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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I read an article this week by Matt Villano (CNN) in which he describes our children (and adults) across time zones, age groups and socioeconomic lines, as having hit a breaking point that developmental psychologists are calling the 'pandemic wall'. People around the world are struggling to find the motivation and energy to engage positively. I think it might be something we are all trying to work through and I feel getting back into school at this point is crucial for us all. In saying that, keeping our community safe remains our highest priority and we will continue to adhere to the SOPs strictly. Please note, this now includes the wearing of masks at all times except when eating, drinking or involved in strenuous PE/swimming activities.

This week, across the school, I have enjoyed seeing the children's responses to the activities taking place for Book Week. Extreme reading photos, the sharing of mystery readers and book swaps have all taken place as well as year groups spotlighting their chosen author. I would like to thank Mrs Boyle and Mrs O'Donnell for their creativity and the support they provided. Next Thursday, we will continue to celebrate books with the children scheduled to meet an author, either virtually or in-person. A reminder as well of the book character dress-up day taking place on Friday.

Finally, our assembly on Monday will celebrate International Women's Day. International Women's Day has been celebrated on 8 March for over 100 years and recognises the social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women. This year's theme is #choose to challenge and I will be sharing Malala's story with the children. I chose Malala for her courage to challenge gender stereotypes and bias against seemingly insurmountable odds.

Have a good weekend and keep safe.

## Earth Hour - 8:30pm on 27th March 2021



**Pledge your support [HERE](#)**

So far the POWIIS family have made 111 pledges, thank you for your support!

Pledge your support of efforts to save our wildlife, save our forests and save ourselves; show you want a healthy natural world we can all rely on! Pledge to protect nature, as it is one of our greatest allies against climate change and is vital for our survival and prosperity. The more people pledge their support of

WWF-Malaysia's conservation efforts, the stronger our call to make environmental protection a priority on the national agenda becomes.

After pledging, take the symbolic action of switching off this Earth Hour at 8:30pm on 27 March 2021 to underline your support of nature conservation. Thank you.

### EARTH HOUR VIRTUAL RUN

A 10km Earth Hour Virtual Run for Nature. This is 16 times around the perimeter of the outside of the POWIIS Primary campus. Registration proceeds will be channelled to WWF-Malaysia's conservation efforts.

**For more information and to  
sign up [HERE!](#)**

# “Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child’s future success”

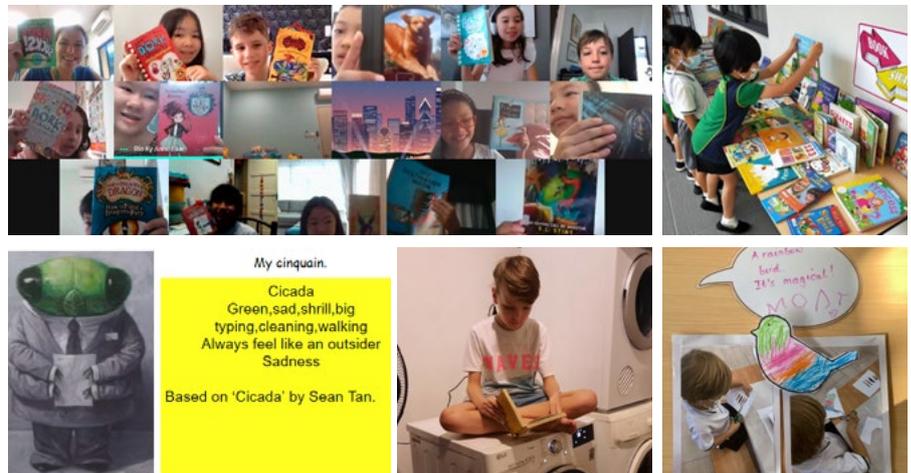
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Creating a love of reading in children is critical. Alongside academic advantages, benefits of reading include: enjoyment, creativity, imagination, greater self-esteem, empathy, relaxation, escapism and improved communication skills.



## Book Week

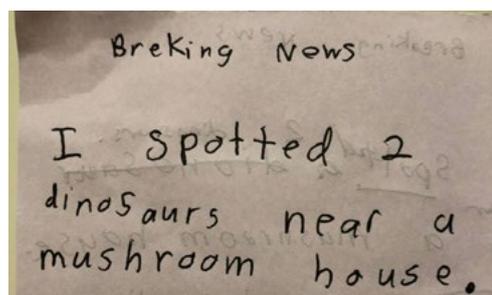
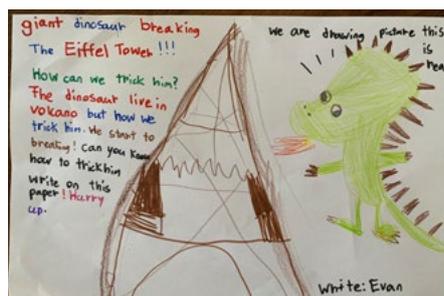
This week we have been celebrating books and reading for Book Week! Each year group chose an author/illustrator to focus on. Those classes in school had the opportunity to participate in a ‘book swap’ by donating a book they no longer use and then choosing one to take home. We will hold another ‘book swap’ for older years, before the end of Term 2. To extend the fun even further, next week we also have 2 very exciting events: Virtual Author Visits for both KS2 and for KS1/EYFS on the afternoon of Thursday 11th March, followed by our book character dress up day on Friday 12th March.



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Cicada  
Green,sad,shrill,big  
typing,cleaning,walking  
Always feel like an outsider  
Sadness  
Based on 'Cicada' by Sean Tan.

## Internet Safety Week - ‘Fake News’

The focus of our Internet Safety Week was both our SMART message and the reliability of information found on the internet. The children were tasked with producing a piece of ‘Fake News’ or a ‘Fake Picture’. The entries were fantastic! Thank goodness so many of them are fake!



## Important Dates for March 2021

<b>1-5 March</b>	Book Week
<b>8 March</b>	International Women’s Day- Virtual Assembly
<b>12 March</b>	Book Week Dress up Day
<b>18 March</b>	Coffee morning with class reps (TBC)
<b>19 March</b>	POWIIS Primary’s Got Talent Finale
<b>25 March</b>	POWIIS Primary Talk (TBC)
	Eco Trip to POWIIS (TBC)
<b>29 March - 2 April</b>	Class Photography