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AN OPEN LETTER NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Here we are again at the end of the 2023 school year. Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of my staff, to thank you for your unwavering support this year and for working closely with us in supporting and enhancing your child's learning experiences at Queenstown Primary School.

In Celebration

MOE Service Excellence Award 2023

2. The MOE Service Excellence Award recognises MOE staff who are passionate in their service delivery, consistently serve internal and external customers with C.A.R.E. (Courtesy, Accessibility, Responsiveness and Effectiveness) and inspire their colleagues to do likewise. We would like to congratulate the following staff for achieving the MOE Service Excellence Award 2023:

Awardees	Award
Mdm Aliah Hanim Binte Mahmud	Gold
Ms Siti Nur Sabrina Binte Dawood	Gold
Mr Wong Yew Kuan	Gold
Mr Abdul Latiff Bin A Majeed	Silver
Mdm Asanamal Bivi D/O Kothari	Silver
Mdm K Thanalachmi	Silver
Ms Kang Li Ping	Silver
Ms Mahejwari D/O Rajeswari Uthirapathy	Silver
Mr Mohamad Noor Bin Salim	Silver
Mr Pathmanaban S/O V Pitchayia	Silver
Mdm Poon Oi Lin (Mrs Chua)	Silver
Mdm Quek Siew Kee (Mrs Garcia)	Silver
Ms Tjong Min Cui	Silver
Ms Wan Hameezah Binte Mohammad Said	Silver
Mdm Zaheedah Bee Bte Mohd Samsudin	Silver

27th National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition

3. 20 Queenstowners took part in the 27th National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition organised by the Singapore Foochow Association. Congratulations, Queenstowners! Well-done! Please refer to Annex A for our list of award winners.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023

4. Our Queenstowners took part in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC) this year. The QCEC is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools. Each year, young people write on a theme that stems from the Commonwealth's values and

principles. The theme for this year is "A Youth-Powered Commonwealth" which asked entrants to explore the power young people hold within the global community and to consider how this power can be harnessed to make a meaningful impact in the world. Some of our Queenstowners have achieved awards in the competition. Well done! Please refer to Annex B for our list of award winners.

Upcoming Events

Admin Day (8 November)

5. The school has set aside Wednesday, 8 November as Admin Day. This is the day where the school processes the End-of-Year exam results. As all teachers will be involved in the exercise, **all P1 to P6 students need not report to school on this day.**

P6 Graduation Party (9 November)

6. The P6 students will celebrate the completion of their six years of education in QtPS with the P6 Graduation Party on Thursday, 9 November. The party will start at 7.45 am and will be held in the school hall. Please note that the dismissal time for the P6 students will be as usual, at 1.30 pm. There will be a late morning brunch for the students, coupled with fun games and activities to celebrate the occasion. They will come to school in their school uniforms and should bring along a set of smart casual attire to change into for the party. Please note that more details will be disseminated to your child/ward via the Form Teachers.

Deepavali (12 November) and Public Holiday-in-lieu (13 November)

7. As Deepavali falls on a Sunday (12 November), the following Monday, 13 November 2023 will be a public holiday-in-lieu. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 14 November 2023. QtPS wishes all Hindu members of our Queenstown Family a festive Deepavali!

P1 Orientation (15 November)

8. The QtPS P1 Orientation will be held on 15 November 2023. It starts at 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. We are excited to welcome our newest Queenstowners and to give them a glimpse into their learning experience here. There will be a school tour facilitated by our very own student leaders and the P1 (2024) students will also engage in some fun classroom activities where they will get to meet their new friends. If you are a P1 (2024) parent, do look out for more details coming your way soon.

Annual Prize-Giving Day (17 November)

9. Prize-Giving Day 2023 aims to motivate, celebrate and acknowledge our Queenstowners' achievements. It also aims to cultivate in the students, a feeling that the work done together with their peers is highly valued. The school would like to show appreciation to our students for a great job done. The school hopes that through this, the students are aware that their efforts are recognised and rewarded. The theme for this year is 'Together, We Thrive' and to honour the event, we have invited Mr Teo Cher Hwa, Vice-Chairman of the School Advisory Committee as our Guest-of-Honour.

10. Prize-Giving Day will be held on Friday, 17 November 2023 from 8.00 am to 10.30 am. All P3 to P5 students will report to the school hall, while the P6 students will proceed up to the Gallery. Prize Winners and concert performers will report to the designated areas and special rooms at 7.15 am. Students will be dismissed after the event, at about 10.30 am.

11. Please make the necessary arrangements to pick your child/ward up after the event. Parents/Guardians whose child/ward takes the school bus **will not need** to make alternative transport arrangements as there will be bus services provided on that day.

12. Please note that our students' photographs/ videos will be published on the school's website and social media platforms after Prize-Giving Day. If you would prefer that your child's/ward's photographs/videos are not published, please inform the school by 10 November 2022.

General Information

Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2024

13. The Outstanding Youth in Education Award seeks to recognise excellent young teachers for their youthful idealism, energy, enthusiasm and active involvement in the development of youths. OYEA is open to teachers born on or after 30 June 1989, and are presently in service. Nominations for OYEA 2024 are now open and will close on 10 January 2024. You are encouraged to submit your nomination of any of our teachers. Please submit your nomination via the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/oyea2024> or through the QR code below.



President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2024

14. The President's Award for Teachers recognises excellent educators for their dedication and hard work in developing our young. These educators are role models for the fraternity and inspire students through their words and deeds. Nominations for PAT 2024 are now open and will close on 10 January 2024. You are encouraged to submit your nomination of any of our teachers. Please submit your nomination via the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/pat2024> or through the QR code below.



First Day of School Arrangements for 2024

15. P1 (2024) students will report on the first day of school on Tuesday, 2 Jan 2024, while the P2 to P6 (2024) students will report to school on Wednesday, 3 Jan 2024.

Donation of used school uniforms

16. To promote a green and sustainable environment, the school will be collecting the school uniforms which your child/ward has outgrown from Monday, 6 November till Friday, 10 November. Boxes will be placed in the school canteen for your child/ward to drop off the items. We accept all uniforms which are in good condition. As such, please ensure that the donated uniforms are cleaned and without any stains before you drop them off. Only the shorts/skorts will be collected as we would be using them in the event that our students need a change of uniform during the school day.

Haze Management Measures

17. Our students' well-being remains a key priority, and teachers will be on the lookout for students who are unwell or have pre-existing lung or heart conditions. As children respond differently to haze, do ensure that your child/ward always has his/her medication, such as inhalers for asthma, with him/her, and take your child/ward to seek medical attention if he/she is unwell or exhibits respiratory problems due to the haze.

18. MOE will consider closing schools if NEA's air quality forecast for the next day is in the "Hazardous" range (24-hr PSI>300). We will inform you via Parents Gateway should MOE announce a school closure.

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

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



Connect with us

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

<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

"Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good."
-Minor Myers, Jr.

21. As we bid farewell to our graduating cohort of P6s this year, I would like to share the above quote with you. While we hope our students do well as they enter this new chapter in their journey, we hope that they embody the values that are representative of what they have learnt here at Queenstown Primary School. We hope to see them practise being Confident Individuals, Critical Thinkers, Caring Citizens and Effective Leaders to do good in the world and to never forget to let empathy and kindness be the driving forces of their decision-making processes. All the best, children! We will miss you, P6s!

22. I would also like to wish our QtPS family a safe and enjoyable school vacation, and I look forward to meeting you again in the new academic year.

Warmest regards,



Ms Pearly Ng
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27th National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition

The awardees are:

Name	Class	Award
TAN YU RUI 陈毓睿	4 Hon	• Merit Award of Category C (Primary 4) 佳作奖
SUN SHENGWEN 孙晟文	4 Hon	• Outstanding Prize Award of Category C (Primary 4) 优异奖
YIM YEBIN (任睿彬)	6 Joy	• First Prize of Category D (Primary 6) 冠军 (非华族)

Certificate of Participation	
Category A: P6 Chinese Students	
Name	Class
CHEN WEN (陈雯)	6 JOY
GOH WEN QIAN (吴汶倩)	6 HON
QUINTON TJIA DING EN (谢定恩)	6 JOY
CARIS LEE CAI XUAN (李彩瑄)	6 JOY
Category B: P5 Chinese Students	
YEOH SHI HAN (杨诗涵)	5 HON
LEE YI EN IAN (李義恩)	5 HON
TAN KE YUN (陈柯云)	5 HON
YEO TIAN YU (杨添羽)	5 JOY
Category C: P4 Chinese Students	
ZHENG YUEHAN (郑玥晗)	4 COU
DOU ZICHEN (窦梓宸)	4 COU
Category D: P6 (Non-Chinese Students)	
HAN DOHYUN (韩道贤)	6 HON
ZAHRA LAU BINTE MOHAMAD NOOR (刘羽佳)	6 JOY
KAWASE MIKIO (川瀬已知生)	6 JOY
Category F: P4 (Non-Chinese Students)	
KISHAN GOPAL (陈启善)	4 COU
PAE REBECCA ELISE (裴圭缤)	4 JOY
SOON JAIMEE (孙洁)	4 HON
LIM REN HUI (林仁慧)	4 JOY

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023

	Name	Class	Award
1	LAU ZI HAO ASHTON	6 JOY	GOLD
2	ANISHA DIANE SANDERSON	4 CRE	SILVER
3	ISHANVI SHARMA	4 COU	SILVER
4	RAYNER FONG RUI YANG	4 COU	SILVER
5	ANNE LIEW SHU XIAN	5 JOY	SILVER
6	LIM XI YAN	5 COU	SILVER
7	LOW LOVELLE	5 COU	SILVER
8	RASIK NAIR	4 COU	BRONZE
9	NUR ALISHA JAYNE	4 COU	BRONZE
10	TIEN YUN YI	4 COU	BRONZE
11	JAVIER TEO	4 CRE	BRONZE
12	KENJI TAN KAI JOON	4 CRE	BRONZE
13	CHAN KHAI JIE	4 CRE	BRONZE
14	LEVINTRAN BALAKRUSNAN	4 CAR	BRONZE
15	MADELEINE AUDREY CHANDRA	5 JOY	BRONZE
16	KYRA TEO SHU EN	5 JOY	BRONZE
17	IAN TAN JUN YAN	5 JOY	BRONZE
18	HONG LIXUAN	5 JOY	BRONZE
19	LI YANLING LATICIA	5 HON	BRONZE
20	KOH JIA RONG	5 HON	BRONZE
21	KHOO YU JIN	5 HON	BRONZE
22	JENELL NGEOW QING EN	5 DIL	BRONZE
23	FOO RUI HENG	5 COU	BRONZE
24	CHIONH YAO KONG	5 COU	BRONZE
25	CHIA YI XUAN CHLOE	5 COU	BRONZE
26	CHEW JAYDEN	5 COU	BRONZE
27	BI HOARAN	5 COU	BRONZE
28	CHIA EN XIN, CHARIS	6 JOY	BRONZE
29	PAE SAMUEL AIDEN	6 JOY	BRONZE
30	AURA NAGPAL	6 HON	BRONZE
31	NAYAKA HAJADI	6 JOY	BRONZE
32	OCEAN CHUA OU SHENG	6 DIL	BRONZE