



# Da Qiao Primary School

A Flourishing School with Happy and Confident Learners

## COMMUNIQUE TERM 3

27 June 2016

### School Leaders' Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the start of Term 3, we bid farewell to our Vice Principal, Mr See Kok Ching, put on record his four and a half years of dedicated service to Da Qiao Primary School and wish him all the best in his new posting. We also welcome our new Vice Principal, Mr Azhar, who joined the school on 15 June.

I hope you have enjoyed reading the first issue of our 2016 DQ Voices which adopts a refreshing new look and captures the rich learning and experiences of our students in the Lower, Middle and Upper School. There is also a 'Tips to Parents' segment which you would find useful. As a school community, we endeavour to continue to help our students to GROW, STRIVE and EXCEL to flourish in all that they do.

We are proud to share that Da Qiao will be working closely with our community partners to support Jalan Kayu Day in conjunction with our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Look out for DQ Happiness Trail, designed to bring joy to the community on 24<sup>th</sup> July!

As Term 3 is typically a more rigorous term due to the progression of learning, mastery of skills as well as the celebration of school/national events, we seek parents' support to work alongside the teachers to inspire and engage our students in their holistic development. Cheers to a flourishing school community!

Mrs Joyce Ang (Principal)

### Important Dates

#### Common Test 2 for P3 to P5

- 22 Aug English Paper 1 & 2
- 23 Aug Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
- 24 Aug Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2
- 25 Aug Science
- 26 Aug Higher MT Paper 1 & 2 (P5)

#### P6 Preliminary/PSLE Examinations

- 28 July Prelim Oral Exams Day 1
- 29 July Prelim Oral Exams Day 2
- 15 Aug Prelim Listening Comprehension
- 18 Aug PSLE Oral Exams Day 1
- 19 Aug PSLE Oral Exams Day 2
- 22 Aug Prelim English Paper 1 & 2
- 23 Aug Prelim Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
- 24 Aug Prelim Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2
- 25 Aug Prelim Science
- 26 Aug Prelim Higher MT Paper 1 & 2

### Highlights

#### **Values in Action Day 2016**

VIA Day, in conjunction with Singapore Kindness Day @ SG, was held on 20 May 2016 and was well received by our parents. We had about 100 parents and parent volunteers who turned up to work hand in hand with our teachers and their children to put values into action as they gave back to the community. The theme 'Serving with a Heart' captured the essence of the activities for the day. The school collaborated with community partners such as AWWA, AMK Town Council and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty towards Animals (SPCA) as we engaged students in meaningful activities to do good and in turn, feel good.

#### **35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

As part of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, the school is focusing on putting **Values into Action**. The school leveraged school events to promote acts of kindness. Thus far, **35o Acts of Kindness** have been completed either at Home, School or within the Community. Da Qiao is also collaborating with Jalan Kayu CC on community projects such as sprucing up homes under the Home Improvement Schemes and beautifying the void deck through Mural Painting at Blk 564, Ang Mo Kio Ave 3. We would also be featuring the DQ Happiness Trail during the Jalan Kayu Day. Come and join us on 24 July 2016 from **5pm to 8 pm** at the hardcourt beside block 564, Ang Mo Kio Ave 3. The Guest of Honour is our Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

## Achievements

### **Speak Up! Kids Public Speaking Competition**

Congratulations to twelve selected students in P4, P5 and P6 for being shortlisted to participate in the semi-finals of the inaugural national Speak Up! Kids Public Speaking competition. The semi-final was on Saturday, 25 June 2016. We look forward to receiving good news.

## Announcements

### **Temperature-Taking Exercise**

Please remind your child and ensure that he/she has a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) for the temperature-taking exercise on **Thursday, 30 June**. He/She will have to bring his ODT to school for checking on 28 June and 29 June. New ODTs can be purchased from the school bookshop at \$4.50 each if their current ODTs are not working.

### **ICT Learning Devices through Library Loan**

Computing devices and access to the internet have become a necessity for work, play and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. To encourage our students to be self-directed in their learning, a set of ICT learning devices such as laptops, iPads and Chromebooks with preinstalled apps, are now available for loan in the school. Students may borrow these ICT devices after school hours from 2pm to 4pm daily.

### **National Education (NE) Show for P5 students (9 July)**

To impart the significance of National Day, all Primary 5 students will be given the opportunity to attend a preview of the 51<sup>st</sup> National Day parade. The NE Show will be held at the National Stadium on Saturday, 9 July. A separate letter with further details will be issued to P5 parents.

### **Racial Harmony Day (21 July)**

The school will be celebrating Racial Harmony Day on Thursday, 21 July. It is a day for students to reflect on, and celebrate our success as a harmonious nation and society built on a rich diversity of cultures and heritages. Students are encouraged to put on their ethnic costumes with their usual white school shoes on that day.

### **National Day Celebrations (8 August)**

We celebrate Singapore's 51<sup>st</sup> birthday on Monday, 8 August. **School hours on that day will be from 7.30am to 9.30am.** Students are strongly encouraged to come to school dressed in red and white with their usual white school shoes. They do not have to bring their school bags. Please ensure that the necessary transport arrangement is made for your child. Lessons will resume on **Thursday, 11 August**.

### **Teachers' Day Celebrations (1 September)**

Teachers' Day Celebrations will take place on Thursday, 1 September. Normal school hours apply.

### **School/Public Holidays**

Please be informed that students do NOT need to report to school on the following days:

<b>Day / Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Applicable to</b>
Mon / 4 Jul	Youth Day	All students
Wed / 6 July	Hari Raya Puasa	All students
Tues & Wed / 9 & 10 Aug	National Day Holiday	All students
Thu & Fri / 18 & 19 Aug	PSLE Oral	P1 – P5 students
Fri / 2 Sep	Teachers' Day	All students
Sat – Sun / 3 – 11 Sep	Term 3 School Holidays	All students (except P6 students with supplementary classes, based on their lesson schedule)
Mon / 12 Sep	Hari Raya Haji	All students
Fri / 16 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P1 – P5 students