

PEIYING PRIMARY SCHOOL

A School with PRIDE Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

> **Keeping in Touch** Letter to Parents 66/2022

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

It is the last day of term 3 and we are glad to share that the school programmes and activities have largely returned to pre-Covid period. Students have resumed doing group work in class. Some even participated in the National School Games and Singapore Youth Festival activities.

We are proud to share our CCA accolades in term 3. Our Brownies unit has achieved the Puan Noor Aishah Gold Award and our Red Cross unit has also achieved the Excellent Unit (Gold) award which are the highest level of achievement for both units. Our Angklung Ensemble CCA and Modern Dance CCA have performed at the Singapore Youth Festival. Do check out our Facebook or Instagram pages which can be found in our school website for the pictures.

Starting this week, mask wearing is optional in the school premise. For many students, it is their first time seeing their teachers unmasked in a physical setting. Hopefully, this change will allow school staff and students to communicate and build relationships more naturally.

While we enjoy the respite of optional mask wearing, I have shared with the students during the morning assembly periods that we should continue to exercise vigilance, maintain good hygiene practices and exercise social responsibility. Mask wearing is still important in crowded places and if they are unwell, they should not come to school.

With the further loosening of the Safe Management Measure, we will be planning more activities to engage our students. Do check out the term 4 curriculum highlights.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

1. Programmes for P6 Students

a. P6 Supplementary Lessons During September Holidays

P6 supplementary lessons will be conducted on 8 and 9 September from 8 am to 12.30pm. Our school canteen will be opened for recess on both days. Refer to the table for the schedule and we hope that these lessons will prepare and support our students for the PSLE.

Time	Thursday 8 September	Friday 9 September
8.00am to 10.00am	Mathematics	English
10.00am to 10.30am	Recess	
10.30am to 12.30pm	Science	Chinese / Malay / Tamil

b. P6 Study Break

The school will implement a study break for P6 students from 26 to 28 September. On these days, students are to remain at home to revise for their examinations. School will remain open for those who require additional support, including those whose home environment may not be conducive for learning. Parents who are unable to secure alternative care arrangements may approach Form Teachers for assistance.

Our English, Math, Science and Mother Tongue teachers will also provide virtual consultations to the students on a needs-basis. The subject teacher will share details with your child directly. Parents of P6 students are advised to refer to the notification in Parents Gateway for more information.

c. P6 Post PSLE Examination Activities

Students are expected to be present as the school has planned activities to enable them to interact with their peers. They will be participating in activities ranging from Coding and e-book creation to arts appreciation such as Chinese Opera and learning journeys. The children will also be planning their values-in-action programme to engage with seniors at the nursing homes. We urge parents not to book personal holidays during this period as this is not a school holiday.

i. P6 Code for Fun Programme

The Code for Fun Enrichment Programme aims to increase our students' exposure to computational thinking and making. In the 10-hour programme, students will be taught Computational Thinking Techniques, Programming, Robotics with the Sphero Bolt, Artificial Intelligence to analyse data in problem solving and learn about Cyber Attacks and Security.

ii. P6 Learning Journey to Chinatown

P6 students will visit Chinatown to learn about the Chinese culture and contributions of early Chinese settlers. They will witness the living conditions of the new immigrants and understand the hardships they had to go through amidst the chaos that was in Chinatown. They will explore significant landmarks of Chinatown and rediscover the charm of this heritage. They will also gain a deeper understanding of the development

of Singapore as they hear the stories of our forefathers and learn to cherish the prosperity we enjoy today and not take it for granted.

iii. P6 Learning Journey to Singapore Science Centre

P6 students will be visiting the Singapore Science Centre to learn about Forces. The programme provides opportunities for students' active engagement in an authentic setting to create deep and meaningful learning.

2. Programmes for P1 - P5 Students

a. Children's Day Celebration cum P1 - P3 Games Carnival

Our school will be celebrating Children's Day on 6 October. This year's theme is "Peiying Forward". It aims to promote the well-being of children and celebrate childhood, spread the spirit of gratitude and friendship, and instil generosity in students through donations. To promote generosity in our students, our school will be conducting a Book Donation Drive for our students in the Financial Assistance Scheme and participating in Sharity Elephant Donation Drive.

In conjunction with the celebration, P1 and P2 students will have their Lower Primary Games Day and P3 students will have Games Carnival in the morning. The games aim to develop life-long commitment towards healthy lifestyle through enjoyment in games and sports. Peiying staff and PSG members will also be putting up a performance for the students. We thank PSG for their efforts.

b. Celebration of Learning (COL)

COL is a school programme which aims to develop our students' thinking skills to be innovative and to prepare them for the future. The theme for this year is "Be Bold, Be Creative, Be Confident". The school creates this platform so that students can influence the community towards a better world with less pollution. There will be a combination of physical exhibition and e-exhibition where all students will display their artefacts. We will share the link for parents to view the exhibits at a later date.

c. P3 and P4 SCALE@Peiying Programme

As part of our school's Learning for Life Programme, our students will be taking part in various activities at our very own Adventure Centre in November. Through these Sports and Outdoor activities, our students will learn problem-solving skills and critical thinking skills.

d. P3 & P5 Learning Journey to Singapore Science Centre

P3 and P5 students will be visiting Singapore Science Centre next term. P3 students will learn about magnets and P5 students will learn more about cells through hands-on experience. This learning will allow our students to make connection and conscious application of their learning to the curriculum.

e. P3 to P5 School-wide Student Leadership Training

The school has arranged a training for P3 to P5 students. We aim to equip students with the necessary leadership knowledge and skills to guide them when leading themselves and others. Through the training, our student will learn to be a positive influence on others, manage themselves in order to lead and inspire their peers. The training will be conducted during the CCA sessions.

f. P5 Motivational Workshop

The workshop focuses on building a growth mindset with a strong foundation of self-belief, motivation and skills that will help them gain a sense of achievement and help them with goal setting. Through this workshop, we hope to instil positive self-esteem and confidence in studies in our students. Students will learn to reflect on their strengths and learn study skills to improve. Students will also role-play and learn about how they can motivate themselves to achieve their goals.

ASSESSMENT MATTERS

1. Holistic Assessment (HA) and Semestral Assessment (SA)

a. HA for P1 and P2

As informed previously, our teachers are using holistic assessments to gather information about the students' learning so as to provide targeted support to the students and build their confidence and desire to learn. Parents will 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. SA for P3 to P5

There will be SA for P3 to P5 students. The percentage weightage for this assessment is 70%. To prepare for the examinations, we urge parents to remind your children to be consistent and regular in revising their school work. A separate notification on the assessment details will be given out in the beginning of term 4.

c. Absentees for SA

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

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

Students who are absent on the exam day(s) must produce a Medical Certificate (if he/she is sick) or have other valid reasons (such as bereavement of family members) for their absence. Their marks will then be computed based on this consideration.

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

2. Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

All the P6 students would have received their PSLE examination schedule which was given together with their entry proof. We have also attached in Annex B below.

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

1. School Calendar

Please refer to **Annex A** for the calendar for Term 4. We have also included the PSLE schedule 2022 at **Annex B** for your information, especially for our P6 parents.

2. Travel Advisory during September Holiday

Following up from our earlier PG message sent out on 22 August, we would like to remind that parents/guardians will be required to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she intends to travel for the holidays by today. Only one parent is required to declare. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required on your side.

3. "Eat with Your Family Day" (EWYFD)

EWYFD is a nation-wide event to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time on that day to be with their families. Through the simple practice of having a family meal, the event serves as a reminder to families to encourage them to eat together regularly. Our general office will be closed at 5 pm on Fridays, 2 September and 18 November 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 these dates.

4. PRIDE STAR Award Prize Presentation 2022

The PRIDE Star Award is a school-based award that recognizes outstanding students who demonstrate our school PRIDE values. The awards aim to motivate students to display our school core values in their daily lives. We also aim to encourage and affirm students for their exemplary conduct, showing good character and for being a role

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model among their peers. The PRIDE Star Ceremony will be held on 19 September. Students who are nominated as PRIDE Star awardees are to report to school by 7.15 am in their school uniform.

5. Prize Presentation Day 2022 & P1 Orientation Day

With the theme of "Celebrating Accomplishments and Milestones", our Prize-Giving Ceremony will be a physical event and it is held on 18 November for the P3 to P6 prize winners. It aims to recognise and celebrate the efforts and achievements of our students and staff. Invitation letters will be issued to the parents of the prize recipients at a later date. Only P3 to P5 prize recipients and all P6 students will attend the ceremony and to report in school uniform.

On the same day, we will also have the P1 Orientation Day in the afternoon where we welcome the P1 cohort for 2023.

6. Showing appreciation to staff - Thank You 'Cher' Online Gratitude Portal

The school celebrated Teachers' Day today to recognise the hard work of our educators and staff. MOE has launched the Gratitude Portal www.ThankYouCher.edu.sg where you can surprise a teacher or non-teaching staff with a 3-D card with your message. Your message will be added to the Message Wall in the Gratitude Portal where it can be read by all who visit the portal. Your message will also be sent to the school. We would like to encourage you to affirm a teacher or non-teaching staff to let them know the difference they have made in your child's life through the Gratitude Portal.

Lastly, we look forward to working together with you to let our children experience the joy of learning when they return in Term 4 and to make the rest of the school year a rewarding experience for them. We would also 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

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 4

Date / Day	Descriptions	Remarks
Fri 16 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension	Only P6 students come to school P1 to P5 students need not come to school
Thu 29 Sep to Wed 5 Oct	PSLE Written Exams (for P6 Students only)	Refer to Annex B for the PSLE schedule Primary 6 students need not come to school on Mon 26 to Wed 28 Sep as it will be their study break
Thu 6 Oct	Children's Day Celebrations	No after-school activities for all students
Fri 7 Oct	Children's Day	School Holiday
Mon 17 Oct to Thu 20 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise	All students need not come to school
Mon 10 Oct	Assembly: Deepavali Celebrations	
Mon 24 Oct	Deepavali	Public Holiday
Wed 9 Nov	Staff Administration Day	All students need not come to school
Fri 18 Nov	Prize Presentation Day 2022	Only P3 to P5 prize winners and all P6 students need to come to school. They are to report in their full school uniform.
Sat 19 Nov to Sat 31 Dec	End-of-Year School Holiday	School reopens on Tues 3 Jan 2023

PSLE EXAMINATIONS (FOR P6 STUDENTS ONLY)

Date / Day	Paper
Fri 16 Sep	English Language / Foundation English/ Mother Tongue Languages / Foundation Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension
Thu 29 Sep	English Language Papers 1 & 2 Foundation English Language Papers 1 & 2
Fri 30 Sep	Mathematics Paper 1 & 2 Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
Mon 3 Oct	Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1 & 2 Foundation Mother Tongue Paper
Tue 4 Oct	Science / Foundation Science
Wed 5 Oct	Higher Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1 & 2