



# PEIYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

*School Vision: Lifelong Learners, Leaders of Character*

*School Mission: Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential*

**Keeping in Touch**  
Letter to Parents 17/2025

24 March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you have had a good March holiday break. At Peiyong, we had a good start. Students celebrated their various milestones, and our staff encouraged our students as they made their progress. There were many “first experiences” for our students. For instance, the P1 students had their first Home-Based Learning, the P3 students had their first Track and Field event at the Yishun Stadium and the P6 students ventured to the Gardens by the Bay for their experiential learning.

Semester One is also the season of the National School Games (Senior Division). Our athletes demonstrated values like resilience, sportsmanship and teamwork. They pushed limits, learned from mistakes and grew in strength and unity.

## **Growth Mindset**

This year, the school will be introducing the concept of Growth Mindset (GM) to our students. Research shows that students who believe their abilities can grow through effort and learning perform better than those who think their talents are fixed. In our school GM lessons, students will learn practical strategies to:

- embrace challenges positively,
- learn from mistakes and feedback,
- understand that strength can be developed through effort.

We are happy to announce that every student will receive their very own Rubik's Cube in April. This puzzle is a powerful tool for developing 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies. Just as the Rubik's Cube transforms with each turn, we believe every challenge presents an opportunity for growth. When your child brings home their Rubik's Cube, do join them in solving the puzzle together. Celebrate their small wins, encourage them when they face challenges, and watch as they practise with perseverance.

## **Supporting Our Teachers and Parents Through Refreshed Guidelines for School-Home Partnership**

During MOE Schools Work Plan Seminar in 2024, Minister for Education Chan Chun Sing underscored the importance of a strong collaboration between parents and teachers to foster a positive and supportive environment for the holistic development of our children. To achieve this, the Guidelines for School-Home Partnership have been refreshed to support collaboration between parents and teachers to nurture our students. With the goal to raise a happy, confident and kind generation together, parents and teachers will focus on respectful communication with each other, being good role models to our students, and supporting them to develop strong relationships and healthy habits in the digital age. Please see *Annex A* for the complete guidelines on School-Home Partnership.

## **SG60**

As Singapore celebrates SG60 this year, Peiyong will continue our journey to guide our students to reflect on our nation-building journey and strengthen the values that have united us in overcoming past challenges, inspiring them to contribute towards our shared future. We hope that you will continue to give your best support to bring out the best in our students.

## HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

### 1. Term 2 School Calendar

Please refer to *Annex B* for the Term 2 school calendar. Schedules for academic support, programmes and co-curriculum activities will be given to your child before the programmes begin. The monthly calendar can also be found on our school website <https://www.peiyingspri.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 take place on 29 and 30 May 2025 from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. Students will participate in Home-Based Learning (HBL) activities on that day. We encourage you to take the opportunity to meet up (face-to-face or via Microsoft Teams online meet) with your child's/ward's Form Teachers to discuss how your child is developing at school. More details on registration will be shared later.

On 30 May 2025, it is also Eat with Your Family Day, a nation-wide initiative by the Ministry of Social and Family. The school will be closed at 4.30 pm to allow our staff to have their dinner with their family. We hope that you can take time to have dinner with your family on that day.

## STUDENT WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPMENT

### 3. Student Achievement

We would like to congratulate Red Cross CCA for achieving the Excellent Unit Gold Award and Brownies CCA for achieving the Puan Noor Aishah Gold Award for 2024.

### 4. Student Health Matters

We seek parents' support to keep our school a safe environment for students and in 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.

A signed letter from parent/guardian to explain absence will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis. Please note that the number of signed letters from parent/guardian should not exceed ten per year.

### 5. Leading Self

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

#### a. Cyber Wellness

The school has conducted Cyber Wellness activities focusing on 'Cyber Relationships – Developing Safe, Respectful, and Meaningful Online Interactions'. We seek your support to continue to foster a safer and more respectful digital space for your child at home. Please refer to *Annex C* for tips to share with your child.

#### b. Grow Well SG

The Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Education (MOE) and Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) have jointly launched Grow Well SG, a new national health promotion strategy to enhance preventive care and inculcate healthier lifestyles in children and adolescents. The multi-ministry strategy is aimed at holistically addressing children's health and well-being in the digital age. Grow Well SG emphasizes early intervention in four key areas:

- Eat Well - Fuel for growth and learning. Good nutrition can support growth and enhance overall health and development.
- Sleep Well - Rest for success. Healthy sleeping routines can improve concentration, mood and physical development.
- Learn Well - Engage in diverse learning experiences for holistic development. Excessive screen use and unrestricted access to digital technology may hinder our children's learning and affect their mental well-being.
- Exercise Well - Active bodies, active minds. Regular physical activity can strengthen bodies, sharpen minds and boost self-esteem.

MOH has updated its Guidance on Screen Use in Children to provide stronger advice for parents on screen use practices in children. The key changes include limiting screen use to less than two hours a day for children aged between 7 and 12 years, unless related to schoolwork. Parents should not give their children unrestricted access to mobile devices, or any access to social media services. A summary guidance for parents can be found in <https://www.moh.gov.sg/others/resources-and-statistics/guidance-on-screen-use>

### c. Vaping

We would like to highlight again that e-vaporisers are illegal in Singapore. 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 school 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. More information about the harms of vaping is available on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

## STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY

### 6. School Fire Drill and Emergency Simulation (ExRhino) Exercises

As part of the SGSecure framework to safeguard Singapore and our way of life, our school will be conducting a school fire drill exercise on 8 April morning. The school will also be coordinating with MOE HQ, Singapore Police Force and Singapore Civil Defence Force to conduct an Emergency Simulation Exercise (ExRhino) on Wednesday 30 April morning in the school to level up our school's emergency preparedness structure. Both these exercises aim to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff in preparing them to respond to emergencies in the school premises and be familiar with the safety and evacuation procedures.

## CURRICULUM MATTERS

### 7. Assessment

#### a. Weighted Assessment (WA) for P3 to P6

There would be WA which are bite-sized assessments from Term 2 Week 7 to Week 9 for our P3 to P6 students. The percentage weightage is 15%. There would be a separate notification on the details of the WA at a later date.

#### b. Absence for WA

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.

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### **8. Term 2 School Programme Highlights**

In line with our school's efforts to provide holistic education for our students, we have planned a range of programmes for them.

#### **a. English Language Reading Fiesta**

From 27 March 2025 to 11 April 2025, the school is organising the English Language Reading Fiesta to encourage students to read widely and to be confident speakers. Students can dress up in their dream jobs on 4 April 2025, as the theme for Dress-Up Day this year is 'Occupations - From All Walks of Life'. Parents of Primary 1 students are also invited on that day to come to the school to read with the P1 students. A separate letter with more details of the event will be sent via PG soon.

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>.

#### **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 'Our Power, Our Planet'. The school intends to raise awareness about environmental issues like using renewable energy and to focus on the need for energy conservation. Students will participate in Peiyong Green Initiatives such as upcycling and recycling. Students will also share their learning with their classmates and the school community.

#### **c. Peiyong Learn and Play (P.L.A.Y) Day for P1 to P6**

On 15 April 2025, 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 ALP. For our P3 to P6 students, they will learn through play in the Student Leadership and the Growth Mindset Programme in school.

The Student Leadership Programme aims to develop students to be confident, empathetic, and effective leaders. The Growth Mindset Programme aims to strengthen students' problem-solving skills through a Rubik Cube Programme. Students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm and there will be no after-school activities on this day.

#### **d. Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Fortnight**

The school will be conducting its annual MTL Fortnight from 13 to 23 May 2025, centred on the theme "Engage and Embrace Mother Tongue Languages and Culture". All students will be participating in activities designed to foster joy in learning Mother Tongue Languages. P1 and P2 students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents through singing performances, whilst P3 and P4 students will demonstrate their cultural knowledge through an engaging cultural and language quiz. P5 and P6 students will explore creative expression through

Theatre Readers. Additionally, interactive storytelling sessions will also foster a love for reading in mother tongue languages.

**e. P3 Science Learning Journey**

As part of an extension to the P3 Science curriculum to enhance students' learning on the diversity of animals, the school has planned an after-school experiential learning trip to the Singapore Science Centre. Students will be able to discover the different characteristics and adaptations of animals, in particular, insects, and learn about their life cycles.

**f. P4 Museum-Based Learning (MBL)**

The MBL experience is an integral part of the P4 Art curriculum, offering students a comprehensive exploration of local art. Through this programme, students will deepen their understanding of Singapore's history and heritage while adopting both the artist's and audience's perspectives.

**g. P5 Swimsafer Programme**

P5 students will participate in the SwimSafer Programme in Term 2 to develop essential swimming and water safety skills. The details were published via Parents Gateway on 26 February 2025.

**h. Academic Support for Primary 6 classes**

The school has planned for activities for our P6 students during the mid-year break. The canteen will be open for recess on these days. Please refer to the table below:

Day	Time	Activity
Monday, 2 June	8 am – 1.30 pm	EL and MTL Oral Learning Day
Tuesday, 3 June	8 am – 12.30 pm	Academic Support Lessons
Wednesday, 4 June		

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Muslim parents and students 'Selamat Hari Raya Aidil Fitri' in advance.

May the school experiences in term 2 bring joy and growth to your child. We look forward to partnering your child's learning journey with you!

Your Partner-In-Education,



Mrs Peh-Wong Wei Yong  
Principal

**Term 2 Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Events / Activities</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Mon 31 Mar	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
Tues 15 April	Peiyong Learn and Play (P.L.A.Y) Day for P1 to P6	More information will be provided closer to the date.
Fri 18 April	Good Friday	Public Holiday
Wed 30 April	Emergency Simulation Exercise (ExRhino)	More information will be provided closer to the date.
Thurs 1 May	Labour Day	Public Holiday
Fri 2 May to Tues 13 May	WA2 for P3 to P6	More information will be provided closer to the dates.
Fri 9 May and Fri 16 May	P4 Art Museum-Based Learning	More information will be provided closer to the dates.
Wed 14 May to Fri 16 May	Penang Cultural Immersion Trip	For selected P5 students only
Thu 29 May and Fri 30 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 31 May to Sun 29 June	June Holiday	