



TERMLY LETTER

Vision

Self-Directed Learner, Serving Leader, Concerned Citizen

Mission

To nurture and empower achievers who strive, lead and serve, anchored on values.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in Term 2. We hope you and your child/ward will have a restful June break to recharge for an exciting term ahead. We look forward to providing Dazhong students with more opportunities to engage in rich learning experiences to grow as self-directed learners, serving leaders and concerned citizens in Term 3. ***Dazhong Dare to Shine!***

Dazhong 85th Anniversary Updates

Dazhong 85th Anniversary Flea Mart

2. Our Parent Support Group (PSG) ran our 85th Anniversary Flea Mart for 6 days in May, selling children's items, appliances, collectibles and fashion products, **raising a total of \$1486 for our needy students**. We thank the parents for your generous support of our Flea Mart!

Sign up for Carnival and ARTS Fest

3. We would like to encourage our parents to sign up and support our **Community Day & Eco Carnival** (1 July, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and **Dare to Shine ARTS Fest!** (29 July, 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.) The ARTS Fest will be held at ACS (Independent), Centre of Performing Arts at 2 Dover Road. Use the links here (go.gov.sg/dzcarnival; go.gov.sg/dzartfest) to register and then you may proceed to pay and collect the tickets at our school's General Office between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the June school holidays, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. during the school days. Each Carnival booklet is \$30, and each seat at the ARTS Fest is \$10 – all proceeds collected will go towards helping the needy students in Dazhong, so every sign-up counts!

Carnival Sign-up



ARTS Fest Sign-up



Dazhong Dare to Shine!

Academic and Co-Curricular Achievements

4. Congratulations to our students for achieving excellence in their various pursuits!

No.	Event / Achievement
1	National School Games West Zone Football Competition (Senior Boys) 2nd Position: ADAM AL-QAYS BIN AAIM (6I) MUHAMMAD SUFRI ANDRIESYA BIN MOHAMAD SHAWAL(6I)

No.	Event / Achievement
	PUTRA NUR IRHAM BIN AIZAT (6I) ZUFAR AQRABIN BIN ABDULLAH (6I) MUHAMMAD KHEIZEL QUSHAIRY BIN KHAIRIL FARHAN (6R) QA'IF ASTAR BIN MOHAMMAD NAZLI (6R) UHAMMAD KHAIRIZQI ADEN KHAIRUL ALI BIN ABDULLAH (6R) MUHAMMAD SYAFIQ AFIF BIN ISMADI (6E) MUHAMMAD A'ARYANN RAFFA'EL BIN MOHAMMAD AKBAR (6E) LE DUY HUNG (6A) GUYEN MINH DUC (6A)
2	CCA Brownies Puan Noor Aishah Award (Year of Assessment 2022) – Silver Award
3	National School Games Track & Field Championships 2023 8th Position in Junior Division 1 Girls 40m Race - Zelda Choo (3E)
4	2023 Awe-Inspiring Virtue and Ocean of Wisdom National Calligraphy Competition Culture Award: Mercado Edward Josef Rosario (6E) Finalist: Qiu Shengjie (4A), Liu Jiajun (5G), Mercado Edward Josef Rosario (6E), Chen Zhuo (6P)
5	Wits and Words (National Debate Competition for Primary Schools) Ranked among Top 4 schools in the West Zone: Gundre Darpana Reddy (6A), Kuay Yu Hang (6A), Rebecca Aung (6A), Rowe Asha Widyarani (6A), Yazh Bharathi (6A)
6	Raffles Institution's Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC) Junior Category 2023 Certificate of Merit: Muhammad Al'firdausii Irfan Bin Muhamad Ridhaudhin (5A), Ong Jia Yao (5A), Vishali Chockalingam (5A)
7	Raffles Institution's Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC) Open Category 2023 Certificate of Distinction: Wong Yuan Le Marcus (6A) Certificate of Merit: Bone Pyae Hein (6A), Jayden Yam Zhi Ming (6A)
8	Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools 2023 (APMOPS 2023) organised by Hwa Chong Institution Bronze Award: Bone Pyae Hein (6A), Wong Yuan Le Marcus (6A)
9	River Valley Mathematics Challenge (RVMC) 2023 Most Creative Entry - Snap & Win Challenge: Bone Pyae Hein (6A), Saththikumar Sanjeeth (6A), Wong Yuan Le Marcus (6A)
10	KooBits Prizes for Singapore Schools - Top Brain (Singapore) [Student] 2023 Term 1 - 1st (Primary 1): Zhuo Yuheng (1P) Term 2 - 1st (Primary 6): Wong Yuan Le Marcus (6A)

No.	Event / Achievement
11	SYF Art Exhibition – Category A
	Certificate of Recognition – CHEN WEI'EN (2D), FRESLYN LEE (2D), NEO JUN HE (2D), ALYSSA SAW ZI HAN (2E), ZELENE HUANG WENXUAN (2E), VENKATACHALAM AAHANA (2I), YANG JINGXUAN (2I), CHEN LUOYOU (2R), EAVAN CHUA (2R)

ST 1 Holistic Development of a Dazhong Student

Highlights of School Events

5. Access our Facebook Page for highlights of school events in Term 2:
<https://go.gov.sg/dazhongfb>



Science Experiments at recess

6. During designated recess periods, selected Science Monitors were empowered to demonstrate a variety of hands-on experiments for our students, and share with them the science behind those experiments. The goal is to **inspire and excite students to be curious in Science** by fostering critical thinking, and creativity in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. This Term, two teams consisting of P4 and P6 Science Monitors showcased two experiments - “Visualising Sound through Vibrations” and “Pepper meets Detergent”. Through these memorable and engaging experiments, students were eager to explore and discover new things during their recess time!

Mathematics Recess Play

7. The Mathematics Recess Play programme was held on **Monday, 17 April and Wednesday, 3 May**. The objective of this programme was to **promote Maths factual fluency among our students**. Selected Mathematics monitors were empowered to engage students in learning Mathematical concepts using a Maths app and also explain how they could improve their Maths skills. Many students were excited to participate in the experience to learn and improve their Maths skills in a fun and meaningful way.

P3 AEP Recital

8. The Arts Education Programme (AEP) Recitals serve as **milestone celebrations of our students' AEP learning journey** and allow them to showcase their learning through performances. This year, the P3 violin recital was held on **Thursday, May 18** and parents were invited to watch their children perform. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their musical talent and we would like to thank the parents for their strong turnout and support.

Dare Challenge

9. In this year's Dazhong Dare Challenge, students have the opportunity to apply the 4Ds of Design Thinking process (Discover, Define, Develop and Deliver) to become **serving leaders** and **concerned citizens** by using **Upcycling** to create a solution for the following categories:
- i) Food Waste
 - ii) Community Help
 - iii) Self-made Toys

The deadline for submission of entries is **Sunday, 18 June**. Encourage your child to unleash his or her creativity as a Green Maker!

For more details, please go to this website: <https://go.gov.sg/dare-challenge>

or scan this QR code:



P5 National Education (NE) Show

10. Since 1997, as part of the National Education programme, all P5 students are given a special preview of the National Day Parade (NDP). This year's NE Show will be held at the Padang. Our Primary 5 students will be attending the **NE Show on Saturday, 8 July**. This event is a milestone programme and cohort NE experience for our Primary 5 students. Attendance for the event is compulsory. More details will be provided in a separate letter to the students involved.

ST 2 Empowering and Engaging Staff for Professional Excellence and Leadership

Staff Recognition—Our teachers have continuously served beyond self to add value to the teaching fraternity.

11. 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	Teacher-Led Workshops (TLW) The following teachers were engaged in professional sharing for teachers in the fraternity through the facilitation of Teacher-led Workshops (TLW): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mdm Ng Boon Shuen, Mdm Xie Shuang, Mdm Sun Ming Ming: Using Universal Design for learning in Oral and Reading (CL)

Staff Matters

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

- 1) Mr Christopher Teo Ming Jian (PE Teacher)
- 2) Mdm Madeleine Pang Jie Ting (SEN Officer)

13. We bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for their service to the school:

- 1) Miss Lin Meiling (CL teacher)
- 2) Miss Ng Xin Hui Cloudi (EL and MA teacher)

Staff Appreciation @ Dazhong

14. We would like to invite you to share your appreciation for our staff who have demonstrated dedication and excellence in their work. Please send compliments for our staff to <https://go.gov.sg/dzstaffappreciation>. Also, 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

Partnership for Green Makers @ Dazhong

Earth Day 2023

15. Dazhong celebrated Earth Day from 25 April to 27 April, in collaboration with our MOE Kindergarten to bring about deep and meaningful learning experiences in Energy and Water Conservation for our students. An array of enjoyable Earth Day activities, such as the 'Fishing for bulbs and droplets' and 'Earth Day Origami', were planned and aimed at **Exciting and Engaging our students in the fight against climate change**. The activities also aimed to **Empower our students to become Concerned Citizens** who are Aware of the effects of climate change, take Action by proposing solutions to protect the Earth, and Advocate others to invest in our planet for a green future. Let us all do our part to promote a brighter, sustainable world for all!

Green Challenge 2023

16. To inspire and engage students to be concerned citizens who protect the environment, Dazhong has continued to organize our school-wide recycling challenge, "Green Challenge" **to promote recycling and sustainability**. Since the start of the year, students were encouraged by our ECO-Champions through morning fillers to collect recyclable materials at home and bring them to school for recycling. The challenge aims to raise awareness about environmental challenges, the importance of recycling, reduce our environmental footprint, and provide a platform for them to take action to recycle right and advocate for others to do likewise. This Term, we collected **a total of 857.8kg of recyclables!** That's 486 kg more than what we have collected in Term 1. We hope this challenge not only fosters a sense of environmental responsibility in our students, but also encourages discussions about the positive impact of recycling within families and the wider community. Together, let's make a difference and create a greener future for our children!

Every Parent A Supportive Partner

Dads for Life @ Dazhong

17. The **Dads for Life** (DFL) Team organised two DFL activities in Term 2. The first activity was a *Scavenger Hunt* at Jurong Lake Gardens in conjunction with World Water Day on **Saturday, 4 March**. The father and child teams were also involved in litter-picking in conjunction with World Water Day. The second activity, *Brick, Bond, Build*, was held on **Saturday, 15 April**. Through this activity, fathers and their children collaborated to design and programme LEGO robots to fulfill the task.
18. We are encouraged by the enthusiastic participation in the programmes organised and we hope to see more fathers participating in the DFL activities in Semester 2. We would also like to thank the fathers in the DFL Core Team for their continued commitment to strengthening the father-child relationships through the various activities organised.

Parents Support Group

19. Our sincere appreciation to our **Parents Support Group** (PSG) members for their contribution to school programmes such as the International Friendship Day and Earth Day recess booth activities, Flea Mart booths and NAPFA Test stations! We look forward to partnering our parents to further support rich school-based learning experiences for our students such as the upcoming DZPS Community and Eco Carnival and learning journeys. The PSG will also be actively sharing parenting tips and insights on how to support our students' holistic well-being. Join us for our *Let Us Chat* sessions in Semester 2! If you are interested to join our school's PSG, please fill in the application form here: <https://go.gov.sg/dzpsg>



Safety and Security / Other Administrative Matters

2023 Primary One Registration Exercise

20. We have informed parents/guardians of the registration of children for admission to Primary 1 in 2023 in our letter dated 18 April (Ref: DZPS/2023/0101) via Parents Gateway. Phase 1 registration is for a **Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR)** child born between 2 January 2017 and 1 January 2018 (both dates inclusive) and has a sibling currently studying in our school. For the 2023 P1 Registration Exercise (2023 P1 Ex), parents who are registering their younger child under Phase 1 are to **register during the Phase 1 registration period in early July 2023**. If your child is a non-SC / non-PR and thus not eligible for Phase 1, please submit an online Indication of Interest in end May/early June. More updates on the 2023 P1 Exercise will be provided on the MOE P1 website by the end of May. Please do not hesitate to contact our admin staff at Tel: 65658002 or email dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg if you require assistance in this matter.

Application for eGIRO

21. We would like to encourage all parents /guardians to apply for your child's/ward's school and miscellaneous fees to be paid through GIRO, particularly our P1 parents, if you have not done so. The same GIRO arrangement will also be extended to cover their payment of enrichment programmes, school charges and deduction of national examination fees (Primary School Leaving Examination and GCE Examinations), where applicable. eGIRO Application has been made available by MOE to parents since 2022. Parents are encouraged to use this digital service to apply for GIRO arrangement.

P1 and P6 Class Photo Taking in Term 3

22. We have arranged for the annual class photo taking for P1 and P6 levels on **Tuesday, 27 June** during school hours. Students are required to be dressed in their school uniform for the photo-taking session. Please also help to ensure that your child's / ward's hair is neat and tidy.

Travel Declarations During June Holidays for Students

23. We have informed parents/guardians via Parents' Gateway (PG) on 15 May 2023 (Ref: DZPS/2023/0119) to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling for the June Holidays by 26 May 2023. We encouraged you to do so via the PG app (refer to <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/>). Parents without access to PG have been issued with a hardcopy travel declaration form through your child/ward in Week 9. Only 1 parent is required to make the declaration. If your child/ward is not travelling during the June Holidays, no action is required. When planning your child/ward's travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please inform the school as soon as possible. We thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

Student Group Protection Plan (GPA) 2023

24. MOE has procured a GPA for our students for the period from **1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023**. The contracted insurance service provider is NTUC Income. We have kept parents/guardians informed of the revised claims process via termly letters, dazhong school website as well as through Form Teachers, requiring parents/guardians to submit all student accident insurance claims electronically via the online portal at <https://studentgpa.incomegroupins.com.sg/#/>. You will be able to check the claims status as well as submit new claims for the medical reviews of the same incident through this portal. If you require any assistance with regards to claim matters, please do not hesitate to contact our Administrative Staff at Tel: 65658002 or email to dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg.

Dental Services

25. Please refer to the Dazhong school website for an update on the school dental services schedule during the June School Holidays and in Term 3. In the event of dental emergencies such as trauma

(tooth broken/knocked out), facial/gum swelling or severe toothache during both dental clinic closure, please contact School Dental Centre via email: Contact YPS@hpb.gov.sg.

Updates on School Canteen

26. The school canteen has been operating with a limited number of stallholders since Term 1. To avoid long queues and ensure more food options are available, we have catered healthy rice bento sets from HPB's registered caterers. We thank you for your kind understanding and patience with us.

Stall	Stallholder	Stall Name
1	MDM SITI NOOR HADJAH	Fruits and Dessert Stall
2	MDM NUR ASRINAH	House of Noodles Stall [Fishball/Soto Ayam/Gyoza/Ramen Noodles]
3	MDM WAJIHA	Malay Food Stall [Rice and Noodles(Mee Siam, Mee Rebus) Set Meals]
4	MDM DEBBIE LOY (Start in Term 3)	Fusion Food Stall [Rice and Noodles (Udon) Set Meals]
5	MR ELROY LOY	Western Food Stall [Burgers, Chicken/ Fish Rice Set, Waffles]
8	MDM SITHAYA	Hot Drinks and Snacks Stall

Student Well-Being Safety & Security

27. For the safety and security of our students, we discourage parents/guardians from being in the school compound unless on official matters. Visitors who are not on official matters will be requested to leave the school compound.
28. All visitors must report to the Security Post first to **obtain a visitor's pass**. Please note that our staff will stop any persons from moving around the school premises if they are seen without a valid visitor's pass issued by the school. We appeal for your understanding and cooperation in this matter as the safety of the children is of utmost concern to us.
29. To ensure that that the school remains a safe place for teaching and learning, we advise that if your child/ward is unwell, please keep him/her at home regardless of PCR/ART results. Besides the COVID-19 virus, we aim to keep the school safe from other viruses and illnesses so that our school remains open for our children.

Singapore Police Force Advisory to Students for Mid-Year Holidays

30. We seek your cooperation to share the advisory from the Singapore Police Force, Central Narcotics Bureau, National Crime Prevention and National Council against Drug Abuse (Annex B) with your child/ward to remind them of the dire consequences of committing crime and drug/inhalant abuse as well as the measures to take so that they can avoid being victims of crime.
31. Every Dazhong student is expected to conduct himself/herself in an appropriate manner and demonstrate our school values (IREAP) through their actions. We thank all parents/guardians for helping to educate your child/ward on good character, values and habits, especially during this upcoming June school holidays.
32. Have a meaningful and inspiring holiday! My staff and I look forward to welcoming your child/ward back to school in Term 3. **Dazhong Dare to Shine!**



Mdm Rina Yap Siu Lin
Principal



Dear Parents and Students,

ADVISORY FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) and Health Sciences Authority (HSA) would like to remind you of the following:

VAPING IS ILLEGAL, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act:

- It is an offence to purchase, use or possess e-cigarettes and/or their components. Offenders can be fined up to \$2000.
- It is also an offence to advertise, import, distribute, sell, offer for sale or possess for sale these products in Singapore. First time offenders can be fined up to \$10,000 or face imprisonment of up to 6 months or both.
- Disciplinary actions will be taken against anyone caught for the above offences.

Refer to Annex for more information on the penalties imposed on the offences.

VAPING IS HARMFUL AND CAN BE A GATEWAY TO CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Vaping, just like smoking traditional cigarettes, is harmful and can lead to lifelong addiction. E-cigarettes contain many harmful substances such as nicotine. These substances can negatively impact brain development, especially to parts of the brain that control attention, learning and memory. E-cigarettes also contain benzene and formaldehyde – which can cause cancer and infertility. Studies have also shown that individuals who vape are more likely to pick up cigarette smoking later in life¹.

If you know of someone who vapes or owns an e-cigarette, please inform the school so that timely cessation support can be offered to them. Alternatively, please call QuitLine at 1800 438 2000 for vaping/smoking cessation support.

Ms Vasuki Utravathy
Director, School Health & Outreach Division
Health Promotion Board

Mr Norman Chong
Director, Tobacco Regulation Branch
Health Sciences Authority

¹ Chien Y et al. Electronic Cigarette Use and Smoking Initiation in Taiwan: Evidence from the First Prospective Study in Asia. *Int J Environ Res Public Health* 2020; Apr; 18(7):3345.
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Examples of scenarios of possessing, using or purchasing of e-cigarettes:

Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
"I bought an e-cigarette online, but I did not use it."	"I bought 2 e-cigarettes, 1 for me and 1 for my friend, who paid me for his share."	"I post vape content on my Tiktok and Instagram account."
This is considered as a purchase .	This is considered as a sale .	This is considered as an advertisement .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalty imposed for possessing, using or purchasing e-cigarettes. • All offences, fine up to \$2,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalty imposed for selling or advertising e-cigarettes • 1st offence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fine up to \$10,000 ○ Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months; or ○ Both fine & imprisonment • 2nd & subsequent offences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fine up to \$20,000 ○ Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months; or ○ Both fine & imprisonment 	