

Dear **Science and ICT** HODs, teachers and allied educators of Primary School,

We are pleased to inform you that it is the time of the year to submit your completed Young Scientist Cards and we are looking forward to it! We thank you once again for your continued support of the Young Scientist Badge Scheme. 😊

Also we have make some changes to the submission procedure this year in responding to feedback and suggestions from our teachers.

1. Card submission

- a. Please check and ensure that cards are **completed** to the required number of stars. The required number of stars can be found on the card itself. The completed activities on the card must be accompanied with a teacher's or parent's endorsement (signature). Do note that you do not require to submit the completed cards to the organisers. You can keep the cards and return them to the students together with their badges/certificates for their safe keeping.

2. Form 1 Submission

- a. Fill up the **attached Form 1**: This form serves as a submission number summary report. This is crucial for the administrative process of the scheme.
- b. Submit Form 1 to the Science Centre from **Monday, 19th August 2019 to Friday, 20th September 2019**. You can email the form to Jerald_PHUA@science.edu.sg.
- c. We encourage teachers to plan ahead to avoid missing the date.

3. Badge collection period

Duration: Five weeks

Date: **Monday 30th September 2019 to Friday 8th November 2019**

Time: Weekdays from 10 00 AM to 05 00 PM

Planning: We encourage teachers to plan ahead to avoid missing the date

4. Badge collection location

Science Centre Singapore

Address: 15 Science Centre Road, Singapore 609081

Person-in-charge: Mr Jerald Phua

Email address: Jerald_PHUA@science.edu.sg

Telephone number: +65 6425 2107

Appointment needed: Yes; please book at least three days **(Via phone or email)** before your collection date.

Note: Please be advised that the badges will have to be self-collected at Science Centre. Any request for postage of the badge will not be entertained.

5. Young Scientist Badge presentation ceremony

In the past, an annual badge presentation ceremony was held in Science Centre. This limited the number of students who could witness it. We have revamped this move to make recognition in the Sciences accessible to all students. Schools are now encouraged to hold their own ceremony in their own school hall for all their students to witness. Teachers may use this opportunity to talk about and showcase selected samples of outstanding work by their pupils. A sharing session on stage would inspire other students towards greater attainment in the Sciences.

i. Cards that have not been completed

If you have cards that are only halfway done, fret not. You may complete them during the school holidays and then submit them during next year's submission period. There is no time limit on the completion of the Young Scientist Card. You may take more than one year to complete it.

ii. **My pupils are in P6 and will be graduating soon, what should I do?**

For primary 6 students who are graduating, they may complete their cards during the school holiday after the PSLE exam and then hand the cards back to their teachers. Even as they move on to secondary 1, their primary school may submit their completed cards on their behalf in the following year's submission period.

ABOUT THE YOUNG SCIENTIST BADGE SCHEME

- 1. The Young Scientist Badge scheme is jointly organised by Science Centre Singapore, Science Teachers Association of Singapore (STAS), Singapore Association for the Advancement of Science (SAAS) and Singapore National Academy of Science (SNAS) and supported by the Ministry of Education. The scheme has been going strong for more than 30 years now. To date, more than one million primary school students have been proud recipients of the Young Scientist badges since the Young Scientist Cards scheme started in 1982.*
- 2. In this programme, primary school students learn to develop curiosity, initiative and creative thinking as they complete self-directed activities to receive badges of honour to become a young astronomer, biologist, mathematician and more! The unique and iconic collectible badges are a great incentive!*
- 3. With the revamped cards, students can complete more hands-on activities that will challenge their thinking, communication, technological and processing skills, and there are now family activities to discover science together. Parents may work on experiments with their children and choose to certify up to 6 stars worth of activities laid out in the cards.*
- 4. There are altogether 17 different cards that students can work on. Details are available at the Science Centre website <http://www.science.edu.sg/schoolprogrammes/Pages/youngscientistbadgescheme.aspx>*
- 5. These cards can be purchased from Science Centre Curiosity Shop at \$2.50 per card (inclusive of the badge to be awarded on successful completion of the activities). For bulk orders, you can contact Jerald/ Seha from Science Centre at 6425 2107/ 6425 2557 or Jerald_Phua@science.edu.sg or Seha_MOHD_HASHIM@science.edu.sg*
- 6. Proudly organised by*



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