

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 throughout Term 3 as we navigated through alternate weeks of Home-Based Learning (HBL) and face-to-face lessons.

I am also pleased to share that Dazhong Primary School has received a total of 135 applications for 62 vacancies at the P1 Registration Exercise Phase 2C Supplementary and balloting was conducted for Phase 2C Supplementary this year again. This is due to our concerted efforts to uphold Dazhong pride. We truly appreciate your strong support and commitment to make Dazhong shine in the community by your words and actions at all times!

Highlights in Term 3

Let's Celebrate! Dazhong Dare to Scale!

2020 SYFgoesOnline! The Virtual Stage SYFpiecesReimagined Showcase

Themed 'Celebrate the Resilience of Our Youth', Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2020 was held virtually in July 2020 to enable students to continue engaging in the arts. Congratulations to the students whose performances and artworks were showcased.

Performing Arts categories	Description (featured in this year's Singapore Youth Festival 2020)
Choir	Collaboration with Methodist Girls' School (Secondary) (MGS) Selected members collaborated with MGS on a performing arts project under the SYFgoesOnline! — SYFpiecesReimagined Category - First Light 1) Shi Yifan, 5A 2) Nicolette Arataki, 5A 3) Mariya Desha Tasnim, 6E
Junior Orchestra	Collaboration with Methodist Girls' School (Secondary) (MGS) Selected members collaborated with MGS on a performing arts project under the SYFgoesOnline! — SYFpiecesReimagined Category - Kreta Ayer 1) Ong Herr Yuo, 4I 2) Wang Shixuan, 5P
DanceVerve20 (Bring On Da Funk!)	Ju Yuxuan, 5A

Performing Arts categories	Description (featured in this year's Singapore	Youth Festival 2020)
Art Labs	The following students' online project featured: 1) Muhammad Eshan, 1R 2) Liu Lixian, Lucas, 1A 3) Mohan Mithushanth, 2E 4) Tong Zhi Jie Aron, 2P 5) Yusuf Bin Riadi, 3E 6) Muhammad Aryan, 3E	ts (SYF Stays Home Category) was 7) Esha'al Haiqa, 3A 8) Mohan Thilojan, 4P 9) Ju Yuxuan, 5A 10) Chong Chuan Le, 6I 11) Muhammad Bin Riadi,6I

Art for Cause SG2030

To appreciate our Pioneer & Merdeka Generations, some students participated in this meaningful project called #ArtforCauseSG2030. We are happy to announce that **Soh Yannaphas (4E)**'s postcard design on 'Appreciating Seniors' has been selected for public display.

National Teachers' Day Virtual Choir 2020

Our choir student, **Lim Wei Zhen, 5A** was featured in this year's National Teachers' Day Virtual Choir 2020 as part of Teachers' Day celebration. Students from all schools in Singapore will be paying tribute to their teachers in this video presentation on 3rd September 2020 and on MOE's social media platforms.

Abbott Young Scientist Award

On 15 Aug, **Ong Herr Yuo from 4I** presented his project at the Abbott Young Scientist Award ceremony. He shared about what he had learnt with his Abbott mentor on Electrical Circuits, and how the vibrations of string instruments work to produce music, related to his Junior Orchestra CCA experience.

Tales of 'S' eBook Competition

We congratulate **Maniarasan Madhuvadhani** (6I) and **Mumar** (6I) for winning the 2020 Tales of 'S' eBook Competition organised by Civica. The stories will be published in the 2020 Tales of 'S' publication.

Friends@Dazhong Programme: Updates

Friends@Dazhong is a customised programme specially designed to support our International and Permanent Resident students (ISPR) to better settle into the school environment and also to integrate into the wider Singapore community. To achieve this, the following cyber events have been organised:

1) Experiencing Singapore Food Culture

The SLS enrichment lesson, packed with fun facts, pictures and videos to engage our ISPR students, was rolled out on 13 August as a post National Day engagement activity to introduce our ISPR families to our Singapore hawker food heritage.

2) Understanding Singapore Workshop

Through engaging stories and hands-on activities, P1 and P2 ISPR students are learning joyfully about Singapore whilst immersed in the use of the English Language. Selected ISPR students were also invited to take part in additional Zoom sessions to receive additional support in completing the Understanding Singapore Workshop activities.

'NLB Read for Books' Charity Drive 2020

Read for Books, a charity book drive by National Library Board, aims to celebrate and share the joy of reading. For every 10 individuals who read for 15 minutes, one book will be donated to selected beneficiaries.

Between 13 and 17 July, our teachers and students came together during English and Mother Tongue Language lessons to read for 30 minutes. We are pleased to share that an accumulative total of 1526 students read for 30 minutes for charity. Good Job!

Dare to Read!

To encourage students to keep reading during the holidays, the Library Committee has specially curated digital stories for students. Through reading activities on SLS, students can watch and listen to a teacher, read a book and complete tasks to stay engaged at home. We would also like to remind students to return overdue books to the library. We thank you for partnering us to instil the love of reading and responsibility in your child/ward.

DZPS-ABSS e-Twinning Programme

The DZPS-ABSS e-Twinning Programme 2020 is an online exchange programme between Dazhong and Anubansamsen School (ABSS) of Thailand. The programme aims to provide students of both schools with the opportunity to network, establish friendships and build closer ties through e-platforms. Through their exchanges, students will also be able to learn, appreciate and have a better understanding of the socio-cultural aspects of both countries. A total of 19 P5 students have been selected to participate in this programme.

Term 3B Support for P6

To support our P6 students in their last lap to PSLE, P6 students will be having the P6 Remedial and Extended Curriculum Programme from Wednesday, 9 September 2020 to Friday,

11 September 2020. Lessons will be conducted from 7.40 a.m. to 12.10 pm with a 30-minute recess break. Please keep a lookout for the consent form issued via Parents' Gateway (PG).

Primary 1 Touch Typing programme

The P1 students will be having their touch-typing programme in Term 4 as a Morning Filler activity. The touch-typing programme provides opportunities for students to learn and be familiar with the typing techniques as well as getting rewards for attaining a certain level of achievement. The school will need the support of P1 parents to bring your child punctually to school at **7.30 a.m**.

ST 1.1 Nurturing the Whole Child – Learner Excellence

National Assessment Matters

PSLE Listening Comprehension / PSLE Written Examinations

P6 students are expected to report to school by 7.15 a.m. during PSLE days. We would appreciate P6 parents' support in helping our students to observe punctuality during those mornings.

P6 students will be dismissed from school early on PSLE LC / PSLE Written examination days once they have completed their examinations and are allowed to leave. Please make the necessary transport arrangements. The estimated dismissal time for those days are:

Date	Dismissal Time for students taking Foundation Exams	Dismissal Time for students taking Standard Exams
18 September (LC)	12.30 p.m.	12.30 p.m.
1 October (EL Written)	12.30 p.m.	1.00 p.m.
2 October (Math)	12.00 p.m.	12.30 p.m.
5 October (MTL)	9.30 a.m.	12.30 p.m.
6 October (Science)	10.00 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
7 October (HMTL)	10.30 a.m.	12.00 p.m.

Only P6 students who are sitting for the HMTL paper need to report to school on Wed 7 Oct 2020.

All P6 students are expected to report back to school on Thursday, 8 Oct 2020.

HBL on PSLE Listening Comprehension / PSLE Marking Exercise Days

P1 to P5 students will be having HBL on 18 September and 19 to 22 October 2020. Students will be meaningfully engaged through online SLS lessons or written assignments.

Students who do not have computers and internet access at home can inform their form teachers before 4 September 2020. We seek your understanding that in view of limited resources, requests made will be prioritised based on student needs.

ST 1.1 Nurturing the Whole Child - Character Excellence

Arts Education Programme (AEP) Virtual Violin and Dance Recital e-Weeks 2020

Our AEP Recitals serve as milestone celebrations of students' AEP learning journey and allow students to showcase their learning through performances. This year, the recitals will be recorded and uploaded onto the school's google site by **Term 4 Week 6**. Do look out for the announcement via PG nearer to the date.

Children's Day Celebration

Dazhong will be holding our <u>inaugural PAM Day</u> (Physical Education, Arts and Music) in conjunction with Children's Day Celebration on 8 October (Thursday). Themed <u>"Together, a Joyful and Stronger Dazhong"</u>, PAM Day is part of our integral efforts to promote the holistic development of students through Sports and Arts. Students will report to school as usual in P.E. Attire by 7.30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 1.40 p.m. More details will be shared via **Parents Gateway** nearer to the date.

ST 2 Empowering and Engaging Staff for Professional Excellence and Leadership

Staff Recognition

Our warmest congratulations to our staff who have role-modelled our culture of excellence at Dazhong.

No.	Award Recipients
1	National Day Awards 2020 —The Commendation Medal Pingat Kepujian As part of the National Day Awards 2020, Mr Wee Boon Nee, Lead Teacher (Physical Education), was awarded the Commendation Medal Pingat Kepujian for his excellent service to the nation and the education fraternity.
2	National Day Awards 2020 — Long Service Medal Congratulations to Mr Choy Yu Wai, Senior Teacher (Science) for being awarded the National Day Award - Long Service Medal for his 25 years of service to the education fraternity!
3	e-ELIS Conference 2020 Mdm Mary Ang, Mr Kenneth Wong and Mrs Sharon Soh presented at this year's ELIS conference on 27 August 2020. They will be presenting on: The Use of Dialogic Teaching to Enhance Inferential Skills in Reading. We thank them for their contributions to the English Language teaching fraternity.
4	Professional Development Award by STAR 2020 (Innovator Award) Mrs Dawn Kuah's article, "Music Critical Inquiry: A learning experience on creative music-making in the music classroom" was published this year in a publication by The Singapore Teachers' Academy for the Arts (STAR).
5	Friends in Concert online 2020 – WZ CoP Westgroovers performance Mrs Dawn Kuah also represented Dazhong Primary to perform digitally at Friends in Concert at STAR. The performance will be officially launched on 3 September 2020 on MOE' Facebook post. We thank her for the contributions to the Music fraternity.

Staff Matters

We warmly welcome the following who have joined our Dazhong family:

Mdm Tjong Min Cui (Art), Ms Lee Yan Ying (PE), and Mr Mohammad Isham Bin Rahmat (PE).

Staff Appreciation @ Dazhong

Please send your compliments for our staff to https://go.gov.sg/dzappreciation or write an appreciation card at the Guard Post! Also, look out for information on good work by our staff displayed on the noticeboards near the school gate.

ST 3 Engaging Partnership for Support

Every Parent A Supportive Partner

Request for Donation of Books

The school is currently in the process of updating our collection of library books. Parents who would like to contribute to the school may donate children's books which are in good condition. Kindly inform your child to drop the books off at the library.

Dazhong Parent Support Group

Rooftop Greenery

We would like to extend our utmost appreciation to our PSG members who have been working tirelessly to care for our rooftop greenery garden. We look forward to more Parent Volunteers joining us!

Dazhong Dads For Life (DFL) Programme

On 1 August, the DFL Team organised a fun-filled online activity KAZOOM! where fathers got to know the community and the school a little more. Through such intentionally created events, we hope to provide DZ dads with opportunities to bond with their child(ren) so that they may play an active role in their child(ren)'s education. We will continue to innovate and bring to you more fun and exciting activities! We would like to invite all fathers of Dazhong to join our Telegram channel. Please go to https://go.gov.sg/dzdfl-telegram to join us!

Termly School Calendar

Please refer to the Termly School Calendar attached to the school letter for details on termly activities. Kindly take note of the following holidays and home-based learning days in Term 4 and make childcare arrangements if necessary.

Event/Activity	Date	Holiday/ HBL
PSLE Listening Comprehension	Friday, 18 September	HBL for P1- P5 students
P6 Study Leave	Wed, 28 September to Friday, 30 September	HBL for P6 students except for selected students
Children's Day	Friday, 9 October	School Holiday
PSLE Marking Exercise	Monday, 19 October to Thursday, 22 October	HBL for P1 - P6 students
Administration Day	Wednesday, 11 November	HBL for P1 - P6 students
Deepavali	Monday, 16 November	Public Holiday

Safety and Security / Other Administrative Matters

As we are currently still in Phase 2 of Safety Management Measures (SMM), please continue to observe strict SMM such as **the wearing of masks and avoiding crowded areas** during the school holidays. If your child / ward is unwell, he/she should see the doctor promptly and remain at home until he/she recovers fully. We will continue to ensure that safe management measures are monitored strictly to keep our students and staff safe at school. We also seek your understanding that visits to the school should be by appointment only.

We would also like to update you on the outcome of the inspection and mosquito surveillance that NEA conducted in our school recently. NEA officers deployed 4 BG Sentinel Traps and 3 Night Catchers in the school from 27 to 28 August 2020. In following NEA's recommendations, we have:

- Increased the frequency of mosquito control measures
- Installed spatial repellents inside classrooms
- Applied of BTI into the pond and removal of wet decaying vegetation (biting midges)
- Removed or treated potential mosquito breeding habitat

To control the mosquito population in Bukit Batok, NEA has also embarked on Project Wolbachia and to help raise our students' awareness of this initiative, we will be working with NEA on the following:

- Project Wolbachia eLearning info pack as part of the Science curriculum
- Zoom session with NEA's Research Scientist or in person for a Q&A session with the children
- Releasing of adult male Wolbachia-Aedes mosquitoes with NEA Research Scientists in the nearby HDB blocks with proper SMM in place.

Our school will be inviting Adviser to HKN CC, Dr Amy Khor, to join the mosquito release activity with our students. Through this, we hope to stimulate interest among our students on environmental health sciences.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that our students practise good personal hygiene, are socially responsible and always looking out for one another. Wishing you a restful and meaningful September break!

Thank you.

Mdm Rina Yap Siu Lin

Principal



2020 TERM 4 CALENDAR

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WEEK	DATE	STUDENTS' PROGRAMME
1	14 Sep Mon	 AT@DZ: Notes of Encouragement for P6s (Presentation to Individual P6 Classes) P3-5 Targeted Remediation (selected students) (AC)
		 P6 Extended Curriculum (AC) RRP (selected P3 & P4 students) (AC)
	15 Sep Tue	 P6 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC) IDE Maker (selected P5 students) (AC) eCCA (AC for P3 to P5)
	16 Sep Wed	 Prefect EXCO e-Meeting T4(1) eTwinning with ABSS (Thailand) (selected P5 students only)(12.10 p.m. – 2 p.m.)
	17 Sep Thu	 No P3-P5 Targeted Remedial (AC) No P6 Extended Curriculum (AC) RRP (selected P3 & P4 students) (AC)
	18 Sep Fri	 PSLE Listening Comprehension No school for P1 to P5 students. Home-based learning. eCCA (AC-selected P3 to P5)
	19 Sep Sat	

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2	21 Sep Mon	 Morning Filler: Prefects EXCO e-Campaign P3-5 Targeted Remediation (selected students) (AC) P6 Extended Curriculum (AC)
		RRP (selected P3 & P4 students) (AC)
	22 Sep Tue	 P6 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC) IDE Maker (selected P5 students) (AC) eCCA (AC for P3 to P5) CTudents (AC)
	23 Sep Wed	 eTwinning with ABSS (Thailand) (selected P4 & P5 students only) (2.15 – 4 p.m.) Prefects E-Meeting T4(1)
	24 Sep Thu	 P3-5 Targeted Remediation (selected students) (AC) P6 Extended Curriculum (AC) RRP (selected P3 & P4 students) (AC) AEP P5 Virtual Dance Recitals@Dazhong (Class Recording) (24 – 30 Sep)
	25 Sep Fri	 P5 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC) P6 Targeted Remedial (Selected students) (AC) IDE Maker (selected P5 students) (AC) eCCA (AC-selected P3 to P5)
	26 Sep Sat	

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3	28 Sep Mon	 P6 Study Leave. Home-based Learning for P6 level except for selected students Morning Filler: Prefects EXCO e-Campaign P3-5 Targeted Remediation (selected students) (AC) RRP (selected P3 & P4 students) (AC)
	29 Sep Tue	 P6 Study Leave. Home-based Learning for P6 level except for selected students IDE Maker (selected P5 students) (AC) eCCA (AC for P3 to P5)
	30 Sep Wed	 P6 Study Leave. Home-based Learning for P6 level except for selected students AEP P5 Virtual Dance Recitals@Dazhong (Class Recording) (24 – 30 Sep)
	1 Oct Thu	 PSLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE P3-5 Targeted Remediation (selected students) (AC) RRP (selected P3 & P4 students) (AC)
	2 Oct Fri	PSLE MATHEMATICS P5 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC) IDE Maker (selected P5 students) (AC)



	eCCA (AC-selected P3 to P5)	
3 Oct		
Sat		

WEEK	DATE	STUDENTS' PROGRAMME
4	5 Oct Mon	 PSLE MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE P5 SA2 English Oral and MTL e-Oral Examination (AC) Online Voting for 2021 Prefects EXCO Prefects PEER Project e-Meeting T4(1) Appreciation Week (5 Oct – 8 Oct)
	6 Oct Tue	 PSLE SCIENCE P4 SA2 English and MTL Oral Examination (AC) IDE Maker (selected P5 students) (AC) eCCA (AC-P3 to P5)
	7 Oct Wed	 PSLE HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE P3 SA2 English and MTL Oral Examination (AC)
	8 Oct Thu	 PAM Day – Children's Day Celebration Appreciation Week (5 Oct – 8 Oct)
	9 Oct Fri	CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
	10 Oct Sat	

WEEK	DATE	STUDENTS' PROGRAMME
5	12 Oct	SA2 EL Paper 1 Examination (P3-5)
	Mon	P6 Transition Programme (12 Oct – 20 Nov)
		Online Voting for 2021 Prefects EXCO
		Prefects PEER Project e-Meeting T4(2)
	13 Oct	SA2 MTL Paper 1 Examination (P3-5)
	Tue	IDE Maker (selected P5 students) (AC)
		• eCCA (AC-P3 to P5)
	14 Oct	Prefect EXCO e-Meeting T4(2)
	Wed	
	15 Oct	P3-5 Targeted Remediation (selected students) (AC)
	Thu	RRP (selected P3 & P4 students) (AC)
	16 Oct	P5 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC)
	Fri	IDE Maker (selected P5 students) (AC)
		eCCA (AC-selected P3 to P5)
	17 Oct	
	Sat	

WEEK	DATE	STUDENTS' PROGRAMME
6	19 Oct Mon	PSLE Marking Exercise No school for P1-6 students. Home-based learning.
	20 Oct Tue	 PSLE Marking Exercise No school for P1-6 students. Home-based learning.
	21 Oct Wed	PSLE Marking Exercise No school for P1-6 students. Home-based learning.
	22 Oct Thu	PSLE Marking Exercise No school for P1-6 students. Home-based learning.
	23 Oct Fri	P5 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC)
	24 Oct Sat	

WEEK	DATE	STUDENTS' PROGRAMME
7	26 Oct Mon	SA2 EL Paper 2 + Listening Comprehension Examination (P3-5)
	27 Oct Tue	SA2 Math Examination (P3-5)



28 Oct Wed	SA2 MTL Paper 2 + Listening Comprehension Examination (P3-5)
29 Oct Thu	SA2 Science Examination (P3-5)
30 Oct Fri	SA2 HMTL Examination (P5) P5 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC)

WEEK	DATE	STUDENTS' PROGRAMME
8	2 Nov Mon	Prefects PEER Project e-Meeting T4(3)
	3 Nov Tue	 P6 Conversational Chinese & Malay Language (CCM) Programme (3 to 18 Nov) P5 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC) CCA/eCCA
	4 Nov Wed	E-Briefing for Prefects' Investiture (1) Prefect EXCO e-Meeting T4(3)
	5 Nov Thu	
	6 Nov Fri	 CCA /eCCA (AC-selected P3 to P5) P4 PIRLS 2021 Main Study (P4E & P4P – 10am – 12.45pm)
	7 Nov Sat	

WEEK	DATE	STUDENTS' PROGRAMME
9	9 Nov Mon	 Prefects PEER Project e-Meeting T4(4) MTL Fortnight Part 3
	10 Nov Tue	 MTL Fortnight Part 3 P4 MTL Cultural Camp CCA/eCCA P5 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC)
	11 Nov Wed	 Admin Day: No school for P1-6 students. Home-based learning. Prefects E-Meeting T4(2) E-Briefing for Prefects' Investiture (2)
	12 Nov Thu	MTL Fortnight Part 3 Deepavali Celebration (FTGP & SLS)
	13 Nov Fri	MTL Fortnight Part 3 CCA/eCCA (AC-selected P3 to P5)
	14 Nov Sat	DEEPAVALI

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10	16 Nov Mon	DEEPAVALI HOLIDAY IN LIEU
	17 Nov Tue	P5 HMTL Lesson (Selected Students) (AC) CCA/eCCA
	18 Nov Wed	 P6 Conversational Chinese & Malay Language (CCM) Programme (3 to 18Nov) Parent-Teacher Dialogue Session (for selected students) (AC)
	19 Nov Thu	P6 Graduation Term 4 Affirmation Day Prefects' E-Investiture
	20 Nov Fri	Prize-Giving Day Promotion Exercise P6 Transition Programme (12 Oct – 20 Nov)
	21 Nov Sat	