

AHMAD IBRAHIM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians (Our Valued Partners-in-Education),

Here are some updates for April 2024.

1. International Friendship Day 2024 – Singapore in Asia

Schools commemorate International Friendship Day (IFD) on the 3rd Friday of Term 2 with the theme "Singapore in Asia". This is a day dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with neighbouring countries and beyond. International cooperation remains key in our complex world. Singapore continues to facilitate closer economic, political, social, and cultural cooperation within ASEAN and in Asia.

By recognising the importance of connectedness between our neighbouring countries, our students can play an active role in fostering people-to-people ties, and thus celebrate the region's diversity and vibrancy and promote the spirit of friendship and collaboration. This event will also encourage our students to be more open to learning through international collaboration and embrace others from diverse backgrounds.

Our students will participate in an IFD-related assembly programme on Tuesday, 02 April and recess fringe activities on Friday, 05 April to enable them to cultivate strong bonds of friendship and appreciate cultural exchange between local Singaporean students and their international friends in school.

2. Staff Awards 2024

a) Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Award

From now to 12 May 2024, students, educators and parents are invited to nominate teachers for the 27th Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Award. The award aims to recognise outstanding Chinese-language teachers who have been exemplary in the teaching of the language and culture and those who cultivate students' interest through creative teaching methods or co-curricular activities. Details and nomination can be found at https://bit.ly/dclta2024.

b) Listening Educator for Advancement and Progress Award (LEAP)

From now to 13 May 2024, students, educators and parents are invited to nominate teachers for the LEAP Award 2024. This award recognises exceptional teachers who have made a difference in the lives of their students. Details and nomination can be found at <u>https://tinyurl.com/shhkleapaward-2024</u>.

3. Public Holidays

Please take note that Good Friday falls on Friday, 29 March. Hari Raya Puasa falls on Wednesday, 10 April. There will be early dismissal for Muslim students at 10.30am on Tuesday, 09 April. A separate PG notification will be sent at a later date.

4. Name Tag on School Uniform

If you have not made name tags for your child, the ordering of name tags can be done via the vendor's online shop at https://www.euniforms.com.sg/shop/.

5. Road Safety

The school has observed that some parents and helpers are jaywalking when travelling with our students to and from school. We have witnessed on a few occasions of near misses when our students jaywalked just outside the school which is of great concern to the school. We seek your support to reinforce road safety messages to your child/ward. We also appeal to parents to set an example for our students by using pedestrian crossings when crossing roads at all times, especially for students who are using the main gate (Gate A) and the gate at the school canteen (Gate B).

Jaywalking is an offence in Singapore. It is a dangerous act and a fine of \$50 is payable for the first offence. Repeat offenders can be charged \$1000 and a jail term of 3 months. Parents and students are strongly advised to avoid jaywalking when crossing the roads to school.

We thank you for your strong partnership with us in your child/ward's primary education journey. We look forward to working closely with you to bring out the best in your child/ward. Together let us develop and nurture our students with good values, attitudes and mindsets for excellence to prepare them well for the future.

Wishing all our Muslim students and parents Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri!

Yours Sincerely, Ms Baey Ee-Lyn Principal