



PEIYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Vision: Lifelong Learners, Leaders of Character

School Mission: Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

Keeping in Touch
Letter to Parents 26/2023

20 March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hope you had a good March holiday bonding with your children. We are glad to share with you our Term 2 highlights and we look forward to another term of school activities with your child.

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

1. Term 2 School Calendar

Please refer to Annex A for the calendar for Term 2. Schedules for supplementary, remedial, enrichment and co-curricular activities (CCA) would be given to your child separately before the programmes begin.

2. Parent Support Group (PSG) Welcome Tea

Our school would be holding our PSG Welcome Tea on Friday, 24 March 2023 from 4.00 to 5.30 p.m. PSG Chairman and members would be sharing details about the roles of PSG members, programmes and events that parent volunteers could participate in. There would also be opportunities for parent volunteers to get to know one another. Do indicate your interest to join the PSG in the link <https://go.gov.sg/pypspsg> by Wednesday, 22 March 2023 if you have not registered.

3. Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)/Parent-Teacher Dialogue (PTD)

The PCTC/PTD would be held on Thursday, 25 May and Friday, 26 May 2023 from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. There would be no lessons for all students on both days. Instead, they would have Home-Based Learning (HBL) activities. We strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to meet up with your child's/ward's Form and co-Form Teachers to discuss how your child is learning and developing at school. Details for the PCTC/PTD would be issued in a separate letter in April.

4. Eat with Your Family Day (EWYFD)

EWYFD is a nation-wide event, led by the Centre for Fathering and supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), to encourage Singaporeans to consciously set aside time on that day to be with their families. Through the practice of having a family meal, the event serves as a reminder to families to encourage them to eat together regularly. Our General Office would be closed at 4.30 pm on Friday, 26 May 2023, so that our staff can leave work earlier to enjoy a meal with their family. We hope you could also take time from your work to have dinner with your family on this date.

5. Student Well-being and Development

To support our students in leading self, we would like to seek your partnership in the following matters.

a) Punctuality

Punctuality is a value that the school wants to imbue in our students. All students must report to school for flag-raising and pledge-taking ceremony at 7.30 am. Students who arrive after 7.35 am (at the end of pledge-taking) would be considered late. Latecoming is considered a school offence.

We seek parents' support in teaching your child the value of self-discipline and to ensure that your child is in school on time every day. Your partnership is important in helping our students lead themselves and achieve high standards of self-discipline.

b) School Uniform

All students should put on their full school uniform on non-PE days. On days when there are PE lessons, PE attire (school shorts and House T-shirt) is to be worn. P1 and P2 girls can wear their House T-shirt and shorts. P3 to P6 girls must wear their skirts over their shorts for the other lessons.

Please note that iron-on nametag must be sewn above the pocket of shirt/blouse and above the school badge on the PE shirt. We seek your help to ensure that your child has the iron-on nametag sewn in their attires. This would make it easier for any staff to address your child by name during interactions. To purchase the iron-on nametag, you may get an order form from the school bookshop.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

6. Assessment

a) Holistic Assessment (HA)

There would be no weighted assessments for P1 and P2 students. This allows P1 and P2 students to enjoy the process of learning and develop dispositions for lifelong learning. There would be a separate notification on HA details for P1 and P2 students.

b) Weighted Assessment 2 (WA2) for Primary 3 to P6

There would be no SA1 for P3 to P6 students. Instead, there would be WA2 which are bite-sized assessments for P3 to P6 students from Term 2 Week 6 to Week 8. The percentage weightage is 15%. There would be a separate notification on the details of WA2.

Absence for WA2

Students must be covered with a medical certificate (MC) from a licensed medical officer.

Please note that:

- A parent's letter is not acceptable. The only exception would be on compassionate grounds i.e., family bereavement.

- For students who are unwell, they should not turn up in school at all but should see a doctor. When they are well, students would be given the WA task to do as practice. The paper would be marked to enable your child to learn and gauge his/her performance. However, the marks would not be recorded.
- A zero mark would be awarded for students who are absent for invalid reasons such as overslept, away on overseas trip etc.

SCHOOL EVENTS

7. Term 2 School Programme Highlights

a) English Language Reading Fiesta

From 30 March to 28 April 2023, the school would be organising English Language Reading Fiesta to encourage students to read and be confident speakers. This year, the English department has invited Mdm Cheng Puay Koon, our School Advisory Committee member and illustrator of P2 STELLAR unit titled 'Roti Prata' to read and draw with the P2 students.

In addition, the school is inviting students to come to school dressed to the theme of 'Superheroes' on Friday, 31 March 2023. They can come dressed in characters such as princes, princesses and superheroes in the storybooks they like.

Parents are encouraged to bond with their children while reading to them at home. Do sign your child up for a free library membership to enjoy the full suite of National Library Board's service, including eBooks and e-magazines at <https://www.nlb.gov.sg/main/home>. You may also find more reading resources at our school website <https://staging.d2fm9eecd3ej28.amplifyapp.com/departments/english/>.

b) Applied Learning Programme: Environmental Education Programmes

As part of Environmental Education, the Science department has organised several programmes to raise students' awareness of environmental conservation and to act in protection of the environment.

The P5 students have started on the Terrarium Programme. This programme is an application of learning about water cycle. With terrariums representing a miniature Earth, students would observe and deepen their understanding of concepts like evaporation, condensation, respiration and photosynthesis.

The P4 students would experience the Hydroponics and Aquaponics Programme. They would learn about alternative farming methods that reduce the usage of water for agriculture and that it is possible to grow vegetables in environments with little water. This programme also emphasises the importance of food security.

The P3 students started the Growing Mushrooms Programme at the end of Term 1. The Science department wants to raise awareness that mushrooms are one of the most sustainable fungi to grow. Students would learn that growing mushrooms requires minimal amounts of water, emits much less greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide than growing other types of vegetables.

c) Earth Day Celebration

The school would be celebrating Earth Day in the month of April. The theme for this year's event is 'Invest in our Planet'. The school intends to raise awareness about environmental issues like climate change and global warming and to focus on the need for conservation and recycling right. Students would participate in Peiying Green Initiatives such as upcycling, recycling and making an Environmental Pledge.

As part of the National Environment Agency (NEA)'s Recycle Right campaign, NEA would be providing every student in our school with a Bloobox recycling box in April. We hope that your child would be able to apply what they have learnt in school and start regular recycling with your family at home. Our teachers would share with your child on the setting up of the Bloobox recycling box. More information on the Bloobox can be found at <https://www.nea.gov.sg/media/news/news/index/a-free-bloobox-for-every-household-to-encourage-recycling-at-home>.

d) Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Fortnight & Cultural Camp

The Mother Tongue Department would be organising our annual Mother Tongue Languages Fortnight activities from 11 May to 26 May 2023. The theme for this year is 'Fostering the passion for Mother Tongue Language and Culture'.

Students would be engaged in various activities such as traditional art, traditional dance, games, poetry recitation, cultural performances, cultural & language quiz, comics drawing, calligraphy, speech and drama and story-telling sessions. In addition, students would have opportunities to develop proficiency in their language skills, appreciate their respective cultures, develop their 21st century competencies and showcase their talents.

e) Peiying Learn and Play (P.L.A.Y) Day for P1 to P6

On Thursday, 27 April 2023, P1 to P3 students would be going for their learning journeys as part of the experiences for Peiying Learn and Play (P.L.A.Y) Day. P1 to P3 students would be exploring the Singapore Zoological Gardens, S.E.A. Aquarium and Science Centre Singapore respectively.

For P4 to P6 students, to encourage self-directed and inquiry-based learning, activities would be designed for them to learn and play from home. Students would have HBL day on Thursday, 27 April 2023. For P4 to P6 students with no internet access at home, they can return to the school to complete the activities. More details would be shared by the subject teachers closer to the date.

f) Academic Support for Primary 6 classes

The school is organising P6 Supplementary classes on Tuesday, 30 May and Wednesday, 31 May 2023 from 8.00 am to 12.30 pm. The canteen would be open for recess from 10.00 am to 10.30 am on both days. More details would be provided closer to the dates.

STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY

8. Road Safety

School safety is fundamental to the well-being of staff and students in carrying out their duties and participating in learning activities respectively. On road safety, we would like to

thank parents who drive their children to school for your attention to pedestrian safety in the school vicinity. We would also like to emphasise that parents who walk their children to school should use the designated zebra crossing at Blk 806 to cross the road with your child.

9. Health Matters

We urge all parents and students to continue playing the part by being socially responsible. We would need you to monitor your child's health, and seek medical attention immediately, if unwell. Please ensure that he/she observes good personal hygiene. Students who are unwell with flu-like symptoms are required to stay away from school. They should take an ART test immediately and seek medical attention if required.

We have sent out a notification via Parents Gateway (PG) on 28 February with regards to the annual School Health Visit by Health Promotion Board (HPB). The School Health Visit would be conducted in school from 20 March to 28 March 2023.

Thank you.

Your Partner-In-Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a short horizontal stroke and a small upward tick.

Mrs Peh-Wong Wei Yong
Principal

Term 2 Calendar

Date	Events / Activities	Remarks
Mon 20 March to Tue 28 March	School Health Visit	For all students
Tue 24 March	Student Leadership Training	For selected students only. More information would be provided closer to the date.
Fri 7 April	Good Friday	Public Holiday
Fri 14 April	Student Leadership Training	For selected students only. More information would be provided closer to the date.
Mon 24 April	Hari Raya Puasa	School Holiday
Thu 27 April	Peiyang Learn and Play (P.L.A.Y) Day for P1 to P6	More information would be provided closer to the date. Home-Based Learning Day for P4 to P6 students.
Wed 26 April to Thu 11 May	WA2 for P3 to P6	More information would be provided closer to the dates.
Mon 1 May	Labour Day	Public Holiday
Fri 12 May	Student Leadership Training	For selected students only. More information would be provided closer to the date.
Thu 25 May and Fri 26 May	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) Primary 1 and Primary 2 Parent-Teacher Dialogue (PTD) for Primary 3 to Primary 6	Home-Based Learning Day for all levels on both days. More information would be provided closer to the dates.
Sat 27 May to Sun 25 June	Second Term School Holiday	
Tue 30 May and Wed 31 May	P6 Supplementary Classes	8.00 am to 12.30 pm for all P6 students
Mon 26 June	School re-opens	