

# **BLANGAH RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

91 TELOK BLANGAH HEIGHTS, SINGAPORE 109100

Telephone: 6271-7387

Website: http://www.blangahrisepri.moe.edu.sg

Email: brps@moe.edu.sg

24 March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school holidays offered a much-needed pause—a time to rest, reconnect, and recharge. Whether your family traveled, explored Singapore, or simply enjoyed quiet moments with a book or a game, I hope it was a meaningful break for your child. Strong family bonds and values lay down the foundation for a child's growth, and together with the school, we nurture and prepare them for the future.

A question we often hear is, "Are our children future-ready?" In an ever-changing and complex world, we believe future readiness is about more than just knowledge—it's about confidence, creativity, and collaboration. In Term 1, our students took on exciting STEM challenges, building boats to carry the heaviest load. It was heartening to see their resilience, determination, and joy in problem-solving, especially when they tried again after their boats sank! Their efforts were celebrated with the STEM Award on the last day of Term 1.

Beyond academic learning, our students displayed tenacity and sportsmanship at the National School Games. They faced formidable opponents in soccer, badminton, and basketball, but more than the wins and losses, it was their courage and perseverance that made us proud. We reminded them: "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

Another moment of pride was witnessing our student debaters once again take the stage in the Wits & Words 2025 Inter-School Debating Championship, organized by the Gifted Education Branch, MOE. As part of our Accelerated Programme to Enhance Students' eXperience (APEX), debate has long been a platform for our students to sharpen their critical thinking and oracy skills. With each competition, they continue to challenge themselves, refine their arguments, and grow in confidence. We are proud to share that our debate team has advanced to the Quarter Finals of the competition. While the journey is ongoing, we celebrate their dedication, perseverance, and passion for learning.

These achievements would not be possible without the dedication of our teachers, who have journeyed alongside our students—coaching, guiding, and inspiring them to do their best. We are also deeply grateful to the external coaches and our supportive parents who have encouraged and uplifted our students every step of the way. The belief in our children's potential makes a world of difference, and together, we celebrate not just the victories, but the resilience, effort, and growth that come with every challenge. Gratitude strengthens our community, and I hope our students, too, will continue to appreciate and acknowledge the people who support them.

As we begin Term 2, we look forward to many more moments of growth and achievement. May our students continue to take each step with **Respect**, **Integrity**, **Self-Discipline**, **and Empathy**—and rise to every challenge ahead.

## 1. Primary 5 Cultural Immersion Programme

As part of our commitment to developing 21st-century competencies, we are thrilled to offer selected Primary 5 students an enriching overseas trip to Nanjing, China, from 22 to 25 April 2025. This journey provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn beyond the classroom, build friendships, and engage with peers from Nanjing.

During the trip, our students will attend lessons alongside their buddies from East Beijing Primary School, gaining valuable insights into a different learning environment. They will also visit iconic landmarks such as the Sun Yat Sen Mausoleum, Nanjing Science and Technology Museum and the Museum of Paleontology.

We look forward to sharing our experiences and learnings upon our return!

#### 2. Primary 4 Discovery Camp

The Discovery Camp consists of activities such as games and life skills programmes. There will also be a Talent Showcase where our students will present their passion projects with their Primary 4 school mates.

Our students would also be given opportunities to build positive relationships with their peers and teacher mentors through the bonding activities.

### 3. Primary 5 Camp (27 - 29 March)

This year's P5 Camp will be held at MOE Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre from 27 to 29 March 2025. The P5 Camp strengthens the holistic development of our students through the development of ruggedness, resilience, and cohesion.

This year's camp theme is "Building Bridges, Creating Memories" where we focus on helping our students to:

- 1. Learn about themselves (especially their unique strengths and talents);
- 2. Build friendships and actively help one other to achieve team goals in an inclusive manner; and
- 3. Connecting with nature and understand the importance of caring for the environment.

## 4. Learning for Life Programme (LLP)

## **Commemoration of World Water Day**

World Water Day is observed annually on 22 March to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation and sustainability. This year's global theme, *GLACIER PRESERVATION AND PROACTIVE WATER CONSERVATION*, highlights the urgent need to protect our water resources amidst climate change.

At BRPS, we will commemorate Singapore World Water Day from 24 to 28 March through engaging activities designed to educate, enrich, and empower our students. These include an assembly talk led by student leaders, interactive classroom lessons, and recess quizzes to deepen students' understanding of water conservation. Our Parent Support Group (PSG) will set up a community board to raise awareness of Glacier Preservation and the Effects of Climate Change. Students will also take part in Project DROP, where they will cultivate watersaving habits and encourage their families to track and reduce water consumption.

Additionally, a group of student leaders cum Green Ambassadors will represent our school in the Dunman High World Water Day Infographic Poster Competition, advocating for water sustainability through creative visual storytelling. To show solidarity, staff will wear blue, and students will participate in "Bring Your Own Water Bottle Day", reinforcing responsible water usage.

Through this commemoration, we hope to inspire a culture of mindful water conservation, empowering our students to take meaningful action towards a sustainable future.

## **Commemoration of Earth Day**

Earth Day is observed annually on 22 April as a global call to action for environmental conservation. At BRPS, we will commemorate Earth Day on 22 April through engaging activities that empower students to take meaningful action for a sustainable future.

This year's theme, *OUR POWER, OUR PLANET*, highlights the importance of renewable energy and encourages everyone to contribute to a cleaner, greener world. Students will participate in an assembly talk, interactive classroom activities and hands-on experiences such as upcycling and recycling initiatives.

As part of our two-year collaboration with NUS, we are proud to launch the Recycling Hub @ Canteen, a key milestone in our efforts to educate students on the importance of recycling right from a young age. Through these initiatives, we aim to nurture a strong sense of environmental stewardship and collective responsibility in our students.

## 5. Parent-Teacher Child Conference (PTCC)

Please note that the school will be conducting our Parent-Teacher-Child Conference (PTCC) in school on **Wednesday**, **28 May**. The objective of the PTCC is for your child/ward to share about his/her strengths, areas for growth as well as his/her learning experiences within school. At the same time, the Form Teachers will share about your child's/ward's learning progress and learning dispositions. You may also discuss with the Form Teachers ways in which you may partner the school to support your child/ward in his/her holistic development. More details will be provided for you by the respective Year Heads nearer the date.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Pearly Ng Principal

# **Upcoming Events in Term 2**

Date	Event	Remarks
24 Mar	STEM Club Learning Journey - Designing Aerial Shows	2.30 pm to 5 pm
25 Mar	Commemoration of World Water Day	
25 Mar	P4 Discovery Camp	2 pm to 3.30 pm
25 Mar	ASEP: Choir	3.30 pm to 5 pm
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Apr 6, 13, 20, 27 May		For selected P2 to P6 students
26 Mar	P3: English Language and Science Learning	During Curriculum
20	Journey to Flower Dome and Cloud Forest	Time
27 Mar	SwimSafer for 3 Opal	During Curriculum
3, 10, 17, 24 Apr 8, 15, 22 May		Time
27 Mar	P6 Museum Based Learning – Asian Civilisation Museum	During Curriculum Time
27 Mar	Broadcast Journalism	For P3 and P4
		students
27 to 29 Mar	P5 Cohort Camp	2 pm to 4 pm
31 Mar	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa	
1 to 11 Apr	P3 Robotics during Math Lessons	
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Apr	APEX EL	2 pm to 3.15 pm
6, 13, 20 May		For selected P3 to P6 students
1, 15 Apr	Delta House Practice	3.15 pm to 4.45 pm
6 May	APEX: Math and Science	For P3 to P6 students For selected P3 to P6
3, 10, 17, *24 Apr 8, 15 and #22 May	APEX. Main and Science	students
0, 10 and #22 may		2 pm to 3.15 pm
		*No session for P5 students on 24 Apr
		#No session for P6 students on 22 May
3 Apr	Raffles Science Olympiad	For selected P5 students 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm
3, 17 Apr	Gillman House Practice	3.15 pm to 4.45 pm
8 May		For P3 to P6 students
7 to 10 Apr	P5 Young Photographers	During Curriculum Time
8, 22 Apr 13 May	Keppel House Practice	3.15 pm to 4.45 pm For P3 to P6 students
10, 24 Apr	Redhill House Practice	3.15 pm to 4.45 pm
15 May	AT Museum December - Nethers I Cally	For P3 to P6 students
15 Apr	4T Museum Based Learning – National Gallery Singapore	During Curriculum Time
16 Apr	4S Museum Based Learning – National Gallery Singapore	During Curriculum Time
17 Apr	P4 Mother Tongue Language Camp	During Curriculum Time
18 Apr	Public Holiday – Good Friday	
22 to 25 Apr	P5 Cultural Immersion Programme to Nanjing	For selected P5 students
22 Apr	Commemoration of Earth Day	
1 May	Public Holiday – Labour Day	
12 May 20 May	Public Holiday – Vesak Day Singapore Primary Science Olympiad	2 nm to 3 30 nm
20 May	Singapore Frimary Science Olympiad	2 pm to 3.30 pm

Date	Event	Remarks
		For selected P5
		students
28 May	Parent-Teacher Child Conference	No school for P1 to
		P6 students.
		Further information
		will be provided later