



THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OF PIPS KOWLOON

HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after a relaxing Winter Break. I hope you had a lovely time with your family during this festive season. We are disappointed that we cannot return to face-to-face classes for the time being, yet we will continue to see our children via remote learning.

We would like to thank our families for supporting our children with their online learning. We do understand how much they miss their friends for collaborative work and socialising, nevertheless, we will continue to provide the best we can to optimize their learning with the use of technology. I would also like to express my gratitude towards our teachers for being adaptable in embracing all the changes and challenges throughout the past year.

We look forward to another exciting year of learning at PIPS.



IMPORTANT DATES:

4th January 2021

Professional Development Day
(No School)

5th February 2021

Lunar New Year Festivities

8th - 16th February 2021

Lunar New Year Holidays

17th February 2021

Term 2 Begins

Supporting your child as a PYP Parent

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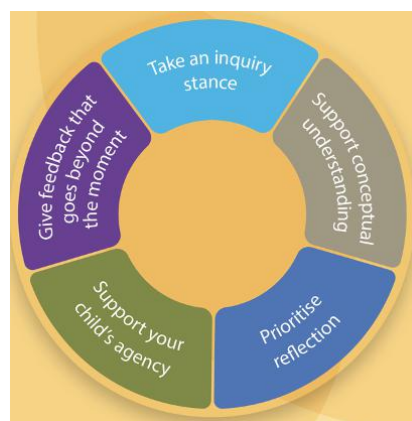
During these difficult times, we, as educators, need time to reflect on our practices and embrace new approaches. Our learning community, including teachers, students, and parents, has adapted to a unique learning and teaching method. As teachers, we had to become more technology savvy very quickly to deliver learning content to our students, providing home learning through Zoom sessions and learning videos. We had to reconfigure and design new learning content suitable for home settings, not just through technology but having something concrete to hold, feel, and explore.

As children spend more at home, this gives families ample time to understand and support each other. As a PYP parent, parents can take learning deeper by using five simple strategies whether its learning content provided by the school or during playtime. We hope these five simple strategies will help you and your child make meaningful connections to your child’s learning experiences regardless of whether it is planned or unplanned.

Prioritise reflection

GET THEM THINKING ABOUT THEIR THINKING

How do you know?
 What makes you think that?
 Is there another way that you could do that?
 What did you find easy or challenging? Why?



Support conceptual understanding

VALUE PROCESS

How did you do that?
 Why did you do that?
 What strategy did you use?

HARNESS THE POWER OF KEY CONCEPTS

What does it look like? [Form]
 Turn page for key concepts

Take an inquiry stance

MEET A QUESTION WITH A QUESTION

How could you find that out?

BE PREPARED TO INQUIRE TOGETHER

Let’s figure it out together!

ASK AN OPEN-ENDED QUESTION

What do you notice?

BE A LEARNER

Here is how I’m going to find out

Support your child’s agency

INVITE AND INVOLVE THEIR VOICE

Let them express themselves

SUPPORT THEIR CHOICES

What choice are you making for yourself as a learner?

EMPHASISE OWNERSHIP

You’re in the driver’s seat

Give feedback that goes beyond the moment

TEACH THE LEARNER, NOT THE LEARNING

Move from asking How are you doing? to Where to next?

GIVE SPECIFIC FEEDBACK ON THE PROCESS

I like how you did... What might you try doing next?

Chinese New Year Flower Market

We will celebrate this festival by organising an “Open House Flower Market” at our **outdoor play area** for our existing students on **Friday, 5th February 2021**. Our school will be opened from 8:30am to 12:00pm. There will be no regular morning or afternoon classes on the day. With the ongoing social distancing measures, parents and children can join us at a **designated** time during the opening hours and participate in a variety of festive activities. Parents and children are most welcome to dress in traditional Chinese costumes on this special day, too. More details will be shared with you in due course.

School Uniform

Winter uniform is now available for purchase at the school office. If you would like to make additional order as the HK weather can become quite unpredictable these days, please contact Ms. Tracy or Ms. Mandy, the school secretaries, to arrange a time for uniform fitting. Each order will take about a week to process.

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.

Partnership with Shrewsbury International School for LKG/UKG families

We are pleased to share with you our partnership with **Shrewsbury International School** for which they will be offering a selective number of our **LKG/UKG students** an Entrance Scholarship Programme for their entry into Year 1 or 2 of their primary programme in the upcoming academic year of 2021-2022. To learn more about the Entrance Scholarship programme, please contact our Head of School, Ms. Kitty Ho (email: pipsinfo-kl@pips.edu.hk).

