

Vision

Achievers rooted in values, soaring beyond limits.

Mission

To nurture and inspire pupils to be self-directed learners, gracious and resilient, serving beyond self.

Website Address: <http://www.dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg>

80th Events Page: <https://tinyurl.com/dazhong80th>

08 March 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have come to the end of Term 1, 2018, and we trust that your child/ward has enjoyed a fulfilling term in school with his/her teachers and friends. In this letter, we share with you some of the highlights of this term, as well as matters to note as we look forward to a brand new Term 2.

DZ 80th Anniversary—Term 1 Highlights

We have kick-started the 80th Anniversary celebrations with a Community Walk in January. Our Primary 6 students have distributed the limited edition 80th Anniversary magnets to members of our neighbouring community to invite them to join us in the celebrations. Children from the MOE Kindergarten and our Primary 1 to 5 students have also worked together to complete 80 rounds around the different parts of the school as per their individual levels.

As a school, we have pledged to complete 80 ViA projects in 2018 to commemorate the public-spiritedness of our founders when they started the school in 1938 to provide education to the children in the village. We are proud to share that we have completed 22 projects so far, including Pots of Care (Caring Buddy and Buddy Clean), Pots of Joy and Lion's Club Pledge Card, with the collective efforts from all students.

In February, our students also 'walked down' the memory lane as Mdm Maria, an alumna of Dazhong in the 1980s, shared her schooling experience at the then Tai Cheong School with them. After hearing from Mdm Maria, our students took the time to reflect on their schooling experience and on what they were proud of in Dazhong Primary School in the students' handbook 2018!

All students and staff were also presented with a limited edition of Dazhong 80th Anniversary t-shirt, which they will all wear on 9 March 2018 to take a Dazhong Family picture together.

DZ 80th Anniversary—Facebook Events Page

Do keep a lookout for the photos and more updates on our 80th Anniversary Events via this Facebook Events Page: <https://tinyurl.com/dazhong80th>.

Please indicate on the events page if you are interested in attending the 80th Anniversary Family Day Carnival and our Musical, Dare to Soar. Do also help us to 'Like' and 'Share' the page with all your friends!

DZ 80th Anniversary—Call for Alumni and Artefacts

The school have also kicked off the first meeting with the Alumni of Dazhong Primary on 3 March 2018. We are calling for more ex-students to join us as our Alumni. Please also **share with us your stories and artefacts** from your schooling days! If you have any Dazhong artefacts that you are willing to donate (e.g. uniform, badges, books, photographs, trophies, etc.), please contact us at 6565 8002 or dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg! These will be proudly displayed as part of our heritage at our Heritage Gallery.

DZ 80th Anniversary—Memorabilia Order

We had earlier shared that the school will be selling limited edition of 80th Anniversary Memorabilia to commemorate our 80th Anniversary in 2018. Proceeds will contribute towards the school's fund-raising for financial assistance for our DZPS students in need.

We are pleased to inform you that the sale of the Memorabilia will commence from 9 March 2018. You may place your orders using the attached customised form. Kindly place the **exact payment amount (cash) for your order in the attached envelope (with School Stamp)** and **seal it** before returning it to your child's/ ward's Form Teacher by **23 March 2018**. A Nil return is required.

ST 1.1 Nurturing the Whole Child—Learner Excellence

Mathematics Games Workshop (integrated with Total Defence Day Recess Activities)

Our Primary 5 students had the opportunity to design and create Mathematics-related games during 4 sessions of a Mathematics Games Workshop. This instilled the joy of learning and entrepreneurial dare in students as they conducted the games they had designed during a carnival for Total Defence Day commemorated on 13 and 14 February 2018. During the carnival, other students from Primary 1 to Primary 6 played the games that the P5 students created, and they had an enjoyable time learning about both Mathematical concepts and Total Defence messages.

National Chinese Calligraphy Competition

Dazhong student Ju Yuxuan represented the school and won the First Prize in Category C (Primary 1 to 3) of the National Chinese Calligraphy Competition in 2018.

ST 1.2 Nurturing the Whole Child—Character Excellence

2017 Green Schools @ South West

Our school attained the Sustained Achievement award for Green Schools@South West 2017 Programme. This award is an affirmation to our structured processes in developing gracious students with strong sense of responsibility and civic consciousness towards contributing to the Sustainable Singapore movement.

CCA Achievement—the Brownies

The Brownies did well to achieve the Puan Noor Aishah Gold Award 2017. To attain this award, the Brownies had to undergo training to attain various types of badges and to participate in external competitions. For example, at the recent West Division Day Competition, our Brownies emerged first in the Stamp Design Competition and third in the 'Throw Pong' activity. These activities reinforce the school values and enable the participants to be gracious and be prepared to serve with confidence.

Primary 6 Outdoor Adventure Education Camp

The Primary 6 students had their level camp at the Boy's Brigade Campsite on 22 and 23 January 2018. This was another opportunity for our students to learn in an authentic setting beyond the classroom so as to instil the joy of learning. At the camp, students had the opportunity to exhibit the values of resilience, acceptance and respecting others as they went through the Kayaking Orientation Programme at Kallang and trekking at Pulau Ubin. We are proud to say that all students had successfully completed all the activities. A number of them had even overcome personal physical challenges to complete the activities, exemplifying the values of perseverance and inspiring all to give their best.

Primary 5 Malacca Cultural Immersion Programme

79 students and 10 staff went to Malacca on 7 and 8 March 2018 as part of the school's cultural immersion programme. Through this programme, we hope to develop in students a greater awareness of different cultures and instil in them a sense of pride and belonging as Singaporeans. Students would have the opportunity to experience the life in a *kampong* through various *kampong* activities and visit the different places of cultural and educational interest to learn about the history of Malacca in relation to Singapore.

Dance Performance at Hong Kah North Community Club

To foster community involvement through our DZ Arts Outreach programme, our students from our Dance CCA group performed at the Hong Kah North Community Club during the 2018 Lunar New Year Celebrations for Senior Citizens on 4 February 2018. This was a great opportunity for our students to engage and serve the community via arts and cultural platforms.

ST 2 Empowering and Engaging Staff for Professional Excellence and Leadership
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MOE Service Excellence Awards (Silver) 2017

Both teaching and non-teaching members of our staff have been recognised for their service excellence and awarded the MOE Service Excellence Award (Silver) 2017. Please join us in congratulating them.

- Ms Tan Geok Hwa (Admin Manager)
- Mr V Manoharan (Operations Manager)
- Mdm Chan Wee Teng Dawn (Subject Head/Aesthetics)
- Mdm Mary Ang (Senior Teacher)
- Mdm Ang Qiu Ping, Emily (Teacher)

Staff Appreciation@Dazhong

Please look out for more information on our staff's good work on the noticeboards near the school gate. Do also send your compliments for our teaching and non-teaching staff to us at dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg so that we can duly recognise their excellence and efforts!

ST 3 Engaging Partnerships for Support—Every Parent A Supportive Partner

Parents as Supportive Partners

Thank you to all parents/guardians who have attended the Prize-Giving Ceremony cum Parent Engagement Sessions in Term 1! We are glad to have met many of you and received the feedback that you had benefited greatly from the curriculum briefings. We look forward to meeting you at the Parent-Teacher Dialogue Sessions in Term 2.

We would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of developing personal responsibility in your child/ward. The General Office staff have received many requests to deliver books and other items to your child/ward during curriculum time. **Please note that with the exception of spectacles and medication, the school will not be delivering items such as homework, PE uniform and lunch boxes to your children.** This prevents disruption to curriculum time, and also helps your child/ward to grow as a self-directed, resilient and responsible student.

Dads For Life Programme

We are delighted that many fathers had signed up for the Dads For Life Programme this year to be more involved in their children's development and school life. Six sessions have been planned for fathers and their children to be engaged in sports and outdoor activities. These would be valuable opportunities for fathers to role model to their children the values of resilience and acceptance. Around 55 fathers and their children turned up for the first soccer activity on 24 February 2018. There was lots of fun and laughter throughout the session and we look forward to seeing more fathers at the subsequent sessions. The planned schedule of activities will be put up via the school website.

Engaging Partners to Enrich Student Learning

The Parent Support Group (PSG) has played an important role in enriching the learning experiences of the students by helping the school organise department events like the Cyber-wellness Programme, Total Defence Day and accompanying students for learning journeys. We would like to convey our appreciation to the PSG members for their dedication and contribution to the school. To achieve the school mission of serving beyond self, the school has also collaborated with Lions Club Nanyang by joining them in their Walk For the Elders event and supporting them in their fund-raising activity.

Student Well-Being

Use of School Smart Cards (SSC) For Concessionary Travel—Primary 1 Students

Please be informed that the School Smart Cards for P1 students is expected to be ready for distribution to your child/ ward in Term 2. The following information is for your attention and action. Please do not hesitate to approach the School Admin Manager for clarification at 6565 8002 during office hours.

- a) Your child/ ward is expected to receive his/her SSC between 19 and 23 Mar 2018.
- b) Check the photo and details printed on the card. Inform the school immediately if there are any mistakes.
- c) Approach the staff at the TransitLink Ticket Office/ TransitLink Concession Card Replacement Office/Passenger Services Centre located in the MRT Stations/Bus Interchanges for assistance. Kindly inform the staff that you would like to activate the School Smart Card for your child/ward.
- d) Please note that a minimum top-up value of \$5.00 is required.



+ \$ 5.00



Safety and Security Matters

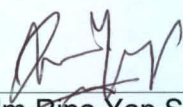
It has been observed that parents and caregivers are blocking the entrance of the main gate during dismissal hours. This poses a safety concern and causes inconvenience to students and staff who are entering or leaving school.

With effect from 26 March 2018, a yellow box will be drawn in front of the side gate. This will allow our students to have easy access during reporting and dismissal time. We seek the cooperation of parents and caregivers not to wait within the yellow box during these hours.

With Pride We Excel

As we conclude Term 1, my staff and I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that our children have started the school year well. We look forward to your continued support for the various school programmes and initiatives in Term 2.

Thank you in advance also for your generous support in the purchase of our limited edition 80th Anniversary memorabilia as we mark this important milestone for Dazhong Primary School. Let's proudly show our friends and family how we are glad to be part of the Dazhong family!


Mdm Rina Yap Siu Lin
Principal

