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Dear Parents/Guardians.

## **International Friendship Day 2023**

The theme for International Friendship Day 2023 is 'Singapore in Asia', which centre on promoting the spirit of friendship among different peoples in ASEAN and beyond.

Friendship across the borders encourages people of different races to work together to build a culture of peace. It is important for us to keep an open mindset and nurture the spirit of friendship among people of different races so that Singapore can continue to grow in her success as a nation.

The school will be commemorating International Friendship Day on 3 April 2023. We have planned activities during CCE-FTGP lessons to enhance our students' understanding of the theme and help them to recognize the importance of good relations with our neighbouring countries.

During the FTGP lessons, students will learn the history and culture of ASEAN countries, the aspects of the ASEAN emblem, the importance of unity amongst ASEAN countries, and harmony in ASEAN, through activities such as games and stories. Students will also reflect on their learning experiences in their Magic Journal.

The students will also learn more about the culture of Indonesia, the chair of ASEAN 2023, via activities such as the making of batik bookmarks and batik origami as well as the Wayang Kulit craft. They will also watch a video about Indonesia to deepen their understanding on the culture of the country.

To encourage students' appreciation of other races and cultures in cosmopolitan Singapore and their awareness of the nation's friendship and collaboration among different peoples from different nations in Asia and the world, we would like to invite students to commemorate the occasion by coming to school in ethnic costumes from around the world. However, in the interest of safety, students are to wear their white school shoes and avoid head accessories that may pose inconvenience to movements and obstruct their views.

Thank you for your support and may our students have a meaningful day of learning about the ten countries in ASEAN and be inspired to appreciate and develop a deeper understanding of the people and world at large.

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Thank you.

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