



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardian

2023 P1 FEBRUARY CIRCULARS

In this set of circulars, you will find the information on the following programmes. Please refer to the table below for a list of circulars which you will be receiving. We seek your cooperation to follow up accordingly and adhere to the submission dates.

If you require any clarifications, you may contact the General Office at 6468 4377 or email the teacher-in-charge as indicated accordingly.

S/N	Item	Remarks
1	Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2023	By 27 March
2	Invitation to participate in Raffles Design Challenge 2023	Annex A
3	Total Defence Day 2023	On 13 February
4	Updates on Shoe Recycling Project	
5	Safer Internet Day Webinar for Parents	On 4 February
6	P1 and P2 Character Education Programme	

Thank you

Your Partner in Education
Mrs Elaine Quek
Principal

1. Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2023

The Inspiring Teacher of English Award is an annual award that recognises teachers of the English Language who exemplify the use of good spoken and written English, promote learning-focused interaction during English lessons and choose pedagogies appropriate to learners' readiness, interests and learning profiles. We invite you to nominate outstanding English Language teachers for this award. Nomination forms can be downloaded via this link <http://goodenglish.org.sg> and submissions can be made to the General Office by 27 March 2023.

For any enquiries, do contact the General Office at 6468 4377.

2. Invitation to participate in Raffles Design Challenge 2023

If your child/ward has a knack for art design, do encourage her to take part in the RGPS Design Challenge for the following events:

Event	Design Theme	Deadline
Raffles Experience Day: Thank-you card (for trainers); card cover design Size: A4 Teacher in charge: Ms Loo Ching Yee loo_ching_yee@schools.gov.sg	Glow from Within, Glow through Learning, Get Green and Love Earth, Go Forth and Strive towards Our Goals	24 Feb 2023
Hari Raya 2023: Hari Raya e-Card Design Size: A5 Teacher in charge: Mdm Roslinda roslinda_sisan@schools.gov.sg	Hari Raya Celebration	10 Mar 2023
National Day: National Day Black and white icon to be printed on tote bag Size: A4 Teacher in charge: Mrs Tanabal kalaimani_tanabal@schools.gov.sg	2023 National Day Icon	31 Mar 2023
Publications of Chinese Literature Writings by students: The designs will be used as cover page for the book and theme sections. Size: A4; Portrait Note: Avoid using crayons and colour pencils. Teacher in charge: Mdm Wong Wei Yuan wong_wei_yuan@schools.gov.sg	1. Cover Page, 2. Hope/Reunion (团圆、新希望), 3. Courage/Resilience (勇敢、坚毅), 4. Beautiful Singapore (美丽的新加坡), 5. Friendship (友爱), 6. Love from our parents/grandparents/guardian (父母、长辈的爱)	15 May 2023
Deepavali: Deepavali Greeting Card Design Size: A5 Teacher in charge: Mrs Tanabal kalaimani_tanabal@schools.gov.sg	Deepavali celebration	21 July 2023

Medium: Artist's choice

Students may submit their designs for any of the events above. There is no restriction to the number of designs each student can submit.

Important Notes:

- This event is not a competition. However, **only suitable designs will be selected**. A certificate/letter of acknowledgement would be awarded to students whose designs are selected.
- **Only students with shortlisted designs will be notified.**
- Students are to submit the original hardcopies of their artworks through their art teachers by the deadlines stated. Late submissions will not be entertained and judges' decision would be final.
- By submitting their artwork, students agree to assign the copyright of their artworks to the school, even if the artworks are not selected for use. All copies of the artworks would be retained by the school.
- Attached are sample of previous year's CNY and Hari Raya greeting cards for your reference.

Thank you and I look forward to your child's/ward's participation!

For any enquiries, do contact Ms Serene Chan (chan_yuen_ling_serene@schools.gov.sg)

3. Total Defence Day

The theme for Total Defence Day 2023 - "Together We Keep Singapore Strong", focuses on the many ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives.

On 15 February 1942, Singapore fell to the Japanese. We mark Total Defence Day (TDD) on 15 February every year as a reminder of what could happen to us if we cannot defend Singapore ourselves; and to strengthen our resolve to keep Singapore safe, secure, and sovereign.

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on 13 February 2023. FTGP lessons and activities have been planned for our students to deepen their understanding of the theme of this year's TDD, "Together We Keep Singapore Strong".

The emphasis for this year's lesson will still be on how students can play a part in TDD and how they contribute to Singapore by being united and strong. During FTGP lessons, students will learn about the origin, purpose and significance of TDD, the different pillars of Total Defence and our roles in total defence. Students will learn these important aspects of Total Defence through engaging activities such as quizzes, games, stories, animations and reflecting on their experiences in their Magic Journal.

To create a cohort experience of showing awareness and gaining exposure about our safety heroes, the Singapore Police Force will also be included in the TDD programme. Police officers will provide an interactive vehicle display and carry out a demonstration focusing on key features in the vehicle which enable them to work efficiently. The students will also learn more about SGsecure through interactions with the officers.

To enhance the experience of commemorating Total Defence Day and help our students empathise with the hardships that our forefathers endured, we would like to encourage you to pack a simple snack item such as sweet potato, potato or plain porridge for your child's/ward's Snack Time on 13 Feb 2023.

We look forward to your support for these activities.

For any enquiries, do contact Mdm Cassandra Quek (quek_sock_cheng@schools.gov.sg) or Mdm Selvi (durai_thamaraiselvi@schools.gov.sg).

4. Updates on Shoe Recycling Project

We would like to thank you for your support in the recycling of shoes project carried out by Sierra Ziegler and her team members. It was a great success and they have managed to collect 242 pairs of shoes over a short period of two weeks. Do look out for the next round of collection in Semester 2. We definitely look forward to your contributions as we do our part in alignment with our School Direction for 2023 – Get Green and Love Earth.

5. Safer Internet Day Webinar for Parents

We would be commemorating Safer Internet Day this February. We would like to invite you to join in the Parents' Webinar organised by Google. The guest speaker will be Ms Carol Loi, an expert in digital literacy education. It will be held on Saturday, 4 February from 10.00 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.

To attend the webinar, do login via this Google Meet link: meet.google.com/kkg-hzun-xus
The webinar will cover the following topics:

- 1) Understanding the media environment children are in
- 2) Understanding what children need to develop well
- 3) Practical tools and tips to support one's digital parenting journey
- 4) Q&A

Thank you and we hope you will have a meaningful session.

6. P1 and P2 Character Education Programme

As an extension to the Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) curriculum, our school has worked together with the Parent Volunteer Group (PVG) to run two programmes catered to our lower primary students - Character Development Programme (CDP) and Character@Tinkering Courtyard (CTC).

CDP is conducted during some of the assembly periods and the values are fostered in the students through various modes such as presentations, songs, skits and crafts. The selected values are also aligned to our school values of Creativity, Graciousness, Gratitude, Integrity, Responsibility and Resilience.

Overview of the Values taught during CDP Sessions:

Primary 1	Primary 2
Character Values	Character Values
Punctuality	Responsibility
Attentiveness	Gratefulness
Obedience	Patience
Responsibility	Truthfulness
Self-control	Self-control
Orderliness	Initiative

The CTC programme aims to provide a platform for students to hone creativity and artistic skills, nurture team spirit and values as well as to provide platforms for them to bond and build strong relationships with their peers. It is held during recess as part of the free-play activities which students can choose to participate after they have taken their snack.

The range of activities include:

- Craft work e.g. customised bookmarks, festival-related crafts such as Mid-Autumn lanterns
- Values-based games
- Reading (character development themes)

It is always a delight to see our students enjoying themselves as they immerse in the activities with their classmates. The learning experiences planned for the sessions also provide them with an avenue to blossom in character and values while participating in the activities.

If you would like to join and contribute in the above-mentioned programmes as part of the PVG, do email enquiry@rgpspvg.org. We look forward to your fullest support as you come onboard to share the joy of the experiences with our students.