



PEIYING PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Vision: Lifelong Learners, Leaders of Character

School Mission: Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

Keeping in Touch
Letter to Parents 41/2023

23 June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you had a good June Holiday bonding with your child. We are glad to share our Term 3 highlights and we look forward to another term of school activities with your child. We would like to bid farewell to Mdm Rupiah Hamza (Teacher) and welcome a few new colleagues to the school. They are:

- Mr Kevin Lune (Teacher)
- Ms Tan Jia Hui (Teacher)
- Mr Tan Khiam Kng (Operation Manager)

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

1. Term 3 School Calendar

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

2. Updating of Personal Particulars and Child's Health Records

To ensure support for your child, we will need you to update your child's Form or co-Form Teacher of any changes to the following (if any):

- Contact information (including addresses, contact numbers and contact details of parents/legal guardian/caregiver)
- Commuter status
- Health declaration

3. Eat with Your Family Day (EWYFD)

EWYFD is a nation-wide initiative to encourage Singaporeans to consciously set aside time on that day to be with their families. Our General Office will close at 4.30 pm on 1 September, 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.

4. School Virtual Open House

We will be having a virtual Open House on Friday, 30 June to share with parents who are keen to register their children in our school for 2023 P1 registration exercise. Information of the Open House can be found on our school website <https://www.peiyingpri.moe.edu.sg/e-openhouse/>. We seek your support to share the details with friends/relatives who are keen to register their children in Peiying Primary School.

STUDENT WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPMENT

5. Students Achievements

Our students participated in the National School Games (NSG) in Volleyball (Junior and Senior Divisions), Sepak Takraw (Senior Division), Netball (Junior and Senior Divisions) and Rope Skipping (Junior Division). We are proud to announce that our Senior Sepak Takraw team achieved 3rd placing in their competition. Our Uniformed Groups CCA have also performed well with our Red Cross CCA achieving the Excellent Unit Silver Award and our Brownies CCA achieving the Puan Noor Aishah Silver Award for 2022.

6. Student Health Matters

Our school will be having a temperature taking exercise on Wednesday, 5 July and students are expected to bring along their thermometers for the exercise.

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 PCR+/Ag+ to their Form or co-Form Teacher promptly. For students who are PCR+/Ag+, please inform their Form or co-Form teachers immediately to obtain further instructions.

7. Leading Self

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

a) Punctuality and Maintaining Neat Appearance

Punctuality is a value that all students should strive for. Do ensure that your child reach school before 7.30 am so that they do not miss out their learning. Late coming is considered a school offence and latecomers would be issued with a letter of notification. We seek parents' support to ensure that your child turn up on time.

In addition, students are required to maintain a neat appearance. Do refer to details on page 18 and 19 in the Student Handbook for details. A hair and attire check would be conducted in Term 3 Week 1. We seek parents' support to ensure that your child maintain a neat appearance and to assist should it be time for your child to have a hair-cut or order new name tags.

b) Cyberwellness

The school carried out Cyberwellness Week activities in February this year to increase students' awareness of cyber-related issues such as netiquette and to guide them to navigate the cyber space in a safe and responsible manner. We would like to share with you some tips in **Annex B** so that you can continue the efforts in guiding your child to stay safe online.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

8. Co-curriculum Activities (CCA)

CCA schedule will be issued through Parents Gateway (PG) in Term 3 Week 1. The extra sessions for selected students participating in Sports/Games (netball, rope skipping, sepak takraw, volleyball) and Performing Arts (angklung, choir, international dance) CCA will be conducted on Fridays from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm.

Red Cross CCA will be supporting the Singapore Red Cross Annual Fundraising Event - Grateful Hearts 2023. 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 with you in encouraging your child to bring some money to donate for a good cause.

Our P6 students will stand down from their CCAs in Semester 2 and we wish them all the best in their preparation for PSLE.

9. Academic Support

Remedial, supplementary lessons and support programmes will carry on as per normal from Term 3 Week 1 or Week 2.

There will be supplementary lessons for all P6 students during the September holidays. Our school canteen will be opened for recess on both days. Please refer to the table below for the schedule.

Time	Thursday 7 September	Friday 8 September
8.00am to 10.00am	Mathematics	English
10.00am to 10.30am	Recess	
10.30am to 12.30pm	Science	Chinese / Malay / Tamil

In addition, there will be remedial for selected P6 students on Friday afternoons. We hope that these lessons will prepare and support our students for the PSLE.

10. Assessment

a) P1 & P2 Holistic Assessment (HA)

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

b) P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment 3 (WA3)

P3 to P5 students will have bite-sized WA3 from Term 3 Week 6 to Week 9. The percentage weightage is 15%. There will be a separate notification on the details of WA3.

c) P6 Preliminary Examinations from 18 to 25 August

Our P6 students will be sitting for the preliminary oral exam on 25 July and their preliminary written and listening comprehension exam from 18 to 25 Aug. The percentage weightage is 70%. Please refer to **Annex C** for the timetable.

d) P6 PSLE Oral Examinations on 15 and 16 August

PSLE oral examinations are on Tuesday, 15 August and Wednesday, 16 August. There is no school for P1 to P5 students on 15 and 16 August. For more information on PSLE dates, parents can refer to the SEAB website for details.

<https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2023psleexamtimetable.pdf>

e) Absence for WA and Prelim Exams

Students must be covered with a medical certificate (MC) from a licensed medical officer. Do note that:

- A parent's letter is not acceptable. The only exception will 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 will be given the WA task to do as practice. The paper will be marked to enable your child to learn and gauge his/her performance. However, the marks will not be recorded.
- A zero mark will be awarded for students who are absent for invalid reasons such as overslept, away on an overseas trip etc.
- 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.

SCHOOL EVENTS

11. Term 3 School Programme Highlights

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

a) Friendship Week from 17 to 21 July

To encourage our students to celebrate the importance of friendship and develop strong bonds with their peers, we will be commemorating Friendship Week. Through the series of activities, students will strengthen in values such as kindness, empathy, and gratitude. They will also be equipped with skills to build and maintain healthy friendships to cultivate a supportive and inclusive environment within the school community.

b) Racial Harmony Day on 20 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. Students are encouraged to wear their traditional costumes on that day.

c) Peiying Learn and Play (P.L.A.Y) Day on 4 August

P1 and P2 students will be going for their learning journeys as part of the experiences for P.L.A.Y Day. P1 and P2 students will explore the S.E.A. Aquarium and Singapore Zoological Gardens respectively. For P3 students, they will attend the Code for Fun programme to develop their digital literacy skills and computational thinking. Students will learn to use block programming and create their own games.

For P4 and P5 students, they will attend leadership workshops. With the focus on self-leadership, students will participate in a series of activities to develop skill sets for self-awareness and management. Lessons will carry on as per normal for our P6 students. There will be no after-school activities for all students.

d) National Day Celebrations on 8 August

As part of the celebration, all students will reflect on the historical importance and solemnity of National Day. Students and staff are encouraged to don outfits in national colours (red and/or white) on that day. The school hours will be from 7.30 am to 10.30 am that day.

e) Teachers' Day Celebration on 31 August

There will be celebratory activities to recognise the hard work of educators and staff working in school on that day. An invitation to students to put up performances at the Teachers' Day celebrations will be sent out in early Term 3. Students who are interested will be able to sign up for an audition.

We strongly urge you to work with your child to prepare simple hand-made appreciation cards or handicrafts for teachers or School Admin Staff. Please do not purchase any gifts for the teachers.

The school hours will be from 7.30 am to 10.30 am that day. There will be no after-school activities. School will be closed from 12 noon on that day.

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.

Singapore has been experiencing warmer days in recent weeks. We will be encouraging students to drink fluids freely before, during and after activities to prevent and to alleviate exercise-induced heat strain. We will minimise physical activities in the outdoors between 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Lastly, we would also allow our students to put on their half- uniform PE T-shirts and shorts (for boys) /skirts (for girls) instead of full uniform on non-PE days during this period for additional comfort.

Thank you and we look forward to your continued partnership.

Your Partner-In-Education,



Mrs Peh-Wong Wei Yong
Principal

Term 3 Calendar

Date	Events / Activities	Remarks
Thu 29 June	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
Mon 3 July	Youth Day	School Holiday
Wed 5 July	Temperature Taking Exercise	All students to bring their thermometers
Sat 15 July	NE Show	For P5 only
Tue 25 July	P6 Prelim Oral Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For P6 only No school day for P1 to P5 (Home Based Learning) More details will be released closer to the date of the exercise.
Fri 4 August	Peiying Learn and Play (P.L.A.Y) Day for P1 to P5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For P1 to P5 students, more information will be provided closer to the date. School as per normal for P6 No after-school activities
Tue 8 August	National Day Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dismissal from 10.30 am No after-school activities
Wed 9 August	National Day	Public Holiday
Thu 10 August	Day after National Day	School Holiday
Tue 15 – Wed 16 August	PSLE Oral Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For P6 only. Students will be informed of the reporting time later. No school day for P1 to P5 (Home Based Learning) More details will be released closer to the date of the exercise.
Thu 17 August	P3 Gifted Education Screening Exercise	For P3 students who signed up only. More details will be released closer to the date of the exercise.
Fri 18 – Fri 25 August	P6 Prelim Exams (Written Papers)	For P6 only
Thu 31 August	Teachers' Day Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dismissal from 10.30 am No after-school activities
Fri 1 September	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
Sat 2 September – Sun 10 September	September Holidays	School will reopen on 11 September in Term 4
Thu 7 September and Fri 8 September	P6 Supplementary Classes	8 am to 12.30 pm for all P6 students

Cyberwellness Tips**1) Setting Expectations**

- Set clear expectations together with your child. Establish routines for device usage early. Help your child develop good habits to ensure a healthy balance of online and offline activities. Examples of good habits include not using devices during mealtimes, stopping the use of devices one hour before bedtime.

2) Having conversations

- Have regular conversations, for example at mealtimes, with your child about his/her online activities. This will help you be aware of your child's online activities and enable you to spot possible dangers early.

3) Be SMART

- Remind your child to check the credibility of the online information by using the acronym S.U.R.E.

Source-finding	Is the SOURCE of information you found trustworthy?
Understanding	Based on your UNDERSTANDING , is the information an opinion or a fact?
Researching	Have you done your RESEARCH and compared with multiple sources?
Evaluating	Have you EVALUATED / considered the information from different angles?

4) Be Safe

- Highlight to your child indicators which show that a website is safe to visit. Examples of indicators include: the website address begins with 'https' and the address bar has a 'lock' icon
- Teach your child what he/she can do if he/she comes across inappropriate content. They should close the webpage immediately inform a trusted adult about it

5) Be Kind

- Encourage your child to always be respectful when giving comments online. Get your child to reflect If the comment he/she is about to post is using the T.H.I.N.K framework. (Is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind)

Source: 2021 Student Development Curriculum Division

P6 Prelim Exams Timetable

Date	Paper
Tue 25 July	Oral (English/ Foundation English & Mother Tongue Languages/ Foundation Mother Tongue Languages)
Fri 18 August	Paper 1 – English/ Foundation English Language Paper 2 – English/ Foundation English Language
Mon 21 August	Paper 1 – Mathematics/ Foundation Mathematics Paper 2 – Mathematics/ Foundation Mathematics
Tue 22 August	Paper 1 – Mother Tongue Languages/ Foundation Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2 – Mother Tongue Languages
Wed 23 August	Science Foundation Science
Thu 24 August	Paper 1 – Higher Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2 – Higher Mother Tongue Languages
Fri 25 August	Listening Comprehension (English/ Foundation English Language & Mother Tongue Languages/ Foundation Mother Tongue Languages)

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

Term 3 School Programme Highlights

Level Highlights

a) P1 & P2 Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) Experiential Learning

As part of the Social Studies curriculum, students participate in an inquiry and experiential learning which helps them to grow in knowledge, develop skills and learn values. P1 students will be going around the school to learn about places in the school such as the canteen, library and laboratories, and the roles that people and they play at these places. P2 students will learn more about their community and explore HDB void decks and Khatib MRT Station.

b) P1 to P5 English Language Reading Programme

From 26 July to 28 July, the school will be organising the National Library Board's Book Buzz activities for P1 to P5 students. Parents are encouraged to bond with their child while reading to them at home. Do sign your child up for a free library membership to enjoy the full suite of NLB'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/>.

c) P3 & P4 Science Programmes

P3 students will learn about growing plants using the Vegepods in school. We hope that this will raise students' awareness that soil-based farming can also be sustainable and environmentally friendly. They will also be learning about magnets. 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 child in the learning of the properties of magnets at home.

To provide our P3 students with authentic and out-of-classroom learning for Science, our students will experience "Insect Mysteries" at the Science Centre. Through the workshop, they will discover the unique characteristics and adaptations of insects up close under the microscope. The schedule for the learning journeys is as follows:

Class	Date
3E	21 July
3P	27 July
3I	3 August
3D, 3R, 3W	7 August

Our 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.

d) P3 Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) and Cultural Camp

The MTL Department will be organising the annual P3 MTL and Cultural Camp on Friday, 30 June. The theme is "Fostering the passion for Mother Tongue Languages and culture".

Through the activities in the day camp, students will immerse in the use of their respective MTL and to appreciate their MT cultures.

e) P3 & P4 SCALE@Peiying Programme

As part of our school's Learning for Life Programme, our students will be taking part in various activities during curriculum time at our very own Adventure Centre in Term 3. Through these Sports and Outdoor activities, our students will learn to develop skills such as teamwork, leadership, resilience, critical thinking skills and problem-solving. A separate notification on the details of the programme will be sent to P3 and P4 parents in Term 3.

f) P4 Learning Journey to Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery

The CCE cohort learning journeys have been developed to provide students with opportunities to explore their Singaporean identity through the arts, culture, and heritage. In Term 3, our P4 students will visit the Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery or Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery in the afternoons. The schedule for the learning journeys is as follows:

Class	Date	Venue
4D & 4P	17 July	Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery
4R & 4I	18 July	Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery
4E	19 July	Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery

g) P5 National Education (NE) Show

This year, the NE Show will be held at Padang. Our students will be attending the show on Saturday, 15 July. Details on the arrangements have been given to our P5 students and parents on 19 May 2023 via Parents Gateway (PG).

h) P5 & P6 SwimSafer Programme

Swimming is one of the key learning areas in the Physical Education syllabus. Our P5 students will be undergoing the SwimSafer programme this term. Through the programme, they will be equipped with basic swimming and water survival skills. A separate notification on the details of the programme was sent to P5 parents in Term 2. P6 students will be going for their SwimSafer Programme in Term 4.