



# Da Qiao Primary School

A Flourishing School with Happy and Confident Learners

## COMMUNIQUE TERM 2

19 March 2018

### School Leaders' Message

Dear Parents,

'Do Good, Feel Good' was lived out by the DQ community when parents, staff and students came together to fold cranes as part of the Kindness Sticks project in partnership with Song He Rice and Jing Shan Primary School. The synergy in our endeavour to raise 1000kg of rice to be distributed to the needy in Ang Mo Kio saw us surpassing the target to fold 22873 cranes which translated to 2287kg of rice for distribution. We are grateful for the support of parents and generosity of Song He Rice.

DQ's focus on building an inclusive community of learners was heightened when we hosted students from Chaoyang School to take part in our Games Carnival. It was heart-warming to see our P5 and P6 students assume the role of buddies to help our guests enjoy the games at the various stations and interacting with them, supported by parent volunteers. Overall, the students enjoyed the camaraderie, had fun and lived out mindful sportsmanship.

The most talked about experience in Term 1 is YOLO Recess (3 per term) where students are encouraged to engage in free-play and initiate meaningful activities to participate in. The extra 30 minutes were put to good use by the students and our staff supported in facilitating engaging activities for the students. We look forward to more interesting ideas from the students and staff in making the YOLO recess enjoyable and memorable.

The good turnout at Parents' ConneXion on 19 January is an indication of the support and partnership of parents and your belief in our commitment to develop happy and confident learners. The work towards a seamless merger is well underway and the school will continue to do our best to help each child flourish under our care.

Mrs Joyce Ang (Principal)

Mr Azhar Mohd. Hussain (Vice-Principal)

### Highlights

#### **Prefects' Investiture 2018**

The Prefects' Investiture took place on Monday, 29 January 2018. Congratulations to our Head Prefect, Angela Ang! She will be assisted by Vice Head Prefects, Bernice Ng and Ezanne Ng. Together with the newly sworn-in prefects, our student leaders will strive to be role models, to do good and feel good!

#### **Games Carnival (9 March 2018)**

For this year's Games Carnival, we had the opportunity to host 35 students from Chaoyang School. To nurture the spirit of "Inclusion in Sports" through active participation, 68 P5 and P6 students volunteered to buddy up with our invited guests and facilitate their participation at the different sporting stations. The Chaoyang students had an enjoyable time and they also made new friends!

Our heartfelt thanks to ActiveSG for providing sporting opportunities for our students. We would also like to thank our parents who have supported us in the event.

### Important Dates

22-24 Mar	P5 Camp
26 Mar-6 Apr	MTL Fortnight
30 Mar	Good Friday Holiday
6 Apr	International Friendship Day
9-13 Apr	Science Week
16-27 Apr	EL Fortnight
23-27 Apr	Green Gratitude Week
23-26 Apr	SA1 Oral
1 May	Labour Day Holiday
3-11 May	SA1 Written
18 May	VIA Day
25 May	PTM



## Achievements

### **South Zone Primary Schools Basketball Championship 2018**

This year, both the Junior and Senior Boys had a tough campaign. Despite their best efforts, the Senior team bowed out of the competition after the first round while our Junior team reached the quarter-finals. Despite facing strong opposition, they fought hard and did not allow challenges to hold them back and that in itself was a commendable achievement. We thank the boys for showing a high level of sportsmanship and discipline in all the matches that they were involved in.

## Announcements

### **Intervention Classes**

Intervention Sessions for students will resume in **Week 2**.

### **Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight (26 March – 6 April)**

To enhance the learning experience for students and to fuel their interest in learning their Mother Tongue Languages (MTL), all students can look forward to special activities conducted during the MTL Fortnight. These activities aim to encourage our students to use MTL and appreciate the cultures associated with their MTL.

### **English Language (EL) Fortnight (16 April to 27 April)**

As part of the Whole School Approach to Effective Communication, students are provided with specialised activities to develop their oracy over the six years at Da Qiao. Primary 2 students are currently learning Voice Projection and Articulation in their EL lessons through Speech and Drama. The rest of the students will be busy participating in activities related to theatrical expressions and story-telling. These activities will culminate in performances within the classes and levels, providing every child with the opportunity to speak and express themselves with greater confidence.

### **Values In Action (VIA) Day (18 May)**

Values In Action Day creates authentic learning experiences that provide students with platforms to give back to the community. It is also a day for parent, child and teacher to strengthen their bonds as they work on a meaningful activity together. We cordially invite you to participate in our VIA Day on Friday, 18 May from 7.30am to 10.30am. All students will be dismissed at 10.30am. More details will be provided at a later date.

### **Learning Fest 2018 for Positive Education (18 May)**

The Learning Fest is proudly organised by Da Qiao Primary to enable teachers from other schools to learn more about Positive Education in our school. It will be held on Friday, 18 May 2017. There will be no after-school activity on that day.

### **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) (25 May)**

PTM will be held on Friday, 25 May from 7.30am to 1pm. We encourage your child to attend the meeting with you. Please ensure that your child is in school uniform for the PTM. More details will be provided at a later date.

### **Semestral Assessment 1 (SA1)**

Date(s)	Subject	Level(s)
23 Apr	English and MTL Oral	P3 and P4
24 Apr	English and MTL Oral	P5
24 Apr	English Oral	P6
26 Apr	MTL Oral	P6
3 May	EL Paper 1/EL Listening Comprehension	P3 – P6
4 May	MTL Paper 1/MTL Listening Comprehension	P3 – P6
7 May	EL Paper 2	P3 – P6
8 May	Mathematics	P3 – P6
9 May	MTL Paper 2	P3 – P6
10 May	Science	P3 – P6
11 May	HMT Paper 1 and 2	P5 and P6