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AN OPEN LETTER APRIL 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Greetings! Welcome back to a new school term here at Queenstown Primary School. We hope you have had a wonderful break with the children.

Upcoming Events

International Friendship Day (5 April)

2. The school will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) on Friday, 5th April 2024. This day is dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with neighbouring countries and beyond. This year's theme is 'Singapore in Asia'.

3. The IFD commemoration aims to nurture in our students the spirit of care, friendship, respect and collaboration with people of all nationalities. Students are taught to recognize the importance of connectedness between our neighbouring countries, celebrate the region's diversity and vibrancy and promote the spirit of friendship and collaboration. Lessons to commemorate IFD will take place in the students' classrooms, and we look forward to a meaningful and engaging IFD for all our Queenstowners.

Hari Raya Puasa (10 April)

4. Wednesday, 10 April 2024 is a public holiday. Students will return to school on Thursday, 11 April 2024. QtPS wishes all Muslim members of our Queenstown Family a joyful Hari Raya Puasa!

Earth Week 2024 (15 to 19 April)

5. Here at Queenstown Primary, we have been working on nurturing every Queenstowner to be an Eco-steward. As part of the Applied Learning Programme, students embarked on environmental project-based learning during their Experiential Week in Term 1. During this programme, students reflected on the environmental concerns that we face here in Singapore as well as globally. Students then created products to raise awareness on the various issues that they had learnt about. During Earth week from 15 to 19 April 2024, selected projects will be showcased in line with the theme of 'Adopting a Zero Waste Lifestyle'. Environment Ambassadors from each class as well as members of the Science and Green Club will also be conducting sharing sessions aligned to the theme during the assembly periods. In order to support the cause, we encourage you to partner us in reinforcing the importance of sustainable living with your child / ward at home.

Labour Day (1 May)

6. Wednesday, 1 May 2024, is a public holiday, being Labour Day. Students will return to school on Thursday, 2 May 2024.

General Information

Update in Policy on the Recording of External Achievements & Values-In-Action in Holistic Report Book

7. We would like to inform you of an update to our policy regarding the recording of external achievements and values-in-action of our students in the school holistic report book.

8. With effect from this year, we will not be recording any external achievements or external values-in-action of students. The following are the only external achievements that will be recorded in the holistic report book:

- Student participation or achievement in recognized external competitions sent by the school
- Representation of a student at the combined schools or international levels i.e. national representation

9. We will continue to record the school-based achievements of our students in the holistic report book such as the termly awards (e.g. Value Award, QTO Award, Sportsmanship Award, Artist of the Term).

10. We understand the significance of acknowledging and celebrating the accomplishments of our students beyond the academic realm. Therefore, we encourage parents to maintain records of their child's external achievements and utilize them for any relevant programmes or applications that the child may wish to pursue.

11. We would also like to assure parents that for the Direct School Admission (DSA) application process, the DSA portal allows for the submission of records of your child's external achievements. For more information on the DSA application process, we encourage you to visit the DSA website.

12. Should you have any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We appreciate your continued support in nurturing the holistic development of our students.

Celebrating our Queenstowners' Attainment in Term 1, 2024

13. In keeping with our belief that every child matters and can accomplish, our school takes pride in celebrating our students' efforts and development in their character and their work with termly awards – *Artist of the Term, Sportsmanship Award, Value Award and Queenstowner (Qt) Award*. These awards serve to recognise and affirm our students as they continue to become better versions of themselves and motivate their peers to do likewise.

14. Here is a brief overview of the Values and Queenstowner Outcomes of each Term: You may refer to Annex A for a list of our award winners.

| | Value of the Term | Queenstowner Outcome of the Term |
|---------------|--------------------------|---|
| Term 1 | Respect | Confident Individual |
| Term 2 | Integrity | Critical Thinker |
| Term 3 | Resilience | Caring Citizen |
| Term 4 | Gratitude | Effective Leader |

2024 Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards

15. Nominations for the Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards is now open! Supported by the Ministry of Education, this award recognises the contributions of Chinese teachers who:

- inspire interest in the Chinese Language and culture
- use creative and engaging teaching methods/ learning activities
- have a passion for teaching
- command respect and are well-loved by students, parents and fellow teachers

16. All Queenstowners, parents and teachers are invited to nominate their inspiring Chinese Language teachers.

17. Nomination forms can be accessed from <https://bit.ly/dclta2024>. For more information, do email zbschools.sph.com.sg.



18. The deadline for nomination is on **12 May 2024, Sunday**.

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

19. Our April calendar of events can be found on our school website, at <https://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar/>



Keep in touch with us

20. To be updated on what has been happening in our school, please visit us at:

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| <p><u>Our School's Website Page</u> www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg</p> |  |
| <p><u>Our School's Facebook Page</u> https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/</p> |  <small>QtPS Facebook Page</small> |

Concluding Remarks

21. Our Term 2 School Value, Integrity, emphasizes principled actions and advocating for righteousness, even in solitude. Demonstrating integrity fosters a conducive learning atmosphere and significant connections. Integrity transcends mere honesty; it entails ethical, reliable, and consistent conduct. Thus, integrity fosters accountability for our deeds, expressions, and musings. Presently, instilling integrity in students is crucial for fortifying the basis of our interconnected relationships, whether virtual or physical.

22. Here are some tips to reinforce the value of integrity at home:

Articulate Family Values
Family values impact the development of a healthy child. Family values must be intentionally articulated through parent's words and actions.

Affirm Respectful Behaviour
When your child shows integrity, praise them. Let them know that honesty and respect for others is more highly valued than wealth or intelligence.

A Moral Vocabulary
Words like honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage are core to family beliefs. Use them, and others, to express and reinforce your family values. Have meaningful conversations and encourage your child to talk about these values.

Be a Role Model
Children watch and learn from your actions. By role-modelling, parents can help children understand how integrity is part of a successful and rewarding life.

Why do you think we should tell the truth even if someone might be angry or there might be consequences?

What promises have you made that you know you won't break?

(Adapted from <http://www.rootsofaction.com>)

23. This amazing story of Derek Redmond illustrates his dedication to sticking to his strong moral principles. As I conclude this month's open letter, I would like to share this inspiring story with you too.

In 1992, during the Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Derek Redmond, a British sprinter, experienced a moment that exemplified the true essence of integrity. Redmond had trained tirelessly for years, aiming for Olympic glory in the 400-meter race. However, during the semifinal heat, disaster struck as Redmond tore his hamstring halfway through the race. Despite the excruciating pain, Redmond refused to give up on his lifelong dream.

With sheer determination, Redmond hobbled forward, determined to finish the race. Ignoring the protests of officials and medical personnel, he continued, supported by his father, who rushed onto the track to assist him. Together, they crossed the finish line amidst a standing ovation from the crowd.

Redmond's act of perseverance and integrity touched the hearts of millions worldwide. Despite the disappointment of not achieving his Olympic goal, his unwavering commitment to finishing the race showcased the true spirit of sportsmanship and integrity. Redmond's story remains a poignant reminder that success is not solely defined by victory but also by the strength of character and integrity displayed in the face of adversity.

Source: <https://olympics.com/en/athletes/derek-redmond>

Warmest regards,

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Annex A

| Class | Value Award (Respect) | Qt Award (Confident Individual) | Artist of the Term | Sportsmanship Award |
|--------------|--|--|--|---|
| 1 Care | KALISTA CH'NG YEN XI | TAI ZHEN YU, ASHTON | VICKI ZHAO ZIYAN | ADRY FAHMIE BIN MUHAMMAD ISKANDAR |
| 1 Courage | LEE KHLOE | TAM YU CHEN | FREDRIC PAN YIHAN | JOSEPH MILES HICKMAN |
| 1 Creativity | CHEONG LIN YING ARIEL | TAN YU HAN, KAREN | TEO JIE REN ADEN | SIVARAMAN SHRI AARANYA |
| 1 Diligence | AKAIN MIHELA WIMALASENA | CALEB MASANCAY CHIAM | LIM XIAO YU CHRISTINA | HAMIZAN ADLI BIN MUHAMAD AZRI |
| 1 Honesty | CHONG MIN YI | LOW LOVETTE | NG SI NING | LOW LOVETTE |
| 1 Joy | DHARSHAN KUMAR RITHVI SHRREY | XAVIER CHOW RUI KAI | LIAO QIAOXI | ETHAN SIOW YI XIN |
| 1 Respect | EMMA JADE SIA YOU XUAN LJUNGSTROEM | LUCAS LOKE ZI JIAN | EMMA JADE SIA YOU XUAN LJUNGSTROEM | CHARLOTTE GRACE ANG |
| 2 Care | HWEE CHENG MUN, CHERISSE | LEE KANG PING, RYAN | MUHAMMAD SYAKIR BIN SUHAIMI | LIU JIAMING |
| 2 Courage | ALINA SHARLEEZ PHUA | LAU JING XI | MAXWELL CLARENCE KHO | NGEOW NIN AN, KAEDEN |
| 2 Creativity | GOH RUI EN, ALANIS | MAK COOPER CASTREY | VICTORIA GOH SHIJIA | OOI MIN HO |
| 2 Diligence | CHAN CHEE KIT EVAN | CRUZ BONG SHAO HENG | TAN XIN QI | ONG TAI CHANG ETHAN |
| 2 Honesty | SOH EN QI JOY | EVAN LIEW JIE JUN | LOO QIAO ER | FINN RUIYI TAM |
| 2 Joy | KIMBERLY CHEAH SHU XUAN | ALEENA FEROZ | CHAN HUI EN | RICHARD CHEW HAO MING |
| 2 Respect | YANG TAIXI | DAI YIXUAN OLIVIA | OLYVIA WONG XI | OLYVIA WONG XI |
| 3 Care | RIHAAN GUPTA | ZHENG CHUXI | GOH RUI EN | DHARSHAN KUMAR THARON SHATHVIK |

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| 3 Courage | GWENDOLYN LOH SIQI | AAROHI GUPTA | WILL JAMES COSSON | RENZO NGEH LAM |
| 3 Creativity | LEANNA BERNARD | MATTHEW SAMUEL SUTEDJA | MEGAN LEE JIA XIN | CASPER YOONG ZHENG KAI |
| 3 Diligence | BERNICE LEE TIAN LE | RAYAN NAEL BIN AZHAR | RAYAN NAEL BIN AZHAR | CHEN KAI JIE GEORGE |
| 3 Honesty | YONG ZHONG MING | MOO JIN | ZHANG ZHENGHAN HANK | LUO ZHENZHEN |
| 3 Joy | ANTIL ALICIA | PAE DANIEL IAN | TANG YU HAN EMILY | OWEN HAN RUI DING |
| 4 Care | KIERAN NG ZHENG HENG | ANG HUI EN, CLARA | NIKILIA LEE JIA YING | TERRENCE CHIEW XIN ZAN |
| 4 Courage | MHARAIZAH AQEELA BINTE RIDZAWI | HE MINGXUAN LUCAS | NGUYEN THUY MINH ANH | MHARAIZAH AQEELA BINTE RIDZAWI |
| 4 Creativity | QURROTUAIN BINTE ABDUL HALIL | CHUAH GAO YUAN | VIRAJ SINGH | CAI SHUOJUN |
| 4 Diligence | ANG ZI QIAN | JOEL BONG HONG JUN | CHARLOTTE LIM YAN QI | OM MAN JOSHI |
| 4 Honesty | ISABELLE THAM ZI XUAN | KOH RUIXIANG TIMOTHY | ASHLEY TAN GEK SUANG | TAN RUIXI, DAWN |
| 4 Joy | ARSHIYA MEHREEN BINTE MD TAJUL ISLAM | ELIZA JETSUN BHUTIA | TESSA YEO LIU CHING | GOWRI LECTHUMI D/O VIJAYARDRAN |
| 5 Care | MIA ZAHRA NASUHA BINTE ABDULLAH | MUHAMMAD DZAL AIDI BIN MUHAMMAD KHALID | LI JIAJUN | HENG JIECAI CLIFTON |
| 5 Courage | TAY KAI YANG | TAN YING XI | TIEN YUN YI | REJAB ALIF BIN IDRIS |
| 5 Creativity | LAU WAN TING, STELLA | CHUA YU JIE, TRISTAN | TAN YU RUI | LAU ZI JUN ZAYDEN |
| 5 Diligence | WANG ZIXIN | KU QIAN RUI ADREENA | GOH XIN YI | LUCAS GUAN JUN WEN |
| 5 Honesty | LEE YING XUAN, LEVELLE | CHIEW XIN YEN | LEO CHLOE | SEAH KAI JUN LEO |
| 5 Joy | NUR KHAISYAH BINTE SHAFIE | ANGELINA NG JIA EN | SOON JAIMEE | KONG WEN XI, KLARIS |
| 5 Peace | PUTERI NURUL ARIANA ROSE BINTE JUNAIDE | LEW QIUNING JENNY | FARISYAH JACQUELINA BINTE ANDY | LEW QIUNING JENNY |
| 6 Care | ABIA MARIA SHAJAN | NUR QISTINA ARISSA BINTE MOHAMAD YUSRAN | CELESTE CHONG HUI QING | WONG LOKE WAN ZEKARUS |
| 6 Courage | JUHANAH HIBBAH D/O MOHAMED ALI | GOH GUAN RU | KLEIN SEAN LUDWIG | LOW LOVELLE |

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| 6 Creativity | LEW JIA XIN | HAYDN WEE ZI EN | NUR ALYSHA GAFOOR | MUHAMMED IRSHAD BIN MUHAMMED YUSOFF |
| 6 Diligence | DAYA SREEKUMAR | SYDNEY GIVEN YAP | LOH YAN KIT | TAN JIA RONG |
| 6 Honesty | SENTHILNATHAN ABBHIRAMI | BRANDON CHEN YIHAN | NG SI HAN | LIU ZERUI |
| 6 Joy | KEELY ER YU XUAN | LEE YOO RI | LIU YIMENG | LIU XUANRUI |
| 6 Peace | | ASHRITHA | NUR RIHANNA ELQISYAH BINTE ANDY | ASHRITHA |