

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 have concluded another school year and we would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all parents / guardians for your support for the school and our staff in 2019. Thank you for being active partners who take keen interest in your child's / ward's education.

2019 has truly been a year where Dazhong staff and students have dared to create new milestones and achievements. We look forward to an even better year in 2020 as Dazhong staff and students Dare to Scale greater heights!

Dazhong Dare to Create New Milestones!

We are proud to announce that Dazhong Primary School has achieved the School Green Awards— Yellow Flame Award for our environmental efforts.

Academic Achievements

We would like to congratulate the following students on their achievements.

No.	Event	Achievement	
1	Annual Mathlympics 2019	Silver Award	
	Jeong Wonho (5I)	Wu Dihui (5I)	
2	13th National Inter-Primary On-the-Spot Chinese Poetry Recital Competition	Gold Award	
	Ju Yuxuan (4I)	Shi Yifan (4I)	
3	Good Progress Award 2019 (Chinese Language and Culture Fund)		
	Jovian Goh Yan Feng (1I)	Low Wen Hui (2A)	
	Ong Herr You (3I)	Tan Poh Yi Chloe (4P)	
	Ng Hong Da, Dexter (5I)	Choo Xin Yi (6I)	

Co-Curricular Achievements

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

No.	Event	Achievement	
1	10th Be The Change Celebration	Conference Presentation	
	Rebeca Tun (4I)	Wang Shi Xuan (4I)	
	Lew Jia Hong (Liao Jiahong) (4I)	Huang Hancheng (5I)	
2	OUR FUTURE Stamp Drawing Contest	Top Ten Winners	
	Tong Cheng Han, Donna (Tang Jingxian) (5R)	Ju Yuxuan (4I)	

\$T 1.1 Nurturing the Whole Child—Learner Excellence

National Assessment Matters 2019 Release of PSLE Results

The PSLE results will be released on Thursday, 21 November (tentative). Parents / Guardians are encouraged not to plan their overseas vacation during this period as it would involve the collection of PSLE results as well as selection of secondary schools.

You will need to appoint a proxy to collect the results if your child / ward is not present on the day to collect the results. The proxy letter, which can be found in the Secondary School Education Booklet, needs to be completed and shown to the school, together with a photocopy of your identity card, by the person whom you have appointed as the proxy to collect the results.

Secondary One Posting Results Release and Secondary One Orientation

The Secondary One (S1) posting results will be released on Friday, 20 December (tentative). Students must report to their posted schools on 23 December, the Monday after the release of the posting results. Parents / Guardians and students can check the posting results via:

- Short Messaging System (SMS) [If you had submitted your local mobile number, together with your school choices, through the Secondary One-Internet System (S1-IS).]
- Secondary One-Internet System (S1-IS)
- Going to the child's primary school

For more information on PSLE Results Release and Secondary One Posting Exercise, please refer to the website: https://beta.moe.gov.sg/secondary/s1-posting

Holiday Reading

The school library, D'Safari, remains open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily during the school holidays! Drop by with your child to keep up with the habit of reading. Students are also strongly encouraged to visit the National Library to borrow books and participate in their activities. For more information, visit nlb.gov.sg. Parents / guardians are also strongly encouraged to download the NLBmobile app to access its comprehensive collection of e-books for free.

We are always on a lookout for quality books in good condition! Parents who would like to donate their children's storybooks may drop the books off at the General Office during its opening hours.

Gifted Education Programme Identification Exercise 2020

The tentative schedule for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise in 2020 is shown below:

Stage	Date	Participants	Papers	
GEP Screening Exercise	Wednesday, 19 August 2020	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in government and government- aided schools	English Language and Mathematics	
GEP Selection Exercise	Tuesday and Wednesday 20 & 21 October 2020	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise	English Language and Mathematics General Ability	

ST 1.2 Nurturing the Whole Child—Character Excellence

P6 Graduation Ceremony

The Primary 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Thursday, 14 November, to celebrate the completion of our P6 students' journey in primary school. All P6 students will report to school as usual. School will be on as usual. The ceremony will take place from 1.40 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the school hall. A buffet lunch will be provided for our P6 students in school.

Prize-Giving Day

Our school Prize-Giving Day will be held on Friday, 15 November, to recognise the achievements of our students and staff. Primary 4 and 5 students will report by 7.30 a.m. All prize winners (P1 to P5) and performers will report at 7.15 a.m. Students and prize winners should assemble at the Indoor Basketball Court. Students will have their recess from 7.40 a.m. to 8.10 a.m. All students will be dismissed at 11.20 a.m.

Date	Programme	Description
17 July to 6 November 2019	Understanding Singapore Workshop	Selected P1 and P2 international students & permanent resident (ISPR) students in the Friends@Dazhong Programme went through a series of customised workshops to gain deeper understanding about Singapore through experiential activities.
Thursday 3 October 2019	P5 AEP Dance Recital@ Dazhong 2019	Our school's Arts Education Programme (AEP) aims to provide a holistic education to students through its performing and visual arts curriculum. The P5 AEP Dance Recital@Dazhong serves as a milestone celebration of the children's achievements and consolidation of what they have learnt through the AEP programme over the last three years. This year, we also had a special segment where PSG parents put up a dance performance. We are grateful for the great turn-out and support from our P5 parents!
7 to 11 October 2019	Twinning Programme with Anubansamsen School	Selected P5 students served as buddies to a group of twenty. That students from Anubansamsen School, Bangkok. The twinning programme provided invaluable exposure to develop the 21st Century Competencies in our students, especially in the aspects of civic literacy, global awareness and cross-cultural skills.
7 and 14 October 2019	Bicentennial Experience at Fort Canning	Our P5 and P6 students learned about the key moments in Singapore's evolution from 1299 and how our nation had responded to and been part of regional and global influences and events through the interactive experience at the Bicentennial Experience. This was a platform to deepen the citizenship dispositions of our students as they learnt more about the story of Singapore from past to present.
1, 5, 8, 11. 12 November 2019	Pots of Harmony (P6 Values-in-Action Programme)	Our P6 students planned workshops, performance items and engagement activities to serve beyond self and bring joy to seniors at the REACH Senior Activity Centre. Before the activity, they were engaged in 'Understanding Aging' experiential workshop conducted by the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) to have better awareness of how to communicate with the seniors.

Date	Programme	Description		
Tuesday 5 November 2019	Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO)— Singapore National Youth Sinfonia (SNYS) Concert Performance	Our school was privileged to host the SNYO in a concert performance for our K1 to P6 students. The SNYS junior training orchestra group comprises students ranging from 10 to 17 years old. The talented young musicians represent more than 60 schools across Singapore and perform annually at selected schools in Singapore Associate Conductor Lin Juan was the conductor for the performance.		
Friday 8 November 2019	Friends@Dazhong Celebration & Movie Night with DfL	Our ISPR families (P1 and P2 students) were invited to join the Movie Night event with Dads for Life to widen their network especially with the local families. The event saw a successful turnout with over 300 participants.		

Bringing Arts to the Community

In Term 4, Dazhong students made significant contributions to the Arts community. Bravo to the students from our Performing Arts & Visual Art CCAs for making our school proud with your contributions to the community and collaboration with other schools and partners. We would like to appreciate all our stakeholders and parents who supported our students at the various platforms:

Date	Performing Arts / Visual Art CCAs	Description		
Sunday 17 November 2019	95.8 Radio Station	Some of our talented Choir students have been talent-spotted to participate in the Mediacorp Capital 95.8 FM Radio Station Talk Show to showcase their singing talents and engage students in the learning of Chinese culture through singing. Students will also share about environmental awareness and recycling efforts through the singing of Chinese songs. The show will be broadcast live from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Do tune in! Students who are singing and presenting at Mediacorp 95.8 are:		
		Chin Xuan Ning (3R)	Shi Yifan (4I)	
		Nicolette Arataki (4R)	Huang Yu Lan (5I)	
Sunday 17 November 2019	Hong Kah North Environmental Day Performance 2019	Hong Kah North Environ Community Club. Beside an school's hydroponics progra Cheer in four languages to through the adoption of a c The ECO Cheer encourage waste by refusing, reducing resources, water and elect	passadors will be participating in the nmental Day at Hong Kah North and ECO exhibition and showcasing our amme, our students will do an ECO increase environmental awareness clean, green and sustainable lifestyle, es the public to strive towards zero g, reusing and recycling to conserve tricity and become a more gracious e environment. Do come and support	

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:

٥.	Award Recipients / Achievements				
	Academy Awards for Professional Development The Academy Awards for Professional Development recognise and affirm the efforts of officers in the education service and partners in education for their contributions to the professional development of the teaching fraternity. This year, not one, but three of our teachers received the Associate of Academy of Singapore Teachers Award:				
	Mdm Mary Ang	Mr Choy Yu Wai			
	Mdm Chan Wee Teng Dawn				
	MOE Service Excellence Award (MSEA) 2019 The MSEA award recognises MOE staff who are passionate in their service delivery, consistently serve internal and external customers with C.A.R.E (Courtesy, Accessibility, Responsiveness and Effectiveness), and inspire their colleagues to do likewise. This year, twenty-seven of our staff received the MSEA. Congratulations to the following winners! MSEA 2019 (Platinum)				
	Mdm Mary Ang	Ms Tan Geok Hwa			
	Mr V Manoharan				
	MSEA 2019 (Gold)				
	Mr Herman Bin Ponijo	Mrs Loh Keng Ming			
	Mr Muhammad Syahriel Bin Sukar	Mdm Tan Mui Sin			
	Ms Tan Pei Yin Geraldine	Mr Wee Boon Nee			
	Miss Yu Minli Emmeline				
	MSEA 2019 (Silver)				
	Ms Ananthy D/O Marimuthu	Mdm Ang Qiu Ping Emily			
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	Mdm Chan Wee Teng Dawn	Mrs Chia Junli			
	Mdm Chan Wee Teng Dawn Mdm Chin Mei Ling Cindy (MK)				
		Mrs Chia Junli			
	Mdm Chin Mei Ling Cindy (MK)	Mrs Chia Junli Mdm Choo Xue Er Danica			
	Mdm Chin Mei Ling Cindy (MK) Mdm Gao Rong Fang (MK)	Mrs Chia Junli Mdm Choo Xue Er Danica Mdm Haslinda Bte Zakaria			

No.	Award Recipients / Achievements		
	Mdm Teo Lee Choo	Ms Ting Ning Xin Jessie	
	Mr Wu Zongbing		

3 Music Critical Inquiry Share Fair Presentation Sharing at STAR

Every year, the Singapore Teachers' Academy for the aRts (STAR) invites applications for the 2019 Critical Inquiry Networked Learning Community (CI NLC). The CI NLC provides teacher professional development (PD) support through a reflective inquiry-based process. The 2019 Music CI NLC focuses on creative pedagogical approaches and innovative school-based music curriculum design that provides differentiation.

This year, Mdm Chan Wee Teng, Dawn (SH/Aesthetics) shared her Music Critical Inquiry "A learning experience on creative music-making in a GMP Classroom" during the CI Share Fair at STAR. She shared on her teaching approaches and creative ways to encourage inquiry-based, experiential and musical learning.

Staff Matters

Farewell to Teachers

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

1.	Mr Patrick Lee	2.	Mr Su Yizhong
3.	Ms Maneatonufus Yusoff	4.	Mr Tan Zi Yang Andy
5.	Mdm Tan Shew Kee (Retirement)		Mdm Suriati Binte Sinwan (School Counsellor)
7.	Mdm Rabiatul Adawiyah Binte Jubri (Admin Executive)	8.	Mdm Shirley Ong (Corporate Support Officer)

Staff Appreciation @ Dazhong

Please send your compliments for our staff to dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg or write an appreciation card at the Guard Post! Also, look out for information on our staff's good work displayed on the noticeboards near the school gate.

ST 3 Engaging Partnerships for Support

Every Parent A Supportive Partner

P1 Orientation

If you have a child / ward joining Dazhong Primary School at Primary 1 in 2020, please note that P1 Orientation will be held on Tuesday, 19 November 2019 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All parents/guardians with a child / ward joining the school at Primary 1 next year must attend the session with their child / ward.

Family Matters Service

Dazhong Primary School has successfully completed its Triple 2 Parents Seminar for 2019. We thank all parents who have shown their support. Parents can look forward to more of such parenting workshops and talks in 2020.

Dazhong Dads For Life (DFL) Programme

The Movie Night, which was the last DFL session for the year, took place on Friday, 8 November. About 250 fathers and their children had an enjoyable time of games, food and watching a movie. They also had the opportunity to mingle with other families during the game activities.

We are very grateful for the support from the five committed and enthusiastic fathers in the DFL EXCO Organising Committee. They planned and organised various activities throughout the year, which saw an average of 80 fathers participating each time. The team will be planning more interesting activities for 2020 and we hope to see more fathers participate then. Meanwhile, do have an enjoyable time with your children this coming school holiday. Remember, 'Dads are most ordinary men turned into heroes.' – Pam Brown

Parent Support Group (PSG)

We strongly believe in engaging our Parents-in-Education to support us in providing a quality and holistic education to our students through positive learning experiences in their primary school years. Our PSG parents have a big part to play in enriching our students' school life as they collaborate with the school for key school programmes and organise parent-centric activities. As part of our efforts to include new members in EXCO in subsequent years, we have also started the PSG Sub-committee where the School Leaders had two engagement sessions to get to know them. We would like to invite parents to join us as PSG members.

Our school is thankful to the PSG, which has rendered tremendous support to our school events throughout the year. Thank you PSG!

Dazhong Partners

The school was able to plan a variety of meaningful and engaging programmes to enable our students to experience the joy of learning with the kind support of our various partners (PSG, DFL, Hong Kah North Community Club, Bukit Batok Neighbourhood Police Centre, ActiveSG West, just to name a few). We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our partners for their kind support and collaboration in 2019. We look forward to more meaningful partnerships in 2020.

Safety and Security / Other Administrative Matters

Temperature-Taking Exercise

The school will conduct the first temperature taking exercise for year 2020 on **Thursday**, **16 January 2020**. All P2 to P6 students are required to bring a working thermometer to school on the date of the temperature-taking exercise.

Travel Declaration

Please declare your child's / ward's travel plan during the school holidays in November and December 2019 using the Learning Management System (www.mconline.sg) by Thursday, 14 November. It is mandatory for All P1 students to complete the declaration regardless of intent of travel. A NIL reply is required in the portal. To make it easier for you, we have made the declaration available through our Parents' Gateway.

Primary School Transfer Service for Change of Address (STEPS)

The Primary School Transfer Service by MOE aimed at facilitating the transfer of P1 to P5 primary school students (in current academic year 2019) who are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents and have relocated to another address, to schools nearer to their new residences.

You can apply for your child's / ward's primary school transfer through MOE's online form at www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/schooltransfer. The Online Application period is from 21 October to 28 November. You will be notified of the application outcome on 10 December.

Student Data Updating Form

Parents / Guardians are requested to update the school of any change(s) in your child's / ward's particulars, including his / her medical condition(s), whenever necessary. The students' particulars updating form can be downloaded from the school website at https://dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg/partnerships/school-information-n-letters. Alternatively, you may approach our staff at the General Office during office hours for a copy of the form. The general office will remain open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the school holidays, except for weekends and public holidays.

Sale of School Textbooks and Uniform

The sale of the school textbooks (Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd) and school uniform (Asencio Pte Ltd) is available in school on the scheduled dates with both vendors. Please refer to the attached school booklist for the items required for 2020. A copy of the textbook list 2020 is also available online at https://dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg/partnerships/school-information-n-letters.

Dental Services during School Holidays

Parents are encouraged to refer to the school website at https://dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg/partnerships/school-information-n-letters/dental-clinic for updates on the availability of school dental services during the year-end holidays. If there are any emergency cases, you may refer to the buddy clinics (nearby schools) or HPB HQ.

Thank you.

Mdm Rina Yap Siu Lin

Principal