



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 continued support and partnership in Term 1. We hope you and your child / ward will have a restful March break to recharge for an exciting Term 2 filled with learning opportunities! *Dazhong Dare to Lead!*

Termly School Calendar

Please refer to the Term 2 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
Good Friday	2 Apr (Fri)	Public Holiday
Labour Day	3 May (Mon)	School Holiday
P4 & 6 SA1 Mathematics Examinations	11 May (Tue)	School ends at 1.40 p.m. for all students
Eve of Hari Raya Puasa	12 May (Wed)	Early dismissal for Muslim students
Hari Raya Puasa	13 May (Thu)	Public Holiday
Vesak Day	26 May (Wed)	Public Holiday
Parent-Teacher Dialogue Session	27 May (Thu)	No school for all. Home-based learning.

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

Academic Achievements

We celebrate the academic achievements of the following students.

No.	Event	Achievement
1	RGS-Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple Bursary (Awarded in end 2020)	Chong Kaitlyn (6A)
2	Abbott Young Scientist Award 2021	Lim Hao Jun Ayden (4A)
3	Vasantham Super Kids (Tamil Quiz Competition)—1st Runner Up	Sivababu Deeptika, Rajakumar Rahini, Gundre Daivik Reddy, Govindaraj Nikithaa (5A) Kumar Naavalan (5P)
4	National Chinese Calligraphy Competition 2021 organised by Hong Wen School -1st Prize (Category 1)	Ju Yuxuan (6A)

ST 1.1 Nurturing the Whole Child—Learner Excellence

EL Fiesta cum International Friendship Day

Our students will be celebrating their love for the English Language and reading during the EL Fiesta held in conjunction with International Friendship Day (IFD) from **8 April to 15 April 2021**. This year's theme is *Singapore in the World*. Students will learn about and appreciate the colourful culture and traditions of their peers in ASEAN countries. Through learning about the rich diversity of cultures, students can develop the spirit of friendship and collaboration, and chart the way forward for Singapore to connect with different countries in the global community.

Students are encouraged to come in their **Dare to Lead green school shirt** on **Thursday, 8 April**. In addition, to commemorate World Book Day, all staff and students are encouraged to **dress up as their favourite book character on 15 April**. Your child/ward should also bring the corresponding book along so they can share the story with their friends. It will be so much fun for students to see their book characters come alive!

Green Awards: Sustainable South West Award and Green Schools @ South West Sustained Achievement Award

In line with our **Green Makers @ Dazhong** movement towards environmental sustainability, we have been making consistent efforts to educate our students and giving them opportunities to take environmental actions. We *have* been recognised for these efforts with two prestigious awards:

- First, the **Sustainable South West Award**, which Mrs Liang received on behalf of the school from Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, and Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor, South West District, on 23 January 2021. The Award recognises corporate and community organisations' efforts towards environmental sustainability, and Dazhong is one of only two schools to receive it.
- Second, the **Green Schools @ South West Sustained Achievement Award** for the year 2020. In addition, we have been awarded the **5-Year Environmental Champion Award**. This award is given to schools which have attained 5 Gold awards in total since 2016 so as to recognise the school's sustained environmental efforts towards the Green Schools @ South West programme.

Do check out our school's Facebook page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/dzpsofficial>
Dazhong will continue to go green as part of its **Green Makers @ Dazhong** programme!
Making our future green—from home, in school, and for Singapore!

Primary 5 Green Makers @ Dazhong Programme

The six sessions of the Green Makers programme for our P5s were concluded in Term 1, with students **Discovering** the issue of Climate Change, **Defining** how they wanted to solve this problem in their classroom, **Developing** a green solution, and finally **Delivering** prototypes to test and use in class! Our students innovated by using recycled materials to create eco-coolers and Do-It-Yourself (DIY) water coolers. Finally, they recorded video presentations of their inventions, demonstrating their confidence and sense of pride as self-directed learners!

ST 1.2 Nurturing the Whole Child—Character Excellence

Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2021 Arts Exhibition

The SYF Arts Exhibition is an annual event organised by the Ministry of Education to provide opportunities for students to showcase their artistic talents and promote art appreciation in schools. The exhibition, featuring artworks from schools in alternate years, celebrates the artist in every student and signifies access to art for every student through the art curriculum in schools. Selected P1 to P6 students from Dazhong will be taking part in the respective categories of this biannual competition in 2021. All the best to our Dazhong participants!

Arts Education Programme (AEP) P3 Virtual Violin Recital e-Week

AEP Recitals serve as milestone celebrations of our students' AEP learning journey and allow students to showcase their learning through performances. This year, the P3 Violin recitals will be recorded and shared with parents and stakeholders via an online platform in Term 2, Week 10.

Bringing Arts to the Community—Online Platform

Hong Kah North Community Club is recruiting performing arts talents for a series of Facebook and online shows in 2021. Interested Dazhong students (Hong Kah North residents), please join and seize the opportunity to perform for the community! Performances can be in the form of singing, dancing magic shows or even playing of musical instruments. Students can submit a 1 minute audition clip to: <https://go.gov.sg/hkntalent>



ST 2 Empowering and Engaging Staff for Professional Excellence and Leadership

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

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

Teaching Internship			
No.	Appreciation for Staff Contribution		
1.	MOE Long Service Award 2020		
	<u>20 Years</u> Miss Lim Ai Ying Mdm Suriatie Bte Abdul Samat <u>15 Years</u> Mr Kenny Chin Peng Kiew Mdm Jan Lin Shihua Mr Alan Koh Soon Liang Mr Tamilmohan S/O Veerachamy	<u>10 Years</u> Mr Leong Wei Ming Caleb Mdm Nuraishah Binte Jamal Abdul Nasir Mdm Meena Kumaree D/O Sadasivam Mdm Sun Ming Ming Miss Ummu Salma Binte Hamaradeen Mr Herman Bin Ponijo Mr Wu Zongbing Mdm Shoba D/O Mohan	<u>5 Years</u> Mdm Wydre Kwek Wei Ting Mdm He Jingwen Mr Muhammad Haziq Bin Zailani Miss Sabrina Binte Ismail
2.	Ten Year Long Service Award (Scouts) Mr Chong Kiat Kiat		
3.	Instructional Mentoring Programme (IMP) e-Certificate of Completion Mr Wee Boon Nee, Mr Choy Yu Wai, Mdm Suriatie Samat, Ms Ummu Salma Hamaradeen		

Staff Matters

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

1. Ms Nusrat Jahan (EL & MA)
2. Ms Asvin Kaur (EL & SC)
3. Mdm Mary Ang (Flexi-Adjunct)

Nomination of Staff for Awards (Internal)

We are calling for nominations for the following staff awards. Please take note of the intent of the different awards and the respective closing dates for nominations. We will be collating nominations for Dazhong staff via this link: <https://go.gov.sg/dznominate>. You may also scan the QR Code to access the form.



Award	Intent of Award	Closing Date
Inspiring Teacher of English Award	To acknowledge teachers who ignite a love for the English language and are effective in helping their students speak and write accurately.	Friday, 19 March

Award	Intent of Award	Closing Date
Excellence in Mathematics Teaching Award	To recognise Singapore mathematics teachers who are passionate in mathematics teaching, have displayed exemplary efforts in the teaching of mathematics, and are role models to their colleagues and the mathematics teaching fraternity in Singapore.	
Outstanding Science Teacher Award	To recognise teachers who are role models in the teaching and learning of Science	Wednesday, 31 March
<i>Arif Budiman</i> Malay Language Teacher Award	To recognise outstanding Malay Language teachers who have made significant contributions to the teaching and learning of Malay language in our schools	
Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Award	To recognise Tamil teachers who nurture students' interest in Tamil Language by using innovative methods to make lessons interesting and engaging.	Friday, 16 April
(Internal nomination) Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards	To give due recognition to deserving Chinese Language teachers who have shown exemplary efforts towards the teaching of Chinese language and culture.	

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

Thank you fathers for continuing to be part of your child's growing years!

On 13 March, our Dazhong fathers and children will be going on a Green Trail in the vicinity of Hong Kah North. During the trail, they will explore the surrounding greenery and discover some green initiatives by the community.

We will continue to organise activities like these as we believe these are precious opportunities for you to be engaged with and get to know your child better. Keep a lookout for announcements on our future activities in Parents Gateway.

Better still, access this link: <https://go.gov.sg/dzdfi-telegram> or scan the QR code to join our Dads for Life @ Dazhong Telegram Channel and stay updated!



Parents Support Group (PSG)

We strongly believe in engaging our Parents-in-Education to partner us in providing quality and holistic education and positive learning experiences to our students in their primary school years. As such, we would like to encourage parents to come on board to join our school's PSG. Interested parents can fill in the application form at the General Office or download the PSG application form at the school website: <https://dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg>.

Our school would also like to thank PSG parents who had volunteered their valuable support in activities such as Swimsafer, Rooftop Greenery as well as the upcoming Drama in Nature lessons.

Safety and Security / Other Administrative Matters

School Canteen Matters

We are pleased to inform you that we have a new non-Halal canteen stall. Mdm Eng, the stallholder, has been serving Chinese noodles dishes that are compliant with the Health Promotion Board's (HPB) Healthy Meals School Programme (HMSP) 2021 guidelines from 16 February 2021. We appreciate your feedback about our HMSP. Do support healthy eating at home too!

Food Safety and Hygiene

We have embarked on our '**Go Green**' effort, requiring students and staff to use their own recyclable containers and cutlery to pack food items from the canteen. We have also sought the partnership of our canteen vendors **not** to provide disposable containers and cutlery to be consistent in our effort.

Thank you for your strong partnership and support since its implementation, as we have observed that students have inculcated this good habit of bringing their own containers and cutlery to purchase food items from the school canteen for consumption in their classrooms. We seek your strong support to encourage your child / ward to continue this good practice. Whilst doing so, please assist to ensure that your child / ward takes personal and social responsibility to ensure that his / her container and cutlery are washed daily before use at the canteen.

School Dental Services

The dental clinic will be **closed during the March School Holidays**. Students who require **emergency** dental treatment can call the School Dental Centre at Tel: 64353782 for an appointment.

Overseas Travel

In view of the nation's posture towards COVID-19 and the Safety Management Measures (SMM), we would advise all students to continue to defer overseas travel. Returning travellers from most regions would be placed on Stay Home Notice (SHN), and schools would be alerted to such cases through MOE HQ. Should there be a strong need for your child / ward to travel, please inform the school via the Travel Declarations form found online on our website or request a copy of the form from our General Office. Please update us when your child / ward returns to Singapore, including information with regard to SHN and swab test results.

Visit to School

As part of our SMM, we will continue to serve you via online means or through the phone as much as possible. Should there be a need to come into our school, please make prior appointments with us. All parents / guardians should put on their masks when picking up your child / ward. We thank you for working with us to make our school a safe place for everyone.

Delivering Items to Your Child / Ward

We seek your understanding and strong partnership in teaching our students responsibility for bringing the necessary items to school. As such, we will not deliver items to students. Please also avoid asking other children to bring the items to your child / ward as it imposes an unnecessary burden on them and does not help your own child / ward to learn the value of responsibility. If there is a special concern, do teach your child / ward to seek help from teachers or General Office staff.

Respect and Display of Graciousness towards School Staff

Thank you for the good display of respect and graciousness whenever you interact with us—school leaders, teachers and support staff. This will help to strengthen the caring and conducive environment for all to role model for our students good relationship-building, graciousness and respect. Let's *Dare to Lead* in creating a gracious society!

Stay safe and healthy, and have a meaningful March holiday.



Mdm Rina Yap Siu Lin
Principal

