

## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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### **HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE** by Ms Kitty Ho

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin this newsletter by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support you have provided to PIPS throughout this academic year. As we approach the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the remarkable progress our teachers and children have achieved since August. Not only have our students grown in stature, but they have also shown remarkable growth in confidence, independence, and maturity. It has been a truly rewarding experience for all of us.

I am delighted to share with you the success of World Book Day celebration in late April. The school came alive with an array of fun and meaningful activities centred around various books, creating a joyful and immersive experience for children who dressed in their favourite book character on that day. We would like to extend our special thanks to all of our dedicated teachers who worked tirelessly to make this event a resounding success. We will continuously work to create a vibrant and dynamic learning environment that nurtures the love for learning in our students.

Before we embark on our Summer School programme, we have a lot planned for the remaining two months. We will be having our last Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) in June, where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. Additionally, we are excited to announce that we will be holding a graduation ceremony for our Lower and Upper Kindergarten students. More details regarding these events will be shared with you shortly.

Recently, we sent out a flyer providing information about our Summer School programme, which will run from 8th to 26th July this year. If you are interested in enrolling your child for a fun-filled summer, please contact our school office as soon as possible, as spaces are filling up quickly!

Lastly, I would like to extend my best wishes to all our graduating students. May you find success and happiness in all your future endeavours. We will cherish the wonderful memories we have shared with each of you, and we will miss your happy faces dearly. Remember, you are always welcome to visit us and share your accomplishments with us. We would love to see how much you have grown!

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and trust in PIPS. It has been a remarkable year, and we are grateful to have you as part of the PIPS community.

Have a lovely summer and see you all in August!



### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**1ST MAY 2025**  
LABOUR DAY  
(NO CLASSES)

**2ND MAY 2025**  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY  
(NO CLASSES)

**5TH MAY 2025**  
THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BUDDHA  
(NO CLASSES)

**13TH JUNE 2025**  
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE  
FOR PN TO KG CLASSES

**20TH JUNE 2025**  
THE LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

## Open-Ended Art Experiences in Early Childhood by Ms Indira

Art experiences in early childhood are seen as a powerful medium for self-expression and creativity. By engaging in various artistic activities such as drawing, painting, sculpting, and crafting, children can explore their emotions, thoughts, and experiences in diverse ways. Art provides a means of non-verbal communication, allowing children to explore complex emotions and ideas. Through creating art, children learn to convey feelings of joy, frustration, fear, and curiosity, nurturing their emotional intelligence and resilience. This visual communication can be incredibly empowering, aiding children in developing a strong sense of identity and self-confidence.

### Process Over Product

In early childhood art, adults need to recognise that the art process holds greater value than the final product. The experience of creating is where children explore, learn and develop their understanding. When children experiment with various materials and techniques, it enhances creativity and encourages them to take risks without the fear of being wrong. As children navigate their artistic experiences, such as mixing colours or balancing shapes, they develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Creating provides a therapeutic outlet for children, helping them express their feelings and connect more deeply with their work. When the emphasis is placed on the process, children gain a sense of ownership over their creations, which enhances their confidence and encourages the development of a personal artistic voice.

### Supporting art at home

Children can explore various art forms, each offering unique benefits, from drawing and painting to working with clay or playdough. Parents play a vital role in nurturing their child's artistic development. Here are some ways to support creativity at home:

- **Create a Dedicated Space with Art Materials**

Set up a designated art area where children can access materials and freely create. This space should be comfortable and equipped with the necessary tools to promote spontaneous artistic activities. Stock your home with common art supplies, such as crayons, markers, paint, paper, scissors, and clay. Recyclable materials also make excellent art materials. Encourage open-ended exploration without the pressure of specific outcomes.

- **Encourage Exploration & Participate Together**

Ask open-ended questions about their artwork to stimulate discussion. Encourage children to describe their creations and the stories behind them, fostering communication skills. Engage in art activities alongside your child. This will strengthen your bond and demonstrate the value of creativity and self-expression.

- **Celebrate Their Work**

Display your child's artwork at home or make an album with their work. This will boost their confidence and reinforce the idea that their creative efforts are valued. It may not look much, particularly in the early years, but the experience of planning, creating, and exploring far outweighs the final product.

Art is essential to early childhood development, providing a powerful means for self-expression and creativity. By fostering a supportive environment at home, parents can help their children explore the world of art, laying a foundation for lifelong creativity and emotional well-being. Embracing art in all its forms enriches children's lives and encourages them to see the world through a creative lens.



## OPEN HOUSE



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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open House. Families from far and wide received a PIPS passport and collected stamps from each themed classroom that they visited. We hope you had a lovely time and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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## **SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

### **Graduation Ceremony 2025**

This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025** at Shrewsbury International School. Parents are invited to join this special event with us, details will be sent out shortly.

### **Summer School 2025**

Summer School 2025 is now open for applications. It will run for three weeks from **7<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**. It will be a wonderful time for your child to learn about all about summer, including underwater animals, popular stories/ fairy tales and exploring different jungle animals. 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 2025-2026**

The tentative school calendar for next academic year has been posted on our website and attached to this newsletter. Feel free to take a look for your reference and please note that it is subject to EDB approval.

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

Our 3rd Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**, 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.

There is no school for the children on this day. Please note the conferences are for PARENTS ONLY.





**Parkview International Pre-School (Kowloon) School Calendar 2025-2026**  
**栢基國際幼稚園暨幼兒園(九龍)校曆表 2025-2026**

Subject to EDB Approval  
有待教育局批核

Month	Week	Sun 日	Mon 一	Tues 二	Wed 三	Thur 四	Fri 五	Sat 六	Event 學校活動	Holiday 假期
August 8月 2025							1	2	1-6/8 Staff Preparation Days (No school) 教師預備日(學生不用上課)	
	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7/8 Meet the Teacher Day 新學年家長教師會見日	
	2	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	8/8 Term 1 - First day of School 第一學期開始	
	3	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
	4	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
	5	31								
September 9月 2025	5		1	2	3	4	5	6		
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
	7	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
	8	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
	9	28	29	30						
October 10月 2025	9				1	2	3	4		1/10 National Day 國慶日
	10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		6-10/10 Mid-Term Break 學期中段假期
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		7/10 The day following Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival 中秋節翌日
	12	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
	13	26	27	28	29	30	31			29/10 Chung Yeung Festival 重陽節
November 11月 2025	13							1		
	14	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5-6/11 Under 2's Annual Family Outing 親子班週年親子旅行	
	15	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	7-8/11 Professional Development Day (No school) 教師專業發展日(學生不用上課)	
	16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	27/11 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No class for PN, N, LKUK) 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	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28/11 Annual Family Outing 學前預備班至高班週年親子旅行	
	18	30								
December 12月 2025	18		1	2	3	4	5	6		
	19	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
	20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	18/12 Winter Festivities 聖誕慶祝會	19/12-2/1 Winter Break 寒假
	21	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		25-26/12 Christmas Days 聖誕節
	22	28	29	30	31					
January 1月 2026	22					1	2	3		1/1 First day of January 元旦
	23	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
	24	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
	26	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
February 2月 2026	27	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2/2 Term 2 - First day of School 第二學期開始	
	28	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	13/2 Lunar New Year Festivities 農曆新年慶祝會	
	29	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		16-23/2 Lunar New Year Holidays 農曆新年假期
	30	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		17-19/2 Lunar New Year Days 農曆新年
March 3月 2026	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	20/3 Parent-Teacher Conference / Student-led Conference (No class for PN, N and LKUK)	
	32	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	家長教師會見日 / 學習成果分享日	
	33	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	(學前預備班、幼兒班、低班及高班不用上課)	
	34	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	30/3 Professional Development Day (No school) 教師專業發展日(學生不用上課)	
	35	29	30	31						31/3-10/4 Spring Break 復活節假期
April 4月 2026	35				1	2	3	4		3-6/4 Easter Days 復活節
	36	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		7/4 The day following Ching Ming Festival 清明節翌日
	37	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
	38	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
	39	26	27	28	29	30				
May 5月 2026	39						1	2		1/5 Labour Day 勞動節
	40	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
	41	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
	42	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22/5 Professional Development Day (No school) 教師專業發展日(學生不用上課)	
	43	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		25/5 The day following Buddha's Birthday 佛誕翌日
	44	31								
June 6月 2026	44		1	2	3	4	5	6		
	45	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	12/6 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No class for PN, N, LKUK) 家長教師會見日(學前預備班、幼兒班、低班及高班不用上課)	
	46	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	18/6 Last day of School 學期終結慶祝會	19/6 Tuen Ng Festival 端午節
	47	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
	48	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)