

11 March 2025

COMMUNICATION 2/2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As Term 1 comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to share the following updates with you:

1. School Personnel Update

We would like to bid a fond farewell to Ms Sherlyn Seah, our School Staff Developer, as she takes on a new role as Vice-Principal at Haig Girls' School, effective 24 March 2025. We extend our warmest congratulations to Ms Seah on her well-deserved promotion and wish her every success in this new chapter of her career.

2. Punctuality

The school day starts at 7.30am daily with flag raising, singing of National Anthem and pledge taking. Students are required to report to school and be present at the Basketball Court (P1 & P2) or the Hall (P3 to P6) at 7.30am. Otherwise, they will be considered late. We seek your kind understanding and cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives punctually as it is important that your child/ward establishes good routines and habits from a young age.

3. Absence During School Term

The school would like to emphasize that absences due to early or extended vacations are not considered valid reasons. It is essential for students to attend school every day when it is in session, and we seek your support in reinforcing this message. The school monitors the attendance of our students closely as frequent absence can significantly affect students' progress and learning in school.

4. Commuting To and From School

By private transport

To ensure the safety of all students and road users, kindly refrain from dropping off your child/ward outside the school's front gates, at the bus stop or along Marine Terrace Road. U-turns are also strictly prohibited outside the school's front gate.

For smoother traffic flow, we encourage you to alight or pick up your child/ward at the nearby HDB carparks, particularly those serving Block 5-8 and Block 52, to alleviate congestion within the carpark at Block 4. During school dismissal times, please park your cars at the designated parking lots while waiting for your child/ward to reduce congestion within the carpark. Illegal parking and continuous honking are strongly discouraged at all times.

By foot

Parents/Guardians who accompany their child/ward to school on foot are kindly requested to escort them to either Gate 1 or 4. We strongly encourage parents to promptly move away from the gate areas to prevent congestion at the gates, ensuring the safety of students crossing outside the school gate and facilitating the movement of vehicles entering the school compound.

By bicycle or scooter

Students who commute to and from school by bicycle or scooter may register and park their bicycles or scooters at the waiting area near Gate 4. If you have not registered for your child/ward at the start of the year, please complete the registration form via this <u>link</u>. Do note that parking within the school is at your own risk and is granted on a first-come, first-served basis, as parking spaces are limited. Students with successful registration will receive a label, which must be affixed to their bicycle or scooter for identification purposes.

Students who cycle or ride a scooter to school must:

- Label, secure and lock their bicycles and scooters at all times.
- Dismount and push their bicycles or scooters while within the school compound.
- Observe road safety when riding on pedestrian pathways and designated areas.
- Refrain from using mobile phones and earphones while riding.
- Always wear protective gear and check that their bicycles and scooters are in good working condition.

5. P5 & P6 Parents' Briefing - Friday, 4 April 2025

There will be a face-to-face briefing for P5 and P6 parents on Friday 4 April 2024 from 2.30 to 4 pm in your child's/ ward's respective classrooms. The class subject teachers for English, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue will share curriculum matters and strategies on how parents can support their child's learning. Closer to the date, a follow-up letter will be sent via PG with registration details and a more detailed programme for the briefing.

6. International Friendship Day – Tuesday, 8 April 2025

This year, International Friendship Day (IFD) will be commemorated on Tuesday, 8 April 2025, with the theme "Singapore: Forging Friendships in a Complex World."

As the global landscape evolves, Singapore faces both opportunities and challenges. International cooperation remains vital for addressing global issues and seizing new opportunities. By fostering an appreciation for diverse cultures and perspectives, students will be better equipped to contribute to a cohesive and globally connected society, and deepen their understanding of Singapore's geopolitical realities and national interests.

The commemoration of IFD provides an opportunity for our students to reflect on the importance of:

- An active foreign policy to maintain Singapore's international space;
- Openness to the international flow of trade, ideas, and talent;
- Cross-cultural skills and a global orientation; and
- The spirit of friendship and collaboration among different people.

On that day, our students will participate in CCE lessons and related activities designed to help them embrace these important values. There will be recess activities held together with the EL Week to provide more opportunities for our students to engage in meaningful activities that reflect the values of international friendship, communication and cultural understanding.

7. EL Week with IFD – Tuesday, 8 April to Friday, 11 April 2025

Held in conjunction with International Friendship Day (IFD), EL Week 2025 will focus on Malaysia, giving students the opportunity to explore its rich culture, traditions, and heritage.

Classroom activities will allow students to "adopt" different continents, fostering deeper cross-cultural understanding. Students from P1 to P6 will engage in themed learning—ranging from food and weather to general culture—culminating in an "Around the World" carnival where they will showcase their findings.

To make the experience even more exciting, students will be given the EL Week Boarding Passes to be used when participating at the different booth activities during recess. Specially designed EL Week bookmarks will also be given out as keepsakes to commemorate the experience.

With an emphasis on global awareness, cross-cultural communication and appreciation for diversity, EL Week 2025 promises to make learning English an enriching and unforgettable experience!

8. Be A Fabulous Friend (BFF) Week - Tuesday, 15 April to Thursday, 17 April 2025

B.F.F Week was initiated to remind every student to be a good friend and to promote activities that encourage the development of positive friendships. This year's theme is ICARE. Throughout the week, we have planned a series of activities during recess to strengthen friendships. Additionally, there will be various fun and meaningful ways to show care, appreciate friends, and foster a supportive school environment.

9. Sustainable Living Week – Tuesday, 20 May to Thursday, 22 May 2025

Sustainable Living Week is an annual event to commemorate the school's commitment in sustainable efforts. This year, in alignment with GoGreenSG 2025, the event will include an assembly talk, booth activities and the Trees for School programme, under the One Million Trees movement supported by NParks.

Through these activities, we hope that students will develop a greater understanding and awareness on what sustainability is, issues and challenges in Singapore and world context as we work together towards Singapore Green Plan 2030. Students will also learn some new ideas, make a commitment to share their knowledge with family and friends and be advocates of the environment by role-modelling sustainable practices.

10. Kindness 2.0 @ NAPS - Monday, 26 May to Wednesday, 28 May 2025

This year, we are taking kindness to the next level—both online and offline! For the very first time, we're combining Cyber Wellness and Kindness@NAPS into one exciting initiative! During assembly, students will learn more about showing kindness through their daily actions and words. During recess, students will get to take part in fun, interactive activities that highlight the importance of:

- The value of kindness and how it aligns with NAPS school value of respect.
- Being a kind and thoughtful friend—in school and online!
- Helping one another show kindness in the school environment and being good role models.
- Using words wisely when chatting in the cyber world.
- Staying alert to online scams.
- Being responsible digital citizens while having fun online!

Kindness isn't just about smiling at friends in school—it's also about being respectful and thoughtful in the digital world!

11. Arts Fest 2025 – Thursday, 29 May 2025

In line with the school's Learning for Life Programme 'GRowing Appreciation for Creative Expression' (GRACE), the annual Arts Fest offers every student the chance to explore a diverse range of art and music activities. This year's Arts Fest, scheduled on Thursday, 29 May 2025, not only wraps up a fulfilling first semester but also amplifies our celebration of the school's 85th year of founding. Some activities of the day would pay tribute to the forward-thinking pioneers whose vision and dedication have shaped the vibrant school we enjoy today over the past 85 years, making this celebration possible.

The event will feature student performances, followed by lessons from older peers, with additional art and music activities during recess. Through the Arts Fest, we aim to broaden artistic horizons, empower emerging art and music leaders, and build confidence through creative expression.

12. Online Parent-Teacher Meeting – Friday, 30 May 2025

As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening the School-Home partnership, we will be holding our online Parent-Teacher Meeting on Friday, 30 May 2025. Further details on booking appointment slots with your child's/ward's form and subject teacher(s) will be shared closer to the event date.

Please be informed that all students are not required to report to school on that day. Ace @ Work Student Care Centre will operate full day from 7.30 am to 7pm that day. SCC staff will follow up with parents/guardians regarding SCC attendance separately.

13. Term 2 Calendar of Activities

The Calendar of Activities for Term 2 is enclosed for your reference. We will keep you updated if there are any changes.

Wishing all our students and their families a wonderful Term 1 school holiday break! We appreciate your continued support and look forward to working together in the coming term.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully, Mdm Pang Siu San Principal

NGEE ANN PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2025 (TERM 2)

Week	Date	Day	Activities	CCA	Remedial/
				(Mon &/or Wed	Enrichment (Tue &/or Fri
				from 2–5 pm)	from 2-5pm)
1	24 Mar	Mon		Yes	No [#]
	25 Mar	Tue		1	
	26 Mar	Wed		-	
	27 Mar	Thu]	
	28 Mar	Fri		-	
2	31 Mar	Mon	Public Holidays - Hari Raya Puasa	Yes	Yes
	1 Apr	Tue		(except Mon)	(except Fri)
	2 Apr	Wed			
	3 Apr	Thu			
	4 Apr	Fri	P5 & P6 Parents' Briefing		
3	7 Apr	Mon	P5 Overseas Learning Journey to Suzhou, China*	Yes	Yes
	8 Apr	Tue	Commemoration of International Friendship Day (IFD)		
			 P5 Overseas Learning Journey to Suzhou, China* EL Week with IFD 		
	9 Apr	Wed	P5 Overseas Learning Journey to Suzhou, China*	-	
			EL Week with IFD		
	10 Apr	Thu	 P5 Overseas Learning Journey to Suzhou, China* EL Week with IFD 		
	11 Apr	Fri	 P5 Overseas Learning Journey to Suzhou, China* EL Week with IFD 		
4	14 Apr	Mon		Yes	Yes
	15 Apr	Tue	Be A Fabulous Friend (BFF) Week		(except Fri)
	16 Apr	Wed	Be A Fabulous Friend (BFF) Week		
	17 Apr	Thu	Be A Fabulous Friend (BFF) Week]	
	18 Apr	Fri	Public Holidays – Good Friday		
5	21 Apr	Mon		Yes	Yes
	22 Apr	Tue			
	23 Apr	Wed			
	24 Apr	Thu			
	25 Apr	Fri			
6	28 Apr	Mon		Yes	Yes
	29 Apr	Tue]	
	30 Apr	Wed			
	1 May	Thu	Public Holidays – Labour Day		
	2 May	Fri			
7	5 May	Mon		Yes	Yes
	6 May	Tue	P1 Learning Journey to the Zoo*	_	
	7 May	Wed	P1 Learning Journey to the Zoo*		
	8 May	Thu		_	
	9 May	Fri			
8	12 May	Mon	Public Holidays – Vesak Day	Yes	Yes
	13 May	Tue		(except Mon)	

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				(Mon &/or Wed	(Tue &/or Fri
				from 2–5 pm)	from 2-5pm)
	14 May	Wed			
	15 May	Thu	School Health Visit*		
	16 May	Fri	School Health Visit*		
9	19 May	Mon	School Health Visit*	Yes	Yes
	20 May	Tue	School Health Visit*		
			 Sustainable Living Week 		
	21 May	Wed	 School Health Visit* 		
			 Sustainable Living Week 		
	22 May	Thu	 School Health Visit* 		
			 Sustainable Living Week 		
	23 May	Fri	 School Health Visit* 		
10	26 May	Mon	Kindness 2.0 @ NAPS	Yes	Yes
	27 May	Tue	Kindness 2.0 @ NAPS		(except Fri)
	28 May	Wed	Kindness 2.0 @ NAPS		
	29 May	Thu	Arts Fest		
	30 May	Fri	Online Parent-Teacher MeetingNo School		

School Term: Mon, 24 Mar 2025 – Fri, 30 May 2025 School Vacation: Sat, 31 May 2025 – Sun, 29 Jun 2025

TERM 2 HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES					
Date	Day	Activities			
23 June	Mon				
24 June	Tue	P6 Remedial (8am – 12.30pm)*			
25 June	Wed	P6 Remedial (8am – 12.30pm)*			
26 June	Thu	P6 Remedial (8am – 12.30pm)*			
27 June	Fri				

School activities will be carried out during curriculum time, unless otherwise specified.

^{*} More details will be provided to the levels/students involved closer to the date.

^{*} Even though there are no remedial lessons this week, curriculum lessons (e.g. Higher Mother Tongue, Mother Tongue, Foundation English lessons) for selected students will still be held on Tuesday afternoon, as indicated in the class timetable.