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Principal's Letter – Term 4, September 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to Term 4 at QPS

We ended Term 3 on a wonderfully high note with a Teachers' Day lunch and Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations which brought together various stakeholders in the school including our extremely committed and ever so supportive *Parent Support Group* (PSG) volunteers and the parents of our Primary One and Two pupils, members of our *School Advisory Committee* (SAC) as well as the teachers and pupils of Qifa. In reality, it felt more like a family or community gathering as we spent an evening together amidst food, fun and laughter.

Please allow me to highlight some important dates that you will need to take note of in Term 4:

S/N	Day/Date	Activity/Event/Public Holiday	Remarks
1.	Friday, 19/9/2014	PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination	No school for all P3-5 pupils.
2.	Friday, 3/10/2014	Children's Day Holiday	No school for all pupils.
3.	Monday, 6/10/2014	Hari Raya Haji	No school for all pupils.
4.	Tuesday, 14/10/2014	PSLE Marking Exercise – Day 1	No school for all pupils.
5.	Wednesday, 15/10/2014	PSLE Marking Exercise – Day 2	No school for all pupils.
6.	Thursday, 16/10/2014	PSLE Marking Exercise – Day 3	No school for all pupils.
7.	Friday, 17/10/2014	PSLE Marking Exercise – Day 4	No school for all pupils.
8.	Wednesday, 22/10/2014	Deepavali	No school for all pupils.
9.	Wednesday, 5/11/2014	School Administrative Day	No school for all pupils.
10.	Friday, 14/11/2014	Honours Day	No school except for P5 and 6 prize-winners.

***Every Student, an Engaged Learner**

Strategic Thrust 1 - Providing a Holistic and Value-added Education

Qifa's Academic & Non-Academic Achievements

Kiran our 6E boy aced the **Gold award** in the *Babble and Speak 2014 Competition Team Challenge* while a trio comprising Owen Ho from 5A, Pang Ka Chun from 5B and See Leng Kiat from 5E won the **Championship** in the *Civica's 'Know Your Country' 2014 Competition*.

Our Primary Three pupil, Nyla Putri from Class 3E emerged as the **second runner-up** in the finals of the *2014 YMCA Plain English Speaking Awards (PESA)* in the Lower Primary category. You can view a video presentation of Nyla's speech on the PESA Facebook page.

In the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), the school secured **2 High Distinctions** and **11 Distinctions** for *Computer Skills* and our P2 boy, David Tay from 2A won a coveted **medal** for *Mathematics*, which is awarded to pupils with the top score in each subject in each year level. Our Primary Five pupils also achieved commendable results at the *National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore 2014 Competition* with a total of **2 Silver awards, 2 Bronze awards** and **7** of them earned an **Honourable Mention**.

Wang Yu Ting from 6B won a **Commendation award** for the *National On-the-Spot Chinese Writing Competition*. In the *Zhang Shou Shi National Calligraphy and Chinese Painting Exhibition*, Lin Xier from 5E was presented the **Bronze Award** in calligraphy for the Primary Category. Both the paintings of Xier and Wong Shi Qi from 4B were selected for the exhibition. In addition, the poems composed by Ye Yushi and Lin Zhenhan from 5E were also selected for display at the Esplanade's recent *Moonfest 艺满中秋 2014*.

Four of our Malay pupils, Puteri Ellysha Rizziyanti, Puteri Ummairah Ramlee from 5G, Rabiatul M Z from 5A and Aleesyah Ayuni Akbar from 3D, clinched the **Excellence in Graphics Award** in the *Lensa Bahasa Vodcast or Video Casting* organised by the Curriculum Planning and Development Division (CPDD) in MOE. Ashraf Ishak from 6E, Yulvia Yuldarima from 6G and Asyurah Azman from 5B secured **3 Silver Awards** in the *National Essay Writing Competition* organised by EDN Media. Not to be outdone by her seniors, Ramar Perumalsamy Swati from 1D came in **first** for both the *Thirukkural Recitation and Singing Competition* at Gek Poh Ville Community Centre.

For Science, two teams of Primary Five pupils participated in the *West 1 Cluster Young Investigators Project* and they walked away with **1 Gold Award, 1 Silver Award and a Viewer's Choice Award**.

In Sports, our girls emerged as the **Champions** in the *National Inter-primary Schools Soft Volleyball Championships* while our Boys came in **Fourth**. In the *8th Singapore National Junior Watercolour Competition 2014*, Nurul Afiqah Basiron from 5F won the **Consolation Prize**. Nurul had participated in this competition together with six other budding Qifa artists from our Art Talent Development Programme.

Children's Day Celebrations 2014

Children's Day is celebrated every year to recognise the uniqueness of each child and the potential s/he possesses. This year, our celebrations will be held on **Thursday, 2 October**. It will be a normal school day but our Primary One and Two pupils will join us for the concert at 11:30 a.m. Friday, 3 October will be a school holiday.

***Every Parent, a Supportive Partner**

Strategic Thrust 3 – Building Effective and Sustained Partnerships

PSLE and End-of-Year Examinations

Term 4 is often associated with the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) and End-of-Year examinations for the other levels. I just distributed a lovingly prepared '*PSLE Care Pack*' to every one of our Primary Six pupils to wish them well as they sit for their first national examinations. We pray and hope for good health, focus, wisdom and perseverance for our P6s as they prepare to sit for their PSLE papers. For the parents of the Primary Two to Five pupils, we seek your support in working closely with the school to consolidate your child/ward's learning for the year as they sit for their SA2.

Home-School Partnership

As we come to the close of 2014, I would like to specially thank you, our parents, for your continual close partnership and support, which have enabled the bountiful harvest of amazing achievements Qifa has achieved this year.

My teachers and I look forward to a fulfilling term with the children. I am very heartened to receive feedback and complimentary emails for my staff from our parents, and would like to thank all for your support for the school as we work together towards the growth and development of your child/ward in Qifa.

Yours sincerely

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Principal