIS FRIDAY**

We are back on schedule. All students from P4 classes and above will continue with their CCA activities this Friday.

<b><u>Classes</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>CCA Activity for Term 3</u></b>
Hawthorne	2- 3 pm	Ball Games
Mahogany	2-3 pm	Ball Games
Edison	2-3 pm	Ball Games
Birch	2-3 pm	Golf
Shorea	2-3 pm	Golf
Einstein	2-3 pm	Golf
Acacia	3-4 pm	Ruan Instrument
Tembusu	3-4 pm	Ruan Instrument
Mulberry	3-4 pm	Ruan Instrument

Please kindly arrange for the necessary transport; pack lunch or provide pocket money for your child's lunch. Teachers will be taking their lunchbreak as well and will not be available to look after your child before CCA begins. Please arrange for support for students who are not independent during the lunch time.

We seek your understanding.

### **Staff Deployment**

We have reviewed the staff redeployment to achieve better teacher-student and teacher-buddy teacher fit. There will be some changes this term. .

For existing students experiencing teacher change, there will always be a familiar teacher within the class, who has worked with him/her before. We will do our best to prepare both old and new students. Please continue to support your teachers.

Classes which are impacted are listed in Appendix 1.

### **Parent Training Workshops: "Helping My Child Excel in Maths"**

We are pleased to announce the first 2 parent training workshops to help your child excel in Mathematics. We strongly encourage you and your child's tutors (if any) to attend as Dr Yeap is a highly sought-after NIE lecturer and best selling author.

Details of the sessions are as follow:

Date/Time: 15 July 2006 (9-12pm) for Primary level  
22 July 2006 (9-12 pm) for Secondary level  
Venue: Multimedia Room, Pathlight Level 2  
Course Fee: \$20/per participant  
Instructor: Dr Yeap Ban Har, National Institute Education Lecturer and  
Author of Mathematics Instruction Guide/Assessment Books

Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Due to limited seats, we apologise that we may have to disappoint some parents in the event that all seats have been taken.

If you are interested, please submit the course fee and the attached reply slip to the class teacher by 1 July 2006.

### **Primary 1 Registration in the Mainstream Schools**

Track 1 students usually have three options after being prepared in their track:

1. Join a typical mainstream school offering mainstream academics
2. Continue with Pathlight, if offered and parents prefer smaller class size and a blend of curriculum covering mainstream academics and life skills
3. Join other special schools if found not suitable to continue with mainstream academics

There will be a School Readiness Workshop for all Track 1 parents before September.

For now, you can choose to apply for the Primary 1 admission if you feel your child is ready.

However, if you would like to defer Primary 1 admission for your child in a typical mainstream school, you are required to write to Ms Sandy Seow Suat Leng, Compulsory Education Unit, Ministry of Education informing her of your intention.

If you need a letter certifying that your child is currently in Pathlight School, please contact Ms Candace Quek, School Counsellor at Tel 6459 5637 or email : [candace.quek@pathlight.org.sg](mailto:candace.quek@pathlight.org.sg).

### **Reminders for Parents of New Students**

For all parents of new students, please be reminded to submit the following to the class teacher:

- \$3 for the purchase of school insurance by **13 July 2006 (Thursday)**
- 2 coloured passport size photos of your child in school uniform by **13 July 2006 (Thursday)**
- completed Very Special Walk Donation cards by **31 July 2006 (Monday)**

Term 3 promises to be a very exciting school term that is lined up with many activities. We look forward to fostering a closer partnership with you to develop your children to their fullest potential in life.

Best Regards,

Ms Denise Phua  
School Supervisor/Acting Principal

Ms Anne Chew  
Head, Student Affairs & Operations

Cc Ms Annie Tan and Ms Loy Sheau Mei, Track Heads  
Mrs Jean Koh, Head, Café Operations  
Ms Alina Chua, Head, Outreach Therapy Services  
All Staff



**APPENDIX 1**

**TEACHER DEPLOYMENT TERM 3 2006**

<b>Track</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Form Teacher</b>	<b>Buddy Teacher</b>
1	Dandelion	Ms Nurzie	Ms Susan Lee
1	Canna	Ms Kanimoli Maniam	Ms Gin Ng
1	Oleander	Ms Kay	Ms Nor Hafizah
1	Periwinkle	Ms Shoba	Ms Riza P. Movida
1	Allamanda	Ms Julianna Yen	Ms Siti
1	Ixora	Ms Anisah	Mrs Sabina David
1	Heliconia	Ms Yvonne Kong	Mr Andrew Tan
1	Lilac	Ms Shereen	Ms Julie
1	Juniper	Ms Shobana	Ms CJ
1	Begonia	Ms Michelle Chua	Ms Kirsten Woo
3	Newton	Ms Sharifah	Ms Geeta
3	Beethoven	Ms Premila	Mr Rohaizad
2	Angsana (P1)	Ms Ang Hwee Ben	Ms Cindy Chang
2	Banyan (P1)	Mrs Margaret Chan	Mrs Karen Ling
2	Cedar (P1)	Ms Juleha	Ms Avni Parekh
2	Dillenia (P1)	Ms Norhayati	Ms Pauline Chu
2	Eugenia (P1)	Ms Dolly Tan	Ms June Phoon
2	Fernwood (P1)	Ms Evelyn Ong	Ms Harkiran
2	Olive (P2)	Ms Nisha Arumugan	Ms Mohana Tan
2	Cypress (P2)	Ms Michelle Soh	Ms Auyong Choy Yan
2	Aspen (P2)	Ms Florence	Ms Auyong Choy Yan
2	Maple (P3)	Ms Cara Lim	Ms S. Thilagavathi
2	Redwood (P3)	Ms Devi	Ms Ch'ng Bee Lay
2	Hawthorne (P4)	Ms Koh Hwee Ping	Ms Loy Sheau Mei
2	Mahogany (P4)	Mrs Jean Joseph	Ms Goh Fong Yin

2	Shorea (P5)	Ms Nadia Natasha	Mr Lawrence Leong
2	Birch (P5)	Mr Halim	Nil
2	Sycamore (P6)	Ms Suzanne	Mrs Mary Gilbert
2	Casuarina (P6)	Mrs Lilian Chai	Ms Rajalasamy
2	Acacia (Sec 1)	Mrs Mary Gilbert	Ms Wong Geok Choo
2	Tembusu (Sec 2/Sec 3 NT)	Ms Linda Chin	Ms Irene Leow
2	Mulberry (Sec 3 NA/Sec 4 NT)	Mr Joshua Yang	Ms Lim May Lee
3	Einstein	Mrs Audrey Goh	Mr Calvin Lowe
3	Edison	Mrs Sophia Wee	Ms Ann Chow
3	Mozart	Ms Li Bin	Ms Nur Akmar