

October and November Newsletter



What a wonderful playground we have at PIPS !

Our garden team and teachers have worked very hard to further improve the school outdoor playground and set up more learning engagements for our children.



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the month of October! I am pleased to report that we have started the year very positively and our children have now settled very well at school. We are very pleased to see them all coming to school enthusiastically. Thank you to all our parents for your patience and cooperation during this first month, especially if it has been your child's first experience of school.

Each year level has now started their first unit of inquiry. It has been exciting to see the children so actively engaging in different activities in school.

The UKG and LKG are inquiring into the Unit 'Actions and Consequences'. There are lots of discussions about what we do and what might happen as a consequence. This has made the children think about which behaviours are good and which are not so good in this level.

The Nursery children are starting off learning about the 'Community'. They are going around the school to observe and interview people in our school

community to find out what their roles are.

Our Pre-Nursery children are inquiring into the unit 'All About Me'. They have really enjoyed looking at their own and others' baby photos. They have realised that they are not babies anymore and now they are big children attending school by themselves. They seem very proud of this huge step!

Our playgroup children and parents are always having lots of fun in their classes exploring and playing in different learning areas. We can hear their singing and laughing coming from the classrooms!

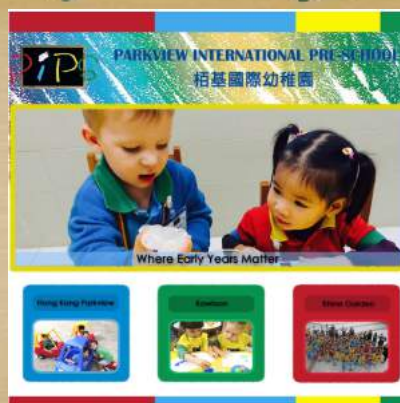
There is plenty more to share from each class. I hope you all enjoy reading the weekly updates from your child's class teachers, and playgroup parents enjoy their time looking at some activity photos uploaded on the Playgroup Facebook page.

Best regards,
Mary Scarborough
Principal

School Website : www.pips.edu.hk

Please take some time to browse through our school website as lots of updated information and notices have been uploaded there.

You can also follow us on Twitter @pipskn to find out more about our school.



What is coming up in October and November ?

Please mark down all the special events in your diary.



Dress Casual Day

We would like to invite you and your child to take part in the Community Chest Dress Casual Day on **Thursday, 6th October 2016**. Children can dress in casual clothes to come to school and donate \$20 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.



PN-KG Family Outing to Penfold Park

This year, we will be going to Penfold Park on **Thursday, 10th November 2016**. For details about the PN-KG and Playgroup family outing, please refer to the notice that we have sent out.

1st Parent and Teacher Conference for PN to KG classes

You are invited to come and meet your child's teachers on **Friday, 11th November 2016** to discuss your child's progress. Please come at the scheduled time on the notice. Each meeting will last for 15 minutes. Please note that the meeting is for parents **ONLY**, so your child should not be present. **Please note that playgroup classes will continue as normal on the day.** Fields Books will be selling a variety of English and Chinese children's books in our foyer as usual on that day.

Character Day

We have planned a Character Day on **Monday 31st October 2016**. All children and teachers can dress up as their favourite character on this special day.



Family Outing to Gold Coast Beach

2 days Playgroup will be scheduled on **Thursday, 3rd November 2016** and 3 days Playgroup will be on **Friday, 4th November 2016** to Tuen Mun Gold Coast Beach.

School and Public Holidays

1st October 2016

National Day

10th October 2016

The day following Chung Yeung Festival (No School)

17th - 21st October 2016

Mid Term Break - All classes will resume on 24th October 2016

28th November 2016

Professional Development Day (No School)

School Uniform

School cardigans and winter uniform can be purchased at the school office. 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.

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.



Mid Autumn Festival Celebration

We had a fabulous Mid Autumn Celebration at school! Our children brought in their lanterns made from recycled materials at home with great pride and also brought some festive food to share in class. We enjoyed seeing all the lovely collaborative creations and thank you for all your participation in making this a happy and exciting event for everyone.

