



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,

Thank you for your supportive partnership in Term 3. We are glad to present you the highlights of Term 3 and inform you about the upcoming events in Term 4.

We are also pleased to share that Dazhong Primary School has received a total of **69 applications for 16 vacancies** at the **P1 Registration Exercise Phase 2C Supplementary** and balloting was conducted for Phase 2C Supplementary again this year. This is a result of our concerted efforts to develop our Dazhong students holistically and uphold Dazhong pride. We truly appreciate your strong support in allowing Dazhong to shine in the community through your words and actions! *Dazhong Dare to Lead!*

Termly School Calendar

Please refer to the Term 4 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
PSLE Listening Comprehension	17 September (Friday)	Home-based learning (HBL) for P1-P5 students
Children's Day	8 October (Friday)	School Holiday
PSLE Marking Days	18 to 21 October (Monday to Thursday)	HBL for P1-P5 students
Deepavali	4 November (Thursday)	Public Holiday
Admin Day	10 November (Wednesday)	HBL for P1-P5 students

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

Academic Achievements

Congratulations to our students for achieving excellence in their academic pursuits!

No.	Event	Achievement
1	Singapore Primary Science Olympiad	Bronze —Qi Ray (6A), Raja Harshan (6A), Shi Yifan (6A) Merit —Wang Shixuan (6P), Goh Yu Ze (6A), Sean Lim Bo Xuan (6A)
2	National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS) Competition 2021	Bronze —Saththikumar Sanjeeth (4P) Honourable Mention —Jayden Yam Zhi Ming (4I), Wong Yuan Le Marcus (4A), Chung Sunho (5A), Govindaraj Nikithaa (5A), Khon Wathan (5A), Lai Jia En Alicia (5A), Lim Shang En Joel (5A), Daniel Lee Zi Yan (5P), Goh Yu Zhe (6A), Shi Yifan (6A), Wang Shixuan (6P)

Co-Curricular Achievements

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

No.	Event	Achievement
1	National Chinese Calligraphy Competition 2021 organised by Hong Wen School—Category A, First Prize	Ju Yuxuan (6A)
2	2021 National Calligraphy Competition organised by Fo Guang Shan	Mass participation Award —Dazhong Primary School Overall Champion (Gold Award) —Ju Yuxuan (6A) Culture Award —Meroado Edward Josef Rosario (4R) Consolation Prize —Sua An Kai Mungkorn (2A), Chew Xin Yu (2P), Chang Han (3A), Ong Yu Yan (6P), Ong Zi Xuan (6A), Shi Yifan (6A)
3	Singapore Youth Festival SYFgoesonline 2021	Certificate of Achievement (Let's Jam Together) —Shi Yifan (6A) Certification of Achievement (Art Labs) —Yusuf Bin Riadi (4E) Certificate Of Participation (Let's Jam Together) —Nicolette Arataki (6A), Neeharika Yemima (5R)
4	Stand Together: W4 Schools' Singing Collaboration Project—Certification of Recognition	Shi Yifan (6A), Nicolette Arataki (6A)
5	Our Heart for SG Time Capsule	Merit —Wong Yu Le Skyler (6P), Shara Tasnim Dithi (5R), Vishali Chockalingam (3E) Participation —Tiara Qistina Binte Sahidin (5R)
6	National School Games Wushu Competition 2021—Sportsmanship Award	Ju Yuxuan (6A), Toh Chi Rui (6P)
7	National School Games Badminton Championships 2021—Sportsmanship Award	Lee Zi Xun (6E)

ST 1.1 Nurturing the Whole Child—Learner Excellence

PSLE Listening Comprehension / PSLE Written Examinations

P6 students are expected to report to school **by 7:15 am** on PSLE days. We would appreciate P6 parents/guardians' support in helping our students observe punctuality on those mornings.

P6 students will be dismissed from school once they have completed their examinations on PSLE LC/ PSLE Written examination days. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward. The estimated dismissal timings for those days are in the table below. Please note that this is subject to change. More information on the PSLE will be provided via Parents Gateway.

Date	Dismissal Time for students taking <u>Foundation</u> Exams	Dismissal Time for students taking <u>Standard</u> Exams
17 September (LC)	12:30 pm	12:30 pm
27 to 29 September (Study Break for P6 Cohort)	Study Break for P6 Cohort: Home-based learning for all P6 students (refer to paragraph below for details)	
30 September (EL Written)	12:30 pm	1:00 pm
1 October (Mathematics)	12:00 pm	12:30 pm
4 October (MTL Written)	9:30 am	12:30 pm
5 October (Science)	10:00 am	10:30 am
6 October (HMTL*)	-	12:00 pm

*Only P6 students who are sitting for the HMTL paper will need to report to school on Wednesday, 6 October 2021.

Note: All P6 students must report back to school on Thursday, 7 October.

Study Break for P6 Cohort

Similar to the arrangements for the 2020 year-end national examinations, schools will be implementing a study break for graduating cohorts prior to the national year-end written examinations to minimise the risk of school-based transmissions and reduce the number of students placed on QO and LOA. The **study break for P6 students** will be from **25 to 29 September 2021**.

During the study break, students are strongly encouraged to remain at home to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19. Students should also make use of the time to revise for their upcoming examinations. Should your child/ward require additional support during this period, please contact his/her Form Teachers.

Dare to Read!

To encourage students to keep reading during the September holidays, the Library Committee has specially curated digital stories for students. Through reading activities on SLS, students can watch and listen to their teachers and peers, read books and complete tasks to stay engaged at home. We seek your support to take note of the due date for the return of books to the library. This will enable other children to have access to more books from the library. We thank you for partnering us to instill the love of reading and responsibility in your child/ward.

Dare Challenge 2021

Dare Challenge 2021 concluded with many inspiring prototypes that work to reduce waste at home, showing how students can serve beyond self by coming up with solutions for the challenges in the community. The following projects were given special mention by the judges from Hong Leong Asia Ltd. Congratulations to all winners!

Challenge Award Description		Name	Winning Solutions
Most Creative Idea Award	Submission judged by panel to be the most creative idea out of all the submissions.	Vishali Chockalingam (3E)	Coconut Shell Wall Hanging Craft
Most Promising Idea Award	Submission judged by panel to be the most promising idea, that has a high potential to become a useful product with improvement, out of all the submissions.	Thanushri Narendran (3A)	Eco Brick
		Mihan Nilad Cabillan (3A)	Energy Saver Tracker Version
Most Entrepreneurial	Submission judged by panel to be the most commercially viable idea out of all the submissions.	Tran Au Lam (5A)	Transform Spent Coffee Grounds and leftover rice into mouldable material
Green Advocate Award	Submission judged by panel to be the most effective in advocating a green mindset.	Jacus Ng (1P)	Milo packet drink waste
		Elena Tan (3E)	Storage box from waste cardboard

ST 1.2 Nurturing the Whole Child—Character Excellence

Teachers' Day Celebrations—Hats Off to Teachers!

On **Thursday, 2 September**, we will be celebrating and appreciating the contributions of our dedicated Dazhong teachers and non-teaching staff! On this special day, our students will step up to *take the lead* in order to ensure a joyful, memorable celebration for all. The theme of the celebration is **Hats Off to Teachers!** Through a series of classroom activities, Dazhong students will not only get to know their teachers better but also put their creative juices to good use by creating unique hats and appreciation billboards for Dazhong staff. Students are to wear their 'Dare to Lead' Green T-shirts and will be **dismissed from 10.30 a.m.** on that day (as mentioned in the letter sent via Parents Gateway on 17 August 2021 titled 'Early Dismissal on Thursday, 2 September 2021 - Teachers' Day Celebrations 2021').

P.A.M Day—Children's Day Celebration

Our school will be holding P.A.M (PE, Art, Music) Day on **Thursday, 7 October** in conjunction with the Children's Day Celebration from 10.40 a.m. to 1.40 p.m. Students will report to school in their 'Dare to Lead' Green T-shirts on that day by 7.30a.m as lessons will be as usual from 7.40 a.m. to 10.40 a.m. for all levels.

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 AEP drama and dance recitals will be recorded and shared with parents and stakeholders via an online platform in Term 4. Do look out for updates on the school website.

Bringing Arts to the Community

Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Art Exhibition 2021—Certificate of Recognition (Category A and Category B)

In our End of Term 2 Letter, we announced that our some of P2, P3 and P4 students had received a Certificate of Recognition for the SYF Art Exhibition 2021 (Category A and B). You may view the students' work at the following links:

- **Category A:** <https://www.syf.gov.sg/syf/virtualexhibition/gallery-2?artwork=P021>
- **Category B:** <https://www.syf.gov.sg/syf/virtualexhibition/gallery-1?artwork=P107>

Passionarts Festival 2021—Collaboration with Hong Kah North Community Club

On **Saturday, 7 August**, our Performing Arts students from Junior Orchestra, Choir and Dance collaborated with Hong Kah North Community Club to put up stellar virtual performances during the **Passionarts Festival 2021**. Let us applaud our students for their wonderful performances!

Performing Arts / Visual Art CCAs	Names of Students / Description
Choir	Members of the Dazhong Choir performed and showcased their singing talents on songs for National Day: Gan Mei Yin (6E), Thushara Hariganesh (6E), Chin Xuan Ning (5A), Rebecca Aung (4R), Yazh Bharathi (4E), Ronquillo Arvin John Orcales (3E), Samael Loo (3E), Thanushri Narendran (3A), Veerasamy Jagadesh Rakshitha (3A), Go Kai Zhe (3A)
Dance	Members of the Dance Club showcased their vibrant and joyful dance virtually: Tyara Mysarah Binte Aziz (6A), Eva Natasha Chean (6P), Wan Po Qing, Fiona (6P), Wong Wan Yi (Yvette) (5R), Natalyn Teo Wen Yuan (5A), Willa Lim (5A), Yoon Eun Seoh (5A), Chong Jing Wen Gwenn (5P), Iuliana Ciochina (5P), Huang Xueqi (4I), Sakya Asyfa Rumi (4I), Amilia Serina Binte Amir Hamza (4R), Hsu Mon Naing (4A), Syanazyha Binte Mohamed Shahrizal (4A), Boo Wen Qi (4P), Teo Rui Zhi (4P), Kam Cheuk Shan Charis (3R), Vivekanandan Niveditha (3R), Nur Ayra Insyirah Binte Mohamad Shahrizan (3P)
Junior Orchestra	Collaboration with Methodist Girls' School (Secondary) (MGS) and Hong Kah North Community Club: Akid Matin Bin Warisan (6R), Melvin Tan Jian Rong (6R), Muhammad Aqif Zakwan Bin Mohamed Riduwan (6A), Aqil Matin Bin Warisan (6P), Wang Shixuan (6P), Sharlyn Ong Jia Yi (5I), Lydia Binte Imbran (5R), Panneer Niranjani (5E), Chen Ruifan (5A), Hwang Insung (5A), Ong Herr You (5A), Tan Inn Ru (5A), Tran Au Lam (5A), Mohamed Rezky Yasser (5P), Aina Binti Yazid (4R), Ng Hao Xiang (4R), Wong Ying Yan (4E), Carlus Selva Jegan Jemimah Evangeline (4A), Nur Eryna Marsya Binte Azrizal (4A), Tan Ler Xuan Sharnice (4A), Tan Yan Jie (4A), Wong Yuan Le Marcus (4A), Solano Elijah Royce Vizcarra (4P), Tan Zinnie (4P), Evelyn Wong Ying Xuan (3E), Jerraine Lee Si Ying (3E), Nur Amanda Maritza Binte Azrizal (3E), Annisa Insyirah Binte Muhammad Azrin (3A), Cabillan Mihan Nihad Ballesteros (3A), Mirza Putra Naim Bin Ahmah Najib (3A), Chong Xin Rang (3P), Goh Yu Ying (3P), Hong Yikai (3P)

ST 2 Empowering and Engaging Staff for Professional Excellence and Leadership

Staff Recognition

We congratulate the following staff for their achievements and appreciate their spirit of excellence and leadership in contributing to the school:

No.	Appreciation for Staff Contribution
1	National Day Awards 2021--The Public Administration Medal (Bronze) Our Vice-Principal (Admin) Mr Koh See Choon was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Bronze).
2	National Day Awards 2021--The Commendation Medal Pingat Kepujian Our HOD/ICT Mr Ho Kok Soon was awarded the Commendation Medal (Pingat Kepujian).
3	Friends in Concert Online 2021- WZ CoP Westgroovers performance Mrs Dawn Kuah (SH/Aesthetics) represented Dazhong Primary to perform digitally at the Friends in Concert at STAR. The performance will be officially launched on 3 September 2021 via a Facebook post.
4	Stand Together: W4 Cluster Schools' Singing Collaboration Project Mrs Dawn Kuah lent her voice to sing for the recent Stand Together: W4 Cluster Schools' Singing Collaboration Project.
5	2021 West Zone (W1 and W4) Primary Music Workshop Mrs Dawn Kuah led the 2021 West Zone (W1 and W4) STAR Champions to conduct the W1W4 Primary Music Workshop on Blended Learning (Station Rotation) for cluster music teachers. On 2 August 2021. We thank her for the contributions to the Music fraternity.

Staff Matters

We bid farewell to the following staff and appreciate their service to the school and the education fraternity:

1. Mr Chong Kiat Kiat (MA & SC)

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

1. Ms Siti Munirah (PE)
2. Ms Nadia Binte Massri (Art)
3. Ms Zaliza Yunus

Staff Appreciation @ Dazhong—Teachers' Day Special!

To minimise intermingling within and across schools due to Covid-19, alumni are not allowed into school premises for visitation purposes during the Teachers' Day period this year.

However, parents and alumni can convey your Teachers' Day wishes through the MOE Thank You 'Cher website and our Dazhong Padlet. Please share your stories or messages to Dazhong staff here as it will encourage us to keep striving for excellence:

1. Teachers' Day Staff Appreciation@Dazhong:

<https://go.gov.sg/staff-appreciation-at-dzps>

2. MOE Thank You 'Cher Website:

https://thankyoucher.edu.sg/#write_msg



ST 3 Engaging Partnerships for Support

DZPS-ABSS Twinning Programme

The DZPS-ABSS Twinning Programme is an overseas exchange programme between Dazhong Primary School (DZPS) and Anubansamsen School (ABSS) of Thailand. It aims to provide students of both schools with the opportunity to network, establish friendships and build closer ties. Students will also be able to learn about, appreciate and have a better understanding of the socio-cultural aspects of both countries. Due to travel restrictions resulting from COVID-19, the school will be conducting an e-Twinning programme with ABSS through online platforms instead. A total of 45 students (34 student-participants from P5 and 11 student-observers from P4) will be involved in the programme this year which will be conducted over three sessions on **Tuesday, 31 August, Wednesday, 15 September and Tuesday, 28 September.**

Every Parent A Supportive Partner

Dazhong Parent Support Group (PSG)

We would like to extend our utmost appreciation to our PSG members who had contributed to the 2021 Teachers' Day celebration by co-planning with our Staff Well-Being Committee and creating a superb dance-along video and tokens of appreciation for Dazhong staff! We will also like to thank our PSG EXCO for their active participation in our recent re-envisioning engagement session with the SLs conducted on 18 August 2021.

Dads for Life @ Dazhong

On **Saturday, 10 July**, DZPS Dads For Life and Hong Kah North Community Club co-organised a creative flower-making activity via Zoom. The flowers made were used to form a national flag which was displayed at Hong Kah North Community Club and on their Facebook page. Around 35 pairs of fathers and their children participated in this meaningful activity. Six mothers from the Parents Support Group also joined in with their children (including our very own Dazhong teacher, Mdm Norlila). This activity enabled parents and their children to demonstrate their love for the nation. It was a meaningful learning experience for our students indeed! Participants' feedback was positive as they expressed delight at having the opportunity to bond with their children through doing something significant for National Day.

On **Saturday, 21 August**, DZPS Dads For Life also partnered the Centre for Fathering to co-organise 'Breakfast With Dad' via Zoom. Eight pairs of fathers and their children enjoyed delicious breakfast and bonding games together.

For Teachers' Day, the Dads For Life core team even designed e-cards on behalf of the fathers to convey their words of appreciation and well-wishes to Dazhong teachers.

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

Visitors to the School

We seek your assistance in ensuring that you are well and have taken your own temperature before coming to the school.

Travel Declaration

Please be advised that our students should continue to defer overseas trip unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH travel advisory. If you are making plans for your child to travel overseas, please inform the school and complete the Travel Declarations form which can be found on our website: <http://dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg>

Application for MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (MOE FAS) 2022

The Ministry of Education provides financial assistance for needy Singaporean Students. Parents/guardians may apply for MOE FAS anytime in the course of the academic year when the need arises.

The school will consider parents'/ guardians' application under School-Based FAS if their financial situation falls outside MOE's income bracket, subject to them meeting the school-based FAS eligibility criteria.

Please be informed that all MOE and School-Based FAS approved for 2021 will expire on 31 December 2021. You are required to submit a fresh application for our assessment on your child's/ ward's eligibility for MOE or School-Based FAS in 2022. The school will announce the commencement of the 2022 MOE/ School-Based FAS application exercise via Parents Gateway by end September 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact our General Office staff at Tel: 6565 8002 to assist you in the matter.

Thank you in advance for your strong support given to our teachers to provide an enriching and meaningful Term 4!



Mdm Rina Yap Siu Lin
Principal