

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

by Ms Kitty Ho

Dear Parents,

Greetings and welcome to the Year of Dragon! The Chinese New Year celebrations at PIPS were filled with excitement and energy. At our Kowloon campus, we organised a delightful mini flower market where families and children, adorned in traditional Chinese costumes, actively participated in the festivities. I extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated teachers for organising such a memorable event, which was enjoyed by all. At our Hong Kong campus, our Chinese teachers worked together to present a special show about Chinese New Year, providing our children with a wonderful opportunity to learn about Chinese culture.

I am delighted to inform you about the success of our recent workshop on 'Chinese Language Learning in an international school.' This workshop was specifically designed for our Nursery & LK/UK parents and focused on addressing the unique challenges and opportunities of learning Chinese in an international school environment. We were fortunate to have Ms. Kwok, the Head of Chinese from Shrewsbury, as our esteemed guest speaker. Her expertise and knowledge offered valuable insights to our parents, and we look forward to organising more workshops that foster a collaborative environment for the growth and success of our children.

Continuing with the festive spirit, we will soon be celebrating Easter with an exciting Easter bonnet parade! This joyful occasion provides an excellent opportunity for our children to express their imagination and artistic talents by creating unique and beautiful bonnets, with the assistance of their parents. We encourage you to spend some quality time together, allowing your creativity to soar as you design, create and decorate the bonnets at home. Let us join in celebrating Easter together and create a memorable experience for our children. More details about the parade will be shared with you shortly.

Thank you for your continued support.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

**8TH MARCH 2024**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY  
(NO CLASSES)

**15TH MARCH 2024**

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

**25TH MARCH - 5TH APRIL 2024**

SPRING BREAK

## **Show and Tell by Ms Indira**

"Show and Tell" is a popular school activity that encourages children to bring an object or project from home to share with their classmates. This activity has numerous benefits for children, including improving their communication skills, boosting confidence, and developing creativity.

During the session, the teachers guide the children and provide support. They help to prepare the class for the presentations and then offer guidance throughout the child's presentation, asking questions to encourage further elaboration. This makes children feel more comfortable and confident when speaking in front of others.

Importantly, "Show and Tell" allows children to showcase their creativity and interests. This helps foster a sense of community and understanding among classmates. Through this activity, children learn to express themselves and communicate their ideas effectively; A vital skill in life.

Parents can also play an instrumental role in supporting their child's participation in show and tell. They can help their child to select an object or project and encourage them to think about what they want to say during their presentation. By asking questions about the object and discussing it with their children, parents can help them plan and prepare for their presentations.

At PIPS, the teachers regularly organise show and tell activities throughout the year. The teachers usually assign a topic to the students, which can either be open-ended or related to a specific unit or topic. For instance, the topic could be as simple as "anything red," or it could be a more complex theme, such as researching and presenting various signs and symbols. The main objective of this activity is to encourage students to exercise their creative and critical thinking skills, as well as to facilitate a collaborative learning environment.

"Show and Tell" is a fun and engaging activity that provides children with a valuable opportunity to practise their communication skills, build their confidence, and showcase their creativity. It also fosters a sense of community among classmates and encourages children to express themselves in a supportive environment.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY 2024





## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

### **Easter Festivities**

We will be celebrating Easter on Friday 22nd March (and Thursday 21st March for Puffins Tuesday and Thursday 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!

### **Student-Led Conference**

This year's Student-led Conference will be held on Friday, 15th 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.

### **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.