

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. Welcome to an exciting Term 3 filled with rich learning experiences where Dazhong students will be Excited, Engaged and Empowered to become more Aware of important issues, take necessary Action and even step up to be Advocates who encourage others. We seek your continued support as we continue to develop our Dazhong students as self-directed learners, serving leaders and concerned citizens.

Dazhong Dare to Inspire!

2. Our inspiring achievements will strengthen Dazhong school pride as we look forward to our upcoming 85th school anniversary in 2023. For parents/guardians who are alumni of Dazhong, please do volunteer to serve in the upcoming celebrations. Simply scan this QR code to join:



Termly School Calendar

Please refer to the Term 3 School Calendar attached as <u>Annex A</u> for details on termly activities.
Do take note of school holidays and home-based learning days and make the necessary childcare arrangements.

Event/Activity	Date	Remarks
Youth Day	4 July (Monday)	School Holiday
Hari Raya Haji Holiday In Lieu	11 July (Monday)	School Holiday
National Day Celebrations	8 August (Monday)	School ends at 10:40 a.m. for all
National Day Holiday	9 August (Tuesday)	Public Holiday
National Day Holiday In Lieu	10 August (Wednesday)	School Holiday
PSLE Oral Examinations	15 & 16 August (Monday & Tuesday)	Home-based learning for P1 to P5 students
Teachers' Day	2 September (Friday)	School Holiday

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Academic and Co-Curricular Achievements

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

No.	Event / Achievement		
1	2022 Raffles Scholarship (Primary 5-6)		
	Ong Herr Yuo (6A), Tan Zinnie (5A)		
	Raffles Institution's Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC) Open Category 2022		
2	Certificate of Distinction: Sivababu Deeptika (6A) Certificate Of Merit: Javan Teh Zhe Zhong (6A), Khon Wathan (6A)		
	Raffles Institution's Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC) Junior Category 2022		
3	Certificate Of Merit: Alicia Woon Shyh Xin (5A), Lee Xue Jun (5A), Rebecca Aung (5A), Sherlyn Haw Pei Ting (5A), Wong Yuan Le Marcus (5A)		
4	Singapore-Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS)		
4	Silver Award: Javan Teh Zhe Zhong (6A)		
	2022 Singapore Olympic Foundation-Peter Lim Scholarship		
5	Encouragement Awards: Ahmad Daniyal Matin Bin Ahmad Nasir (6I), Nur Ain Binte Salleh (6R), Nur Erina Felisha Binte Roy Azmi (6R), Nur Fatini Asyirah Binte Abdullah (6R), Tuffahati Nuha Binte Ahmadwi (6E), Goh Zhi Hao (6A), Soh Yannaphas (6P), Qysz Adreanna Binte Abdullah (6P), Muhammad Ukasyah Bin Nazirin (5I), Putra Nur Irham Bin Aizat (5I), Nura'uni Binte Noorizhar (5R), Nur Qisha Faiqihah Binte Muhammad Fadli (5E), Esha'al Haiqa Binte Muhammad Asnul (5P), Nur Iqbal Bin Nurhamis (4I), Ahmad Daanish Areef Bin Ahmad Nasir (4I), Nur Uqeesya Aqeela Binte Uzair-Alhaj (4E)		
6	SYFgoesOnline 2022 (DanceVerve 22)—Creative Cultural Cool (Group Challenge)		
	Featured at SYFgoesOnline 2022 Gallery at the Singapore Youth Festival Website 2022 (syf.gov.sg): Wong Wan Yi (6R), Deq Qsyaiyuni Binte Mohamed Azhar (6E), Natalyn Teo Wen Yuan (6A), Chong Jing Wen Gwenn (6P)		

ST 1 Holistic Development of a Dazhong Student

Dare to Read!

5. To encourage students to read widely, every student received a copy of Suggested Reads by National Library Board (NLB), a selection of relevant and interesting book recommendations specially curated for each level. This term, students will read, swap and share books with one another, prompting book-related conversations during English Language lessons. Students can also look forward to Author Talk during assembly on Thursday, 28 July, where Singapore's best-selling Writer-Broadcaster, Neil Humphreys, will tell entertaining, real-life stories to show how he makes his characters leap from the page and come alive. Following the talk, a book order collection will be conducted to allow students to purchase the author's books which will be autographed with a personalised message. Parents may be assured that other highly popular and quality titles from renowned and established publishers will be available for purchase too.

Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight Part 2 and Racial Harmony Day (RHD) Celebrations

6. This year, MTL Fortnight Part 2 and Racial Harmony Day Celebrations will take place from 18 July to 22 July 2022. We hope to nurture students' citizenship dispositions through joyful learning experiences and develop their appreciation and love for learning one's MTL while showing care for the environment. Students will have the opportunity to understand traditional values and cultural practices across ethnicities. They will be also gain awareness of positive cyber relationships and cyber citizenship thinking and actions through examples of online flaming.

57th National Day Celebration with Math Exploration Week

7. Our students will be celebrating their love for Mathematics during the Math Exploration Week held in conjunction with National Day from 1 August to 8 August 2022. This year's theme is Stronger Together, Majulah! Student will develop a deeper awareness as Singaporeans and be aware of the constraints, vulnerabilities, and contemporary realities of Singapore. Through learning about the nation, our students can show continued confidence in the future for Singapore, and be committed to work towards building a Singapore for all. Students are encouraged to come in their Dare to Scale red shirt or other red shirt, school skirt or shorts, and school shoes on Monday, 8 August. Please note that school will end at 10:40 a.m.

Primary 5 National Education (NE) Show

8. After two years of smaller-scale celebrations, this year's **NE Show** has resumed for all Primary 5 students in Singapore. The NE Show is an important milestone programme and cohort NE experience for our Primary 5 students, who will be attending it on **Saturday, 9 July 2022**. Attendance for the event is compulsory. More details will be provided in a separate letter.

Edusave Character Award 2022

- 9. The Edusave Character Award (ECHA) enables schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. This is part of the larger goal to foster an inclusive and stronger Singapore as we broaden the qualities and achievements to be encouraged and applauded.
- 10. At Dazhong Primary School, we believe in nurturing students with good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens. As such, this award further strengthens the school's recognition of students who consistently demonstrate exemplary character and values. We look forward to your partnership in nurturing and developing good character and values in your children/ward, and hence equipping them to become more effective individuals and useful citizens of our society.

Bringing Arts to the Community

PAssionArts Festival 2022—Collaboration with Hong Kah North Community Club

11. Dazhong will be collaborating with Hong Kah North Community Club (HKNCC) for the PAssionArts Festival and National Day Celebrations in <u>late July/early August 2022</u>. Please lend your support to our students who will be performing for the celebrations in the heartlands! Information on the reporting time for our performers, as well as the involvement of students in the Visual Art Club, will be sent out closer to the dates of the performances.

No.	Date/Time	Activity	Performing Arts / Visual Art CCAs	Description
1	July	PAssionArts & National Day Statues Making	Visual Art Club	Painting and making of a recycled Singapore Icon
2	30 July, 2 p.m.	National Day Celebration @ West Rocks (Blk 461C Bukit Batok West Avenue 6)	Junior Orchestra (JO) Percussion Section	Live showcase of a percussion performance

No.	Date/Time	Activity	Performing Arts / Visual Art CCAs	Description
3	30 July, 6 p.m.	National Day Celebration @ HKNCC	Choir Dance	Live Choir and Dance performance
4	6 August, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	National Day Heartland Celebration @ Field besides Star Vista	JO String Ensemble	Performance showcase by members of the JO String Ensemble who are mentored by Methodist Girls' School in a performing arts collaboration project

SYF Arts Presentation 2022

12. The SYF Arts Presentation provides opportunities for students to showcase their performing arts talents. Selected P3 to P6 students from the **Junior Orchestra**, **Choir and Dance Club** will be taking part in this biannual competition in Term 3 2022.

SYF Arts Presentation Dates	Venues	Primary Level Category
Wednesday, 6 July	Gateway Theatre @ Bukit Merah	International Dance
Friday, 8 July	School of the Arts (SOTA)	Junior Orchestra (Instrumental Ensemble—Strings)
Wednesday, 17 August	Republic Cultural Centre	Junior Orchestra (Percussion)
	School of the Arts (SOTA)	Choir
Friday, 19 August	Republic Cultural Centre	Junior Orchestra (Flexible Band)

Health Screening Programme

13. Health Promotion Board (HPB) will be conducting the annual school health screening for all students from <u>7 July to 15 July</u> during curriculum time. If you do not wish for your child to undergo HPB's annual health screening in school, please write to <u>HPB_SHC@hpb.gov.sg</u>. For more information, please refer to the notifications sent via Parents Gateway on 25 May (for P1) and 26 May (For P2 to P6) (Subject "School Health Visit for Primary #").

ST 2 Empowering and Engaging Staff for Professional Excellence and Leadership

Staff Recognition

14. We appreciate the following staff for their spirit of excellence and leadership in contributing to the school and teaching fraternity:

No.	Appreciation for Staff Contribution
1	SgLDC 2022 Virtual Meet 2 The following teachers presented on P6 Post PSLE Outdoor Education Programme through flipped classroom learning pedagogical approach at the SgLDC Virtual Summit on 3 June 2022: Mdm Lim Ai Ying, Miss Grace Tan, Mr Haziq and Ms Siti Munirah

Staff Matters

- 15. We welcome the following new staff members who have joined our Dazhong family:
 - i. Mdm V Swarna Leela (SH/Data Management)
- ii. Miss Lynnette Chu (EL & MA teacher)
- iii. Miss Crystalbelle Chang (EL & SC teacher)

Staff Appreciation @ Dazhong

16. We would like to invite you to share your appreciation for our staff who have demonstrated dedication and excellence. Please send compliments for our staff to https://go.gov.sg/dzpsappreciates or scan this QR code for easy access:



ST 3 Engaging Partnerships for Support

Every Parent A Supportive Partner

Dads for Life @ Dazhong

- 17. We are encouraged by the number of fathers participating in the Dads for Life (DFL) activities in Semester 1 and look forward to seeing more fathers participating in Semester 2. Some of the possible upcoming activities are: GRC Family Day (in collaboration with HKNCC), Talk by Focus on the Family (online), Movie Night, 2 Day/1 Night School Camp, Evening Hike, Games, etc.
- 18. In addition, as communicated via Parents Gateway previously, the school has also printed DFL T-shirts for fathers to put on during the DFL activities. Do purchase one through your child so that we can stand as one Fathers@Dazhong! Do look out for our DFL event announcements on Parents Gateway and our very own Telegram Channel. Scan the QR code to join:



Parents Support Group (PSG)

19. As COVID-19 restrictions are eased, we look forward to partnering our parents to further support Dazhong's green efforts and rich school-based learning experiences for our students such as learning journeys, the Extensive Reading programme, the maintenance of our rooftop greenery and GRC Family Day (in collaboration with HKNCC). The PSG will also be actively sharing parenting tips and insights on how to support our students' holistic well-being. Look out for these in the PSG WhatsApp Chat! 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

2022 Primary One Registration Exercise

- 20. We have informed parents/guardians of the registration of children for admission to Primary 1 in 2022 in our letter dated 21 April 2022 (Ref: DZPS/2022/0085) and 27 May 2022 (Ref: DZPS/2022/0101) via Parents Gateway.
- 21. The school has also contacted parents of Dazhong students who have missed out the PG letters to verify if you have any **Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR) child** born between 2 Jan 2016 and 1 Jan 2017 (both dates inclusive) who has a sibling studying in our school, **for P1 Phase 1 registration that started on Wednesday, 29 June 2022.**
- 22. You may refer to the MOE website at http://go.gov.sg/P1reg for updates on the 2022 P1 Registration exercise. Please do not hesitate to contact our P1 Registration Administration Team at Tel: 6565 8002 or email dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg if you require any assistance in this matter.

Dental Services

23. Please refer to **Annex B** for the schedule for school dental services during Term 3. You may also refer to the **school website** for any updates. On other days, students who require urgent dental treatment can call the School Dental Centre, Health Promotion Board (HPB) at Tel: 64353782 to make an appointment.

Traffic Management & Road Safety

- 24. Parents/guardians who drive, kindly adhere to these guidelines to keep our school zone safe:
 - Drive carefully at all times, at a much reduced speed, within the school zone.
 - Students should alight from vehicles at the designated drop-off location (opposite the vehicular gate).
 - Alternatively, students may alight from vehicles at the HDB car parks serving Block 308 and 309. There is no parking charge for vehicles exiting within 10 minutes.
 - It is dangerous and not advisable to drop off your child/ward along the driveway leading to the HDB carpark of Block 308 and 309 due to heavy traffic flow during peak hours. It is also a no parking and no waiting zone.
 - To ensure a smooth flow of traffic, all parents/guardians are to follow the instructions given by the security guards and staff on duty.
 - Parents/guardians are advised to turn left at the junction of Bukit Batok Street 31 after exiting
 the school vehicular gate during school days from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. This will ensure a smooth
 flow of traffic out of school.
 - Do continue to exercise care and look out for students while driving within the school zone.

Student Well-Being—Safety & Security

- 25. For the safety and security of our students, parents/guardians are not allowed in the school premises unless they are on official matters. Unauthorised visitors will be requested to leave the school compound.
- 26. All visitors must report to the Security Post first to obtain a visitor's pass. Please note that our staff will re-direct all persons to the General Office if they are seen in areas that they are not authorised to be in. We appeal for your understanding and cooperation in this matter as **the safety of the children is of utmost concern** to us.

Safe Management Measures

- 27. To maintain the safety of all students and staff, please ensure that your child/ward:
 - wears a mask with good filtration capability (e.g. surgical masks or reusable masks of equivalent effectiveness that are made of at least two layers of fabric) to school
 - brings a working thermometer, labelled with his/her name and class
 - stays **S.M.A.R.T** and healthy in Term 3!
- 28. 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 schools remain open for our children.

Inculcating the Value of Responsibility in Our Students

- 29. We seek your partnership in inculcating in your child/ward the value of responsibility so your child/ward will be responsible for bringing the items that are required for his/her learning. As such, we will not be delivering items such as water bottles, money and homework to your child/ward. We also seek your understanding to not ask other students or the security guards to deliver the items to your child/ward or leave them at the security post. The only exceptions that the General Office will make are spectacles, medication and house keys.
- 30. Let us have a meaningful and fulfilling Term 3. Dazhong Dare to Inspire!

Mdm Rina Yap Siu Lin Principal

Annex B

Dates of School Dental Services

Term / Week	Operating Dates
Term 3, Week 2	4 Jul 2022 – 8 Jul 2022
Term 3, Week 4	18 Jul 2022 – 22 Jul 2022
Term 3, Week 6	1 Aug 2022 – 5 Aug 2022
Term 3, Week 8	17 Aug 2022 – 19 Aug 2022
Term 3, Week 10	29 Aug 2022 – 2 Sep 2022

Note: School dental services will not be available on Public Holidays and Weekends. Please refer to the school website at https://dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg/partnerships/school-information-n-letters/school-dental-services for an update on the schedule.