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## THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OF PIPS HONG KONG

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# 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 all had a lovely time with your families during the festive season. While the travel restrictions in Hong Kong and around the world are still in place, many families have been taking advantage of the beautiful and vibrant city that we live in. Whether you walked in the park, discovered street art or tried local bites with the children, I hope that you will share your experiences and photos with us via Seesaw!

I am excited to share with you that our Kowloon campus will be conducting the IB evaluation in January. Our teaching and management team has been putting tremendous effort and time into ensuring that our teaching practice is up to the high standards set by the International Baccalaureate. All the effort will pay off in the end as we firmly believe that the IB PYP framework allows us to nurture and develop our children as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning.

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



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**3rd January 2022**

Professional Development Day  
(No School)

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**31st Jan - 8th Feb 2022**  
Lunar New Year Holidays

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**9th February 2022**

Term 2 Begins

## **Learner's Agency in the Early Years at PIPS**

**By Indira Gurung**

We had our first PYP Parent Workshop for all our parents in November and thank you for making time for us! It was an amazing experience, and we are always happy to share how the children learn at PIPS. We will plan for more Parent Workshops in Term 2, so stay tuned!

Reflecting on the workshop, one of the areas we would like to highlight is the Learner's Agency. As an IB World School, we aim to develop skills and concepts that children can use in their daily lives and prepare them for whatever their future may hold. Whilst our teachers and parents work hard to provide a plethora of learning engagements and experiences in school and at home, children form their own understanding and build on their pre-existing knowledge.

With this ongoing development of skills and concepts, we believe the best way for our children to experience authentic learning is by giving our children the voice, choice and ownership of their own learning. As teachers, we strive to listen to our children's voices, value their opinions and thoughts, providing them with learning experiences that they can relate to and extend their learning. We give children the choice of where they want to explore and what they want to learn in the classroom. We give ownership by encouraging children to be responsible for their own learning and taking care of their own things, classroom and people around them.

This all leads to children using their self-efficacy and becoming agentic learners.

## AGENCY SUCCESS CRITERIA



This poster by thinkchat explains learners' agency in the early years. Our community can share and talk to our children about what it means to be agentic learners.

'The concept of agency has significance in the early years because children form their self-concept as soon as they begin to interact with others. This occurs in a wide range of environments, in particular their home environment. Learners bring that self-concept with them to the school learning environment, and it evolves further as they begin to interact with adults and peers there.'

IBO, The Early Years in the PYP, October 2021

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Extra Curricular Activities (Term 2)

Our school offers a wide range of extra curricular activities on weekdays or Saturday. Applications for classes starting after Chinese New Year (Term 2) 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.

### Change of School Calendar 2021-2022

In light of the prolonged COVID-19, our families have been away from their friends and families abroad and are eager to visit them. Unfortunately, the quarantine requirements imposed by the Hong Kong government and many other countries around the world have posed difficulties for our families to make travel arrangements during our summer break. After much consideration and with the approval of our school board, we would like to inform you of some changes to our school calendar. We hope that with these changes in place, our multicultural PIPS community will have a greater chance of being able to visit their beloved families in other countries during the extended, seven-week summer holiday.

Please note that although the last day of the school year has moved to 15th June, the number of school days will remain unchanged.

Please refer to the below table outlining the key changes:

Date	Original	New
April 19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring break	Normal school days
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day	Normal school day
June 16 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Normal school days	Summer holiday

Summer School 2022 is scheduled to take place from July 11th to July 29th (3 weeks).



## 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	
September 2021	4	29	30	31					
	5				1	2	3	4	
	6	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	7	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
October 2021	8	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	22nd Day following Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
	9	26	27	28	29	30			
	10						1	2	1st National Day
	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
November 2021	12	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	11th - 15th Mid-Term Break; 14th Chung Yeung Festival
	13	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	14	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	15	31							
December 2021	16		1	2	3	4	5	6	5th and 6th Professional Development Day
	17	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	18	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	18th Parent-Teacher Conference (No class for PN, N and LKP)
	19	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19th Annual Family Outing
January 2022	20	28	29	30					
	21				1	2	3	4	
	22	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	23	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	17th Winter Festivities; 20th Dec - 2nd Jan 2021 Winter Break
February 2022	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	20th Day following Legislative Council General Election
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		25th - 27th Christmas Days
	26							1	1st First Day of January
	27	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3rd Professional Development Day
March 2022	28	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	29	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	30	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28th Lunar New Year Festivities
	31	30	31						31st Jan - 8th Feb - Lunar New Year Holidays
April 2022	1			1	2	3	4	5	1st Lunar New Year's Day; 2nd Second day of Lunar New Year
	2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3rd Third day of Lunar New Year; 9th Term 2 - First Day of School
	3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
May 2022	5	27	28	29	30	31			
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	7	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	11th Parent-Teacher Conference / Student-led Conference (No class for PN, N and LKP)
	8	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
June 2022	9	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	10	27	28	29	30	31			
	11								
	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5th Ching Ming Festival; 8th Spring Festivities
July 2022	13	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	11th - 14th Spring Break; 15th - 18th Easter Days
	14	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	15	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	16	31							
August 2022	17								
	18								
	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2nd Day following Labour Day
	20	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	9th Day following Birthday of the Buddha
September 2022	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	23	29	30	31					
	24				1	2	3	4	2nd Parent-Teacher Conference (No class for PN, N and LKP); 3rd Tung Ng Festival
October 2022	25	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	26	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	15th Last Day of School
	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	26	27	28	29	30			



Public Holiday



School Holiday



School Event

Staff Development Day  
(No school)Staff Preparation Day  
(No school)