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HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

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

Dear Parents,

For the past few months, we have been working hard to maintain a smooth operation in the school with the provision of online learning and emergency care for those families in need. I have been able to join some of the online learning sessions, and have seen how our teachers are able to adapt and make the best of changing situations. Over the “Special Vacation”, we were able to offer additional online classes to help provide children with a source of learning and fun in a time of travel restrictions and closed public playgrounds. I would like to congratulate the children for being so attentive and responsible; they have impressed me with their high level of engagement shown throughout this period. I would also like to thank parents & caregivers for the assistance they have provided in helping their children to continue their learning journey alongside our teaching team and their classmates.

I am thrilled that our children of all ages will be able to return to school in May. It is great to see children’s learning take place even when the stresses of COVID have been such a challenge for families, children and staff alike. In addition to our teachers, the EDB currently requires children to take RAT tests daily until further notice. We understand it can be a challenge to administer this test to young children and I would like to applaud our entire community for their effort in this matter.



IMPORTANT DATES:

2nd May 2022 (Monday)

The Day following Labour Day
(No School)

9th May 2022 (Monday)

The day following the Birthday
of the Buddha
(No School)

3rd June 2022 (Friday)

Tuen Ng Festival
(No School)

8th July 2022 (Friday)

Parent Teacher Conference
(for PN to LKP)

1st July 2022 (Friday)

HKSAR Establishment Day
(No School)

19th July 2022 (Tuesday)

Last day of the School Year
2021-22

Unit Learning at PIPS By Indira Gurung

Welcome back! We are delighted to resume school in person. Teachers and students are energised and ready to get back into the groove of learning and teaching. We are excited to start our final units of inquiry for this school year.

The **Pre-Nursery** level will further explore the wonderful world of the Arts. We will investigate and explore different art forms under the transdisciplinary theme of 'How We Express Ourselves'. Our focus would be on creating and responding to the various art forms, from singing, dancing, and drama to painting. The student will have the agency to choose and explore multiple art forms.

The **Nursery** will dive into the unit on 'Sharing the Planet'. This unit will look at natural resources and touch on conservation. Lots of science experiments and interesting students' questions will arise, which will lead to finding out more about our lovely planet. We hope that this unit will further develop our children's love of nature and to take care of the resources we use.

The **LK/UK/P** will explore the unit 'Where We Are in Place and Time'. Humanity has come a long way, and our children will analyse and compare past and present by looking at the development of cities. How have they changed, and why? Taking the lead from the interests of children, teachers plan meaningful learning engagements and help to promote their understanding of the unit.

Under 2's

For our Under 2's programme, we have a few more fun themes to explore before summer. The upcoming theme is all about yummy scrummy food. There is a plethora of food out there, and we will use our senses to learn more about food through the fun and hands-on activities. Our Under 2's teachers have planned some exciting learning engagements to explore food for our little ones.

With such a diverse number of units, we are all excited about our students' wonderings and questions regarding these units and the experiences gained from all the collaborative learning.

From the Under 2's to Kindergarten, our children will develop and enhance multiple lifelong skills throughout the units under the five primary skills, also known as the Approaches to Learning (ATLs):

- **Thinking** - we make sense of our learning, and apply the lessons we've learned in our daily lives.
- **Self-management** - we develop our confidence and our ability to manage ourselves, our feelings, and our responsibilities.
- **Communication** - we find different ways to communicate and express our ideas, thoughts, and opinions.
- **Social** - we develop our confidence in learning to play and learn together with our peers.
- **Research** - we learn to find answers to our questions and solutions to our problems by making use of various sources.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Vaccine Pass

Following the implementation of the “Vaccine Pass” enforced by the government, please be reminded that starting from 24th February 2022, except for those who are granted exemptions, all school staff and visitors must be vaccinated or otherwise will not be allowed to enter into the school premises. This applies to parents who enter the campus to pick-up and drop-off, as well as the accompanying adults in the Under 2’s programme. A ‘LeaveHomeSafe’ QR code will be placed at the entrance of the school. Individuals over 12 years old are required to scan the QR code when they enter the school campus and show it to the staff member by the entrance or reception area. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Class resumption

Please see the following arrangement for Tuesday 3rd May – Monday 16th May :

Date	Arrangement
From Tuesday 3 rd May onwards	Face-to-face class resumption for Nursery and LK/UK* ; Emergency care and home learning are available for Pre-nursery and Under 2’s
From Tuesday 10 th May onwards	Face-to-face class resumption for Pre-nursery* ; Emergency care and home learning are available for Under 2’s
From Monday 16 th May onwards	Face-to-face class resumption for Under 2’s*

*Please note that home learning will no longer be available when face-to-face classes have resumed for the relevant level(s).

School Uniform

Summer uniform is now available for purchase at the school office. Please contact Ms. Nora, the Clerical Officer, to arrange a time for uniform fitting. Each order will take about a week to process.

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Extra Curricular Activities (Term 2 - May to July)

Our school offers a wide range of extra curricular activities on weekdays or Saturday. Applications for classes starting from May are now open. Please collect a leaflet 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.

NEW HK Outdoor Play Equipment

The children were thrilled to return to school and discover a new slide and climbing frame ready for action in the PIPS Hong Kong playground! It has been a pleasure to watch them this week as they explore and investigate the new possibilities that it has opened up for them!



PIPS HONG KONG REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-22



Parkview International Pre-School 2021-2022

Month	Week	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Events and Holidays
August 2021		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2nd - 6th Staff Preparation Days (No school)
	1	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	9th Meet the teacher Day; 10th Term 1 - First day of School
	2	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	3	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	4	29	30	31					
September 2021	4				1	2	3	4	
	5	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	6	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	7	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	22nd Day following Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
	8	26	27	28	29	30			
October 2021	8						1	2	1st National Day
	9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	11th - 15th Mid-Term Break; 14th Chung Yeung Festival
	11	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	12	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
November 2021	13		1	2	3	4	5	6	5th and 6th Professional Development Day
	14	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	18th Parent-Teacher Conference (No class for PN, N and LKP)
	16	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19th Annual Family Outing
	17	28	29	30					
December 2021	17				1	2	3	4	
	18	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	19	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	17th Winter Festivities; 20th Dec - 2nd Jan 2021 Winter Break
	20	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	20th Day following Legislative Council General Election
	21	26	27	28	29	30	31		25th - 27th Christmas Days
January 2022	21							1	1st First Day of January
	22	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3rd Professional Development Day
	23	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28th Lunar New Year Festivities
	26	30	31						31st Jan - 8th Feb - Lunar New Year Holidays
February 2022	26			1	2	3	4	5	1st Lunar New Year's Day; 2nd Second day of Lunar New Year
	27	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3rd Third day of Lunar New Year; 9th Term 2 - First Day of School
	28	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	29	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	30	27	28						
March 2022	30			1	2	3	4	5	4th Parent-Teacher Conference / Student-led Conference
	31	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	(No class for PN, N and LKP)
	32	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	7th Mar - 14th Apr - Special Vacation
	33	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	34	27	28	29	30	31			
April 2022	34						1	2	
	35	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5th Ching Ming Festival
	36	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15th - 18th Easter Days
	37	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	38	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
May 2022	39	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2nd Day following Labour Day
	40	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	9th Day following Birthday of the Buddha
	41	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	42	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	43	29	30	31					
June 2022	43				1	2	3	4	3rd Tuen Ng Festival
	44	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	45	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	46	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	47	26	27	28	29	30			
July 2022	48						1	2	1st Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day
	49	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8th Parent-Teacher Conference (No class for PN, N and LKP)
	50	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	51	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	19th Last Day of School
	52	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

Public Holiday
 School Holiday
 School Event
 Staff Development Day (No school)
 Staff Preparation Day (No school)