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BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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Message from the Principal

Parks, Playgrounds and Precious Memories

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Deepavali to all our Hindu and Sikh families. May this Festival of Lights bring warmth, joy, and precious time with your loved ones.

Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting some of our P6 students at West Coast Park as part of their post-PSLE activities. It was wonderful to see them enjoy themselves as they ran around, explored the playground, and soaked in every moment with their classmates. For some of them, it may well have been years since they last visited a park or playground, and watching the joy on their faces was a good reminder of how much these simple experiences mean. And yes, going to McDonald's was also very much part of the highlight!

Being at the park brought back fond memories of my own childhood and of the times I spent there with my own children. It is the kind of place that brings out the best in people. A member of the public, there with her grandchild, approached me to say how well-behaved our students were and asked which school they were from. As we chatted, she suddenly realised that she recognised me. I had taught her daughter, from my very first batch of students, more than 30 years ago.

It got me thinking about the kind of memories our students will carry with them long after they leave us. For our P6 students especially, this has been a season of examinations and milestones. It would be easy to think that this is all primary school is about. But beyond the grades and the milestones, I hope they will look back on their time in school with warmth and perhaps even on a simple trip to the park with their friends.

A child's education is, after all, so much more than any single examination. Academic excellence matters. But so do the holistic experiences that broaden them, the friendships they build, and the memories that stay with them for decades. These things don't happen by accident. They are the result of teachers, parents, and the school, working together, and we are grateful for your partnership in that.

This Deepavali, I hope you will find time for some of those simple experiences together. It could be a visit to the park, a family meal, a walk with grandparents. These are the moments our children will remember.

Mr Charles Chan
Principal

HPPS EVENTS

Upcoming events for Term 4 2026

Day/Date	Event	Remarks
Mon, 9 Nov	Deepavali off-in-lieu	Public Holiday
Mon, 16 Nov	Promotion Day	P1 - P5 students only. P6 students do not need to come to school **Staggered Dismissal** P1 to P3: 10:15am P4 to P5: 10:45am
Tue, 17 Nov	P6 Graduation Day	P6 students only. P1 - P5 students do not need to come to school
Wed, 18 Nov	HPPS Celebrates 2026	Only selected students come to school
Thur, 19 Nov	P1 Orientation for Year 2027	P1 - P6 students do not need to attend school
Fri, 20 Nov	Admin Day	P1 - P6 students do not need to attend school
Sat - Wed, 21 Nov - 31 Dec	Term 4 School Vacation	

HPPS EVENTS

Upcoming events for Term 1 2027

Day/Date	Event	Remarks
Fri, 1 Jan	New Year's Day	Public Holiday
Mon, 4 Jan 2027	First Day of School	P1 students only P2 - P6 students do no need to come to school
Tue - Wed, 5 - 6 Jan 2027	SHINE Day Term 1	All levels report to school

QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

A Celebration Fit for Every Child – Henry Park's Children's Day Extravaganza!

The Children's Day celebration this year was nothing short of spectacular, bringing together students for a day brimming with joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories. From the moment students arrived, the festive atmosphere was electric, with excitement buzzing through every corner of the school. The festive spirit was palpable as students immersed themselves in a wonderful array of activities, forging deeper bonds with their classmates and teachers along the way.



Laser tag warriors in action!



Let's race home!



The floor is lava!!

Sweet treats including popcorn and cotton candy kept the energy high throughout the day, with students happily munching away between activities. The carnival games drew enthusiastic crowds, with students cheering each other on and revelling in the friendly competition – whether it was testing their aim, their speed, or their luck, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Creative sparks flew at the art and craft booths, where students poured their imagination into beautiful handmade creations they could proudly call their own. Each piece was a unique reflection of the wonderful creativity that our students never fail to surprise us with.



O la la... I've been waiting for this!



Waiting patiently for the yummy popcorn





Cotton candy, popcorn, and best friends. Does it get any better than this?

QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

A Celebration Fit for Every Child – Henry Park's Children's Day Extravaganza!



Obstacle course champions in the making! Nothing could slow our kids down today!



No student was left out of the fun, as everyone had the opportunity to be part of the day's festivities. The boundless energy, beaming faces, and peals of laughter that filled the school grounds spoke volumes about the joy this special celebration brought to each and every child. It was a beautiful sight to see students from different classes and levels coming together, united by the simple pleasure of having a wonderful time.







A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Henry Park Parents' Association (HPPA), whose generous support, tireless effort, and dedication were instrumental in making the day such a resounding success. Their commitment to creating meaningful experiences for our students truly shone through in every detail of the celebration. In addition to curating a fantastic lineup of activities, they delighted students with yogurt ice cream, rounding off a truly wonderful day on the sweetest note possible.

To our students – you are the heart of everything we do, and days like these are a celebration of each and every one of you. Happy Children's Day, Henry Park! Here's to many more memories together.

QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCES



Primary 3 Learning Journey to Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery



Primary 3 students recently embarked on an enriching learning journey to one of Singapore's most culturally vibrant neighbourhoods – Geylang Serai. The trip combined an outdoor precinct walk with an indoor gallery experience, giving students a well-rounded introduction to the history and heritage of this iconic Malay-Muslim enclave.

The adventure began with a guided walk around Pasar Geylang Serai, where students had the opportunity to observe the area's distinctive architecture up close. From the colourful shopfronts to the bustling market stalls, students were introduced to the unique trades and businesses that have long defined the character of Geylang Serai. The sights, sounds, and smells of the precinct made for a lively and memorable classroom beyond four walls.

Following the precinct walk, students made their way to the Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery, where they explored four engaging stations designed to bring history to life. Through a mix of lessons and hands-on activities, students learnt about the rich history of Geylang Serai and how the area has evolved over the decades. They also discovered how the land use of the precinct has changed over time – from its early days as a kampung settlement to the modern commercial hub it is today. Rounding off the experience were stations dedicated to Malay-Muslim culture and heritage, giving students a deeper appreciation of the traditions, customs, and community that have shaped this part of Singapore.

The learning journey proved to be a meaningful complement to classroom learning, helping students connect textbook knowledge to real-world contexts. It was also a wonderful opportunity for them to develop a greater sense of respect and curiosity for Singapore's multicultural identity – values that will serve them well beyond their school years.



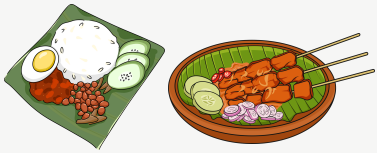
Hands-on learning at the Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery



A learning journey that sparked curiosity, wonder, and a deeper love for Singapore's heritage.



From market stalls to heritage stories — there's so much to discover at Geylang Serai!





QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Science Club: Mission - Planet Possible



This year's Shine Day brought sustainability to life through Mission: Planet Possible, an exciting series of eight student-led booths organised by our Eco Monitors from the Science Club.

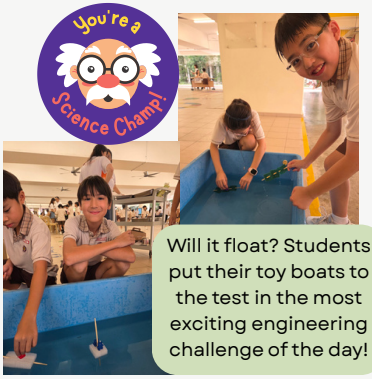
Five game and activity booths raised awareness about environmental issues such as different types of waste, littering, plastic, and energy use, while two hands-on stations featured parachute-making and papercopter challenges. The final station brought everything together with a toy boat-building challenge.

Students earned resources such as foam, straws, chopsticks and scouring pads by completing activities at the different booths. They then used their collected materials to design and build a boat that could carry two toy bears. With a large basin of water available for testing, students were encouraged to experiment, redesign and try again. Some boats floated on their first attempt, while others went through several rounds of rebuilding before succeeding.

The Eco Monitors also demonstrated their creativity and technical skills by designing and coding two of the computer games themselves. For example, a Scratch game was created by Jay from 3H to help participants distinguish between reusable and non-reusable items.

The toy boat-building challenge proved to be a favourite across Primary 1 to Primary 6, with excited students rushing from booth to booth to collect the resources they needed to build the toy boat. Our Eco Monitors were equally enthusiastic, with many choosing to stay on to support the activities even after completing their own duties.

Through Mission: Planet Possible, students discovered that caring for our planet can be meaningful, hands-on and fun, and that with creativity, teamwork and a willingness to try again, a better future is possible!



Will it float? Students put their toy boats to the test in the most exciting engineering challenge of the day!



Our Eco Monitors showed that caring for the Earth takes creativity, teamwork, and a whole lot of heart.



Coded by students, for students

QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCES



Our P6s Code for Fun – and the Spheros Stole the Show!



After the PSLE, our Primary 6 students had a wonderful time taking part in the Code for Fun (CFF) programme – a 10-hour enrichment programme jointly offered by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA). Introduced in 2014 and made mandatory for all upper primary students since 2020, the programme is designed to give students a fun and meaningful introduction to coding, computational thinking, and emerging technologies.

Over the course of the programme, our P6s explored three key areas. They began with Computational Thinking, learning how to break down problems into smaller, manageable steps using techniques such as decomposition, pattern recognition, abstraction, and algorithm design. They then moved on to Programming, where they used block-based coding to bring their very own Sphero robot balls to life – programming them to light up in different colours, move in patterns, and respond to events using sensors. Finally, they got a taste of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Cybersecurity, exploring how AI learns from data and why staying safe online matters.

The highlight of the programme was undoubtedly the Sphero Dance Showcase! Students put their creativity and coding skills to the test by choreographing their Spheros to dance to music of their own choosing. The result was a lively and colourful showcase that had everyone cheering. It was a wonderful reminder that learning to code can be every bit as exciting as it is useful.

Through this experience, our students not only picked up valuable digital skills – they also developed confidence, logical thinking, and the joy of seeing their ideas come to life through technology. These are skills that will serve them well as they move on to secondary school and beyond.



Computational thinking meets creativity!



Every Sphero had its own moves, every coder had their own style.



Who says coding can't have a beat?



QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

A Perfect Day Out – Our P6s Picnic at West Coast Park!



With the PSLE behind them, our Primary 6 students headed out for a well-deserved day of fun and laughter at West Coast Park! It was a beautiful day filled with sunshine, smiles, and plenty of memories to last a lifetime.

The students made the most of the park's fantastic playground, climbing, sliding, and running around with the kind of carefree energy that only comes when you know your exams are finally over.

Of course, no outing is complete without good food, and our P6s were treated to everyone's favourite – McDonald's! Whether it was nuggets, fries, or a classic burger, the meal brought everyone together as they sat, chatted, and savoured every bite in the great outdoors.

Beyond the play and the food, what made the day truly special was the time spent together. With secondary school just around the corner, this picnic was a precious opportunity for students to bond with their classmates and teachers before they each go their separate ways. Friendships were celebrated, memories were made, and gratitude was felt all around.



Picnic together is the best!



Mr Chan joined us at West Coast Park!



McDonald's and balloons - best combination!



Swinging away all the worries!



All smiles as it was a wonderful day

MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Parent Volunteers

This Children's Day was made all the more special thanks to the incredible support of 110 parent volunteers who gave up their time to be with us.

From setting up to cheering our students on, their warmth and dedication were felt throughout the day. It was a wonderful reminder that the best celebrations happen when a community comes together.

Our students had a lot to say about the day – and their smiles said even more. Hearing them express their gratitude is a testament to the lasting impression our parent volunteers have made.

To every parent who showed up, rolled up their sleeves, and made the day brighter for our children – thank you. Your generosity of time and heart means the world to us, and we hope to see you again soon.

CLICK HERE FOR THE VIDEO





110 parent volunteers, joined by our school leaders and year heads. Who says Children's Day is just for kids?



MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS

Parents' Sharing

Who Had More Fun: Kids or Parents? Turns out, Children's Day isn't just for kids.

A football superstar who couldn't win at scissors, paper, stone. A mum who discovered that giant country erasers were serious business. And another who finally understood why her daughter had been looking forward to Children's Day for months.

HPPA was glad to support Children's Day, bringing together 110 parent volunteers (PV), nearly double the 60 volunteers just two years ago. We also added to the festivities with karaoke in the library, free ice cream, roving entertainers and a whole range of crafting activities in the canteen. We caught up with three of our PVs to find out what Children's Day was like from the other side of the fun.

Haaland Meets His Match

Remember the characters from the Teachers' Day concert? Some of them returned for Children's Day, roaming the school and challenging pupils to games for prizes. Among them was Philip Johnson, a P1 dad, dressed as football superstar Erling Haaland. His opponents were Henry Park pupils who proved surprisingly skilled at scissors, paper, stone (SPS) and 123LOOK.



Haaland may be a football superstar, but at Henry Park, it's all about the hands!

And Philip? He lost. A lot. Haaland might be good with his feet, but when it came to SPS, his hands were another matter. "I think Haaland needs to work on his SPS game," Philip joked.

It was hot inside the Haaland costume, but the welcome from the children was even warmer, with plenty of laughter, cheers and high-fives. "Worth every minute seeing the kids' faces light up," Philip shared. "Moments like these remind me why we do what we do."

Seeing School Through a Wider Lens

For Clara Ng, mum of P1 pupil Raelia, the excitement began before her daughter even started school. At the P1 orientation, three pupils were asked to name their favourite school experience. All three had the same answer: Children's Day.

Raelia caught the excitement quickly, even bookmarking the Children's Day pages in the school yearbook. "I can't wait until Children's Day... the school will have many arcade games... I can play them and we don't have to pay!" she told her mum.



Volunteer photographer Clara (far right) takes a break from snapping photos to join the bouncy castle PVs for a picture.

MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS

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What Clara saw surprised her. "I gasped in awe and disbelief at the same time," she recalled, describing the sight of children in school uniform playing arcade games at 7.40am. She was equally struck by how helpful the pupils were. When Clara had trouble finding the Makers Studio, two boys escorted her all the way from the third floor to the ground floor.

Volunteering also helped Clara become more familiar with the school. "This gives me a better idea of what Raelia is talking about when she mentions her adventures in any of these places to me next time."

"Being part of the school's Children's Day celebration made me feel very welcome to the community," she shared.

The Flip Side of Volunteering

For busy parents, volunteering can seem like one more thing to fit into an already packed schedule. But as Huang Wenjia, mum of two children in P4 and P6, discovered, there's another side to it.



No small feat! Wenjia (right) and fellow PVs take country erasers to a whole new level.

Encouraged by her children, Wenjia first got involved as a class chat representative. She's since helped out at several school events, most recently refereeing the giant country eraser game on Children's Day. "We thought fewer kids would be interested, as there were many other exciting stations. To our surprise, so many children queued up to play!" she recalled.

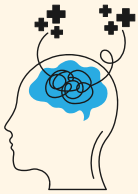
The children even had their own rules and winning strategies. Clearly, there was more to flipping erasers than she'd realised. Beyond the fun, Wenjia has enjoyed seeing her children in their school environment, getting to know other parents and exchanging parenting tips. What began as a way to support her children has also become an opportunity to build friendships of her own.



Her advice to parents considering volunteering? "Start small and join in to see your kids participate in school events!"

And as for who had more fun on Children's Day? Judging by these three parents, it wasn't just the kids who went home with stories to tell.

THE MONTHLY NURTURE





PAUSE, LOOK BACK, LOOK FORWARD: REFLECTING TOGETHER AS THE YEAR ENDS

As the final weeks of the school year approach, our calendars fill with reviews, celebrations and holiday plans. Before we rush into the break, this is a good moment to pause with our children and look back on the year together.

Why it matters?

Reflection is part of what researchers call metacognition, or thinking about one's own thinking. Research on metacognition and reflection consistently shows strong links to positive outcomes across children's development.

One study with 7- to 9-year-olds found that simply asking children to pause and reflect improved how accurately they worked and how well they managed their own thinking, especially for the younger children.

In other words, a short, guided conversation can make a real difference.

HOW TO START?

Keep it light. A chat over dinner or on the way home works better than a sit-down "review."

- What is one thing you can do now that you couldn't at the start of the year?
- What was hard, and what helped you get through it?
- Who helped you this year? How could we thank them?
- What is one thing you'd like to try next year?



Try this at home

Memory jar or collage
Fill a jar with favourite moments from the year, or make a photo collage of school memories.

Thank-you cards
Make a card for a teacher, a friend, the school bus uncle or aunty, or a canteen vendor.

"Then and now" page
Draw or write: what was I like in January? What can I do now that I couldn't before?

One small goal
Pick one specific, doable goal for next year — "read 10 minutes a day", not "do better".

Keep a little routine
Holidays are for rest — keeping bedtimes fairly regular makes it easier to restart school in January.