

TERMLY LETTER

Vision

Achievers rooted in values, soaring beyond limits.

Mission

To nurture and inspire students to be self-directed learners, gracious and resilient, serving beyond self.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope you and your child/ward had a restful June holiday and are ready to conquer a new school term! Thank you for your patience and support even as the school puts in place various policies and measures to manage the evolving COVID-19 situation. Please help us continue to keep our school safe by reinforcing the importance of and modelling good hygiene practices and Safe Management Measures (SMM) with your child/ward.

Termly School Calendar

Please refer to the Term 3 School Calendar attached to the school letter for details on termly activities. Kindly take note of school holidays and home-based learning days and make the necessary childcare arrangements.

Event/Activity	Date	Remarks
Youth Day	5 July (Monday)	School Holiday
Hari Raya Haji	20 July (Tuesday)	Public Holiday
National Day	9 August (Monday)	Public Holiday
National Day	10 August (Tuesday)	School Holiday
PSLE Oral Examinations	12 and 13 August (Thursday & Friday)	No school for P1-P5 students. Home-based learning.
Teachers' Day	3 September (Friday)	School Holiday

Let's Celebrate! ***Dazhong Dare to Lead!***

Co-Curricular Achievements

Congratulations to our students for achieving excellence in their co-curricular pursuits!

No.	Event	Achievement
1	Singapore Olympic Foundation - Peter Lim Scholarship 2021 (Encouragement Awards)	
	Darrenes (6R; Badminton), Nur Ain Binte Salleh (5R; Netball), Nur Erina Felisha Binte Roy Azmi (5R; Netball), Nur Fatini Asyirah Binte Abdullah (5R; Netball), Goh Zhi Hao (5A; Wushu), Qysz Adreanna Binte Abdullah (5P; Netball), Muhammad Ukasyah Bin Nazirin (4R; Badminton)	

ST 1.1 Nurturing the Whole Child—Learner Excellence

P6 Preliminary Examinations Schedule

Please refer to the P6 Preliminary Examinations Schedule below:

Date	Subjects
22 & 23 July (Thursday & Friday)	English Language / Foundation English Language Oral Examination Mother Tongue Language / Foundation Mother Tongue Language E-Oral Examination
17 August (Tuesday)	English Language / Foundation English Language Listening Comprehension Mother Tongue Language / Foundation Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension
19 August (Thursday)	English Language / Foundation English Language Paper 1 and 2
20 August (Friday)	Mathematics / Foundation Mathematics Examination
23 August (Monday)	Mother Tongue Language / Foundation Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and 2
24 August (Tuesday)	Science / Foundation Science Examination
25 August (Wednesday)	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and 2

National Library Board (NLB) Suggested Reads

To encourage our students to read widely, your child will receive a copy of NLB “Suggested Reads” which consists of book recommendations that are relevant and interesting. The reading list covers a wide range of genres and topics and include both non-fiction and fiction recommendations. Do support your child’s language learning by taking him/her to the library regularly.

Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight and Racial Harmony Day (RHD) Celebrations

We will commemorate RHD on **Thursday, 22 July 2021**. This year’s theme is **Common Spaces, Connected Communities**. With globalisation and technology closing the distance between people and places, our children will increasingly be exposed to different life experiences that shape their views on issues of race and religion. By reflecting on their experiences and engaging in respectful conversations, they can play a part in protecting the common space and strengthening trust and friendships amongst communities. This will help Singapore emerge stronger as a more caring, cohesive and resilient nation.

Through the RHD and MTL Fortnight activities, students will have an opportunity to celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society built on a rich diversity of cultures and learn the importance of promoting social cohesion and racial harmony.

57th National Day e-Celebrations with Math Exploration Week

We will celebrate National Day on **Friday, 6 August 2021**. The Math Exploration Week will be held in conjunction with our National Day celebrations to instil in students a love for Mathematics. Do encourage your child to participate in the e-activities that will be launched through SLS. Students are encouraged to come in the ‘**Dare to Scale**’ red shirt or any other red shirt, school skirt or shorts, and school shoes on **Friday, 6 August 2021**. Please note that it is a full school day.

Cancellation of P5 National Education (NE) Show

Parents of P5 students, please take note that the NE Show this year has been cancelled in view of the COVID-19 situation. Students will be participating in school-based activities instead.

ST 1.2 Nurturing the Whole Child—Character Excellence

Arts Education Programme (AEP) Dance and Drama Recitals 2021

Our AEP Recitals serve as milestone celebrations of students' AEP learning journey and allow students to showcase their learning through performances. This year, the Drama and Dance recitals will be recorded and shared with parents and stakeholders via an online platform in Term 3 and Term 4. Do look out for updates on the school website.

Edusave Character Award 2021

The Edusave Character Award (ECHA) **enables schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions.** This is part of the larger goal to foster an inclusive and stronger Singapore as we broaden the qualities and achievements to be encouraged and applauded.

At Dazhong Primary School, we believe in nurturing students with good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens. As such, this award further strengthens the school's recognition of students who consistently demonstrate exemplary character and values. This award is given to P4 to P6 students. Please look up the eligibility criteria via this link <https://go.gov.sg/moeecha> or scan the QR code for easy access.



Keeping Singapore Green & Clean

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the need for all of us to maintain high public hygiene and cleanliness standards. To strengthen environmental public health resilience, NEA urges the public to practise good hygiene at our public dining places so as to protect other diners and cleaners, many of whom are also seniors. In May 2021, NEA announced that diners will be required to clear tables of dirty trays, crockery and litter after their meals, starting at hawker centres **from 1 June 2021**. We strongly urge all parents to *Dare to Lead* by example and affirm our children when they put these good habits into action.

Bringing Arts to the Community

Passionarts Festival 2021—Collaboration with Hong Kah North Community Club

In August, our school will be collaborating with Hong Kah North Community Club during the **Passionarts Festival 2021**. The **PassionArts Festival 2021** will showcase a wide array of performances that will be held virtually, including creative arts activities and community display projects in our HDB neighbourhoods and private estates. We are heartened to see many of our students participate in these activities to showcase their creativity and artistic talents. We seek parents / guardians' support as our students prepare for their performances. Look out for information on the Junior Orchestra, Choir and Dance performances that will air virtually on **7 August 2021** in celebration of National Day.

Performing Arts / Visual Art CCAs	Description
Choir	Members of the Dazhong Choir will perform and showcase their singing talents on songs for National Day.
Dance	Members of the Dance Club will showcase their vibrant and joyful dance virtually.
Junior Orchestra	<u>Collaboration with Methodist Girls' School (Secondary) (MGS)</u> Members of the Junior Orchestra (JO) will collaborate with and be mentored by MGS in this performing arts collaboration project. There will be a string ensemble with percussion performance and a winds ensemble with percussion performance that will be showcased virtually.

Performing Arts / Visual Art CCAs	Description
Visual Art	<u>Arts Giant Plank project (July to October)</u> Our students, staff and PSG will be invited to paint on four huge Art Giant Planks, which will be displayed in the areas surrounding Dazhong Primary School and Hong Kah North Community Club.

ST 2 Empowering and Engaging Staff for Professional Excellence and Leadership

Staff Recognition

We congratulate the following staff member on being appointed as a Teacher Leader in the fraternity:

No.	Name of Officer	New Appointment
1	Ms Uma Vignesvare	Senior Teacher / English Language

Staff Matters

We welcome the following new staff members who have joined our Dazhong family:

1. Mdm Nancy Tham (Subject Head/National Education and Social Studies)
2. Ms Julie Chin (EL & MA)
3. Mdm Tan Sini (MA)

Staff Appreciation @ Dazhong

We would like to invite you to share your appreciation for our staff who have demonstrated dedication and excellence. Your appreciation notes will spur us on to do even better! Please send any compliments for our staff to <https://go.gov.sg/dzpsappreciates> or scan this QR Code for easy access.



Do look out for information on good work by our staff displayed on the noticeboards near the school gate.

ST 3 Engaging Partnerships for Support

Every Parent A Supportive Partner

Dads for Life @ Dazhong

On **Father's Day (Sunday, 20 June)**, Hong Kah North Community Club and DZPS Dads For Life co-organised an exciting Virtual Game via Zoom for the dads and their children to celebrate Father's Day in a unique and meaningful way. This game served to strengthen the bond between the dads and their children and as an opportunity for the children to show their appreciation to their fathers.

As the response was overwhelming, one more session of the game was added. Overall, around 60 pairs of students and their fathers participated in this game. Dr Amy Khor graced the occasion as the Guest-of-Honour, and our school even presented a video as **A Tribute to the Super Dads!** Thank you fathers for continuing to be part of your child's growing years! Do join our Telegram channel via the QR code to stay connected with us!



Safety and Security / Other Administrative Matters

Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

Thank you for helping to keep the school a safe place for our staff and students. We seek your cooperation not to send your child/ward to school when he/she is unwell but to bring him/her to consult a doctor instead. If a household member aged six years old and above is sick with Acute Respiratory Infection (e.g. cough, fever, flu-like symptoms), parents/guardians will need to keep their child/ward at home and notify their child/ward's teachers.

TraceTogether Tokens

In support of our national effort to fight COVID-19, please allow your child/ward to carry the TraceTogether (TT) Tokens with him/her at all times. Nonetheless, please be assured that we will not deny your child entry to the school if he/she forgets to bring the TT Tokens to school. If the TT Token is damaged, battery depleted or misplaced, you should make your way to the nearest community club to get a replacement.

Wearing of Mask/Shield

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has announced that with effect from 2 June 2021, face shields will be treated differently from masks. Masks will now be required as the default when you are outside your home. Face shields will only be allowed in place of masks for specific exempt groups or settings, where the wearing of masks may not be practical. They are:

- Children 12 years and below, who may have difficulty wearing and keeping masks on for a prolonged period of time;
- Persons who have health conditions that may result in breathing or other medical difficulties when a mask is worn for a prolonged period of time; and
- Persons, including teachers, who are speaking to a group in a classroom or lecture-style setting, where they are able to maintain a safe distance from others.
- Students who face difficulty wearing and keeping masks on for prolonged periods of time may wear a face shield as a brief respite. Your child will be briefed and guided on the use of masks and shields during their stay in school.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of utmost importance and the school will not spare any effort to ensure that staff and students adhere to all SMMs. For updates on the COVID-19 situation, you can visit the MOH website at moh.gov.sg or sign up at go.gov.sg/whatsapp to receive the latest information via Whatsapp.

2021 Primary One Registration Exercise

We have informed parents/guardians of the registration of children for admission to Primary 1 in 2022 in our school letters dated 26 Apr 2021 (Ref: DZPS/2021/0081) and 28 May 2021 (Ref: DZPS/2021/0098) via Parents Gateway (PG). The school has also contacted parents of DZPS students who have missed out the PG letters to verify if you have any SC / PR child born between 2 Jan 2015 and 1 Jan 2016 (both dates inclusive) for P1 Phase 1 registration on **30 June 2021**.

You may refer to the MOE website at <http://go.gov.sg/P1reg> for updates on the 2021 P1 Registration exercise. Please do not hesitate to contact our P1 Registration Administration Team at Tel: 6565 8002 or email dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg if you require any assistance in this matter.

School Dental Services

Please note that the school dental services will NOT be available until further notice from the Ministry of Health (MOH). Students who require **emergency** dental treatment can call the School Dental Centre at Tel: 64353782 for an appointment.

School Uniform Services

Please be informed that the school has appointed **Beau Voix Uniform** as the new school uniform supplier with effect from 1 July 2021. There will be no change to the mode of sales. Sales of school uniform to students will continue to be available at the school bookstore during the school term. As part of the school's SMMs, parents who wish to walk in to make any purchases will need to contact the school at Tel: 65658002 to make prior arrangements. Parents are strongly encouraged to visit the vendor's website at www.beauvoix.com to make purchases online for home delivery. You may refer to the school website for more details.

School Bus Services

The school has informed parents/guardians of the changes to the school's CCA plan (Ref: DZPS/2021/0104 dated 24 June 2021). Arising from the changes, please note that school bus services will only be available during the official school dismissal time.

Day	Monday	Tuesday*	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dismissal Time	1:40 PM	1:40 PM**	1:10 PM	1:40 PM	1:40 PM

**Annway Transport Services will not be imposing the surcharge for children who originally required to take the school bus service during the 2nd dismissal timing at 3:10 PM on Tuesdays.*

***Only **P6 students** will be dismissed at 3:10 PM on Tuesdays.*

Thanking you in advance for your strong support given to our teachers to provide an enriching and meaningful Term 3!



Mdm Rina Yap Siu Lin
Principal