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HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, MS. KITTY HO

Dear Parents,

In the blink of an eye, we are fast approaching November. The past two months have been busy as the children have all returned to school and settled into their classroom to start their unit of inquiries with their teachers and classmates.

Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic situation, our Annual Family Outing on 26th November will be cancelled. However, our teachers will ensure that the children will continue to have lots of fun at school as it will be a normal school day on that day.

As a reminder, please always check your child's temperature before coming to school and log it on the temperature record sheet in the handbook.

I hope you are enjoying the ease of Seesaw for communicating with school and keeping informed of your child's progress and learning at school. Please be reminded to check on a regular basis for the daily school life photos and updates from our teachers.



IMPORTANT DATES:

6th November 2020

Professional Development Day - Cancelled
Make-up Classes will be offered

26th November 2020

PN-UK Family Outing - Cancelled
Make-up Classes will be offered

27th November 2020

Parent Teacher Conference for
PN to KG classes

18th December 2020

Christmas Celebrations

21st Dec 2020 - 4th Jan 2021

Winter Break &
Professional Development Day

Promoting the Learner Profile Attributes in PIPS

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At PIPS, we believe in developing the whole child by providing quality education through inquiry and play-based learning. We aim to develop internationally minded children who are respectful, active and lifelong learners. As an IB PYP world school, the learner profile is an essential element that is evident throughout our learning and teaching:

Open-minded ~ We listen to other people's ideas. It's okay to be different.

Thinker ~ We use our ideas. We try to solve problems.

Inquirer ~ We are curious and enjoy learning. We like to explore and find out new things.

Caring ~ We like to help people. We care for plants and animals.

Reflective ~ We think about our work. We find ways to be better.

Communicator ~ We can express ourselves in many ways. We listen to others.

Knowledgeable ~ We know a lot of things. We can remember what we have learnt.

Risk-taker ~ We have confidence to try new things. We challenge ourselves.

Balanced ~ We take care of our minds, our bodies and our feelings. We take care of our needs.

Principled ~ We choose to do the right thing. We are honest.

Each unit of inquiry provides ample opportunities for our learners to develop and enhance these attributes through various meaningful engagements. Currently, in LK/UK, the focus is on being a reflective learner and a communicator as we learn to reflect on our actions and express ourselves in different ways. In Nursery, we are learning to be open-minded as we find out about our classmates' similarities and preferences. In Pre-Nursery and Playgroup, we focus on being a risk-taker and inquirer as we take on new challenges and try a variety of activities.

How can you promote the Learner Profile Attributes at home?

- Think about the types of questions that you ask your child at home? Are they usually questions which require a yes or no answer?
- Try to ask open-ended questions and give your child adequate time to answer
- When you are out and about with your child, encourage them to look around and observe what is happening
- Give value to what your child has to say, try not to dismiss their answers or observations and encourage them to explore different ways of expressing their thoughts and feelings
- Allow your child to reflect on what they are doing and encourage them to ask questions if they don't understand certain things
- If you don't know the answer to a question that your child has asked you, take this opportunity to explore and find the answer together
- Use positive words of encouragement to promote their learning and independence, especially if they are trying something new for the first time.



School Uniform

Winter uniform is now available for purchase at the school office. Please contact our School Office if you would like to arrange a time for uniform fitting. Each order will take approximately a week to process.

As the weather in Hong Kong is quite unpredictable, parents can make their own decision regarding when to let their child put on the winter uniform when the weather is getting cooler. Please be reminded that all items of students clothing must be clearly labelled with their name and class.

Diwali at PIPS

We will be having a Diwali display at school from **Monday 9th November**. Students who would like to celebrate Diwali, are invited to wear their special costumes to school to show their friends on **Monday 16th November for Kindergarten, Monday 16th November and Tuesday 17th November for Playgroup**, as part of the special festival.

Parent & Teacher Conference for PN to KG class

You are invited to come and meet with your child's teacher on **Friday 27th November** to discuss your child's progress. Each meeting will last for 15 minutes and the meeting is for parents only. There will be no school for children from PN to KG classes on that day. If you are unable to attend, Zoom meetings can be arranged. Please note that Playgroup classes will continue as normal.

Christmas Concert and Parties

Our Playgroup Christmas parties are scheduled on **17th & 18th December**. The Parties for Pre-Nursery and Kindergarten classes are scheduled on **18th December (Friday)**. Unfortunately, with the social distancing measures in place due to COVID-19, we may not be able to invite parents to join the concert at school. Stay tuned for more details to be sent home shortly.

Primary Schools

We hope that the webinar hosted by TopSchools in October was informative and helpful.

We would like to share some news about a new school which will be scheduled to open in 2021/2022. Bloom Academy provides an innovative G1-12 Bilingual project-based education. If you would like to find out more about the school, please visit their webpage www.bloom.edu.hk. An information session will be held on Saturday, 14th November.

