



THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OF PIPS (KLN)

HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, KITTY HO

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to both existing and new families as we commence the 2020/21 school year here at PIPS.

As you all know, when we first started school in early September, we were not able to offer face-to-face classes in school for a period of time as mandated by EDB. However, teachers have been trying their best to provide both emergency care and online learning as we are fully committed to the continued success and achievement of our children. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding during this challenging time.

We are all very excited that EDB has announced that school will resume in phases. We would like to reassure you that we have the stringent safety and hygiene measures in place for our students' arrival. The safety and wellbeing of our children remain our primary concern.



IMPORTANT DATES:

1st & 2nd October

National Day (Public Holiday)
& Mid-Autumn Festival

12th - 16th October

Mid-term Break - CANCELLED
Make-up class will be offered

22nd - 23rd October

Playgroup Outing - CANCELLED
Make-up class will be offered

26th October

Day after Chung Yeung
Festival (Public Holiday)

Lin Chan
PYP Coordinator

First of all, we would like to thank all our parents, students and friends for supporting us here at PIPS during this difficult time. We appreciate all the feedback regarding the online/ off-site learning programme. Our teachers have worked hard to plan and deliver learning engagements through various ways. We would like to thank parents for sending in their child's responses to the activities/ videos. It is wonderful to see children being engaged and taking part in activities we have provided over the past few months.

We are delighted to resume school as normal, with LK/UK starting school on Wednesday 16th September, Nursery starting on Tuesday 29th September, and Pre-Nursery and Playgroup starting on Monday 5th October.

Under the transdisciplinary theme Who We Are, the first unit of inquiry for all levels will focus on reflection on the self, relationships and creating positive interactions.

Pre-Nursery will start with the unit of our body and 5 senses.

Nursery will inquire into their self-identity and relationships with family and friends.

LK/UK will inquire into actions and consequences.

Throughout the unit, children will participate in meaningful and authentic learning engagements building from their prior knowledge. Please make sure you have downloaded the Seesaw App to share in your child's learning journey at PIPS (PN, Nursery, LK/UK). Playgroup will continue to provide a class blog to document your child's learning experience.

We are always happy to chat with you so please do not hesitate to contact us at school!



Extra Safety Measures at PIPS:

We are so happy to have all our students returning to us on campus after a super long break, and prior to the resumption of normal classes here, we have enlisted the help of Synerco Disinfection Service to conduct a deep cleanse of the school campus using the Germagic antimicrobial coating. This deep clean service will last for 3 months and we plan to maintain this service for the remainder of the school year.



Safety & Hygiene:

Kindly record your child's temperature on the temperature sheet. All children will be required to wear mask/shield. Our PIPS hat with shield is available for sale at the price of \$80 apiece. Please look for a sample at our reception.



School Hours:

Starting from 5th October, all levels will return to PIPS as normal. Pick up and drop off will be at the main door while social distancing measures are in place. The arrangement for pick up will be in the following order:

- Pre-Nursery - 11:40am
- Nursery - 11:45am
- LK/UK - 11:50am
- Afternoon session - 4:00pm

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. 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.



Character Day & Dress Casual Day:

We would like to invite you and your child to take part in the Community Chest Dress Casual Day on Friday, 30th October 2020. All students and teachers can dress up as their favourite character on this special day to trick or treat in return for a donation of \$70 or more to support the Community Chest which raises funds for a variety of charities within Hong Kong. All donations will be passed on in full to benefit the social welfare agencies supported by the Community Chest of Hong Kong. More information will be shared with you via email.

Extracurricular Activities:


Our school offers a wide range of extra curricular activities on weekdays or Saturday. Applications for classes starting at the beginning of October are now open. A copy of the leaflet will be sent to you or you can collect a copy from our School 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. Below is the information of the two NEW Saturday classes at PIPS.

Young Communicators Course (YCC)

We would like to offer you the opportunity to join our Young Communicators Course where the primary aim is to build confidence and charisma in your child's communication skills. This course will be catered for the 4 - 6 age range within a two hour timeframe. This course will enhance children's conversational skills through small group learning. The children will learn to use complete sentences to ask and answer questions. Their confidence to express themselves will improve through a wide range of listening and speaking engagements. There will also be a Putonghua Enhancement element during this course where character recognition and writing skills will be promoted.

STEAM & PTH

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) activities are all about inspiring our next generation of inventors and innovators. Through these activities children can have huge amounts of fun by creating like an artist, designing like a technologist and building like an engineer, enhancing their critical and scientific thinking skills. Activities such as pendulum paintings, ribbon rockets, toy car markers, glow stick paintings, shadow artwork, the egg drop and more will motivate and expand the children's knowledge of STEAM. Children will record their findings on iPads and record their discoveries to their parents through Seesaw. There will also be a Putonghua Enhancement element during this course where basic character skills will be promoted.



Watchdog On-Sit Pre-School Rehabilitation Services (OPRS)

We are pleased to announced that PIPS are now a member of the Watchdog On-Site Pre-School Rehabilitation Services Pilot Scheme. Under the pilot scheme, Watchdog offers the following on-site services to our school (free of charge):

- To provide early intervention to children who are on the waiting list for Social Welfare Department subvented pre-school rehabilitation services;
- To provide professional advice for kindergarten teachers to assist them in working with children with special needs; and
- To render support to the parents on fostering positive attitude and providing effective skills in raising their children with special needs.

Should you require further information on this programme, please feel free to contact our School Office.

LK/UK Parents' Webinar with Topschools

We are delighted to inform you that this year we have invited Topschools to conduct a webinar for PIPS LK/UK parents regarding Primary School selection and the application procedure for applying for International Primary School places in the coming year. Details of the seminar will be emailed to you shortly.

Birthday Parties

Please note that birthday parties will be held as normal this school year, please refer to our School Calendar for more information. Parents are welcome to bring in birthday cakes for students to celebrate and take photos, but students will not be sharing the cake on campus until further notice. Thank you for your kind attention.

