



Principal's Letter – Term 2, March 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to Term 2 at QPS

It was a joy to be greeted by the children's warm and cheerful smiles again after a week's break. We ended Term 1 with our annual *Upper Primary Sports Carnival* which saw our children pitting against the others in their level in various sports and games which tested their teamwork and perseverance, encouraged by the spontaneous cheers from their classmates. The sports carnival ended with a bang with everyone's favourite competition – the class cheers.

***Every Student, an Engaged Learner**

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

Qifa's Non-Academic Achievements

Our pupils demonstrated the school values: *resilience* and *self-discipline*, as they battled their way in the West Zone Inter-Primary Schools Volleyball Championships to emerge as **Champions** for the **Senior Boys and Girls** teams and **Third Position** for the **Junior Boys** team. All three teams have progressed to the National Inter-Primary Schools Volleyball Championships.

In addition, three pupils who shared a similar interest in Weiqi came together on their own to participate in the National Youth Weiqi Championships 2013. I am proud to announce that their passion and *enterprising spirit* have earned them a **fourth** placing in the Group F Primary 3 category.

The school would like to acknowledge the critical support of parents as we strive to provide a holistic education for our pupils.

Overseas Immersion Programmes

Our school believes in creating opportunities for experiential learning for our pupils and in the value of internationalisation in developing in our pupils the 21st century competencies of global awareness and cross-cultural skills and sensitivities. Therefore we have planned a few overseas immersion programmes for our Primary 4 and 5 pupils this year.



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For the Primary 4 pupils, they will go on a two-day study trip to Malacca in September where they will be exposed to a different historical and geographical environment in our neighbouring country. For the Primary 5 pupils, two overseas trips have been planned for the month of June. There will be an overseas trip led by myself and the HOD, Character and Citizenship Education to Dabu, China for the Chinese pupils to better acquaint themselves with Qifa's Hakka past, and to gain a better understanding of the Chinese culture and history as well as interact with two local schools there. There is another trip led by vice-principal, Ms Uma and HOD Information Technology/Media Resource Library that is open to all pupils to Bangkok, Thailand to visit our partner school there. More details on the above overseas trips will be provided at a later date. I hope that you will encourage your child(ren) in Primary 4 and/or 5 to participate in these cultural immersion trips which also seek to inculcate important lifeskills and values in the children such as working well with others, independence and *self-discipline*.

***Every Parent, a Supportive Partner**

Strategic Thrust 3 – Building Effective and Sustained Partnerships

Home-School Partnership

I would like to express my deep appreciation to all the parents who turned up for our networking sessions in January this year. The turnout was encouraging, and we are heartened by your commitment to partner us in your child's education. In addition, I would like to add a special thank you to all our parent volunteers many of whom we met at the welcoming tea which the school hosted for you on 22nd February. We really appreciate your support and active involvement in many of our school programmes including KidsRead, canteen duty, serving as chaperons in our many learning journeys and so on. Your contributions have greatly enriched the learning and development of our children, and made a real difference to Qifa.

The Qifa Carnival

Our third bi-annual Qifa Carnival will take place at the start of Term 3 on **Saturday 6 July 2013** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is an event which our children and all stakeholders look forward to as we come together to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Foundation. Besides fund raising, the carnival also enables the school to showcase our teaching and learning programmes as well as foster home-school collaboration. Parents, we look forward to your show of support for the good cause that the school has adopted through your



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purchase of the carnival coupons. A letter will be sent out to you to furnish you with the details of the carnival at a later time.

Wishing everyone good health and a productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely

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Principal