



PEIYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Vision: Lifelong Learners, Leaders of Character

School Mission: Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

Keeping in Touch
Letter to Parents 20/2024

18 March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you had spent quality time with your children over the March school holidays. We will be sharing with you updates of our Term 2 programmes and we look forward to another term of impactful school activities with your child/ward.

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Our school website is a key resource to learn more about the school. You may access the school website at <https://peiyongpri.moe.edu.sg>. Should you have any feedback, you can email us at peiyong_ps@moe.edu.sg.

1. Term 2 School Calendar

Please refer to Annex A for Term 2 school calendar. Schedules for supplementary, remedial, enrichment and co-curricular activities (CCA) will be given to your child separately before the programmes begin.

The term calendar, by month, can also be found on our school website <https://www.peiyongpri.moe.edu.sg/about-us/school-calendar/>

2. P1-P4 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)/P5 & P6 Parent-Teacher Dialogue (PTD)

The PCTC/PTD will be held on Thursday, 23 May and Friday, 24 May 2024 from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. There are no lessons for all students on both days. Instead, they will have Home-Based Learning (HBL) activities. We strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to meet up (face-to-face or via Zoom) with your child's/ward's Form and co-Form Teachers to discuss how your child is learning and developing at school. Details for the PCTC/PTD will be issued in a separate letter in April.

3. Eat with Your Family Day (EWYFD)

EWYFD is a nation-wide initiative led by the Centre for Fathering and supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), to encourage all to set aside time that day to be with their families and have their meals together. Our General Office will be closed at 4.30 pm on Friday, 24 May 2024 to allow our staff to leave work earlier to enjoy a meal with their family. We hope you could also take time from your work to have dinner with your family on this date.

STUDENT WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPMENT

4. Student Health Matters

We seek parents' support to keep our school a safe environment for students and inculcating personal and social responsibility in your child/ward.

If your child/ward is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. Students should only come back to school when they are well. After returning to school from their absence, students must submit the medical certificate or proof of Ag+ to their Form or co-Form Teacher promptly.

The annual School Health Visit by Health Promotion Board (HPB) will be conducted in school from 2 to 9 May 2024. A separate notification will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) closer to the dates.

5. Leading Self

To support our students in leading self, we would like to remind and seek your partnership in the following matters:

a) Punctuality

All students must report to the school to attend the flag-raising and pledge-taking ceremony at 7.30 am. Students who arrive after 7.35 am (at the end of pledge-taking) would be considered late. Latecoming is considered a school offence.

b) School Uniform

All students should put on their full school uniform on non-PE days. Please note that iron-on nametag must be placed and ironed above the pocket of shirt/blouse and above the school badge on the PE shirt. On days when there are PE lessons, PE attire (school shorts and House T-shirt) is to be worn. P1 and P2 girls can wear their House T-shirt and shorts. P3 to P6 girls must wear their skirts over their shorts for the other lessons.

c) Cyber Wellness

The school carried out Cyber Wellness Week activities in February to raise awareness amongst our students about the impact of excessive screen time on mental and physical well-being. We seek your support to continue to guide your child/ward to manage screen time and on ways to engage safely and healthily in the cyber space. We would like to share with you some tips to cultivate healthy digital habits in children. Please refer to Annex B.

d) Vaping

In addition, we would like to highlight that e-vaporisers are illegal in Singapore. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components. Any person convicted of such offences is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence. All prohibited tobacco items will be seized and confiscated.

MOE takes a firm stand against vaping. Vaping is categorised as a serious offence. When students are caught using or in possession of e-vaporisers, the prohibited product will be confiscated, and their parents will be informed. The schools will report the offender to HSA and manage vaping-related offences through existing school-based disciplinary actions. Students caught vaping will be placed on cessation support programmes where counsellors will guide them through their cessation journey to effect long-term behavioural change.

Parents have an important part to play in their children’s education. There are resources and relevant information that parents can access on Parent Hub. Parents are encouraged to have a serious conversation with their children about vaping to prevent it from becoming a life-long habit. More information about the harms of vaping is available on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

6. Lunch Arrangement

Similar to the arrangements in Term 1, lunch timing for selected levels who are staying in the afternoons for lessons and CCAs are staggered.

The lunch timing for the affected levels are as follows:

Level	Affected lunch timing
P6	Days: Monday and Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch at 1 pm • Last period lesson will be conducted from 1.30 pm to 2 pm before the supplementary lessons commence at 2 pm
P3 and P4	Day: Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch at 12.30 pm • Last period lesson will be conducted from 1 pm to 1.30 pm before CCAs commence at 1.30 pm <p><i>*Students in the Art club who are officially excused from CCA on Tuesdays would need to make personal arrangement for transport home as the school buses leave at 1.00 pm.</i></p>

The school would like to reiterate that students who need to stay back for school activities are NOT allowed to leave the school premises. Students should take their lunch in school. Students with special dietary needs can make a request through their Form or Co-Form teachers.

STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY

School safety is fundamental to the well-being of staff and students in carrying out their duties and participating in learning activities respectively. The school has put in place safety and security measures, and we seek your cooperation in providing a safe environment for our students.

7. Road Safety

a) For all pedestrians

All parents/guardians and students should practise road safety and use the designated zebra crossings outside the school to cross the road. We appeal to parents/guardians to avoid jaywalking across the road outside the school main gate opening as it is a dangerous and illegal way of crossing the road. We seek your cooperation to role-model the right behaviour for our students.

b) For drivers

Parents/guardians can drive into the school to drop off their child/ward from 6.50 am to 7.30 am. Please remind your child/ward to alight quickly at the drop-off point near the front porch to prevent the building up of car queue and traffic jam. The vehicular gate will be closed at 7.30 am sharp. Hence, please be early if you are driving in to let your child/ward alight.

c) For cyclists

As the traffic outside the school is heavy in the morning, we strongly discourage students to cycle to school. However, if parents/guardians allow their child/ward to do so, please educate them to exercise caution. For student cyclists, they should park their bicycles in the school compound. If your child/ward is cycling, please indicate using the link below.

Form	Link
Information on Child Cycling to School	https://bit.ly/3pxmKdR 

8. Visitor Sign-in

Visitors (e.g. parents, guardians) entering the school must register at the Guard Post with proof of identity e.g. NRIC, driver's license, work permit pass or passport. Any personal data collected would be treated with the strictest confidence and would only be accessed by authorised school personnel for security checks when necessary. Upon registration, they would be issued with a visitor's pass (red). After obtaining the pass, visitors are to directly proceed to the General Office for assistance.

We discourage parents/guardians to come to the school unless there are needful situations such as picking up your child/ward from the sick bay. If parents/guardians need to purchase books from the bookshop, please inform your child/ward to purchase by himself/herself. For parents/guardians who need more assistance, do contact the General Office to make an appointment before coming to the school.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

9. Assessment

a) Holistic Assessment (HA)

There would be no weighted assessments for P1 and P2 students. This allows P1 and P2 students to enjoy the process of learning and develop dispositions for lifelong learning. To ensure rigour in what students learn and at the same time ensure joy of learning, the school conducts a range of formative and summative assessments. P1 and P2 learning plans were communicated via PG on 29 January 2024.

b) Weighted Assessment 2 (WA2) for P3 to P6

There would be no mid-year examinations for P3 to P6 students. Instead, there would be WA2 which are bite-sized assessments from Term 2 Week 6 to Week 8. The percentage weightage is 15%. There would be a separate notification on the details of WA2.

Absence for WA2

Students must be covered with a medical certificate (MC) from a licensed medical officer. Please note that:

- A parent's letter is not acceptable. The only exception would be on compassionate grounds i.e., family bereavement.
- For students who are unwell, they should **not** turn up in school at all but should see a doctor. When they are well, students would be given the WA task to do as practice. The

paper would be marked to enable your child/ward to learn and gauge his/her performance. However, the marks would not be recorded.

- A zero mark would be awarded for students who are absent for invalid reasons such as overslept, away on overseas trip etc.

10. P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise

The dates for GEP Identification exercise are confirmed.

- Thursday, 15 August: GEP Screening Exercise (English Language and Mathematics)
- Tuesday & Wednesday, 15 & 16 October: GEP Selection Exercise (English Language, Mathematics and General Ability) for shortlisted students

SCHOOL EVENTS

11. Term 2 School Programme Highlights

In line with our school's efforts to provide a holistic education for our students, we have planned a range of programmes for our students to enhance their learning. Please refer to the letter to parents (17/2024) posted in PG on 2 February 2024 for the respective level programmes. We would like to bring your attention to the following events:

a) English Language Reading Fiesta "As the Pages Turn"

From 28 March to 26 April 2024, the school is organising English Language Reading Fiesta to encourage students to read widely and be confident speakers. Students can dress up as characters in the storybooks on Thursday, 28 March 2024. Parents of the Primary 1 students are invited on that day to come to the school to read with the P1 students. More details will be shared later.

Parents are encouraged to bond with their children while reading to them at home. Do sign your child up for a free library membership to enjoy the full suite of National Library Board's service, including eBooks and e-magazines at <https://www.nlb.gov.sg/main/home>. You may also find more reading resources at our school website <https://staging.d2fm9eecd3ej28.amplifyapp.com/departments/english/>.

b) Applied Learning Programme (ALP): Environmental Education Programmes

As part of Environmental Education, the school has organised several programmes to raise students' awareness of environmental conservation and to act in protection of the environment. Some of the activities include the use of recyclables to create musical instruments, growing of mushrooms, making of terrarium, and experiencing the Hydroponics and Aquaponics Programme in our school-based hydroponics and aquaponics set-ups.

The school will be commemorating Earth Day in the month of April. The theme for this year's event is 'Invest in our Planet'. The school intends to raise awareness about environmental issues like climate change and global warming and to focus on the need for conservation. Students would participate in Peiyong Green Initiatives such as upcycling and recycling. Students can also look forward to the ALP Learning Day on 9 April 2024 where they will display their artefacts and share their learning with their classmates.

c) Hari Raya Puasa Celebrations

For Muslim students and staff celebrating Hari Raya Puasa, the school hours on the eve of Hari Raya Puasa, 9 April 2024 will be from 7.30 am to 10.30 am. For the rest of the students and staff, school hours will be as per normal on 9 April. There will be no after-school activities. Hari Raya Puasa on 10 April 2024 would be a Public Holiday.

d) Peiying Learn and Play (P.L.A.Y) Day for P1 to P6

On Friday, 26 April 2024, P1 students will be exploring the Singapore Zoological Gardens and P2 students will visit Gardens by the Bay as part of their learning experiences for Applied Learning Programmes

For P3 to P6 students, they will learn and play in the school. For P3 students, they will attend the Code for Fun programme to develop their digital literacy skills and computational thinking. Students will learn to use block programming and create their own games. For P4 and P5 students, they will participate in a series of activities to plan for their Values-in-Action projects. P6 students will attend a leadership workshop with focus on developing their problem-solving and decision-making skills to help them manage challenges and develop a growth mindset.

Students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm and there are no after-school activities.

e) Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Fortnight

The school is organising our annual Mother Tongue Languages Fortnight activities from 9 May to 21 May 2024. The theme for this year is 'Embrace the Joy of Learning Mother Tongue Languages through Arts and Cultures'.

Students will be engaged in activities such as traditional art, traditional dance, games, poetry recitation, cultural performances, cultural & language quiz, comics drawing, calligraphy, speech and drama and story-telling sessions. In addition, students will have the opportunities to develop proficiency in their language skills, appreciate their respective cultures, develop their 21st century competencies and showcase their talents.

f) Academic Support for Primary 6 classes

There will be academic activities for our P6 students during the mid-year break. The canteen will open for recess on both days. Please refer to the table below for the schedule.

Day	Time	Activity
Tuesday, 28 May	7.30 am – 1 pm	EL and MTL Oral Learning Day
Wednesday, 29 May	7.30 am – 11 am	Mathematics Timed Practices

Let us work together in synergy towards a fruitful term two.

Thank you.

Your Partner-In-Education,



Mrs Peh-Wong Wei Yong
Principal

Term 2 Calendar

Date	Events / Activities	Remarks
Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday	Public Holiday
Tue 9 April	Hari Raya Puasa Eve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dismissal will be at 10.30 am for Muslim students and staff • School as per normal for the rest of the students and staff • No after-school activities
Wed 10 April	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
Fri 26 April	Peiyong Learn and Play (P.L.A.Y) Day for P1 to P6	More information will be provided closer to the date.
Wed 24 April to Wed 8 May	WA2 for P3 to P6	More information will be provided closer to the dates.
Wed 1 May	Labour Day	Public Holiday
Thu 2 May to Thu 9 May	School Health Visit	For all students
Mon 13 May to Wed 15 May	Brunei Cultural Immersion Trip	For selected P5 students only
Thu 23 May and Fri 24 May	P1-P4 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) P5 & P6 Parent-Teacher Dialogue (PTD)	Home-Based Learning Day for all levels on both days More information will be provided closer to the dates
Sat 25 May to Sun 23 June	Second Term School Holiday	
Tue 28 May and Wed 29 May	P6 Supplementary Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 May: 7.30 am to 1 pm • 29 May: 7.30 am to 11 am
Mon 24 June	School re-opens	