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## THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OF PIPS KOWLOON

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

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

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter of the academic year and it is such a pleasure to reflect upon what the teachers and children have achieved since September. The children have grown not only in stature but also in confidence, independence and maturity. It is hugely rewarding for all of us to witness.

Before the commencement of our Summer School, we have a lot planned for the remaining two months with our last PTC, our photo shoot with Techni Photo and graduation ceremony. More details will be sent to you shortly.

Summer School flyers have been sent to you recently. It will run from 12th to 31st July this year. If you are interested in joining us for a fun-filled summer, please contact our school office as spaces are filling up quickly! If your child has any friends who would like to join him/her at school, please let us know, as we do accept non-PIPS children for the summer school.

Last but not least, I would like to wish all our leavers every success and happiness in the future, and hope they will take many happy memories of PIPS with them. We retain many happy and proud memories of the children and we will miss their happy faces. We are always delighted to welcome them back on a visit to say 'hello' and to show us how grown up they are! In the meantime, I send my very best wishes to all of you for a very happy summer break! For those of you returning in August, it goes without saying that we look forward to seeing you all then!



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**3rd May 2021**

Professional Development  
Day (No School)

**7th May 2021**

Jockey Club Oral  
Health Project

**17th-21st May 2021**

School Photographs

**19th May 2021**

Buddha's Birthday

**4th June 2021**

Parent Teacher Conference  
for PN to KG classes

**18th June 2021**

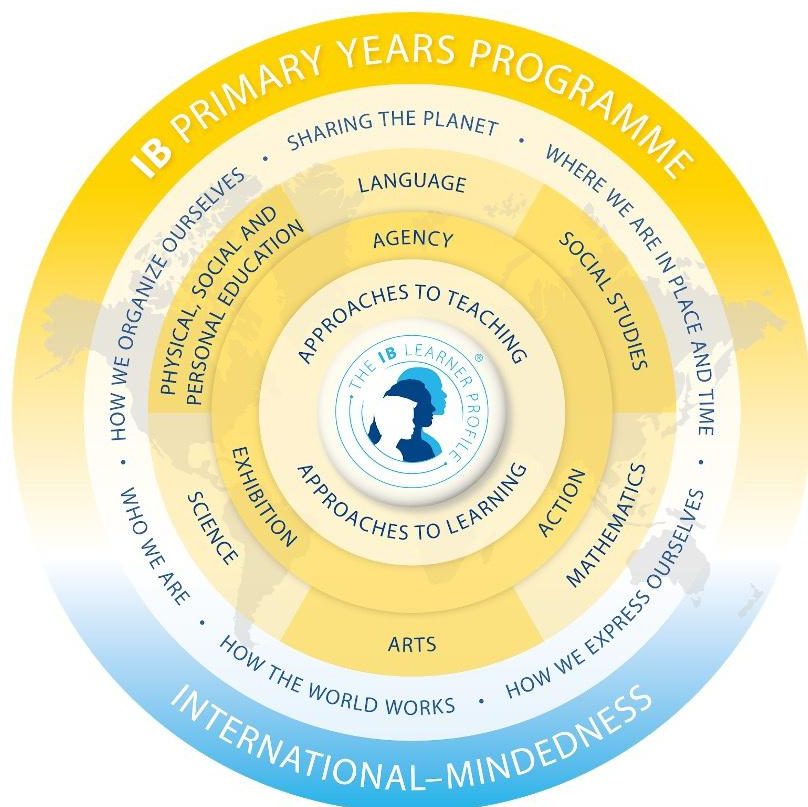
Graduation Ceremony

**22nd June 2021**

Year End Party

## International Mindedness

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PIPS is a registered IB World School and both of our campuses are certified to teach the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP). The diagram below shows how the PYP is organised to achieve International Mindedness across our curriculum.

“International-mindedness is central to the IB mission and is a foundational principle to its educational philosophy; it is at the heart of the continuum of international education.”

<https://resources.ibo.org/pyp>

Throughout our programme, we aim to develop the whole child under the 6 transdisciplinary themes of Who We Are, How We Express Ourselves, How the World Works, How We Organise Ourselves, Sharing the Planet, and Where We Are in Place and Time. We incorporate the six learning areas of child development which includes Science, Language, PSPE, The Arts, Mathematics and Social Studies, within our units of inquiry across the year. Providing ample opportunities for our children to develop the attributes of the Learner Profile, which is in the heart of our teaching and learning.

With the international backgrounds of our families, we celebrate the diversity of the languages that we all speak by offering Bilingual and Trilingual language immersion classes across our teaching levels of Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Lower/Upper Kindergarten classes to achieve International-mindedness.

During the course of the school year, we incorporate many international festivals and celebrations into our curriculum such as Diwali where we invite our students' families to come into school to share and take part in some of their cultural activities, Dragon Boat Festival where parents demonstrate how to make traditional dumplings to our students, Easter Bonnet Parade, Chinese New Year Flower Market and Christmas celebration and at the end of the school year there is an International Day to celebrate all cultural diversities of our teaching staff, students and families.

## **Summer Camp 2021**

Summer School 2021 is now open for applications. It will run for three weeks from the 12th to the 30th July 2021. It will be a wonderful time for your child to learn about all about summer, including weather, food, clothing and activities. They will have the opportunity to engage in science activities, art projects, cooking and role play while enjoying lots of songs and games. It is going to be a very busy but exciting Summer School to look forward to.

Please feel free to collect a brochure from the School Office or contact us at 2812 6801 to get more information.

## **School Calendar 2021-2022**

The school calendar for next academic year will be posted on our website by the end of May. Please feel free to take a look for your reference.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences (PN to KG ONLY)**

Our 3rd Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, 4th June 2021, for Pre-Nursery to Kindergarten Levels. Parents are invited to come and meet with the class teachers to discuss their child's progress at school. Our UKG/LKG classes will be offering a student-led conference on this day. More details will follow from your class teachers.

There is no school for the children on this day. Please note the conferences are for PARENTS ONLY (except for UKG/LKG classes).

## **Graduation Ceremony 2021**

This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday, 18th June 2021 at our school campus. Due to social distancing restrictions, the UKG/LKG classes will have their graduation individually. Parents are invited to join this special event with us, details will be sent out shortly.

Please note that Nursery, Pre-Nursery and Playgroup classes will operate as normal on this day.

