



# QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## AN OPEN LETTER NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we reach the conclusion of the 2024 school year, I would like to take this moment, on behalf of my staff, to express our gratitude for your steadfast support throughout the year. Your collaboration with us in fostering and enriching your child's learning journey at Queenstown Primary School has been invaluable, and we deeply appreciate it.

### In Celebration

#### MOE Service Excellence Award 2024

1. The MOE Service Excellence Award recognises MOE staff who are passionate in their service delivery, consistently serve internal and external customers with C.A.R.E. (Courtesy, Accessibility, Responsiveness and Effectiveness) and inspire their colleagues to do likewise. We would like to congratulate the following staff for achieving the MOE Service Excellence Award 2024:

Awardees	Award
Mrs Diana Ho (Ong Suat Keng)	Gold
Ms Charine Chong Rui Qi	Silver
Ms Fathin Atikah Binte Mas'ud	Silver
Ms Anushiya Devi D/O Gumanan	Silver
Mdm Chng Sok Geok Christine	Silver
Mdm Heng Meow Hoon	Silver
Ms Lee Yee Hueh	Silver
Ms Lim Wen Xuan Venus	Silver
Mr Muhammad A'srie Bin Che Ali	Silver
Ms Noraisah Binte Ibrahim	Silver
Mrs Nur Syakilla Bates	Silver
Mdm Teoh Wooi Ling (Mrs Bay)	Silver
Ms Winnie Tan Boon Leng	Silver

#### Academy Awards (AA) for Professional Development 2024

2. The Academy Awards (AA) for Professional Development recognise and affirm the efforts of officers in the education service and partners in education for their contributions to the professional development of the teaching fraternity.

There are three categories of recognition:

1. Fellow of Academy of Singapore Teachers,
2. Associate of Academy of Singapore Teachers, and
3. Partner of Academy of Singapore Teachers.

We would like to congratulate the following staff for achieving this award.

1.	Aliah Hanim Binte Mahmud	Associate of AST Award Recipients 2024 - Facilitator of Networked Learning Communities
2.	Kong Su Sze	Associate of AST Award Recipients 2024 - Facilitator of Workshops
3.	Liu Xi	
4.	Ng Wan Quan, Kaycee	Associate of AST Award Recipients 2024 – Innovator (SgLDC / SLS CG)

### **28<sup>th</sup> National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition**

3. 17 Queenstowners took part in the 28th National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition organised by the Singapore Foochow Association. Congratulations, Queenstowners! Well-done! Please refer to Annex A for our list of award winners.

### **The Queen’s Commonwealth Essay Competition 2024**

4. Our Queenstowners took part in the Queen’s Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC) this year. The QCEC is the world’s oldest international writing competition for schools. Each year, young people write on a theme that stems from the Commonwealth’s values and principles. The theme for this year is “Our Commonwealth” which asked entrants to consider how they deal with adversity and how community and culture can encourage resilience and hope in a world with a growing number of global issues. Some of our Queenstowners have achieved awards in the competition. Well done! Please refer to Annex B for our list of award winners.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **P3 Learning Journey to Kidzania**

5. Primary 3 students will embark on a Learning Journey to KidZania in Sentosa. It will offer valuable career exploration through immersive role-play activities. This aligns with our Educational Career Guidance objectives, allowing students to discover potential career paths while reinforcing Financial Literacy skills introduced during Term 1’s Experiential Week. Additionally, the visit will enhance their Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skills through collaborative interactions and role-based responsibilities, making this Learning Journey both enriching and educational for their holistic development. Information on this has been disseminated through PG.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Classes</b>
5 November 2024	3 Care, 3 Courage and 3 Creativity
7 November 2024	3 Diligence, 3 Honesty and 3 Joy

### **Admin Day (6 November)**

6. The school has set aside Wednesday, 6 November as Admin Day. This is the day where the school processes the End-of-Year exam results. As all teachers will be involved in the exercise, **all P1 to P6 students need not report to school on this day.**

### **P6 Graduation Party (7 November)**

7. The P6 students will celebrate the completion of their six years of education in QtPS with the P6 Graduation Party on Thursday, 7 November. The party will start at 7.45 am and will be held in the school hall. Please note that the dismissal time for the P6 students will be as

usual, at 1.30 pm. There will be a late morning brunch for the students, coupled with fun games and activities to celebrate the occasion. They will come to school in their school uniforms and should bring along a set of smart casual attire to change into for the party. Please note that more details will be disseminated to your child/ward via the Form Teachers.

### **Education and Careers Guidance Week (4-8 November)**

8. The Education and Careers Guidance (ECG) Week 2024, themed "Soaring Beyond Limits, Reaching New Heights," will take place from 4-8 November. The event aims to equip students with the knowledge and inspiration they need to explore diverse career paths and to understand the values and philosophies of various professions.

9. Throughout the week, students will be exposed to engaging activities designed to broaden their perspectives. Morning assembly talks, scheduled for 4 and 5 November will feature professionals from different industries. They will be providing insights into their work and share about the skills necessary for future careers. The week will conclude with an exhibition on 8 November, where organisations will set up booths to interact directly with students, offering them the opportunity to learn about different careers and the skills required for success in those fields. The Primary 2s will also have a separate classroom sharing by parent volunteers.

10. Through this event, the school aims to inspire students to soar beyond limits and prepare them for the ever-evolving workforce.

### **Annual Prize-Giving Day (14 November)**

11. Prize-Giving Day 2024 aims to motivate, celebrate and acknowledge our Queenstowners' achievements. It also aims to cultivate in the students, a feeling that the work done together with their peers is highly valued. The school would like to show appreciation to our students for a great job done. The school hopes that through this, the students are aware that their efforts are recognised and rewarded. The theme for this year is 'S.O.A.Ring beyond Limits' and to honour the event, we have invited Mr Teo Cher Hwa, Chairman of the School Advisory Committee as our Guest-of-Honour.

12. Prize-Giving Day will be held on Thursday, 14 November 2023 from 8.00 am to 10.30 am. All P3 to P5 students will report to the school hall, while the P6 students will proceed up to the Gallery. P1 and P2 students are not required to come to school on this day, unless they are prize winners. Prize Winners and concert performers will report to the designated areas and special rooms at 7.15 am. Students will be dismissed after the event, at about 10.30 am.

13. Please make the necessary arrangements to pick your child/ward up after the event. Parents/Guardians whose child/ward takes the school bus will not need to make alternative transport arrangements as there **will be** bus services provided on that day.

14. Please note that our students' photographs/ videos will be published on the school's website and social media platforms after Prize-Giving Day. If you would prefer that your child's/ward's photographs/videos are not published, please inform the school by 7 November 2024.

### **P1 Orientation (15 November)**

15. The QtPS P1 Orientation will be held on 15 November 2024. It will be held from 8.30am to 10.30 am. We are excited to welcome our newest Queenstowners and to give them a glimpse into their learning experience here. They will engage in some fun classroom activities where

they will also get to meet their new friends. If you are a P1 (2025) parent, do look out for more details coming your way soon.

## **General Information**

### **Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2025**

16. The Outstanding Youth in Education Award seeks to recognise excellent young teachers for their youthful idealism, energy, enthusiasm and active involvement in the development of youths. OYEA is open to teachers aged 35 and below, and who are presently in service. Nominations for OYEA 2025 are now open and will close on 10 January 2025. You are encouraged to submit your nomination of any of our teachers. Please submit your nomination via the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/oyea2025>.

### **President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2025**

17. The President's Award for Teachers recognises excellent educators for their dedication and hard work in developing our young. These educators are role models for the fraternity and inspire students through their words and deeds. Nominations for PAT 2025 are now open and will close on 10 January 2025. You are encouraged to submit your nomination of any of our teachers. Please submit your nomination via the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/pat2025>.

### **Last Day of School for 2024 and First Day of School Arrangements for 2025**

18. The last day of school for P1 and P2 students will be 13 November 2024, unless they are receiving awards on Prize Giving Day, 14 November 2024. The last day of school for P3 to P6 students will be 14 November 2024.

19. P1 (2025) students will report on the first day of school on Thursday, 2 Jan 2025, while the P2 to P6 (2025) students will report to school on Friday, 3 Jan 2025.

### **Change of Vehicular Drop-off during Morning Arrivals**

20. The HDB open carpark adjacent to the school will be closed permanently effective 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024. As such, we will be allowing vehicular drop-off inside the school from 6.30am onwards, starting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

21. Due to the expected heavy traffic, you are strongly advised to cater an additional 10 minutes for your travelling. If you wish to avoid the congestion, you may consider using the alternate drop-off points outside school at SkyOasis @Dawson Blk 42A or Skyville @Dawson Blk 88A, and your child/children can walk to school via the bus-stop gate and back gate respectively. Please ensure your children are ready to alight when you arrive at the school foyer to ease potential congestion. There will be no right turn when exiting the school gate from 6.45am-7.45am as mandated by the LTA. For more information, please refer to the memo sent out via PG dated 14 October 2024.

22. For vehicular pick-ups after dismissal, the school main gate will be opened about 20 mins after school dismissal timing. Please note that there is strictly No Waiting within the school compound.

### **School's Calendar of Events (COE)**

23. Our November calendar of events can be found on our school website, at <http://queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar-of-events>.



## Connect with us

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

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

## Concluding Remarks

25. As we prepare to say goodbye to our beloved P6 cohort this year, I hope the story below will remind them that farewells are a part of growing but love and memories last forever. While we certainly wish our students every success as they step into this exciting new chapter, our deepest hope is that they carry forward the values they have nurtured here at Queenstown Primary School. It fills our hearts with pride to think of them growing into Confident Individuals, Critical Thinkers, Caring Citizens, and Inspiring Leaders, ready to make a positive difference in the world. Most of all, we hope they let empathy and kindness light the way in every decision they make. Children, we are so proud of you, and we will miss you dearly. All the best, P6s—our hearts go with you!

### ***The Little Tree and the Wind***

*Once, in a peaceful forest, there was a little tree that had grown close to the wind. The wind would visit the tree every day, gently rustling its leaves and telling it stories from faraway lands. The tree and the wind became the best of friends.*

*One day, the wind came to the little tree and said, "I must travel to distant places for a while. I won't be able to visit you every day like before."*

*The little tree felt sad but tried to be brave. "Will you come back?" it asked, its leaves trembling.*

*The wind whispered softly, "I may not always be close, but whenever you feel a breeze, remember that I'm thinking of you."*

*With that, the wind swirled gently around the little tree one last time and drifted away. The forest was quiet, but the tree felt a warm, comforting breeze. Even though the wind had gone, the little tree knew they would always be connected by the memories they shared.*

*Adapted from ChatGPT*

26. Like the little tree and the wind, I leave Queenstown Primary School with 8 meaningful years of cherished memories of Queenstowners, parents and valued partners. It has been a privilege to work together, witness the Queenstowners' growth, and celebrate their achievements alongside such a supportive and caring community. I extend my deepest thanks to all parents for their unwavering support. As I move on to lead Blangah Rise Primary School, I trust you will extend the same warmth and encouragement to Mrs Olivia Cheong, our new principal, as she leads the school into its new chapter. Onward to Success!

Warmest regards,



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Annex A

**28<sup>th</sup> National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition**

The awardees are:

Chinese Category	Name	Class
	(英):YEO TIEN YU	6 Joy
	(英):TAN KE YUN	6 Hon
	(英):ANNE LIEW SHU XIAN	6 Joy
	(英):LEE YI EN IAN	6 Hon
	(英): ZHENG YUEHAN	5 Cre
	(英): SUN SHENGWEN	5 Joy
	(英): TAN YU RUI	5 Cre
	(英): DOU ZICHEN	5 Hon
	(英):QIAN YUN XUN	4 Hon
	(英):GAO LEXUAN	4 Ca
	(英):CAELAN LOH ZHEN CHENG	4 Joy
Non Chinese Category	Names	Class
	(英):TRAN HA XUAN	6 Joy
	(英):LEE YOO RI	6 Joy
	(英): KISHAN GOPAL	5 Dil
	(英): LIM REN HUI	5 Dil
	(英): SOON JAIMEE	5 Joy
	(英):NGUYEN THUY MINH ANH	4 Co

**The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2024**

S/N	Name	Class	Award
1	ZHANG XINYU	P6-HO	Gold
2	DYLAN CHUA QI LE	P6-JO	Gold
3	CHUA YU JIE, TRISTAN	P5-CR	Gold
4	ISHANVI SHARMA	P5-DI	Gold
5	ELSA TEO LI EN	P4-JO	Gold
6	DANI HANIFF BIN MOHAMMED ZAILANI RAZIKIN	P6-CO	Silver
7	LUA YI HUI	P6-CO	Silver
8	LUCAS HAN REN DING	P6-DI	Silver
9	SAMIN ARAFAH BINTE ABDULLAH	P6-DI	Silver
10	KHOO YU JIN	P6-HO	Silver
11	KOH JIA RONG	P6-HO	Silver
12	CHEN KAI ER CLAIRE	P6-JO	Silver
13	ENYA VICTORIA GRUBER	P6-JO	Silver
14	OH QUAN LIANG, JERICK	P6-JO	Silver
15	KENJI TAN KAI JOON	P5-DI	Silver
16	CLAIRE SIOW YI EN	P4-JO	Silver
17	CHUA RUO NING	P4-JO	Silver
18	VISHNU KARTHIK SENTHILNATHAN	P4-JO	Silver
19	TAN SHI HENG KERWYN	P4-CA	Silver
20	CAI YIXIN	P6-CO	Bronze
21	CHEW JAYDEN	P6-CO	Bronze
22	COEN CHIN ZUYAN	P6-CO	Bronze
23	EIKEN ONG YU CHEN	P6-CO	Bronze
24	ELISA WANG JIA EN	P6-CO	Bronze
25	FOONG JUN LONG HAMILTON	P6-CO	Bronze
26	LEWYNN CHIO	P6-CO	Bronze
27	LOW LOVELLE	P6-CO	Bronze
28	NG YING JIE	P6-CO	Bronze
29	OLIVER LEE JIA LE	P6-CO	Bronze
30	ANGELYN YEOW XINYI	P6-DI	Bronze
31	CHEN HAI-AN	P6-DI	Bronze
32	DAMON JASE TAN HONG YI	P6-DI	Bronze
33	DAYA SREEKUMAR	P6-DI	Bronze
34	LAM HONG JIE	P6-DI	Bronze
35	LOW JUN WEI	P6-DI	Bronze
36	MULAWIN RACHEL KO	P6-DI	Bronze
37	NGEOW QING EN, JENELL	P6-DI	Bronze
38	NUR ZAHEEN D/O MOHAMED SUHAYIL	P6-DI	Bronze
39	SYDNEY GIVEN YAP	P6-DI	Bronze
40	TAN JIA RONG	P6-DI	Bronze
41	TAN YI LONG LARRY	P6-DI	Bronze
42	ZHANG WEIHUA	P6-DI	Bronze
43	NG EN WOEI	P6-HO	Bronze
44	TAN KE YUN	P6-HO	Bronze
45	YONG MINHO	P6-HO	Bronze

46	ANNE LIEW SHU XIAN	P6-JO	Bronze
47	BU XIANGCHUAN	P6-JO	Bronze
48	CHAN YI XUAN @ TAN YI XUAN	P6-JO	Bronze
49	CHEN YUJING	P6-JO	Bronze
50	CHEW ZHE YU ADAM	P6-JO	Bronze
51	EZEKIEL SIM SHENG YI	P6-JO	Bronze
52	JIANG SHAOHONG	P6-JO	Bronze
53	KEELY ER YU XUAN	P6-JO	Bronze
54	LAM HO PENG	P6-JO	Bronze
55	NYAN JIE KAI	P6-JO	Bronze
56	PALANISAMY NAVINPRASATH	P6-JO	Bronze
57	POH HUI XIN GRACE	P6-JO	Bronze
58	SIM XIN YI	P6-JO	Bronze
59	SONG QIAN YU	P6-JO	Bronze
60	TANG KAI YUAN ANDREW	P6-JO	Bronze
61	WONG ZI FENG, KYLE	P6-JO	Bronze
62	YEO TIEN YU	P6-JO	Bronze
63	TAN YING XI	P5-CO	Bronze
64	TIEN YUN YI	P5-CO	Bronze
65	WU ZHI'EN CALEB	P5-CO	Bronze
66	ANBU KANIMOZHI NETHRA	P5-CR	Bronze
67	CHEN JIAJUN DONOVAN	P5-CR	Bronze
68	KUEK LIN EN ASHLYNN	P5-CR	Bronze
69	REUVEN SKYE LIM JIA LE	P5-CR	Bronze
70	SRI HARI THIRUPATHY	P5-CR	Bronze
71	TAN YU RUI	P5-CR	Bronze
72	CHAN KAI SHENG SCOTT	P5-DI	Bronze
73	HELENA ARISSA BINTE HAIRIL ASHRAF	P5-DI	Bronze
74	KU QIAN RUI ADREENA	P5-DI	Bronze
75	NG TIEN RUI, BENJAMIN	P5-DI	Bronze
76	OWEN TEH PEI YONG	P5-DI	Bronze
77	TAI YONG TING, KATHRYN	P5-DI	Bronze
78	TUNG JING TONG AUDREY	P5-DI	Bronze
79	CHAN KAI XUAN SHANE	P5-HO	Bronze
80	DOU ZICHEN	P5-HO	Bronze
81	NADIA HAJADI	P5-HO	Bronze
82	NG HONG YU ANSON	P5-HO	Bronze
83	ANISHA DIANE SANDERSON	P5-JO	Bronze
84	CHEE YUZHE LUIS	P4-CA	Bronze
85	LOW WEN XIN ALEXIS	P4-CA	Bronze
86	NGUYEN THUY MINH ANH	P4-CO	Bronze
87	NG YI XUAN	P4-JO	Bronze