



August and September Newsletter



Dear PIPS community,

Welcome back!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and spent some quality time with your little ones.

I am delighted to be appointed as the principal of Parkview International Pre-Schools from this academic year. It is an honour to work for a reputable school with a long history, and I am looking forward to meeting you all in person very soon.

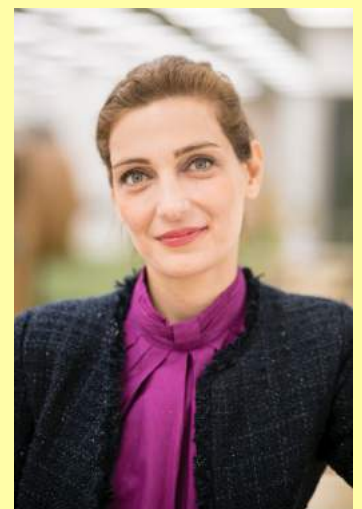
Over the past few weeks, the teachers and the staff, at both campuses, have been busy preparing the school for the start of the academic year. We had a professional development to learn and share ideas about setting inspiring environments for young learners, and everyone is inspired to implement their new ideas. We truly believe that the school environment acts as the children's third teacher, provoking curiosity

and intellectual engagement while being aesthetically pleasing.

Another focus for this academic year will be further developing our literacy programme through inquiry. Our children are demonstrating excellent communication skills, and as educators, we are committed to helping them grow further by providing meaningful and age-appropriate opportunities. This, in return, will prepare the students for the smoother transition to primary school.

Furthermore, there will be a series of parents' workshops and socialising events organised by the school. So, stay tuned for more information!

Yours sincerely,
Gazel Razavi
Principal





Starting school is one of the most important events in life!! Within the first few weeks, most children will experience some separation anxiety. The degree to which they show their feelings varies, depending upon their personality and previous experiences with separation. Some children approach a new setting enthusiastically while some become upset, cry or cling to their parent when it is time for them to leave. Please try to be particularly patient with them during this time. Separation anxiety usually resolves itself in time but you can make the experience easier by:

Following a “goodbye” routine. When you need to leave always tell your child you are leaving, give them a kiss and hug and let them know you will be back, then go. Long goodbyes will create more traumas for your child.

Some parents may also experience some sort of separation anxiety themselves, such as feeling guilty about sending their child to school, and feeling upset when the child cries. Please stay calm and positive. Your energy or the way you feel inside will be passed on to your child - they will sense if you are anxious or feel guilty or upset when you leave. Learn to control your own feelings; your child’s

sense of security depends on how you behave. Help your child feel familiar in their new surroundings by talking to them about their experiences. Get excited when you pick them up, make a fuss about coming back and once you leave with them for the day talk about what they can expect the next day when they return to school. This will reassure your child that you will return, so important since you represent their security!

Accept that you will feel anxious and decide to deal with this anxiety on an emotional level. Whenever you feel anxious about leaving your child or having them leave you, first acknowledge how you feel, then release the feeling or let it go. Once you can acknowledge how you feel and let it go, you will find that your own anxiety will diminish and this will only have a positive effect on what your child is going through.

We are sure with all your patience, support and cooperation, your child will settle smoothly and happily into school life.

We're Going Back To School



Friendly Reminders

The Partnership between Home and School

We work with our parents as vital partners in educating our children and we value your participation in our school activities. You will find many opportunities, as parents, to be involved in the life of the school. For example, no matter how busy you are, we suggest that, on special events such as Parent-Teacher Conferences, Family Outing, Christmas Concert or Year End Celebration, you come along to school. Another way you can become involved in school is to volunteer your help on a regular basis, such as to be the class mum or dad. It is important for your child to witness strong positive links between school and home. Your partnership helps us to ensure that we remain a unique community school with a family atmosphere.

School Hours

The main door will be opened at **8:40am** for the morning session and **12:55pm** in the afternoon. Please do not send your children to school too early. We would like to remind parents and helpers who collect their children after school to wait outside the school's main door. The door will not open until 11:45am for the morning session and 4:00pm for the afternoon session. Please try to encourage your child to be on time when coming to school. Punctuality is an important lesson for us to learn for life! A punctual start also conveys to the child that school is important and is valued by you.

Student Card

To ensure the security and safety of your child, parents or guardians must present the student card before picking a child up from school. In the absence of this, the parent or guardian will be required to show his or her ID card and sign a collection form from the office.

Typhoon and Rainstorm Arrangement

The weather in Hong Kong is quite unpredictable. In case of bad weather conditions such as typhoons and rainstorm warnings in force, please listen to the announcements from the Education Bureau or the weather Observatory of Hong Kong.

Car Park

There are parents who drive their child to school. Please kindly note that the car park is only for PIPS parents to drop off and pick up their child/children. To avoid traffic jams, we would like to ask for your cooperation to leave

the car park as soon as you drop off or pick up your child/children. Thank you for your understanding.

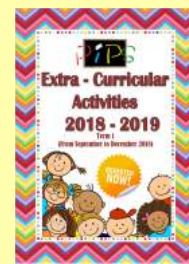
Stroller Safety

We have noticed quite a number of strollers being parked outside the school. Please ensure that you do not leave any valuable items in them, as the school does not take responsibility for the safety of the strollers or the items stored in them. Should anyone bring a stroller to school please ensure that they are parked in an orderly manner so as not to block any entrance or exit of the school.

As informed by the management of Elements, scooters and tricycles are not allowed to be parked outside the school. We advise parents to leave the scooter or tricycle at home.

Extra Curricular Activities

Our school offers a wide range of extra curricular activities on weekdays or Saturday. Applications for classes starting at the beginning of September are now open. Please collect a leaflet from our front office. All applications will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis. We suggest that you apply as soon as possible while spaces are still available.



Special Events

13th August 2018

Meet the Teacher Day

14th August 2018

First Term Begins

15th – 29th August 2018

Pre-Nursery Transition Period

31st August 2018

August Birthday Party

7th September 2018

UKG/ LKG Parent Workshop –Primary School Applications

21st September 2018

September Birthday Party

**Professional Development Day
(No School)**

28th and 29th September 2018

Mid Autumn Festival



Mid Autumn Festival, which is also called Lantern Festival, is one of the important festivals in Hong Kong. To celebrate this special festival, we would like to invite you and your child to design and make a lantern by using any recycled materials. **Please send the lantern in by Wednesday, 12th September 2018**, to your child's class teacher. Your lantern will be displayed in your child's classroom or around our school. Our teachers will organise a tour with the children to look at all the fabulous creations.

The lantern will be returned to your child on Friday, 21st September 2018, so that your child can play with it on the Mid Autumn Festival day.

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful creations! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

