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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)

31st Jan - 8th Feb 2022

Lunar New Year Holidays

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 th – 22 nd	Spring break	Normal school days
May 10 th	Professional Development Day	Normal school day
June 16 th – 22 nd	Normal school days	Summer holiday

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are sad to inform you that our PYP Coordinator, Ms Lin will be moving on from PIPS at the end of January to spend more time with her family in the UK. We are grateful for Ms Lin's contribution and service over the years and wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavours.

"Thank you to everyone for your support during my time here at PIPS, it has definitely been an exciting and sometimes hectic journey these last few years! I will miss the children immensely and also sharing in the daily experiences with all of our parents and families. Please take care of yourselves and each other and I hope that our paths will cross again in the future."

All the best, Ms Lin

To continue the good work of Ms Lin, Mr Don Cruz who has been working at PIPS since 2013 will be promoted to be our PYP Coordinator in the Kowloon campus. Apart from curriculum coordination, Mr Don will also continue to be the class teacher of Sharks class this year.



Mr Don began his career in the music industry before becoming a full-time teacher with a Higher Diploma in Early Childhood Education. He has over 18 years of experience, from working in primary schools briefly before mainly teaching in kindergartens in Hong Kong. Don grew up in Hong Kong as a child who studied in ESF international schools and believes that quality early childhood learning experiences shape children to be positive learners in their future. He enjoys incorporating the Arts and IT with classroom activities to help children further express their learning comfortably and confidently. In his spare time, Don continues to produce music and occasionally collaborates with other artists.

Throughout his years at PIPS he has completed several IB workshops, which enhanced his experience and knowledge of the Primary Years Programme curriculum. He looks forward to taking on this leadership role to continue our strong culture of the IB at PIPS with teachers and parents.



Parkview International Pre-School (Kowloon) School Calendar 2021-2022 (Revised)

Month 月份	Week 週	Sun 日	Mon 一	Tue 二	Wed 三	Thur 四	Fri 五	Sat 六	Event 學校活動	Holiday 假期
August 8月 2021		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2-6/8 Staff Preparation Days (No School) 教師預備日(學生不用上課)	
	1	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	9/8 Meet the Teacher Day 新學年家長教師會見日	
	2	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	10/8 First Term begins 第一學期開始	
	3	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	27/8 August Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(八月)	
September 9月 2021	4	29	30	31						
	5	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
	6	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
	7	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	24/9 September Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(九月)	22/9 The day following Mid-Autumn Festival 中秋節翌日
October 10月 2021	8	26	27	28	29	30				
	9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		1/10 National Day 國慶日
	10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		11-15/10 Mid-Term Break 學期中段假 14/10 Chung Yeung Festival 重陽節
	11	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21-22/10 Playgroup Family Outing 親子班週年親子旅行	
	12	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29/10 October Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(十月)	
November 11月 2021	13	31								
	14		1	2	3	4	5	6	5-6/11 Professional Development Day (No School) 教師專業發展日(學生不用上課)	
	15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	19/11 November Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(十一月)	
	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	25/11 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Class for PN, N, LKG & UKG) 家長教師會見日(學前預備班、幼兒班、低班及高班不用上課)	
	17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	26/11 PN-UKG Annual Family Outing 學前預備班至高班週年親子旅行	
December 12月 2021	18	28	29	30						
	19	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10/12 December Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(十二月)	
	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	17/12 Winter Festivities 聖誕慶祝會	20/12 The Day after Major Election 選舉日翌日 20/12 - 1/1 Winter Break 寒假 25/12 Christmas Day 聖誕節 27/12 Day after Christmas Day 聖誕節翌日
	21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
January 1月 2022	22	26	27	28	29	30	31			
	23							1	3/1 Professional Development Day (No School) 教師專業發展日(學生不用上課)	1/1 First day of January 元旦
	24	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
	25	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
	26	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21/1 January Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(一月)	
February 2月 2022	27	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28/1 Lunar New Year Festivities 農曆新年慶祝會	
	28	30	31							31/1 - 8/2 Lunar New Year Holidays 農曆新年假期 1/2 Lunar New Year's Day 農曆年初一 2/2 Second day of Lunar New Year 農曆年初二 3/2 Third day of Lunar New Year 農曆年初三
	29			1	2	3	4	5	9/2 Term 2 begins 第二學期開始	
	30	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	28/2 February Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(二月)	
March 3月 2022	31	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
	32	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	4/3 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Class for PN) 家長教師會見日(學前預備班不用上課)	
	33	27	28	29	30	31			4/3 Shared Learning Day (No Class for N, LKG & UKG) 學習共享日(幼兒班、低班及高班不用上課)	
	34								25/3 March Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(三月)	
April 4月 2022	35						1	2		
	36	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8/4 Spring Festivities 復活節慶祝會	5/4 Ching Ming Festival 清明節
	37	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		11/4-18/4 Spring Break 復活節假期 15-18/4 Easter Days 復活節
	38	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	29/4 April Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(四月)	
May 5月 2022	39	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
	40									2/5 Day after Labour Day 勞動節翌日
	41	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9/5 Birthday of the Buddha 佛誕
	42	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	27/5 May Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(五月)	
June 6月 2022	43	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
	44	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
	45	29	30	31					2/6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Class for PN, N, LKG & UKG) 家長教師會見日(學前預備班、幼兒班、低班及高班不用上課)	3/6 Tuen Ng Festival 端午節
	46	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10/6 June & July Birthday Party 生日慶祝會(六月及七月)	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		15/6 Year End Party 學期終結派對	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
	26	27	28	29	30					

Public Holiday 公眾假期	School Holiday 學校假期	School Event 學校活動	Staff Development Day (No School) 教師專業發展日(學生不用上課)	Staff Preparation Day (No School) 教師預備日(學生不用上課)
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