

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE by Ms Kitty Ho

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin this newsletter by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support you have provided to PIPS throughout this academic year. As we approach the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the remarkable progress our teachers and children have achieved since August. Not only have our students grown in stature, but they have also shown remarkable growth in confidence, independence, and maturity. It has been a truly rewarding experience for all of us.

I am delighted to share with you the success of World Book Day celebration in late April. The school came alive with an array of fun and meaningful activities centred around various books, creating a joyful and immersive experience for children who dressed in their favourite book character on that day. We would like to extend our special thanks to all of our dedicated teachers who worked tirelessly to make this event a resounding success. We will continuously work to create a vibrant and dynamic learning environment that nurtures the love for learning in our students.

Before we embark on our Summer School programme, we have a lot planned for the remaining two months. We will be having our last Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) in June, where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. Additionally, we are excited to announce that we will be holding a graduation ceremony for our Lower and Upper Kindergarten students. More details regarding these events will be shared with you shortly.

Recently, we sent out a flyer providing information about our Summer School programme, which will run from 8th to 26th July this year. If you are interested in enrolling your child for a fun-filled summer, please contact our school office as soon as possible, as spaces are filling up quickly!

Lastly, I would like to extend my best wishes to all our graduating students. May you find success and happiness in all your future endeavours. We will cherish the wonderful memories we have shared with each of you, and we will miss your happy faces dearly. Remember, you are always welcome to visit us and share your accomplishments with us. We would love to see how much you have grown!

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and trust in PIPS. It has been a remarkable year, and we are grateful to have you as part of the PIPS community.

Have a lovely summer and see you all in August!



## IMPORTANT DATES:

**1ST MAY 2024**  
LABOUR DAY  
(NO CLASSES)

**14TH MAY 2024**  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY  
(NO CLASSES)

**15TH MAY 2024**  
THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BUDDHA  
(NO CLASSES)

**10TH JUNE 2024**  
TUEN NG FESTIVAL  
(NO CLASSES)

**14TH JUNE 2024**  
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE  
FOR PN TO KG CLASSES

**20TH JUNE 2024**  
THE LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR



## **Cultivating an Atmosphere of Inquiry at Home by Ms Indira**

We understand the significance of developing curiosity and a passion for learning in young children. Although the classroom provides a well-organised space for inquiry, parents also have a crucial role in promoting this mindset beyond school. Here are some practical strategies that can be adopted to create an environment of exploration at home.

Embrace their child's curiosity as the gateway to inquiry. Parents can model curiosity by demonstrating their wonderings and interests. They can share stories about discoveries, ask questions, and explore new topics together. It is recommended to ask open-ended questions such as, "What do you think will happen if...?", "Why do you think...?" and "What would you like to learn more about?" instead of closed-ended questions to keep the conversation going and encourage children to think critically and creatively.

Creating a Safe Space for children is crucial for their emotional well-being. As a parent, you can make your child feel secure by actively listening to their thoughts and feelings, showing empathy and validating their experiences. Additionally, providing positive feedback for their efforts, creativity, and growth is essential. Acknowledging the process can boost your child's confidence even if the outcome isn't perfect.

Daily routines provide excellent opportunities for inquiry-based learning. For instance, during mealtime, you can engage your child in a conversation about where the food comes from, its nutritional value, and how it's prepared. Gardening can be another fun activity to explore plant life cycles, soil, and the environment. Lastly, bath time can be used to investigate buoyancy, water properties, and bubbles, making learning a natural part of your daily routine.

Creating designated learning spaces in your home can encourage exploration and foster a love for learning in your children. Consider setting up a Science Corner, filled with magnifying glasses, nature books, and simple experiments to satisfy your little ones' curiosity about the world around them. A Reading Nook stocked with diverse books can also pique their interest and encourage them to read more. An Art Station is another great way to promote creativity and imagination through drawing, painting, and crafting. Lastly, you can create a Curiosity Jar where everyone writes down questions they want to explore as a family. This jar can be used to embark on exciting inquiry adventures together.

Parents can cultivate an atmosphere of inquiry at home by nurturing curiosity, celebrating questions, and providing a safe environment. Remember, it's not about having all the answers—it's about fostering a love for learning and exploration.

## OPEN HOUSE



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.

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.



## **SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

### **Summer School 2024**

Summer School 2023 is now open for applications. It will run for three weeks from **8th to 26th July 2024**. 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 2024-2025**

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, 14th June 2024**, 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 2024**

This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, 1st June 2024** at Shrewsbury International School. Parents are invited to join this special event with us, details will be sent out shortly.