



PEIYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Vision: A School with PRIDE

School Mission: Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

Keeping in Touch

Letter to Parents 22/2022

10 March 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, we would like to thank all of you for your cooperation and support since the start of the year so that we can continue to ensure that our school is safe for our students with the current set of safe management measures (SMM) that have been implemented.

Term 1 has been fruitful for our students. During my engagement with the students, I shared with them the book "My Coronavirus Story" authored by Professor Leo Yee Sin, Executive Director, National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID). The book explores and articulates the experience, thoughts and feelings of a child living during the COVID-19 pandemic. I took the opportunity to reinforce the importance of personal hygiene, vaccination and social responsibility in the fight against the virus.

I am pleased to share that our students have journeyed through the term, cheering one another on and enjoying the learning experiences in school. Their smiles, laughter and determination in learning through such times are an inspiration and testimony to us that this generation of young ones are a resilient lot. In coming April, we will be looking forward to the National School Games and we will be cheering our young athletes on as they represent our school. We wish them all the best in advance.

Parents, thank you very much for working closely with us in this term. As we approach Term 2, we hope that you would continue to give your support to the school as we partner each other for the holistic growth of 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) for next term will be given to your child separately before the programmes begin.

2. Virtual Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) / Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) on 26 and 27 May

The virtual PCTC/PTM for 2022 will be held on Thu 26 and Fri 27 May from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. There will be no lessons for all students on both days. Instead, they will have E-Learning 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/PTM will be issued in a separate letter in April.

3. 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 will be closed at 5 pm on Fridays, 11 Mar and 27 May, 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.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

4. Holistic Assessment (HA)

There will be a separate notification on holistic assessment details from P3 to P6. It would be given in the beginning of term 2.

a) Weighted Assessment (WA 1) for Primary 3 & 5

There will be WA which is bite-sized assessment for P3 and P5 students. The percentage weightage is 15%.

b) Semestral Assessment 1 (SA 1) for Primary 4 & 6 only

There will be SA1 for P4 and P6 students and the percentage weightage is 30%.

c) Absentees for WA 1 and SA1

If your child is absent for the Oral Exam, your child will be able to do a makeup Oral Examination on another day arranged by the school. We would like to inform parents/guardians that makeup session will only be conducted for Oral Examinations. Do note that there is no makeup 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 WA1 or SA1, the teacher will let your child attempt 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 from WA1 or SA1 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. For student who are C+/AG+ and not able to take WA1 or SA1, parents should inform the school to seek further advice.

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.

d) Application for Access Arrangement

The school is planning for Access Arrangement (AA) for the coming SA1. Students with learning or physical disabilities may receive AA during examinations. If your child has been recommended to receive AA and you have not notified the school, please do so by Mon 21 March via your child's form teacher. A copy of psychological / professional report that clearly states the specific disability and the recommended access accommodation is required.

5. Term 2 School Programme Highlights

a) Friendship Week

As part of our school's effort to promote importance of friendship, the Student Management Department, with the support of the Art teachers and the Media Resource Library team, will be organising a series of activities from 21 March to 1 April 2022.

The theme for this year is **"Sustaining Friendships."** As a pre-activity, students will be posting notes of appreciation to their friends. There will be an Assembly Programme by Tinkle Friends on the theme of friendship and accepting differences. Some of the level activities include making of friendship bookmark during Art lessons incorporating the theme of friendship, mobile library, book sharing on friendship, and displaying of friendship posters. Through these activities, we hope that our students will understand the spirit of friendship, identify social support around them, and learn to accept differences and resolve conflicts.

b) English Language Fiesta

English Department is organising several activities for our students from 28 March to 22 April 2022 to celebrate the love for English Language. Level activities that will be organised include various writing activities and 'Readers Theatre'. Students can look forward to guest readers sharing stories and borrowing story books from the school library during the Fiesta.

You are encouraged to bond with your 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://mobileapp.nlb.gov.sg/get-started-with/mylibrary/>. You may also find more reading resources at our school website <https://peiyinpri.moe.edu.sg/departments/english-language>.

In addition, the school is inviting students and staff to come to school dressed to the theme 'Magic and Enchantment' on Friday, 1 April 2022. They can come dressed in characters such as magicians, fairies, princes, princesses, witches or wizards. Let's celebrate English with a touch of magic!

c) Applied Learning Programme: Environmental Education Programmes

As part of Environmental Education, the Science department is organising 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 will observe and deepen their understanding of concepts like evaporation, condensation, respiration and photosynthesis.

The P4 students will be on the Hydroponics Programme. They will 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 brings home the importance of food security.

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

d) Earth Day Celebration

Earth Day is an annual event observed around the world in April to celebrate the planet's environment. 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. We want to encourage students to invest in our planet with simple daily actions like taking the public transport and adopting an environmentally friendly lifestyle. Students will participate in Peiying Green Initiatives and upcycling events. These activities will be conducted through collaboration amongst students, teachers, parents and the community as a school-wide effort to celebrate Earth Day. Students will be making an Environmental Pledge on Student Learning Space as well as making 'Origami Trash Bins' as part of the school's efforts to invest in the future of our planet.

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

As part of our school's effort to promote Mother Tongue Language (MTL) as a Living Language among the students, the Mother Tongue department will be organising our annual Mother Tongue Language Fortnight activities from 17 May to 27 May 2022. The theme for this year is "Ignite the love for Mother Tongue Language and Cultural Values". With the MTL Fortnight, we aspire to provide an environment for our students to immerse in their respective Mother Tongue Languages, and to appreciate their Mother Tongue cultures. Students will have the opportunity to carry out hands-on tasks such as traditional art and craft, games, drama, performances and story-telling. They will also get to showcase their talent through these activities.

f) P5 STEM Programme

P5 STEM programme was initiated by the Mathematics department in collaboration with the Science department in 2021. STEM stands for **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, and **M**athematics. It focuses on hands-on learning with real-world applications and develops students' 21st century skills and creativity. Using forensic science as a theme, students will learn STEM-related concepts and skills over a few sessions between Term 2 and Term 3. They will eventually apply their learnt knowledge to problem solving.

g) Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) Learning Journey

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. In Term 2, our P1 to P3 students will be participating in learning journeys to better understand the interconnectedness of Singapore and the world they live in and appreciate the complexities of the human experience. The learning journey for each level are as follows:

P1 students will discover the self and immediate environment by exploring who they are in relation to the people and places around them. They will explore some places in school to learn about these places, and the roles that people and they play at these places like the canteen, library, and ICT laboratories.

P2 students will learn more about their community and coming together as a nation by exploring places around the neighbourhood like the playground, HDB void decks and Khatib MRT Station to discover the common experiences that unite us as Singaporeans.

P3 students will embark on a virtual tour guided by the Sustainable Singapore Gallery to learn about tackling challenges so that everyone continues to enjoy a clean and green environment. They will learn more about how to create a liveable and sustainable Singapore through a gallery tour, interactive climate simulation and visualisation and some games.

h) Academic Support for Primary 6 classes

The school is organising P6 Supplementary classes on Tuesday, 31 May and Wednesday, 1 June, from 8.00am to 12.30pm. The canteen will be open for recess from 10.00am to 10.30am on both days. There will also be remedial sessions for selected students on Friday afternoons in Term 3. More details will be provided at a later date.

STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY

6. 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.

7. Health Matters

We urge all parents and students to continue playing the part by being socially responsible. We will need you to monitor your child's health, and seek medical attention immediately, if unwell. Please ensure that he/she observes good personal hygiene, practises safe distancing and wears his/her mask when leaving home. 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. Your child should have his/her Trace Together Token with him/her to facilitate contact tracing. If your child has recovered from COVID-19 within the past 90 days, they will be exempted from Health Risk Notice (HRN), regardless of their vaccination status. If your child receives a HRN SMS within 90 days of the C+/Ag+ result, he/she can disregard the HRN.

8. Travel Declaration

We have sent out a notification via Parents Gateway (PG) on 28 February with regards to Travel Declaration during the March holidays. If your child is travelling overseas, please submit the required declaration via PG by **11 March 2022** (Friday). Thank you and wishing everyone a restful March holiday break with your family.

Your Partner-In-Education,

Mrs Peh-Wong Wei Yong
Principal

Term 2 Calendar

Date	Events / Activities	Remarks
Tues 29 March	Student Leadership Training	For selected students only. More information will be given at a later date.
Fri 15 April	Good Friday	Public Holiday
Sun 1 May Mon 2 May	Labour Day	Public Holiday
Tues 3 May	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
Mon 9 May to Fri 13 May	SA1 (Written Papers) for P4 & P6	Oral and Listening comprehension dates will be given separately via the level assessment memos
Sun 15 May Mon 16 May	Vesak Day	Public Holiday
Tues 24 May	Student Leadership Training	For selected students only. More information will be given at a later date.
Thur 26 May & Fri 27 May	Parents-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) Primary 1 & Primary 2 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) for Primary 3 to Primary 6	E-Learning Day for all levels on both days. More information will be given at a later date.
Sat 28 May to Sun 26 June	Second Term School Holiday	
Tue 31 May & Wed 1 June	P6 Supplementary Classes	8 am to 12.30 pm. For all P6 students.
Mon 27 June	School re-opens	