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HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF
SCHOOL, GAZEL RAZAVI

Dear Parents,

It has been almost two months since the beginning of the school year. Over the last months, the children have settled in their classes quickly and have started their programme of inquiry. This year, we are cultivating a “Lifelong Learner” culture throughout the school. Our teachers have been attending Professional Development and information sessions and we have also arranged a variety of Parents’ Workshops for our parents to help them in different areas of parenting and education. Please stay tuned for more information!

Additionally, there will be a variety of opportunities for the parents to get involved in school activities too, if you are interested in celebrating any festivities, becoming a mystery reader or simply do some cooking with the children, please contact the class teachers.



IMPORTANT DATES:

1st October

National Day (Public Holiday)

7th- 11th October

Mid-Term Break

All classes will resume on 14th
October 2019

Laura Venezia

PYP Coordinator / Headteacher

It has been wonderful seeing the children settling into their school routines, developing friendships and inquiring into their new environment. The units of inquiry are well underway for the children in pre-nursery and above. The Owl, Robin and Sparrow classes are discovering the world around them through their senses. The Eagle and Parrot classes are developing new relationships with their classmates and teachers, and the Hummingbird children have made amazing connections to cultures showing that while we may come from different places, we all share some similarities.

As part of the PYP framework and our approach to teaching and learning, we strive to help children develop important skills that will help them gain knowledge and apply it to all aspects of their daily lives. With the development of those skills and the learning through inquiry, children are beginning to reflect and take action.

Taking action is one of the ultimate goals of the PYP. Not only do we want children to expand on their thinking in order to acquire knowledge, we want them to take what they have learned and use that to influence what they do.

Child-initiated action can take many forms. It can be as simple as a comment, or as complex as applying their knowledge to inform their decisions. At PIPS, we want to celebrate these actions as a school community. Any action that has happened at school or at home is an achievement. For this reason, we have created an Action Wall (located outside Ms. Laura's office). Here, teachers, parents or children can document the actions they've taken in connection to the unit of inquiry. Documenting these actions can be in any form including photos, drawings, a message written on a piece of paper, or more! The materials have been provided to encourage everyone to celebrate the actions of children.

We can't wait to start seeing the space develop with action taken at PIPS!



School Tuition:

School tuition fee is to be paid by the 1 st of each month through Direct Debit. Starting 2019-2020 school year, a 10% surcharge per month will be levied for any debt outstanding until the student’s account is clear. To avoid the surcharge, please contact the school office to set up a Direct Debit Account if you still haven’t done so.

Mosquito and Insects Bites:

At PIPS, we are aware of the risks surrounding mosquito and insect bites. On a monthly basis, Parkview Management is supporting PIPS by placing larvicidal around our outdoor playground. PIPS has also invited Biocycle to support us by spraying mosquito and insect repellent around our indoor area and the classrooms on a monthly basis.

For prevention purposes, we would like parents to support us by taking the following actions before coming to school:

- Place mosquito patches on your child’s/children’s uniform
- Spray mosquito repellent on your child/children
- Apply creamy baby oil to your child/children. Creamy baby oil is less harsh to the skin than DEET products
- Wear long sleeves or long pants if your child/children have a high risk of being bitten

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform will be ready to order by mid-October. Please contact the school office for details.



red / yellow / green / blue turtleneck shirt OR white polo shirt
AND grey track suit

