

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE by Ms Kitty Ho

Dear Parents,

Let me start with a huge thank you for your tremendous support for PIPS during this year. This is the last newsletter of the academic year and it is such a pleasure to reflect upon what the teachers and children have achieved since August. The children have grown not only in stature but also in confidence, independence and maturity. It has been hugely rewarding for all of us to witness.

Before the commencement of our Summer School, we have a lot planned for the remaining two months with our last PTC in June as well as our graduation ceremony for Lower and Upper Kindergarten students. More details will be sent to you shortly.

A flyer about our Summer School has been sent to you recently. It will run from 10th to 28th July this year. If you are interested in joining us for a fun-filled summer, please contact our school office as spaces are filling up quickly! If your child has any friends who would like to join him/her at school, please let us know, as we do accept non-PIPS children for the summer school.

I am excited to share with you that our Hong Kong campus will be conducting the IB evaluation in May. Our teaching and management team has been putting tremendous effort and time into ensuring that our teaching practice is up to the high standards set by the International Baccalaureate. All the effort will pay off in the end as we firmly believe that the IB PYP framework allows us to nurture and develop our children as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning.

Last but not least, I would like to wish all our leavers every success and happiness in the future, and hope they will take many happy memories of PIPS with them. We retain many happy and proud memories of the children and we will miss their happy faces. We are always delighted to welcome them back on a visit to say 'hello' and to show us how grown-up they are! In the meantime, I send my very best wishes to all of you for a very happy summer break! For those of you returning in August, it goes without saying that we look forward to seeing you all then!



IMPORTANT DATES:

2ND MAY 2023

THE DAY FOLLOWING LABOUR DAY
(NO CLASSES)

25TH MAY 2023

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DAY (NO CLASSES)

26TH MAY 2023

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BUDDHA
(NO CLASSES)

2ND JUNE 2023

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE
FOR PN TO KG CLASSES

21ST JUNE 2023

THE LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

22ND JUNE 2023

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(NO CLASSES)

Promoting Self-efficacy in Young Children by Ms Indira

Self-efficacy is a person's belief that they can achieve their goal or complete a task independently. Psychologist Albert Bandura noted that self-efficacy is a person's particular set of beliefs that determine how well one can execute a plan of action in prospective situations (Bandura, 1977). In short, we want our children to be confident and resilient learners with a growth mindset and positive attitude towards tasks and challenges throughout their lives.

Encouraging self-efficacy in children is crucial for their growth and development. When children have confidence in their abilities and believe they can achieve their goals, they are more likely to take action and persist in facing challenges. Therefore, it's important to help children build a strong sense of self-efficacy, whether working towards personal or academic goals. By focusing on their strengths, setting achievable goals, and celebrating their successes along the way, children can develop the confidence and perseverance required to overcome any obstacle. For children to reach their full potential and thrive, they must first believe in themselves and their ability to succeed.

There are many ways to promote self-efficacy in children. At PIPS, our curriculum naturally provides for the development of self-efficacy. With our inquiry-based learning and teaching, we provide children with many experiences and situations where they can further develop their self-efficacy. One effective method is to offer them opportunities to make decisions and solve problems independently. This helps them build confidence in their abilities and learn from their mistakes. Encouraging them to set achievable goals and providing positive feedback when they reach them can also boost their self-efficacy.

Another critical factor is to provide a supportive environment where children feel comfortable to take risks and express themselves without fear of judgement. Lastly, helping children develop a growth mindset, where they view challenges as opportunities for growth rather than obstacles, can foster a strong sense of self-efficacy that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Reference:

Bandura, A (1977). Self-efficacy: Toward a Unifying Theory of Behavioral Change. *Psychological Review*. 84 (2): 191-215.

Self-Efficacy Theory In Psychology: Definition & Examples By Gabriel Lopez-Garrido Updated on February 13, 2023 <https://www.simplypsychology.org/self-efficacy.html>

South African National Day Event



The PIPS Management Team had the honour of attending the South African National Day celebration hosted by the South African consulate. The event was held on 27th April, and it was a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate this important day with members of the South African community.

As educators, we believe that it is important to celebrate and embrace diversity in all its forms. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to learn more about South African culture and to deepen our understanding of the experiences and perspectives of our students and their families.

We would like to extend our thanks to the South African consulate for hosting this event and for their dedication to promoting and celebrating South African culture in Hong Kong.

Open House 2023

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who attended the PIPS Open House on 6th May. We were thrilled to see so many parents and children come and visit our school, and we hope that the event was informative and enjoyable for everyone.

During the Open House, we had the pleasure of showing parents and children around our facilities, introducing them to our teachers and staff, and providing information on our curriculum and educational programmes. We were also delighted to see so many children participating in the fun activities we had planned, including various sensory activities, arts and crafts, and music and movement.

We hope that the open day gave everyone a sense of what it's like to be a part of the PIPS community, and that they were able to see firsthand the dedication and passion that our teachers and staff bring to their work every day.





IMPORTANT REMINDERS/ SCHOOL EVENTS

Summer Camp 2023

Summer School 2023 is now open for applications. It will run for three weeks from the **10th to the 28th July 2023**. It will be a wonderful time for your child to learn about all about summer, including underwater animals, popular stories/ fairy tales and exploring different jungle animals. They will have the opportunity to engage in science activities, art projects, cooking and role play while enjoying lots of songs and games. It is going to be a very busy but exciting Summer School to look forward to.

Please feel free to collect a brochure from the School Office or contact us at 2812 6801 to get more information.

School Calendar 2023-2024

The tentative school calendar for next academic year has been posted on our website and attached to this newsletter. Feel free to take a look for your reference and please note that it is subject to EDB approval.

Parent Teacher Conferences (PN to KG ONLY)

Our 3rd Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **Friday, 2nd June 2023**, for Pre-Nursery to Kindergarten Levels. Parents are invited to come and meet with the class teachers to discuss their child's progress at school.

There is no school for the children on this day. Please note the conferences are for PARENTS ONLY.

Graduation Ceremony 2023

This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, 10th June 2023** at Shrewsbury International School. Parents are invited to join this special event with us, details will be sent out shortly.