

PEIYING PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Vision: Lifelong Learners, Leaders of Character School Mission: Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

> **Keeping in Touch** Letter to Parents 53/2023

8 September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you had a good September Holiday bonding with your child. We are glad to share our Term 4 highlights and we look forward to another term of school activities with your child.

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

1. Term 4 School Calendar

Please refer to **Annex A** for the calendar for Term 4.

2. P1 Orientation Day

We would have our P1 Orientation Day in the afternoon of 10 November to welcome the P1 cohort for 2024.

3. Prize Presentation Day cum P6 Graduation Day

To celebrate the efforts and achievements of our students and staff, we would be having our Prize Presentation Day cum P6 Graduation Day on 17 November. The theme for this year is "Embracing Excellence through Endless Possibilities". Only P3 to P5 prize recipients and all P6 students would attend the ceremony. Students would report in their full school uniform. Invitation letters would be issued to the parents of the prize recipients at a later date.

The General Office would be closed at 1 pm on 17 November as there is a Staff Appreciation Lunch.

4. Parent Support Group (PSG) Meeting

Our school would be holding our PSG Meeting on 3 November from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. We would be celebrating the efforts and active involvement of members. PSG Exco would be organising bonding activities for members. This would be a great opportunity for parent volunteers to get to know one another. Do indicate your interest to join the PSG meeting in the link https://for.edu.sg/psgbonding by 18 September.

STUDENT WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPMENT

5. Students' Achievements

We are proud to announce that our Sepak Takraw Junior Boys team achieved Tier 1 Gold Achievement Pin in their National School Games (NSG) competition. We would also like to congratulate the following students for their achievements in the various competitions.

Name	Class	Achievement
Tan Zhi Tong	2R	NSG Wushu Junior Girls 3-Duan Changquan Achievement Pin Junior Girls 1st International Sword 2 nd placing
Kumar Xuan Treef	41	NSG Tennis Junior Green Ball Achievement Pin
Fiore Emma Sophie	4R	NSG Track and Field Junior 1 Girls Overhand Beanbag Throw 1st placing
Xu Yawen	5D	NSG Artistic Gymnastics Junior 3 Floor Event Achievement Pin
Wong Jaelyn	6D	24th International Chinese Language Competition Bronze Award

6. Student Health Matters

We seek parents' support in inculcating personal and social responsibility in your child. Anyone who is unwell (e.g. flu-like symptoms or PCR+/Ag+) should not come to school. Students should only come back to school when they are well.

After returning to school from their absence, students should submit the medical certificate or proof of Ag+ to their Form or co-Form Teacher promptly. For students who are Ag+, please inform their teachers immediately to obtain further instructions.

7. Leading Self

To support our students in leading self, we would like to seek your continued partnership to ensure that your child is punctual for school. Students should reach before 7.30 am. Students should maintain a neat appearance.

In addition, we would like to share with you some resources by Health Promotion Board on anti-vaping in **Annex B**. The school has conducted morning assembly sharing to increase students' awareness of the harmful effects of smoking and vaping. We hope that you can continue the efforts in guiding your child to stay safe and vape-free. We would like to highlight that vaping is illegal and harmful, and that there are consequences for offenders.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

8. Academic Support

Remedial, supplementary lessons and support programmes will carry on as per normal from Term 4 Week 1 or Week 2. Students would receive a consent form if they are selected for these lessons.

9. P6 Study Break

The school would implement a study break for P6 students from 25 to 27 September. Parents of P6 students are advised to refer to the notification that was sent on 28 August via Parents Gateway for more information.

10. Assessment

a) P1 & P2 Holistic Assessment (HA)

As informed previously, there would be no weighted assessments for P1 and P2 students. Our teachers are using HA to gather information about the students' learning to provide targeted support to the students and build their confidence and desire to learn (please refer to the Letter to Parents 47/a/b/2023 issued on 13 July for the Semester 2 learning plans). Parents would be given a learning progress report at the end of Term 4 to inform them of the level of acquisition of skills of their child in the different subjects.

b) P3 to P5 End-of-Year Examinations (EOY)

There would be End-of-Year Examinations for P3 to P5 students. The percentage weightage for this assessment is 60%. To prepare for the examinations, we urge parents to remind your children to be consistent and regular in revising their school work. Please refer to **Annex C** for the timetable.

c) Absence for End-of-Year Examinations (EOY)

If your child is absent for the oral examination, he/she would be able to do a make-up examination on another day arranged by the school. We would like to inform parents/guardians that <u>make-up session would only be conducted for oral examination</u>. Do note that there is <u>no make-up for all written papers</u>. This is in line with the examination practice for national examinations.

If your child is absent for any of the written papers during the EOY, the teacher would allow your child to attempt the paper as a practice exercise at a later date. The paper would be marked to enable your child to learn and gauge his/her performance. However, the marks would not be recorded.

Students who are absent on the exam day(s) must produce a Medical Certificate (if he/she is sick) from a licensed medical officer or have other valid reasons (such as bereavement of family members) for their absence. For students who are PCR+/Ag+, parents are to submit either photo evidence of the PCR+/Ag+ test result taken on the day of the examination or a MC to the school. Their marks would then be computed based on this consideration.

Students who are absent from examinations without a valid reason would be marked as being absent without valid reason. No marks would be awarded for the paper that they have missed.

d) Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

Our P6 students would be sitting for the PSLE Listening Comprehension Examinations on 15 September and written examinations from 28 September to 4 October.

There is no school for:

- P1 to P5 students on 15 September
- P1 students on 28 September
- P2 students on 29 September

Students would be having Home-based Learning (HBL) on these days.

All P6 students would have received their PSLE examination schedule which was given together with their entry proof. A copy of the examination timetable can be found in **Annex D**. For more information on PSLE dates, parents can refer to the SEAB website https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2023psleexamtimetable.pdf

SCHOOL EVENTS

11. Term 4 School Programme Highlights

Please refer to **Annex E** for the full list of programme highlights. We would like to bring your attention to the following events:

a) Childrens' Day Celebration and P1-P2 Games Carnival on 5 October

Our school would be celebrating Children's Day on 5 October. In conjunction with the celebration, the school would be organising level programmes as follows.

P1 & P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Games	Student	Coding	Dance	Collaboration and
Carnival	Leadership	Programme	Programme	Team Work
	Programme			Programme through
	_			Escape Room

The school hours would be from 7.30 am to 11.15 am that day. There would be no after-school activities.

b) Celebration of Learning (CoL) on 14 November

To celebrate our students' learning and to affirm their efforts, the school would be organising the annual CoL on 14 November. Students would have the chance to display their artefacts and share their learning with the school community. The theme for this year is "Be Bold, Be Creative, Be Confident".

STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY

12. Safety

School safety is fundamental to the well-being of staff and students in carrying out their duties and participating in learning activities respectively. We would also like to emphasise that parents/guardians who walk their child to school should use the designated zebra crossing at Blk 806 to cross the road with your child.

Lastly, we look forward to working together with you to make the rest of the school year a rewarding experience for our students. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to all the P6 students for their PSLE.

Thank you.

Your Partner-In-Education,

Mrs Peh-Wong Wei Yong Principal

Term 4 Calendar

Date	Events / Activities	Remarks		
Mon 11 Sep	Teachers' Day	School Holiday		
Fri 15 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension	 For P6 students only No school day for P1 to P5 students (Home Based Learning) 		
Mon 25 Sep – Wed 27 Sep	P6 Study Break	 For P6 students only Identified P6 students will come to school for academic support revision. P1-P5 students report to school as per normal 		
Thu 28 Sep – Wed 4 Oct	PSLE Written Examinations	 For P6 students only (Refer to Annex C for the PSLE examinations timetable) P1-P5 students report to school as per normal except No school day for P1 students only on 28 Sep (Home Based Learning) No school day for P2 students only on 29 Sep (Home Based Learning) 		
Thu 5 Oct	Childrens' Day Celebrations	Dismissal from 11.15 amNo after-school activities		
Fri 6 Oct	Childrens' Day	School Holiday		
Mon 16 – Wed 18 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise	 No school day for P1 to P5 students (Home-based Learning) P6 students would return for Swimsafer programme and LLP activity (Dance). More instructions would be given. 		
Wed 8 Nov	Staff Administration Day	No school day for P1 to P6 students		
Fri 10 Nov	P1 Orientation Day afternoon	For 2024 P1 cohort		
Mon 13 Nov	Day after Deepavali	Public Holiday		
Fri 17 Nov	Prize Presentation Day cum P6 Graduation Day	 Only P3 to P5 prize winners and all P6 students need to come to school Students to report in their full school uniform 		
Sat 18 Nov – Sun 31 Dec	Year End Holidays	 School will reopen on Tue 2 Jan 2024 for P1 students P2 to P6 will start school on Wed 3 Jan 2024 		

P3-P5 End-of-Year Examinations Timetable

Date	Paper
Fri 22 Sep and Mon 25 Sep	P5 Oral (English/ Foundation English & Mother Tongue Languages/ Foundation Mother Tongue Languages)
Mon 9 Oct	P3 Oral (Mother Tongue Languages) P4 Oral (English)
Tue 10 Oct	P3 Oral (English) P4 Oral (Mother Tongue Languages)
Thu 12 Oct	P3-P5 English/ P5 Foundation English Language Paper 1
	P3-P5 Mother Tongue Languages/ P5 Foundation Mother Tongue Languages Listening Comprehension
Fri 13 Oct	P3-P5 Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1
	P3-P5 English/ P5 Foundation English Language Listening Comprehension
Mon 23 Oct	P5 Higher Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1 and Paper 2
Tue 24 Oct	P3-P5 English/ P5 Foundation English Language Paper 2
Wed 25 Oct	P3-P5 Mathematics/ P5 Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 and Paper 2
Thu 26 Oct	P3-P5 Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2 P5 Foundation Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1
Fri 27 Oct	P3-P5 Science/ P5 Foundation Science

The examinations would take place during normal curriculum hours (7.30 am – 1.30 pm).

ANNEX D

PSLE Examinations Timetable (For P6 Students only)

Date	Paper
Fri 15 Sep	Listening Comprehension (English/ Foundation English & Mother Tongue Languages/ Foundation Mother Tongue Languages)
Thu 28 Sep	Paper 1 – English/ Foundation English Language Paper 2 – English/ Foundation English Language
Fri 29 Sep	Paper 1 – Mathematics/ Foundation Mathematics Paper 2 – Mathematics/ Foundation Mathematics
Mon 2 Oct	Paper 1 – Mother Tongue Languages/ Foundation Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2 – Mother Tongue Languages
Tues 3 Oct	Science Foundation Science
Wed 4 Oct	Paper 1 – Higher Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2 – Higher Mother Tongue Languages

Term 4 School Level Highlights

a) P2 CCA Experience Day

The Primary 2 Co-Curricular Activities(CCA) Experience Day would be conducted on 19 September during curriculum hours. Our P2 students would be introduced to the diverse range of CCAs offered in the school and have the chance to explore their interests and talents. We hope that through this experience, our P2 students would have a better idea of what they may expect when they come for their weekly CCA sessions in Primary 3 and empower them to make informed choices about their preferred CCA. Details on the selection of CCA through an online form would be provided at a later date.

b) P4 Science Programmes

To provide our P4 students with authentic and out-of-classroom learning for Science, our P4 students would explore the nature of "Light" with a series of hands-on-activities at the Singapore Science Centre. Through the workshop, they would discover how light travels, find out more about colours, shadows and light as a form of energy. The schedule for the learning journeys is as follows:

41	4R	4D, 4E & 4P
21 Sep	26 Sep	28 Sep

c) P6 Post PSLE Activities

Students are expected to be present after PSLE as the school has planned activities for students to develop important life skills and to learn beyond the classrooms. The activities include:

- SwimSafer for Physical Education (parents can refer to the notification that was sent on 7 August via Parents Gateway for more information)
- Code for Fun for Digital Literacy
- Values-In-Action (VIA) for Character and Citizenship Education
- Chinese Opera Appreciation for Arts and Cultural Experience
- Career seminar for Education and Career Guidance
- Bowling Sports Programme as part of Learning for Life Programme
- Learning journeys to Asian Civilisation Museum for Character and Citizenship Education etc.

Details of the activities would be sent after the PSLE Examination

We would like to remind parents that students have to return to school after PSLE examinations. Parents should not book personal holidays during this period as this is not a school holiday.