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AN OPEN LETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings from Queenstown Primary School! As we step into September, a month devoted to honoring our educators, we celebrate the mentors who light the way in the journey of learning for our students. This is an ideal moment to recognize the deep impact our teachers have on the lives of Queenstowners. Let's seize this opportunity to show our sincere appreciation for their relentless efforts and steadfast commitment to nurturing young minds. Here's to a joyful Teachers' Day!

In Celebration

National Day Awards

2. Please join us in celebrating our teachers and administrative staff who have received National Day Awards this year.

1. Mrs Diana Ho – National Day Award 2024 (Commendation)
2. Mr Albert Ng Chee Kain– Long Service Award 2024
3. Mrs Lam – Ng Wee Li – Long Service Award 2024
4. Mrs Jeslyn Lim – Leong Kum Yin– Long Service Award 2024

STEM Playground Challenge 2

3. The STEM Playground Challenge 2 is organised by the Singapore Science Centre. Students were tasked with constructing a chair using cardboard without adhesives. This challenge emphasized principles of structural engineering and innovative problem-solving.

4. We are glad to announce that our school is one of the winners with the highest participation rate in the STEM Playground Challenge 2: Support the Mass! With 143 students taking part in the challenge and over 200 likes on our social media post, we're proud of our community's enthusiasm and support. It was truly heartening to see our students demonstrate such curiosity and creativity in their video submissions. A big thank you to our dedicated teachers and supportive parents for facilitating and encouraging our students' participation in this challenge.

Singapore-Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS)

5. A number of our Queenstowners took part in the Singapore- Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS). We would like to congratulate these students on their commendable performance. Do refer to Annex A on pg 5 for the list of award winners.

Mathematics Olympiad Competitions

6. Some of our Queenstowners have taken part in Mathematics Olympiad competitions over the last few months. We would like to congratulate our Critical Thinkers on their excellent performance! Well done! Please refer to Annex B on pg 6 for our list of award winners.

Upcoming Events

e-Learning Day and PSLE Listening Comprehension (13 September)

7. Students from P1 to P5 will not be required to attend school on Friday, 13 September as they will be engaged in e-Learning. Please refer to the QtPS e-learning Webpage via our school website on 12 September (after 6pm) for specific class instructions.

8. Our P6 students will be coming to school as they will be having their PSLE English and Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examinations on 13 September. P6 students will be given separate instructions on their reporting time in due course.

P2 CCA Fair (10 and 17 September)

9. The P2 CCA fair will be held on 10 and 17-September from 2.15 pm to 4.30 pm.

10. This event aims to give the P2 Queenstowners an opportunity to learn more about the different CCAs being offered here at QtPS before choosing one that they like. It also aims to provide a deeper experience for students who will get to try out some activities that are carried out in the different CCAs. Our older Queenstowners and current CCA members will also get an opportunity to promote their CCAs to their juniors.

P5 NE/SS Learning Journey (17, 20 and 24 September)

11. The Primary 5 Cohort Learning Journey will take place at the Indian Heritage Centre. Each class will be scheduled to go for their learning journey on one of the abovementioned dates. Through this learning journey, students will have the opportunity to find out more about the culture, traditions, and practices of the Indian community in Singapore. The learning journey will take place after school and more details will be provided to the students in due course.

Pre-PSLE Study Break for P6 Students (23-25 September)

12. Primary 6 students will have a three-day study break from 23 September (Monday) to 25 September (Wednesday), aimed at supporting their well-being and preparation ahead of the PSLE. Primary 6 students **do not need** to report to school. Subject teachers will arrange consultation sessions with the students via zoom. Zoom details will be communicated via ClassDojo closer to the dates.

PSLE Written Examinations (26 September to 2 October)

13. The PSLE written papers will be held from Thursday, 26 September to Wednesday, 2 October. P6 students will be given separate instructions on their reporting times and examination procedures. P1 to P5 students will come to school for lessons as per normal. We wish all our P6 students all the best in the upcoming PSLE. Onward to Success!

EOY Examinations for P3 to P5 Students

14. To help you in planning a revision schedule with your child/ward, we would like to provide you with a brief overview, as shown below, of the End-of-Year Examinations for all our P3 to P5 students. A more detailed exam schedule will be given to students in Term 4.

Date	Subject
Mon, 23 September	English Language/Mother Tongue Language EOY Oral Examinations
Tue, 24 September	
Wed, 25 September	
Tue, 8 October	English Language Paper 1 and Listening Comprehension
Wed, 9 October	Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and Listening Comprehension
Mon, 21 October	English / Foundation English Paper 2
Tue, 22 October	Mother Tongue / Foundation Mother Tongue Paper 2
Wed, 23 October	Math & Foundation Math
Thurs, 24 October	Science & Foundation Science
Fri, 25 October	Higher Mother Tongue (*selected P5 students only)

General Information

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

15. Our September calendar of events can be found on our school website, at <https://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar/>



Connect with us

16. To be updated on what has been happening in our school, please visit us at:

<p><u>Our School's Website Page</u> www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg</p>	
<p><u>Our School's Facebook Page</u> https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/</p>	 <p>QtPS Facebook Page</p>

Concluding Remarks

17. As we bring Term 3 to a close, I want to commend all our students for their hard work and dedication throughout this term. With the examination season just around the corner, it is crucial that that we support them in remaining resilient, balancing their time wisely between work and play, and, most importantly, ensuring that they get enough rest. To our Primary 6 students preparing for your national examinations, we extend our heartfelt best wishes. Approach this milestone with confidence, knowing that your teachers and school community are here to support you every step of the way. Let's all return next term refreshed and ready to achieve our very best. I conclude with a story of inspiration that I hope you will enjoy.

18. *In a small village in Malawi, a young boy named William Kamkwamba faced a daunting reality. A devastating famine had gripped the country, leaving families desperate as crops withered and food became scarce. Forced to drop out of school because his family could no*

longer afford the fees, William seemed destined to a life of hardship. But within him burned a fierce determination—a resolve to change his fate and help his village.

With no access to formal education, William turned to the only resource he had left: the village library. There, amidst old and worn books, he discovered something that sparked his imagination—a book about energy. It described how wind could be harnessed to generate electricity, a concept that ignited a bold idea in William’s mind.

Determined to bring this idea to life, he scavenged for materials wherever he could find them: scraps of metal, old bicycle parts, and even tree branches. His neighbors watched with skepticism as William, undeterred by their doubts, began building a windmill. Day after day, he worked tirelessly, experimenting, adjusting, and refining his design. He faced countless setbacks, but each failure only fueled his resolve.

Finally, after months of perseverance, William’s windmill stood tall—a towering symbol of hope. When he flipped the switch, the blades spun, and electricity flowed, bringing light to his family’s home and water to their parched fields. The village, once skeptical, now stood in awe of what this young boy had accomplished.

William Kamkwamba’s story is one of unyielding resilience. In the face of overwhelming odds, he refused to accept the limitations imposed upon him. His windmill did more than just generate electricity; it illuminated the power of innovation, determination, and the unwavering belief that even the smallest spark of inspiration can change the world.

Adapted from ChatGPT but based on the story of “The boy who harnessed the wind”

Warmest regards,



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Annex A

Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools 2024

List of Award Winners

	Name	Class	Award
1	Chew Zhe Yu Adam	6 JOY	Silver
2	Sim Xin Yi	6 JOY	Bronze
3	Looi Jhe Shin	6 JOY	Bronze
4	Brendan Yeo Joon Han	6 HONESTY	Bronze
5	Zheng Yue Han	5 CREATIVITY	Bronze

Annex B

National Math Olympiad of Singapore 2024

List of Award Winners

1	5 DIL	ISHANVI SHARMA	GOLD
2	5 COU	TAN YU LE ANDREAS	SILVER
3	5 CRE	ZHENG YUE HAN	SILVER
4	5 DIL	KENJI TAN KAI JOON	SILVER
5	5 HON	SEAH KAI JUN LEO	SILVER
6	5 HON	TAN JIA EN	SILVER
7	5 JOY	SUN SHENGWEN	SILVER
8	5 COU	LEE YU JIE	BRONZE
9	5 DIL	OWEN TEH PEI YONG	BRONZE
10	5 HON	DOU ZICHEN	BRONZE
11	5 JOY	LIN JING'AN JEREMY	BRONZE
12	5 JOY	LIN LILI	BRONZE
13	5 JOY	NG SHENG EN	BRONZE
14	5 COU	ETHAN ONG YI DENG	BRONZE
15	5 CRE	CHEW JINJAE	HONOURABLE MENTION
16	5 DIL	ARIEH LIBEDINSKY	HONOURABLE MENTION
17	5 DIL	CHIA WEI LYN	HONOURABLE MENTION
18	5 DIL	LUCAS GUAN JUN WEN	HONOURABLE MENTION
19	5 HON	KELTON TJENG	HONOURABLE MENTION
20	5 HON	GUO ZIRUI	HONOURABLE MENTION
21	5 HON	HTET THADAR	HONOURABLE MENTION
22	5 JOY	PETER JONATHAN TJIANDRA	HONOURABLE MENTION