HIPS/2016/21a

3 March 2016

Dear P1 Parents/ Guardians

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1. Health Matters - Dengue

The number of dengue cases in 2016 could exceed 30,000, which is higher than the record in 2013 when 22,170 cases were reported, unless immediate measures are taken to reduce the Aedes mosquito population. The same Aedes mosquito also transmits the Zika virus, and with the threat of Zika infection looming, it is critical to reduce the mosquito population. Prevention of mosquito breeding and vector control remain the mainstay to prevent transmission of both viruses.

To combat the rise in dengue cases, the NEA has launched the annual ‘Do the Mozzie Wipeout’ Campaign 2016 on 28 February 2016, ahead of the traditional dengue peak season. The campaign calls for the community to take appropriate precautions to prevent mosquito breeding by practicing the 5-step Mozzie Wipeout in their homes and premises. Starting from 28 February, a concerted effort by all over a 14-day period will address two rounds of mosquito breeding cycle, and this will make a collective impact towards suppressing the population.

Let us protect our families and loved ones against dengue by doing the 5-step Mozzie Wipeout. The steps are as follows:

1) Change water in vases/bowls on alternate days
2) Turn over all water storage containers
3) Remove water from flower pot plates on alternate days
4) Cover bamboo pole holders when not in use
5) Clear blockages and put Bti insecticide in roof gutters monthly

2. E-Learning Maths Portal - Koobits ProblemSums

We have subscribed to Koobits ProblemSums, a self-directed e-learning portal for Mathematics. This is an additional learning resource for your child to enhance his/her problem-solving skills and instil interest in the subject. The cost of $8.50 per pupil will be fully-subsized by the school.
KooBits ProblemSums offers the following features:

- More than 80,000 problem sums with detailed solutions
- Official questions from past SMOPS & APMOPS Maths Olympiad (in collaboration with HCI, partial proceeds go towards helping needy Singaporean children)
- Intelligently addressing the child’s weaknesses in maths through individually customised maths questions
- Engaging maths challenges and other fun maths activities to motivate the child
- Parents can assign homework to the child and monitor progress through reports by doing the following:
  - log in using your child’s account
  - click Parent Register on left to register for new homework email notification
  - click My Report on left to monitor performance and skill proficiency
- Accessible anywhere, anytime on PC, Mac, iPad, Android or Windows tablets with Internet connection.

Your child will be able to do self-practices, homework, mock exams, tests and get engaged via peer challenges and fun activities to earn Challenge Points or Koko Credits and win prizes through this portal. You may check rules in details at http://bit.ly/kooBITSrules2016.

A KooBits Ruler will be given to your child. Information for login can be found at the back of the ruler. Please also find the login details below:

Login Address: http://problemsums.koobits.com
The Default ID and Password will be your child’s BC number.

Please feel free to contact KooBits ProblemSums at 68732370 or support@koobits.com if you have any enquiries.

Your child is encouraged to use the portal at home for independent and self-directed learning.

3. Before school activity for P1 – Revised dates

We refer to our letter reference HIPS/2016/07 dated 21 January 2016 regarding P1 basic Wushu programme. As the lesson on 10 February 2016 was cancelled due to the Chinese New Year celebrations, the dates for this programme have been revised. Please refer to the table below. The lessons will be held on Wednesdays from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

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4. Reminders/ Upcoming Events

i. Sincerity & Charity Drive - “Food from the Heart” project - 7 to 9 March 2016
   Donation of the following non-perishable items requested by Food from the Heart
   organization would be much appreciated.

   1. RICE (10kg pack)
   2. COOKING OIL (2 litre bottle)
   3. INSTANT NOODLES
   4. BISCUITS (1 kg tin)
   5. MILO - 900g refill pack
   6. INSTANT CEREAL
   7. CONDENSED MILK
   8. SUGAR (1kg pack)
   9. SARDINES (canned)
   10. BUTTON MUSHROOMS (canned)
   11. BAKED BEANS (canned)

ii. March holidays – 14 March 2016 to 18 March 2016

iii. Sports Carnival (P4 to P6) & Homebased Learning Exercise (P1 to P3)
   The Sports Carnival and Homebased Learning Exercise will take place on Thursday, 24 March
   2016. P1 to P3 pupils are not required to attend school that day. Further details for Sports
   Carnival and Homebased Learning Exercise will be given in a separate letter nearer the date.

Please call the General Office at 62886516 or email holyinnocentspri@moe.edu.sg, should you have any
queries or feedback.

Yours sincerely

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