



[L001/2024]

05 January 2024

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

My staff and I would like to extend our warm greetings and well wishes to you and your family in this new year! We are happy to welcome our students back to school and are pleased to extend our warmest welcome to parents of our new Primary 1 students and newly transferred-in students to the Yu Neng family.

2024 marks our school's 89 years of establishment. We are proud that past and present educators, together with the strong support of stakeholders, have nurtured many generations of students to bring out the best in them. In the same spirit, as we look forward to the new academic year, my staff and I will continue to partner and engage with all parents in the holistic development of our students. We will work hand in hand with you to enhance educational opportunities and create experiences that enrich learning for our students. To this end, we will be guided by two key thrusts moving forward: (a) developing 21CC in our students through the design and provision of an authentic blended learning environment; and (b) promoting student agency through fostering self-efficacy and a growth mindset among our students.

Anchored on the belief that learning must be joyful and purposeful and be nurtured as a lifelong process, our learning experiences and signature programmes are designed to engage students in authentic settings and challenges. These experiences and programmes also facilitate the strengthening of learning dispositions and GR³IT values in students to help them learn for life. Nurturing all our students to develop and demonstrate passion, creativity and care, remains key distinctive features of education at Yu Neng and what we intend as our student outcomes. In a nutshell, we want to nurture our students to be changemakers who can make a difference to their lives and that of others in the community. With your continuous support, we look forward to an enriching home-school partnership for our students to 'Light Up and Shine' in whatever they undertake this year!

We have provided important information herewith for your attention and forward planning.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

1.1 Staff Movement

We welcome on board the following staff and look forward to their contributions to the school.

- Mdm Nazimah Abdullah, Vice-Principal
- Mrs Janice Keng, English/Math Teacher
- Ms Jasmine Teo, English/Science Teacher
- Mdm Xu Jingwei, Mother Tongue Language Teacher

The following staff have left the school. We thank them for the service they have rendered and contributions they have made to the school. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

- Mrs Tay-Lee Li Theng, Vice-Principal
- Ms Cinthia Liou, HOD/Math
- Mdm Sim Li Hiang, Teacher
- Ms Questal Tay, Teacher

1.2 Parent Support Group (PSG) EXCO

Yu Neng Primary School has been fostering close partnership with parents to strengthen the holistic development of all students. 2024 is a special year for the PSG as it marks the 10th year since the inception of the PSG. The team has played a key role in inspiring and connecting parents to co-create and enhance learning experiences with the school for our students. They have worked hard, coordinating their time and efforts to contribute to our students' educational journey. We would like to thank all members of PSG for their dedication to enhancing the learning experiences of our students. We are pleased to introduce the PSG EXCO 2024, with Ms Elina Gwee as Chairperson, and Mr Chua Chern Yi as Vice-Chairperson (see **Annex A**). We want to take this opportunity to thank Ms Jessica who served as the Vice-Chairperson from 2022-2023.

2. SCHOOL ROUTINES

2.1 Attendance

At Yu Neng Primary, we emphasise regular and punctual attendance. We believe that students are more likely to make optimum progress in their development of healthy habits, lifeskills, character and academic learning with regular attendance in school.

Parents are reminded **NOT** to take their child out of school during term time without valid reasons, including travelling abroad. If there is a need, it is necessary to request for leave of absence in advance from the Principal through the Form Teachers. Absence from school must be covered by a medical certificate (MC) or a letter of excuse from parents/guardians, which should be handed to the Form Teacher upon your child's return to school. We appreciate your kind understanding and cooperation in this matter.

2.2 Health and Well-being Matters

Your child's health and well-being are of utmost importance to us. We want to ensure that the school is a safe and healthy environment for all our students and staff. We seek parents' support to keep schools a safe environment for students. If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions with big groups). MOE will continue to monitor the situation and adjust the response measures when necessary.

Temperature-taking will be conducted at the beginning of each semester. Please check that your child's thermometer is in good working condition, and it is with him/her **at all times**. If your child has misplaced his/her thermometer, a replacement can be purchased from the school bookshop at \$5.30 per piece. Every P1 student has been issued with a new Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) on Tue 02 Jan 2024. This is a one-off distribution and any future replacement of ODTs will have to be borne by parents.

The school will continue to practise cohort recess timing and staggered dismissal to better safeguard the wellbeing of our students. During staggered dismissals, parents may wait at the sheltered

walkways at the dismissal gates. In the event of inclement weather, Gate 5 will not be open. P2 and P3 students will be dismissed via Gate 4. Please refer to the tables below for the details.

Level	Recess	Snack Break
P1	8.30a.m. - 9.00a.m.	12.00p.m.
P2	9.00a.m. - 9.30a.m.	
P3	10.30a.m. - 11.00a.m.	8.30a.m.
P4	11.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.	
P5	9.30a.m. - 10.00a.m.	12.00p.m.
P6	10.00a.m. - 10.30a.m.	

Students are strongly encouraged to bring light healthy snacks such as sandwiches, fruits or biscuits from home for the short 10-minute snack break in class.

Level	Dismissal Time	Gate
P1	1.20p.m.	4
P2	1.20p.m.	5
P3	1.30p.m.	
P4	1.30p.m.	3
P5	1.30p.m.	6
P6	1.30p.m.	

2.3 After School Activities

Our school recognises that every student has different needs, talents and interests. There are a variety of after school activities that cater to different groups of our students to support their academic learning and holistic development. To facilitate planning of your child after school activities for the year, please refer to the table below which shows a summary of after school activities 2024.

Your child will receive a consolidated and customised after school activities consent form in Term 1 Week 2. Do acknowledge and provide your consent for your child to participate in the various after school activities. Please remind your child to return the signed consent form to his/her form teacher.

	Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri	
2.00pm – 2.45pm FUNdamentals session 1 (MA/SC)	2.00pm – 3.30pm HMT lessons (P3-P6)	2.00pm – 3.00pm SDR	2.00pm – 4.00pm All CCAs except Volleyball	2.00pm – 3.00pm SDR	2pm – 4.30pm Staff Meeting	2.00pm – 2.45pm FUNdamentals session 1 (EL/MTL)	2.00pm– 3.30pm E2K Math Term 1: P6	2.00pm – 3.00pm SDR	2.00pm – 5.00pm CCAs for School Team <u>Badminton & Table Tennis Volleyball</u>	2.00pm – 3.00pm RRP
2.45pm – 3.30pm FUNdamentals session 2 (MA/SC)			2.00pm – 5.00pm <u>Badminton, Table Tennis & Chinese Orchestra</u>	2.00pm – 3.00pm RRP	No student activities	2.45pm – 3.30pm FUNdamentals session 2 (EL/MTL)	Term 2: P4 Term 3: P5 E2K Science Term 1&2 P5 Term 3&4 P4	SYF Training for selected students of <u>Malay Dance, Contemporary Dance and Choir (until end Apr)</u>	2.00pm – 3.00pm P5 & P6 FMA	
3.30pm – 5.30pm CCAs for School Team <u>Floorball, Volleyball & Chinese Orchestra</u>									2.00pm– 4.00pm P4 & P5 EL Enrichment	

2.3.1 Academic Support

We will be conducting *FUNdamentals*, an after-school programme aimed to strengthen foundational knowledge and skills for **selected P4 to P6 students**. These are customised and differentiated lessons that are designed to further support your child/ward as needed. *FUNdamentals* lessons will be conducted **face-to-face in school** starting in **Term 1 Week 5 i.e. Mon 29 Jan 2024 onwards**. The lessons will be conducted from 2.00p.m. - 3.30p.m.

2.3.2 Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

CCA is integral to the holistic development of students. Through their active participation in CCA, students are provided with varied and authentic opportunities to develop their character and 21st Century Competencies. In addition, CCA provides students with a platform to discover their interests and talents, which will help students to lead a balanced life. All P3 to P6 students are strongly encouraged to participate in a CCA. **P3 students will select their CCAs from 03 Jan to 10 Jan 2024**. This year, P3 students had an introduction of the various CCAs and a briefing on Wed 03 Jan by Mr Low & Mr Eugene Tan. P3 students will have an option of choosing up to three CCAs in order of their preference. The results of their CCA allocation will be shared with them by **Mon 22 Jan 2024**. P3 students can look forward to beginning their CCA together with their seniors.

All CCAs will be conducted face-to-face in school starting from Term 1 Week 5 i.e. Mon 29 Jan 2024, for P3 to P6 students. Respective CCA teachers-in-charge will inform their CCA students of the details and arrangement.

2.3.3 School Bus Services

To support the after-school activities, there will be school bus services available in the afternoons.

Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri
3.40p.m.	4.15p.m.	3.40p.m.	4.15p.m.

If your child requires the bus service, do contact the bus operator, Mr Eddie Lim, at 93874020.

The table below shows the fares for the bus services. Please ensure that your child brings along the bus fares and make payment directly to the bus operator.

Distance	Up to <u>15 seater</u>
Up to 2km	\$4.00 per trip per student
>2 – 4km	\$6.00 per trip per student
>4 – 6km	\$12.00 per trip per student

3. UPCOMING EVENTS

3.1 Primary 5 Project Work

Project Work (PW) is a multidisciplinary learning experience that allows students to think creatively and critically to apply the knowledge learnt in lessons in the real-world context. Students will also reflect on and evaluate their work processes, learning attitudes and continuously work on them to improve. In Yu Neng, our PW takes on a blended approach where students employ the effective use of technology to hone their research skills, communicate ideas and collaborate with peers online. They would also harness the affordances of technology to engage an authentic audience in the presentation of their work confidently and motivate their audience to action in their causes.

There will be scheduled Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days for P3 to P5 during PW to provide the opportunity and experience for students to demonstrate the necessary digital literacy skills and dispositions as they work towards becoming self-directed and independent learners. On HBL Days, students of the mentioned levels are expected to stay at home to engage in planned online and offline learning activities. Your child will also be provided with instructions on how to access their learning materials by his/her teachers. Please make home care arrangements for your child if he/she has home-based learning on the above-mentioned dates. Students enrolled in our school-based Student Care Centre (SCC) may come in from 1.30pm on the mentioned days. Do work with our Big Heart SCC directly.

This year, our P5 students will embark on a rice-planting journey to learn more about food sustainability. The P5 HBL Day will be on **Wed 14 Feb**. More information will be provided via the letter to parent nearer to the date.

3.2 SMART Card Photo-taking for P1s and P6s

Smart Card photo-taking for P1s and P6s will take place on Wed 17 Jan. Students are expected to come to school in their full school uniform with ties.

3.3 School Health Visit

The Ministry of Health (MOH), School Health Service (SHS) visits schools each year to conduct health screenings of students to ensure care and protection of their health. We are scheduled for the health visits by the SHS team from **Fri 26 Jan to Mon 05 Feb 2024**. We will collect the Health

Booklet from the P1 and P5 classes and pass them to the FTs by **12 Jan 2024**. Please refer to the MOH letter sent out via Parent's Gateway on Fri 05 Jan for details.

3.4 Meet-the-Parents Session 1 (MPS1)

Partnering parents/guardians is an important part of Yu Neng education experience and journey. We believe and are committed to building effective home-school partnerships to nurture and develop every student. Our first virtual Meet-the-Parents session (MPS) has been scheduled on **Sat 27 Jan 2024** for all levels. The session aims to **introduce parents to key personnel and respective level form teachers** and provide parents with **key information pertaining to the level**.

We invite parents/guardians to attend the scheduled meetings as stated in the table below.

Levels	Time
P1, P4, P5	8.30a.m. - 9.30a.m.
P2, P3, P6	10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.

More details on MPS1 will be provided in a separate letter closer to the date of the session.

4. IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

4.1 School Attire & School Uniform Supplier

As the national gesture towards mask-wearing remains consistent, students will continue to be allowed to wear either their school uniform or PE attire daily. This aims to provide greater support to all students. Do note that students are to tuck in their shirt/t-shirt at all times. More information on the school attire can be found in our Student Handbook.

Students will be expected to wear the school uniform with their ties for the termly Celebration Day, to be held on 08 March, 24 May, 23 Aug and 14 Nov. Similarly for the annual class photo-taking for all levels this year, students will be required to be in their school uniform with school tie.

We would also like to inform you that the school has appointed **Jeep Sing Fashion** as our new school uniform supplier with effect from 01 January 2024. For more details of the location and operational hours for sales of uniform, you may refer to the attached information sheet. Should you have any questions related to school uniform, please contact our Administration Manager, Mdm Dawn Liew Siew Meng.

4.2 School Security Measures

We have put in place measures that emphasise safety and security as top-priority to maintain a conducive learning environment for all our students and staff. These measures apply to everyone entering the school or waiting in the school grounds.

- All visitors are required to report to the security desk at the school foyer to register their visit.
- Please report to the general office and obtain a visitor's pass if you have an official appointment with a member of the school staff.
- Parents or caregivers will not be allowed to wait within the school compound when the school is in session. You are advised to wait at your child's designated dismissal gate punctually.
- Please note that your child will be dismissed via Gate 4 from CCA or other after school activities.
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- The opening hours of Gates 3 and 4 are as follows:

Gate 3	6.30a.m. - 5.30p.m.	
Gate 4	Before School (Except during school holidays)	6.40a.m. – 7.30a.m. (Mon-Fri)
	After School (Except during school holidays)	1.15p.m. – 1.50 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

4.3 Drop-off Points

Parents who are sending their child to school by car, can either

- drive into the school to alight your child between 6.30a.m. to 7.30a.m., or
- alight your child at public HDB carpark at Blk 508 which has a sheltered walkway leading to gate 4 of the school.

For the safety of your child and other road users, please do not alight your child along the road just outside our school main gates.



(a) Drive-through alighting point in school



(b) Public HDB carpark at Blk 508

4.4 Safety Messages

The school has conducted a safety briefing on Fri 05 Jan 2024 to remind all students of important safety habits and messages to keep themselves safe. We would like to appeal to parents to inculcate good safety practices by encouraging and role-modelling to your child. The roads outside our school can be busy during peak hours. Please remind your child to use the traffic lights near the school to get across the road.



Traffic lights near the school

For students who are cycling to school, we strongly encourage them to wear a helmet that fits properly to protect their head from injury. They may park their bicycles at the designated lots nearest gate 4.

4.5 Neighbouring Construction Works



Parents may have noticed that there are construction works nearby the school. Currently, drain diversion works are ongoing to prepare for subsequent BTO flats that will be adjacent to Yu Neng Primary School, as announced at an earlier press release. More information can be found here, <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/housing/bto-flats-at-tanglin-halt-integrated-development-2-bedok-projects-to-go-on-sale-in-february>. We have been working closely with the relevant builders to ensure minimal disruptions to our students and staff. We will continue to monitor the works and put in place measures for learning continuity.

4.6 Fire Drill

The school will be conducting a fire drill on Wed 24 Jan 2024 which aims to familiarise students, school staff and vendors with emergency procedures. It is an essential safety exercise that provides the experience for everyone in the school building to know the evacuation plan and to heighten awareness of personal safety in the event of a real emergency. Parents are strongly encouraged to spend time to talk with your child to reinforce the above-mentioned safety messages.

4.7 Insurance for Students

All students are covered with the Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance by NTUC Income. For more details of the insurance plan and coverage, please refer to the fact sheet attached to this letter.

4.8 Birthday Celebrations

To ensure the school remains a safe place for all students and staff, the school will not accept requests from parents to celebrate their children's birthdays in school. The guideline is put in place to prevent:

- Potential food safety and allergies incidents
- Loss of curriculum time and/ or recess time for play
- Unnecessary pressure upon students to get their parents to organise celebrations for them

We seek your understanding in cooperating with the school on this matter.

5. IN CLOSING

We have also attached the schedule of School Programmes and Activities for Semester 1 in **Annex B**. We hope the schedule will give you important information for your forward planning. My staff and I wish to thank you for your continuous support and collaboration with us. Let us enter 2024 with a pursuit of Yu Neng's wholeness as a community, as we commemorate our 89th year together, with gratitude and a renewed confidence for difference-making. Thank you for a most fruitful partnership!

Yours-in-education



Mr Ng Yeow Ling
Principal

YU NENG PSG

EXCO MEMBERS 2024



ELINA GWEE
CHAIRPERSON



CHUA CHERN YI
VICE CHAIRPERSON



LUI LAY YEE
OUTREACH



LEE SWEE LENG
OUTREACH



RACHEL LAI
OUTREACH



LEE HOOI LING
TREASURER



STEPHANIE POON
CREATIVE



BELLE KOH
EVENTS



HIEW CHAI HIA
EVENTS



ONG SAN SAN
EVENTS



TAN ZUWEI
SUPER DADS



JOSEPH TAN
SUPER DADS



Annex B

**School Programmes and Activities 2024
Semester 1**

*Information is accurate
as of 05 Jan 2024*

Term 1			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Mon 15 Jan onwards	Commencement of P3 to P6 Higher Mother Tongue lessons	Selected P3 to P6 students	After school *Details will be given in Term 1 Week 2
	Commencement of P5 & P6 Foundation Math lessons	P5 & P6 FMA students	
Wed 17 Jan & Thu 25 Jan	P4 Road Safety Park Visit	P4 Students	*Please refer to LTP posted on Parents Gateway on 04 Jan
Wed 17 Jan	P1 & P6 SMART Card Photo Taking	P1 & P6	During curriculum hours
Thu 18 Jan	Class and Subject Monitors Training	Selected P4-P6 students	After School
Fri 19 Jan	Commencement of P4-P6 English Enrichment Lessons	Selected P3 to P6 students	After school Details will be given in due course
Wed 24 Jan	Fire Drill	All	During curriculum hours
Thu 25 Jan	Commencement of P6 Math Excellence 2000 (E2K) Programme	Selected P6 students	Details will be given in due course
Sat 27 Jan	Meet-the-Parents Session 1	All	Details will be given in due course
Mon 29 Jan	Commencement of P3 to P6 CCA	P3 to P6 students	After school Details will be given in due course
	Commencement of P4 to P6 FUNDamentals lessons	Selected P4 to P6 students	
Mon 29 Jan – Mon 05 Feb	School Health Visit	All	During curriculum hours
Fri 09 Feb Sat 10 Feb & Sun 11 Feb Mon 12 Feb Tue 13 Feb	Eve of Chinese New Year Chinese New Year	All	Details will be given in due course
	Chinese New Year Public Holiday Chinese New Year School Holiday		

Term 1			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Wed 14 Feb	P5 Home Based Learning	P5	Details will be given in due course
Wed 14 Feb - Fri 16 Feb	Total Defence Week	All	During curriculum hours
Thu 15 Feb – Fri 1 Mar	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight	All	During curriculum hours
Thu 15 Feb	Commencement of P5 Science Excellence 2000 (E2K) Programme	Selected P5 students	Details will be given in due course
Fri 16 Feb	Lockdown Drill & EHA Exercise	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 19 Feb – Fri 01 Mar	Weighted Assessment 1	P3 to P5	Details will be given in due course
Tue 05 Mar & Wed 06 Mar	P6 Museum Based Learning Journey to the Asian Civilisation Museum	P6	Details will be given in due course
Thu 07 Mar	P3 Learning Journey to the Singapore Zoo	P3	During curriculum hours Details will be given in due course
Mon 11 Mar - Fri 15 Mar	March School Holiday	All	School Holiday

TERM 2			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Mon 18 Mar – Fri 10 May	P4 Swimsafer	P4	During curriculum hours Details will be given in due course
Tue 19 Mar & Wed 20 Mar	Class Photo Taking	All	During curriculum hours
Wed 27 Mar, Thu 28 Mar & Fri 5 Apr	P4 Museum Based Learning Journey to the National Gallery Singapore	P4	Details will be given in due course
Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday	All	Public holiday
Mon 01 Apr- Fri 05 Apr	International Friendship Week	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 01 Apr & Mon 08 Apr	P5 Kite Construction	P5	After school Details will be given in due course
Wed 10 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa	All	Public Holiday
Mon 15 Apr – Fri 19 Apr	Cyber Wellness Week	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 22 Apr – Fri 26 Apr	Environmental Awareness Week	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 29 Apr – Fri 03 May	Library Week	All	During curriculum hours
Wed 01 May	Labour Day	All	Public Holiday
Tue 06 May – Fri 10 May	Health Promotion Week	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 06 May – Tue 14 May	Weighted Assessment 2	P3-P5	Details will be given in due course
Tue 07 May – Thu 09 May	P5 Social Studies Learning Journey to the Indian Heritage Centre	P5	After school Details will be given in due course
Mon 20 May	E-Learning Day cum Administration Day	All	Details will be given in due course

TERM 2			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Mon 20 May	P3 & P4 Parent's Day	P3 & P4	Details will be given in due course
Wed 22 May	Vesak Day	All	Public Holiday
Thu 23 May	Parent-Teacher-Child Conference	All	Details will be given in due course
Mon 27 May - Fri 21 Jun	June School Holiday	All	School Holiday