



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES:

3RD - 4TH NOVEMBER 2023

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
(NO CLASSES)

23RD NOVEMBER 2023

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE
(NO CLASS FOR PN, N, LK/UK)

24TH NOVEMBER 2023

PN-UK FAMILY OUTING

8TH DECEMBER 2023

PRE-NURSERY PARENT WORKSHOP

11TH DECEMBER 2023

THE DAY FOLLOWING ELECTION
(NO CLASSES)

15TH DECEMBER 2023

WINTER FESTIVITIES

**18TH DECEMBER 2023 -
3RD JANUARY 2024**

WINTER BREAK

HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

by Ms Kitty Ho

Returning to school after our mid-term break, the weather is becoming dry and cool. New wardrobes are symbolic of a feeling of change in the air. The children are already settled into their classrooms, and are eager to begin exploring their new units of inquiry along with their teachers and classmates.

In October, we held our first Open House of the year, inviting potential new friends and families to learn more about the magic of PIPS. We had a great turnout. Our teaching team made the most of this year's Carnival theme by creating a wide range of exciting games and activities, just going to show the creativity and experience which helps make PIPS a place where children love to be.

With the amazing weather we're having, it's the perfect opportunity to embrace outdoor learning! Our yearly family outing is just around the corner. Details have been sent to you before the mid-term break. Get ready for an unforgettable day outside the classroom.

Over the next two months, our children are going to be incredibly busy with a multitude of learning activities in addition to our Diwali and Winter celebrations. Make sure you don't miss out on the fun!

Lastly, it's important to take extra precautions and stay healthy as the flu season is at its peak. Stay well and take care!

Promoting Leadership Skills in Pre-school by Ms Indira

Encouraging and promoting leadership skills in young children is a crucial aspect of their overall development. It involves creating an environment that nurtures and supports their growth as leaders by providing opportunities for them to take on leadership roles. These roles can be as simple as leading a group activity or as complex as making decisions as a team. By engaging in these activities, children can develop various skills essential for their future success, such as communication, problem-solving, decision-making, and critical thinking.

Promoting leadership skills in young children can also help them build self-esteem and confidence. When children are given the opportunity to lead, they feel validated and recognized for their abilities. This recognition can help them build a sense of self-worth, which can have a positive impact on their overall well-being. Moreover, leadership activities can foster a sense of responsibility and accountability in children. When given a task to lead, children learn to take ownership of their actions and decisions, which can teach them to handle responsibilities with care and attention.

At PIPS, we offer children various opportunities to participate in activities that help develop their leadership skills. During playtime, children naturally negotiate the terms of their games, and some may take on the role of a leader. In teacher-led activities, teachers provide opportunities for every child in the classroom to be a leader, such as in games where children are chosen to be leaders. Another example would be classroom helpers such as line and tidy-up leaders, taking on the responsibility of leading their peers in these tasks.

Through these experiences, young children can learn to become effective leaders and team players, which can benefit them throughout their lives. They learn to collaborate with others, communicate effectively, and respect the perspectives of others. As they grow older, these skills can be applied in various settings, such as school, sports, or future careers. Ultimately, promoting leadership skills in young children is an essential part of their growth and development and can have a lasting impact on their future success.

PIPS OPEN HOUSE 2023



Thank you to those who attended our Open House at PIPS. It was a pleasure to meet you and showcase our school. How wonderful to see all the children having fun exploring the school and playing with our teachers. Hope to see you all again soon!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School Uniform

Winter uniforms are 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 should be clearly labelled with their name and class.

Annual Family Outing

We are excited to invite you to join our annual family outing to the Jordan Valley Park on **Friday 24th November 2023**. This will be a great opportunity for our families and children to enjoy an experience outside of school. Our teachers will set up a variety of activities for everyone to participate in.

Parent-Teacher Conference for PN to KG class

You are invited to come and meet with your child's teacher on **Thursday 23rd November** to discuss your child's progress. Each meeting will last for 10 minutes and the meeting is for parents only. There will be no school for children from PN to KG classes on that day. Please note that Under 2's classes will continue as normal.

Pre-Nursery Parent Workshop

We will be holding the first parent workshop on **Friday 8th December**. Our PYP Coordinator, Mr. Don will be introducing our PYP programme to Pre-Nursery parents. Please join us to learn more about what we do at PIPS to help your child lay strong foundations for a lifetime of learning. More information will be sent to you in due course.

Winter Festivities

Our Under 2's Christmas parties are scheduled for **14th & 15th December**. The Parties for Pre-Nursery and Kindergarten classes are scheduled for **Friday 15th December**. Parents will be invited to join our children for a Christmas party before the Winter break begins!