



NORTHOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Letter to Parents 58/2017

29 September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

1. Children's Day Celebrations 2017 – Northoaks Olympics Carnival

The school will be celebrating Children's Day on **5 October 2017 (Thursday)**. To inculcate the Olympic values of Respect, Excellence and Friendship, as well as to promote a healthy living, the students will be actively involved in the *Northoaks Olympic Carnival*. In addition, to facilitate the conduct of the activities, recess time will be adjusted as follows:

Level	Programme for Olympic Carnival	Recess Time
P1	Station-based Games Carnival ~ (<i>Super Heroes</i>)	10.00-10.30am
P2		10.30-11.00am
P3	Inter-class Captain's Ball Carnival	10.45-11.15am
P4	Inter-class Floorball Carnival	10.45-11.15am

As there are no lessons on that day, students do not need to bring their books to school. However, students are expected to bring the following items to school:

1. Small bag
2. Story book
3. Water bottle

Students are also reminded to wear their PE Attire (Compulsory).

To end the day's celebrations, the students will be treated to a Children's Day Concert. The school hours remain the same on that day.

2. Children's Day Appeal 2017 - Community Chest "A Day of Charity"

As we celebrate Children's Day, we would like our students to observe "*A Day of Charity*" to instill in them the values of caring and sharing with the less fortunate in our society.

Your child is encouraged to make voluntary donations (e.g. part of their pocket allowance) towards Community Chest. Donation envelopes will be given to your child by 4 October for them to make their contributions in support of this project. We seek your cooperation to return the envelope to your child/ward's Form teacher by **13 October 2017 (Friday)**.

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advance for your generous support.

3. Home-Based Learning

As the students will not need to be in school during the PSLE Marking Exercise (19 Oct to 20 Oct and 23 Oct to 24 Oct), the school has arranged for learning to take place at home. The objective of this home-based learning is to engage the students meaningfully in their continual revision during the PSLE Marking Exercise. We hope to promote self-directed learning among the students.

We would like to express in advance our appreciation for your fullest support to make the implementation of the home-based learning a success and a meaningful e-learning experience for your child/ ward.

Please refer to the attached **Annex A** for the details of home-based learning.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

4. Edusave Character Award (ECHA)

This award was introduced by MOE in 2012 to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. The ECHA is open to Singaporean students from all levels. Nominees should demonstrate consistently the school values, a high level of civic responsibility and resilience.

The nomination for this award is now open and parents may wish to nominate our students for this award. A copy of the nomination form can be downloaded from our school website.

The nomination period will be open from 2 October 2017. Please submit all nomination forms by **10 October 2017 (Tuesday), 5pm** to the General Office.

5. Erratum for Primary 2 Semestral Examination – English Paper 2

Please note that the duration for the Primary 2 English Paper 2 is 1 hour instead of 1h and 15min as stated in the newsletter 54/2017 dated 30 Aug 2017. We apologise for the error.

In partnership with you,

Mrs Theresa Hong
Principal



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ANNEX A

Home-Based Learning

The following are the recommended schedules for the Home-Based Learning:

Primary 1 and 2

	19 Oct (Thurs)	20 Oct (Fri)	23 Oct (Mon)
English		8.00 am to 9.00 am	
Mathematics		10.00 am to 11.00 am	
Mother Tongue		12.00 noon to 1.00 pm	

Primary 3 and 4

	19 Oct (Thurs)	20 Oct (Fri)	23 Oct (Mon)
English		8.00 am to 9.00 am	
Mathematics		9.30 am to 10.30 am	
Mother Tongue		11.00 am to 12.00 noon	
Science		12.30 pm to 1.30 pm	

We seek your kind understanding and patience should your child/ ward experience a slowdown in the internet system due to heavy traffic. As the portal is accessible 24 hours a day, we would strongly advise your child to sign out and sign in again at a later time to view the assignments. Do remind and encourage your child/ ward to take regular five-minute vision breaks after every 30 minutes on the computer.

To assist students who have no internet access at home, we will be opening one of our computer labs from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. during the PSLE Marking Days. You may bring your child to school at the scheduled time. Students would have to be properly attired in the school uniform. Please sign your child in at the General Office. Our staff will be in the computer lab to assist the students.

Students who are with MERCU Student Care Centre will be scheduled to go to the computer labs as well.

The instructions to access the MCOonline Portal are found in the following pages.

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Instruction Guide to Access the MOnline Portal

1. Logging In

To login and access MC Online LMS portal, go to www.mconline.sg

A screenshot of the MOnline Portal login page. The page has an orange header with a Singapore flag icon and the text "Singapore Site". Below the header, the word "Login" is written in orange. There are three input fields: "Login ID" with the placeholder text "Login ID", "School" with the text "NKPS", and "Password" with the placeholder text "Password". Below the fields is an orange "Login" button. Underneath the button are links for "Reset My Password", "Help", and "System Check". At the bottom, there is a small disclaimer: "For authorised use only. Unauthorised use is strictly prohibited."

1. Type in your login ID
2. Type in the name of your school
3. Type in your password
4. Click Login

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2. Accessing Assignments

The screenshot shows the MCOOnline portal for Northoaks Primary School. The 'My Subjects' section is active, displaying a grid of subject categories: English, Maths, Chinese, Malay, and Tamil. Each category lists specific assignments or resources. A blue arrow points to a notification in the left sidebar that says 'You have 2 new assignment(s): Lesson (2)'. The notification is circled in orange. The sidebar also includes a 'View all' link, Google Apps (Email, Drive, Sites, Calendar), and a National Library Board link. The top navigation bar includes Home, My Subjects, Collaboration, My Enrichment, School Admin, and My Account. The bottom of the screenshot shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system clock showing 12:51 PM on 12/10/2015.

1. On the homepage, you can find lessons and/or tests assigned to your child. As shown in the screenshot above, it is located at the assignment panel.
2. Once you have clicked on the assignment panel, you will be able to view some information such as, the name of the teacher who has assigned the assignment, the due date and the completion status. You can see this in the screenshot below.
3. Click on the title of the assignment to launch the lesson or test viewer to complete the assignment.
 - a. For lessons, there is no "SUBMIT" button as submission is not required. These are automatically tracked.
 - b. For tests, you will have to click on a "SUBMIT" button at the end of every test.

For Technical Support:

Before contacting the MCOOnline helpdesk, you may wish to access their FAQ which will address most of the common problems encountered when accessing the portal from home: http://www.mconline.sg/LEAD/LEADHELP/login_help.htm

MCOOnline Hotline: 6777 5198

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