



PEIYING PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Vision: A School with PRIDE

School Mission: Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

Keeping in Touch Letter to Parents 51/2022

24 June 2022

Dear Parents /Guardians.

The first semester of 2022 has come and gone so quickly. With the loosening of Safe Management Measures (SMM), we are glad that many school activities have resumed to how they were conducted during the pre-Covid period. For instance, we had resumed mass assembly in the mornings and the students are now seated in pairs or groups, enjoying group activities in the classroom.

We are glad that the National School Games (NSG) started in term 2 as well and our young athletes had the opportunity to play against athletes from other schools. From our observations, they had honed their skills and learnt about sportsmanship in the games they had participated in. Our students from the Sports Teams and Aesthetics CCAs are also currently putting in additional practices for the NSG and Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) in term 3. We would like to wish them all the best in the upcoming competitions and we hope they will enjoy the process of learning/training for the events.

Term 3 will be a special term for all our children as our school continues to innovate our school programmes to excite your child in his/her own learning. We hope you will also partner our school to support our endeavour to grow your children as engaged and resilient learners, caring citizens and leaders of character. Below shows some updates for your information.

1. School Re-opening Matters

a. Students Dismissal Timing

From next term, we have made adjustments to P1 and P2 dismissal timing. The rationale for the change is that P1 and P2 students are now more familiar with the dismissal procedure and hence require less time for dismissal. As such, we will shift the dismissal time from 1.20 pm to 1.25 pm (on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday) and from 12.50 pm to 12.55 pm (on Tuesday & Friday) to return the curriculum time back to teaching. Below shows the updates:

Levels	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1 & P2 (New Timing)	1.25 pm	12.55 pm	1.25 pm	1.25 pm	12.55 pm
P3 & P4	1.30 pm	1.00 pm	1.30 pm	1.30 pm	1.00 pm
P5 & P6	1.35 pm	1.05 pm	1.35 pm	1.35 pm	1.05 pm

b. Wearing of School Uniform

Previously, we had allowed students to wear PE attire during non-PE days as students were adjusting to mask-wearing. We have interactions with our students and they had shared that they had got used to mask-wearing and are actually looking forward to wear their full school uniforms on non-PE days.

As such, we would encourage our students to put on their full uniforms on non-PE days from term 3 onwards.

c. Temperature-Taking

With the updated SMM, we will not require our students to take their daily temperature in class. We will revert to our termly school temperature-taking for all our students instead. For term 3, the temperature-taking exercise will be on **Wednesday, 29 June**. Please ensure that your child(ren) bring a working thermometer to school on that day.

2. Students Achievements

Our Red Cross CCA group have been awarded the Excellent Unit Gold Award and our Brownies have also been awarded the Puan Noor Aishah Gold Award for 2021. Our school also participated in the National Senior Division Championships in Volleyball, Sepaktakraw and Netball last semester. We are proud to announce that our Senior Girls Netball team achieved 4th placing in their competition.

3. Welcome

We are pleased to share with you that Ms Athena Wee, will be joining our school as Subject Head for Character and Citizenship Education (CCE).

With that, we would like to share with you some highlights in term 3.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

4. Term 3 School Programme Highlights

a. Co-curriculum Activities (CCA)

In alignment with the latest Covid-19 SMMs and guidelines, our P3 to P5 students will be attending the CCA sessions weekly on Tuesdays from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm from term 3 onwards. P5 students will be having their lunch break at 12.30 pm while the P3 and P4 students will be having their lunch breaks after school at 1.00 pm. All P6 students, except those participating in SYF, will not be attending CCAs in Semester 2.

The extra sessions for selected students participating in the Volleyball, Netball and Sepaktakraw competitions and in the Angklung and Dance SYF performances will be conducted on Fridays from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Please refer to the Term 3 CCA schedule posted in Parents' Gateway (PG) sent out in Term 2 for the detailed information.

Our Red Cross CCA will be supporting Singapore Red Cross Annual Fundraising Event - Grateful Hearts 2022. This is a meaningful opportunity to come together as a community to do fund-raising for life-saving efforts. The students will be collecting donations in term 3 week 2. We look forward to partnering you in encouraging your child to bring some money to donate for a good cause.

b. P5 Day Camp

The annual P5 camp will be held on Monday, 18 July to Wednesday, 20 July in school. All the activities conducted in the camp are designed to develop our students into engaged and resilient learners. Students will report to school as usual by 7.30 am. They will be dismissed at 5.30 pm on 18 and 19 July and at 1.30 pm on 20 July. All the activities will be conducted in school by teachers and external vendors. More details will be disseminated to the students soon.

c. P5 National Education (NE) Show 2022

Since 1997, the National Education (NE) Show has been organised to instil a sense of pride and belonging in our students and to bring across the significance of our National Day. Every year, the NDP full-dress rehearsal provides an opportunity for the organiser to inculcate values into our students. This year, the NE Show will be held at the Marina Bay Floating Platform for

our P5 students. Our students will be attending the NE show on Saturday, 2 July. Details on the arrangements have been given to our P5 students and parents on 6 June 2022 via PG.

d. Primary 3 Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) and Cultural Camp

The MTL Department will be organising the annual P3 MTL and Cultural Camp on Friday, 1 July. The theme is “Ignite the love for Mother Tongue Language and Cultural Values”. This camp will create an opportunity for students to immerse in their respective MTL and to appreciate their Mother Tongue cultures. Students will get first-hand experiences in traditional art and craft, games, drama, performances and story-telling. Through these hand-on activities, students will showcase their artefacts and talents to their peers which will enhance their communication, collaboration and informative skills.

e. P3 & P4 Science Programmes

The P3 students will be learning about magnets this term. To ensure that students have the experience of experimenting with magnets to deepen their learning through discovery, every student will be provided with an individual Magnet Kit. Parents can support their children in the learning of the properties of magnets at home.

The P3 students will also learn about growing plants using the Vegepods. We want to raise students’ awareness that soil-based farming can be sustainable and environmentally friendly as they study about plant parts.

The P4 students will be learning about Heat and Light during their science lessons in Semester 2. As these topics are important cornerstones that lay the foundation for upper primary science topics, every student will be provided with an individual Heat and Light kit. Through experimenting with these kits, students will understand the concepts related to heat and light better. Students will use these individual kits to complement their learning both in school and at home.

f. P4 Cultural Experience

The P4 Cultural Experience aims to increase student awareness and appreciation of the multicultural diversity in Singapore. P4 Students will be visiting Kampung Glam on 13 July during curriculum time and they will learn to appreciate the Malay culture and heritage through experiential learning activities.

g. Racial Harmony Day

Our school will commemorate Racial Harmony Day on Monday, 18 July. This year, the theme for Racial Harmony Day is ‘Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic’. The theme reflects how each community, while having the space to express its own identity as part of Singapore society, also intertwines with others to depict the unique cultural diversity that characterises Singapore life. The activities planned aim to allow our students to:

- Make friends with people of other races and religions.
- Learn that in Singapore, people are treated equally regardless of their race and religion, and that students should appreciate the different cultures that make up Singapore.

h. National Day Celebrations

Our school commemorates National Day on Monday, 8 August every year for students to reflect on the historical importance and solemnity of this day. Students will also learn that this day marks our emergence as an independent country in a community of nations. All students will take part in three segments of activities during the commemorative event which are:

- Curricular Engagement in the Lead-Up to National Day,
- National Day Observance Ceremony and
- Celebration Segment

Students and teachers will be donning outfits in national colours (red and/or white) on that day. Students will be engaged in sing-along sessions during the celebration segment. Many other exciting activities aligned with the theme will be carried out as part of their shared memories as

Singaporeans growing up in this little red dot. Through this celebration, the school hopes to foster in students a strong sense of national identity and pride for the nation. Students will report from 7.30 am to 10 am.

i. P5 Learning Journey to Indian Heritage Centre

The CCE cohort learning journeys have been developed to provide students with opportunities to explore their Singaporean identity through the arts, culture and heritage. These journeys complement the Art and Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) curricula. Students will participate in an inquiry and experiential learning which helps them to grow in knowledge, develop skills and learn values.

In semester 2, our P5 students will visit the Indian Heritage Centre in the afternoons to learn more about the Indian culture and the contributions of early Indian settlers through the interactive learning experience. Students will have the opportunity to learn from close observation of artefacts and discover the stories behind them. This multi-sensory learning experience includes storytelling, tactile objects learning and tour of the galleries to enhance students' experience at the museum and to support learning in an engaging manner. The dates of the learning journey are as follows:

- 5E & 5I - 24 August 2022
- 5P - 21 September 2022
- 5D & 5RW - 1 November 2022

j. Code for Fun Programme

As part of our ICT literacy programme, the Code for Fun programme aims to increase our students' exposure to computational thinking and making during curriculum time. For this term, our P3 and P4 students will be taught to create their own games through a drag-and-drop based programming software, Scratch. Through this programme, our students will develop their logical sequential thinking skills, as well as their creative artistic skills to create interactive games with attractive graphics. The programme dates for each level will be as follows:

- P3 – 13 July
- P4 – 14 July

k. Teachers' Day Celebration

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 1 September. On that day, there will be celebratory activities to recognise the hard work of educators and staff working in school. We strongly urge you to work with your child to prepare simple hand-made cards or handicrafts for teachers or School Admin Staff. Teachers' Day is a wonderful teachable moment to share with our children the importance of appreciation. Please do not purchase any gifts for the teachers.

l. P3 Gifted Education Screening Exercise

The tentative date for P3 Gifted Education screening exercise is Wednesday, 17 August during curriculum time. Further details will be released closer to the date of the exercise.

m. After-School Support Programmes

P6 Supplementary, P5 and P6 Curriculum Lessons for Higher Mother Tongue and Foundation Mathematics and P5 remedial and enrichment lessons will carry on as per normal from Term 3 Week 1. For other level support programmes, the teachers will be issuing separate memos to inform your child once the programme starts.

n. Term 3 Assessment Matters

Assessment Memos for all levels except P4 will be issued in Term 3 Week 1. P4 students will not receive an assessment memo as there are no weighted assessments in term 3. Please refer to it for details. For PSLE dates, parents can refer to SEAB website for details. <https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2021psleexamtimetable.pdf>.

Please refer to **Annex A** for the calendar for Term 3.

5. Updating of Personal Particulars

We would like to maintain strong communication links between the school and our parents/guardians. Therefore, we will need parents/guardians to update us of any changes to your contact numbers and/or addresses.

6. School Attendance and Punctuality

Regular students' attendance will ensure that they can benefit fully from the school's programmes and activities. The school would like to continue to partner our parents/guardians too to ensure that your child attends school regularly. As all students' attendance and punctuality are recorded and monitored by the school, we would like to get your support on the following:

- All absence of your child from the school must be supported by a medical certificate /other official document. Otherwise, a parent's letter indicating valid reasons of absence (e.g. family emergencies such as bereavement of immediate family members, etc.) should be submitted to the school.
- All documents to validate a student's absence from school must be submitted to the Form Teacher immediately, once the student returns to school. Failure to notify or validate absence upon return to school will be treated as truancy or absence without valid reasons.
- Punctuality to school is a value that we want to imbibe in our students as this builds self-discipline. Students should be with their class by 7.30am for the morning assembly. Students arriving after 7.30am will be considered late. Parents will be informed of your child's late-coming to school and we seek your support in teaching the value of self-discipline and to ensure that your child is in school on time every day.

7. School Activities Featured on Social Media and MOE Schoolbag

With the easing of the SMM, our school has been invited to feature some of our school activities that we have resumed recently on MOE's social media platforms and Schoolbag.edu.sg. Below are the links to the article, as well as the Facebook post – for your reference:

- Schoolbag article: <https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/easing-back-to-normal>
- FB post: <https://www.facebook.com/moesingapore/posts/388304819999343>

We have also started our own Facebook and Instagram Page. Do follow our pages to find out more about school updates. Below are the QR code links to these pages:



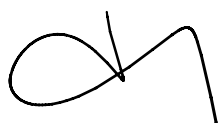
Peiyong Primary School
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Facebook Page

As term 3 starts, we welcome your child back to school.

Your Partner-In-Education,



Mrs Peh-Wong Wei Yong
Principal

Annex A

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 3

Date	Descriptions	Remarks
Sat 2 July	P5 NE Show	For Primary 5 only
Mon 4 July	Youth Day	School Holiday
Mon 11 July	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
Mon 18 July	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	
Mon 18 to Wed 20 July	P5 Day Camp	For Primary 5 only
Thu 28 July	P6 Preliminary Examination (Oral)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For Primary 6 onlyNo school day for P1 to P5 – E-Learning Day for these levels
Mon 8 Aug	National Day Celebrations	
Tues 9 Aug Wed 10 Aug	National Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public HolidaySchool Holiday
Mon 15 & Tues 16 Aug	PSLE Oral Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">P6 students will be informed of the reporting time at a later dateNo school day for P1 to P5 students
Wed 17 Aug	Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For Primary 3 only
Thu 18 Aug to Wed 24 Aug	P6 Preliminary Examination (Written)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For Primary 6 only
Thu 25 Aug	P6 Prelim Examination (Listening Comprehension)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For Primary 6 only
Thu 1 Sep	Teachers' Day Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No after-school activities for all students
Fri 2 Sep	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
Sat 3 Sep to Sun 11 Sep	September Holidays	School Holiday <i>Note: School will reopen on Mon 12 Sep in term 4.</i>
Thu 8 & Fri 9 Sep	P6 Supplementary Classes	For Primary 6 only