

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

by Ms Kitty Ho

Dear Parents,

The Chinese New Year celebrations at PIPS were truly filled with excitement and energy. At our Kowloon campus, we organised a delightful mini flower market where families and children, dressed in traditional Chinese costumes, actively participated in the festivities. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers for creating such a memorable event, which was enjoyed by everyone. At our Hong Kong campus, our Chinese teachers collaborated to present a special show about Chinese New Year, offering our children a wonderful opportunity to learn about Chinese culture.

This month has also been a time of experiential learning, with our children exploring the real world. The Nursery and LK/UK classes enjoyed a performance of "The Lion Inside" at the theatre. This experience greatly enhance the learning process, making it more dynamic and engaging.

As we continue to embrace the festive spirit, we are excited to announce our upcoming Easter bonnet parade! This delightful event offers a wonderful opportunity for our children to unleash their imaginations and artistic talents by crafting unique and beautiful bonnets, with the support of their parents. We encourage you to spend quality time together, allowing your creativity to flourish as you design, create, and decorate the bonnets at home. More details about the parade will be shared with you shortly.

Looking ahead, we have some important events coming up. Our Open Day will be held on Saturday, 29th March. If you know any friends interested in PIPS, please share this exciting opportunity with them. Please note that this Open Day is exclusively for prospective parents. As part of our decorations, we will be featuring a gratefulness tree that will feature messages of kindness and thanks from all of our PIPS families. We would love for you to write a short message and even decorate the leaf with your child.

Thank you for your continued support, as always.



IMPORTANT DATES:

7TH MARCH 2025

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
(NO CLASSES)

21ST MARCH 2025

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE
(NO CLASS FOR PN, N, LK/UK)

4TH APRIL 2025

CHING MING FESTIVAL
(NO CLASSES)

18TH APRIL - 5TH MAY 2025

SPRING BREAK, LABOUR DAY & THE
BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY

Student-led Conference by Ms Indira

This year, our student-led conferences are scheduled for Friday, 21st March and we are thrilled to welcome our families to the school to showcase what the children have been learning at PIPS. Student-led conferences offer valuable opportunities for our students to take charge of their learning journeys. During this special day, children showcase their work, share their learning experiences and reflect on their successes. This interactive event allows parents to observe the skills that their children are developing, such as critical thinking, collaboration and communication. These soft skills are essential for achieving success, now and in the future.

When children guide their parents through their projects and activities, it provides them with an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of learning concepts, which helps parents to identify the paths that the children have been taking towards achieving their learning outcomes. This engagement shines a spotlight on the learning that occurs in the classroom, encouraging collaboration between educators and families. Ultimately, student-led conferences foster a sense of pride and self-confidence in children, emphasising the importance of their contributions and experiences within the learning community.

What are the children currently learning at different levels?

Our Pre-Nursery level is actively exploring the theme of 'Who We Are'. Students engage their senses to investigate the world around them. Through observation and participation in different activities, they learn how their senses facilitate exploration and discovery, establishing links between their sensory experiences and physical selves. They recently went on a fun field trip to the Star Ferry to observe the sights and sounds; more opportunities to make connections with their classroom learning.

Our Nursery students are exploring the theme of 'How We Organise Ourselves'. Their focus is on signs and symbols and their relevance to everyday life. This unit is particularly engaging for Nursery students, as they start to grasp the relationship between signs and their meanings. One activity involved a sign hunt, where they looked for and identified various signs throughout the school. The children successfully recognised and named the signs that they encountered in the school environment.

Lower and Upper Kindergarten students are exploring the unit "How We Organise Ourselves" by trading goods and services. They are learning to identify essential items and services, while exploring concepts like trade, currency and the exchange of goods. Each classroom features a role-play area set up as either a shop or a restaurant, where students can practise exchanging goods and services in exchange for different forms of currency.

Join our student-led conference and explore our children's exciting learning experiences at PIPS, from their perspectives; see their progress, hear about their projects and celebrate their achievements.

CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY 2025



A heartfelt thank you to our amazing Chinese teacher team for their fantastic drama performance of the "Nian" story at our Chinese New Year party! The children had a wonderful time enjoying the show and participating in the fun games prepared by our teachers. What a joyful celebration!



SCHOOL EVENTS

Student-led Conference

This year's Student-led Conference will be held on Friday, 21st March. At our SLC, your child will have a chance to explain to you how to take part in several different activities around their classroom. Let them explain in their own words what they want you to do at each station. Try asking: "What's this? What do I do here? How does this work?"

You will notice that each activity has a list of learning objectives. These are chosen by the teachers during planning to ensure that your child's play is meaningful and leads to continuing growth in the main learning areas.

Easter Festivities

We will be celebrating Easter on Thursday 17th March (and Wednesday 16th March for Puffins Monday, Wednesday and Friday groups). In preparation for our Easter Parade, please work with your child to make an Easter bonnet at home, using recycled materials where possible. Your child will be able to wear their bonnet during our parade on the day!

Mosquito Repellent

It's Mosquito season again in Hong Kong! We arrange for our outdoor areas to be sprayed once per month to help but you may wish to consider sticking on some mosquito patches or spray before class.