



# Da Qiao Primary School

8 Ang Mo Kio Street 54, Singapore 569185

## COMMUNIQUE

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### School Leaders' Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we usher in the new year of 2015, we would like to thank you for partnering with us to develop your child holistically.

Our students' wellbeing is important to us. At Da Qiao, we strive to provide a conducive environment where our students enjoy learning and play happily. We are glad to share with you that during the recent school holidays, the school has carried out some improvement projects to make Da Qiao more conducive for work, learn and play. For example, we have created a new Innovation Room for students and staff to engage in brainstorming and creative problem-solving sessions. We have also carried out various works to enhance school safety and are in an ongoing process of giving the entire school a new coat of paint.

The Chinese New Year is approaching. We wish all our Chinese students and parents a Happy and Prosperous Year of the Goat. For our non-Chinese parents, we hope you would also take the opportunity to spend quality time with your family members.

Mrs Joyce Ang (Principal)  
Mr See Kok Ching (Vice Principal)

### Important Dates

#### Common Test 1 for P3 – P6

- 2 Mar - English Paper 1 & 2
- 3 Mar - Mathematics
- 4 Mar - Science
- 5 Mar - Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2
- 6 Mar - Higher MT Paper 1 & 2 (P5 & P6)

#### Major events

- 13 Feb - Total Defence Day
- 12 Mar - Games Carnival Day
- 13 Mar - Parent-Teacher Meeting - Term 1

### Highlights

#### **Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) for P3 to P6 Pupils**

CCAs for P3 to P6 pupils will start on 7 January, Wednesday during school hours. Please note that only pupils who are involved in representing the school for competitive events are required to come for extra CCA training in the afternoons. For these additional sessions, consent forms will be issued to parents.

#### **Programme for Active Learning (PAL) and Life Skills Development Programme (LSDP) for 2015**

PAL and LSDP consist of a range of activities that provide learning experiences to enhance students' social skills and strengthen peer relations. PAL and LSDP will be held during curriculum time on Wednesdays.

#### **Media advisory released by NEA on 19 November 2014: Minimising Vehicle Idling**

To help minimise pollution and safeguard public health, parents with motor vehicles waiting to pick your child from school are strongly advised to switch off your vehicle engines.

#### **Smart Notification Acknowledgment Console (SNAC) Notification System**

The school will be embarking on the use of the SNAC Notification System for attendance-taking and sending of notifications to parents via email and smartphones. Parents will be informed and briefed on its use during the upcoming Parent Briefing this term. Please see overleaf for more details.

## **Achievements**

### **PSLE 2014**

Da Qiao has once again performed commendably in the PSLE 2014. Our students achieved 98.1% passes, above the national average. Congratulations to all graduands! We thank all our former P6 parents for their unwavering support and partnership with our teachers. We are appreciative of all our teachers who went the extra mile to prepare our students well for their milestone journey.

### **Innovation Awards 2014**

Congratulations to students of the Innovation and Enterprise Club for achieving the following stellar performances in the last quarter of 2014:

- Young Entrepreneurs Association (YEA) Award 2014 – Platinum
- ICE Challenge 2014 – Our students' product 'Sparkling Shine' achieved the 4<sup>th</sup> position in the Primary Category of the Innovation, Creativity and Enterprise (ICE) Challenge 2014.

## **Announcements**

### **Parent Briefing for P1 to P6**

You are cordially invited to attend the school's briefing for parents. This briefing will provide an overview of the key programmes and activities that your child will be involved in for the year. Details of the respective briefings are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Level(s)</b>
16 January	7.00pm – 8.30pm	P1 and P2
23 January	7.00pm – 8.30pm	P3 and P4
30 January	7.00pm – 8.30pm	P5 and P6

Please indicate your availability in the Reply Slip attached and submit it to the Form Teacher through your child, latest by 9 January.

### **Chinese New Year Celebrations**

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Wednesday 18 February. **School hours on that day will be from 7.30am to 10.00am.** Students on school bus arrangements will be informed of the pickup time by the bus transport operator. **Students will only need to come in their school uniform.**

### **Games Carnival Day**

In line with the school's objective of promoting healthy living and physical well-being, the school will be organizing a Games Carnival Day for P1 to P6 on Thursday, 12 March in the school premises from 7.30am to 11.00am. **All students will be dismissed at 11.30am.**

### **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) – Term 1**

The first PTM will be held on Friday 13 March from 7.30am to 12 noon. We encourage you to attend the meeting with your child. Please ensure that your child is in school uniform for the PTM. Details on the available time slots and the venues of meeting will be issued in a separate note by your child's form teacher at a later date. (Are we using SNAC for booking of slots?)

### **Common Test 1 (CT1)**

Please be informed of the following dates for CT1:

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Level(s)</b>
2 Mar	English Paper 1	P5 – P6
2 Mar	English Paper 2	P3 – P6
3 Mar	Mathematics	P3 – P6
4 Mar	Science	P3 – P6
5 Mar	MT Paper 1 and Paper 2	P3 – P6
6 Mar	Higher MT Paper 1 and Paper 2	P5 – P6