



Principal's Letter – Term 1, January 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome Back 😊

On behalf of the staff at Qifa Primary School, I would like to wish you and your family a joyous new year. We hope that each child will have a fruitful year ahead filled with rich learning, deep friendships and personal growth.

Self-Introduction

It is my honour to serve the school as its newly appointed principal, and I look forward to our close partnership as we strive to provide your child with a student-centric, values-driven holistic education. I have been in the education service for more than 17 years. Prior to joining Qifa, I was vice-principal at Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary). I have had stints in the Curriculum and Assessment divisions in the Ministry of Education (MOE). I completed my postgraduate studies in Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment in London under the MOE Overseas Full-Time Masters Scholarship in 2010. I am confident that my teaching, management and leadership experiences in both the neighbourhood and autonomous schools, and my work experience gained from the HQ stints in both assessment and curriculum have equipped me with certain relevant skills and attributes for this leadership role in Qifa.

***Every Teacher, a Caring Educator**

New Appointments & New Staff

The school would like to congratulate Miss Uma on her appointment as our second vice-principal (academic). Miss Uma was formerly our School Staff Developer. In addition, we would like to welcome to the management team Mrs Sia Song Ling, Head of Department for Science previously from Henry Park Primary School, and from within Mr Nur Haqam, Head of Department for Aesthetics, and Mrs Jasmin Chua, Level Head for Mathematics.

In addition, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new staff: Ms Chan Yuet May, an experienced teacher from Zhangde Primary, Ms Tan Yin Ying and Ms Germaine Jiang who are both joining the Chinese Language department as well as Mdm Punitha, Allied Educator for Aesthetics.



*Every School, a Good School

School Strategic Directions

In our effort to deliver a student-centric, values-driven holistic education for your child/ward, the school has articulated a new strategic framework to guide us towards achieving the school mission.

QIFA STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



The metaphor of a house is used in the Qifa Strategic Framework above. The foundation of this framework is our school values 'ASPIRE'. The four pillars represent the four key strategic thrusts which seek to achieve the school mission which constitutes the roof of the house. The strategic thrusts are aligned to the four key attributes of a student-centric, values-driven education outlined by our minister at the last MOE workplan seminar.



Improvements to School Facilities

Renovation works have started in the school as part of the Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) upgrading. The upgrading will last for about two years after which we can look forward to an enhanced physical tone of environment for pupils' learning including a new indoor sports hall, basketball court, performing arts studio in the media resource library, dance studio as well as a broadcast studio.

Conduct of Temperature Taking Exercise

As part of our measures to maintain the school's preparedness to ensure that all pupils are familiar with temperature-taking in order to provide a healthy and safe environment for all in the school, there will be a temperature-taking exercise conducted on **Monday, 7 Jan 13** by the school. Each Primary One pupil will be issued a free thermometer during the temperature-taking exercise.

We will be conducting a pre-exercise check on Oral Digital Thermometers (ODTs) on **Thursday, 3 Jan 2013**. We would like to seek your assistance in ensuring that your child/ward brings his/her personal ODT on the two days mentioned.

***Every Parent, a Supportive Partner**

Networking Sessions

As mentioned earlier, my team and I would like to forge closer partnerships with you therefore I hope to meet up with you at the upcoming Networking Sessions this term. I will be sharing with you more details of the school's directions and programmes for 2013. During these sessions, you will also have the opportunity to meet with your child/ward's Form &/or Co-Form Teachers. More details on the above will be sent in a letter to you at a closer date.

Primary 1-2

0900-1200 Saturday 2 February 2013

Primary 3, 4 & 5

1830-2000 Friday 25 January 2013

Primary 6

1830-2000 Thursday 31 January 2013



QIFA PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Partnership with you

Throughout the year, if you have any pressing concerns or constructive feedback for us please feel free to approach your child/ward's Form and/or Co-Form Teacher, or email us at the following school email address: qifa_ps@moe.edu.sg.

We look forward to an enriching year ahead for your child/ward at Qifa Primary School, and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

May Wong-Tan

Principal