



A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are into the second month of the academic year and I can see that the students have already settled in to the hustle and bustle of school life!

A special note for the parents of primary one students

I am heartened to note that the primary ones are so eager to come to school every day. They are happy and are keen to learn. We hope to enlist your help to remind the young ones, the school routines and etiquette, especially in engaging with one another.

Happenings in February

The month of February is an invigorating one. We have just celebrated Chinese New Year, highlighted with the much anticipated Lion Dance. It has been a long while since we were able to gather as a school and parent community. This year marks the first Honours Day celebration post-pandemic. I am sure many of you are looking forward to seeing your pride and joy receive prizes for their accomplishments in 2022. CCAs have also started for the primary threes to sixes, with a bang – the NSG Games are back in full force!

A holistic education that focuses on both academic and non-academic areas

You would notice from the online school calendar (found in the school website) that a range of programmes and activities have been planned to cater to the holistic development of your child. In the area of academic learning, we have been / will be conducting extra lessons in the form of supplementary and/or remedial lessons to support your child. Other specialised interventions such as the School Dyslexic Remediation (SDR) and Reading Remediation Programme (RRP) etc and enrichment classes have also been planned. Your child is strongly encouraged to attend, especially the remedial lessons, SDR and RRP which have been designed to help him/her in his/her weak areas.

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I also wish to alert you to the Assessment Schedules that have been uploaded onto the school website. If you did not attend the e-Parent Seminars, do make it a point to refer to the website for information.

The New Student Whitespace (SWS) from 12.30pm to 1.30pm on Wednesdays

With the reorganization of the timetable for 2023, we were able to create a one-hour SWS for our children to explore, discover their passions and learn differently. Students get plenty of opportunities for activities such as the Student Leaders' training and workshops, Collaborative Group Work as well as the usual staples such as Buddy Reading /Oral Practices etc. For those who are not required to attend these, it is also a welcome change for them as they get to go back home earlier, to relax, enjoy some private time and re-charge before finishing the rest of the week.

To end this message, I would like to remind all parents to be patient in the mornings as we navigate the traffic situation. As we try our best to alleviate the traffic woes, let us remember to be kind and give way to one another as we prioritise the safety of our children.

Yours sincerely,



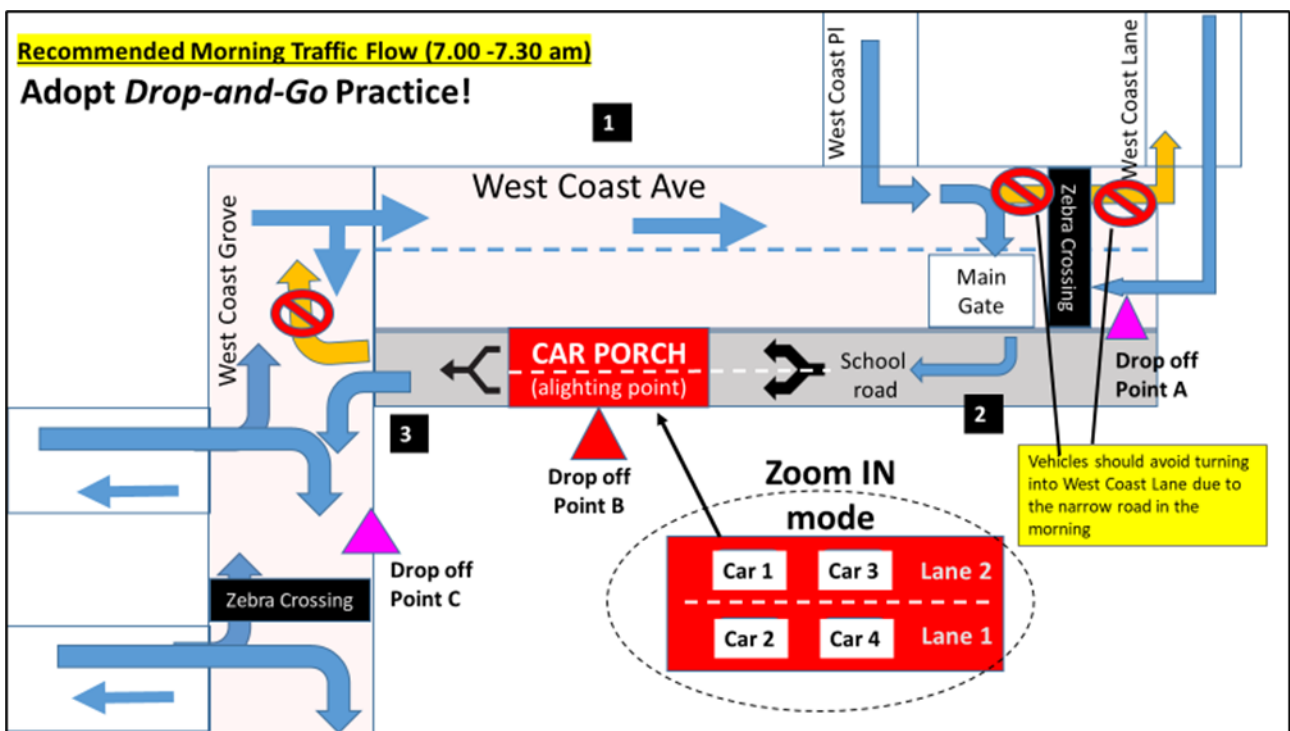
Mrs Catherine Chiang
Principal

Admin Matters

1. Update on Traffic Matters

We have reached out to LTA regarding the daily morning traffic congestion issue. The Officers did a site visit on last Tuesday to assess the traffic situation and would table it as an item for discussion with the Neighbourhood Committee. In the meantime, school will be conducting a **pilot project** to regulate the traffic within the school premise.

With effect from **Tuesday, 7 February 2023**, we will open **two lanes at the car porch** to help smoothen the traffic flow. There will have a team of duty personnel led by Operations Managers, Mr Tan Seng Chuan and Mr Mike Loke who will be on site to direct the traffic. Kindly refer to the map below for the proposed traffic movement:



Admin Matters — Update on Traffic Matters (cont'd)

SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY! Hence, in addition to familiarising with the movement plan, please take note and observe the following important points:

- Be **patient** and **cooperate** with the Duty Personnel
- **DO NOT** alight your child/ward before reaching the car porch, i.e. Drop Off Point B (for the safety of your child/children and others)
- **Alight on the LEFT side of the vehicle (regardless of the lane)**
- **Drop and Go** (refrain from alighting from the vehicle to assist your child/children)
 - Children should get ready when approaching the porch
- Maintain the speed limit of **15 km/h**
- **AVOID** driving parallel to the big school buses (for ease of maneuvering and visibility purpose)
- Keep a lookout for **pedestrians** at all time
- Make way for **staff** who need to park their vehicles
- Make way for **school buses** when turning into students drop off points

During the pilot period, we will continue to monitor and review the situation, and make further finetuning to the process.

We seek your fullest cooperation to comply with the above. Together with your strong support, we believe we will be able to make the journey to school a much more pleasant experience for all.



Mrs Diana Kang
Vice-Principal

Admin Matters

2. School Smart Card (EZ-Link) Photo-Taking

There will be a School Smart Card (EZ-Link) photo-taking session for all P1 and P6 students on the following day as indicated below. Students are reminded to be in their school uniform on that day.

Level	Date of Photo-Taking
All Primary 1 Students	21 February 2023 (Tuesday)
All Primary 6 Students	22 February 2023 (Wednesday)



Ms Kasturi Selvarajoo
Administration Manager

Key Updates

1. First Day of School & Primary 1 Orientation Programme 2023

On 3 January 2023, we welcomed our newest members to the Qifa family – our Primary 1 (P1) students! A customised programme was planned for that day. The P1 students spent four days orienting to the new school environment. The P1 orientation programme focused on providing the students with a sense of belonging and a safe environment to explore and learn. They met new friends, learnt about new rules and expectations and went on tours around the school. This year, parents were invited to attend a Parenting Talk on Transition by an invited guest speaker in the hall.

The highlight of the day for the parents and students had to be recess! Students had their first taste of independence choosing from the array of food available in the canteen with the assistance of teachers. Parents also had the chance to observe their child from a distance.

On Day 2 to 4, we had the P4 and P1 buddy programme. The P4 buddies wrote a welcome note to their juniors and accompanied the P1 students for recess. The P1 students returned their warm welcome with a thank you note. At the end of the first week, the P1 have come to know the school better and are ready for this new phase of their schooling year.



Class time



Check-in!

Key Updates — 1st Day of School & P1 Orientation Programme (cont'd)



Big book reading



School tour



Parents at the hall



Washing hands before recess



Time for recess!



Queueing for food



At the lower indoor sports hall after recess



Dismissal time!

Key Updates — 1st Day of School & P1 Orientation Programme (cont'd)

On **4 January 2023**, we also welcomed back the **Primary 2 to 6 students** for the new school year. Lessons were suspended for the day for the students to transit smoothly into the new year, and for the P3 and 5 students, to their new classes and Form Teachers.

The day began in the hall with Mrs Chiang, our Principal addressing the students with her welcome speech. Thereafter, different programmes and briefings are conducted for the students according to their level. Some of the activities included check in lessons; class interaction time; Dettol – Hygiene Quest zoom talk; and P1-4 Buddy programme. The students also had a chance to meet their level Year Head/ Assistant Year Head, the level Form Teachers as well as the Discipline Teacher in the level talk.

With the tone and expectation set right on Day 1, the students are ready for what 2023 has in store for them!

Class Interaction Time – BINGO!



Check in lesson



Dettol – Hygiene Quest

Ms Camy Ong
Year Head / Middle Primary

Key Updates

2. Chinese New Year Celebration 2023

The school celebrated Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rabbit on Friday, 20 January 2023. The theme for this year is “兔飞猛进，前兔似锦”. In this new year, we hope that our students will continue to excel and soar high.

Chinese New Year celebration is back in full swing after two years of COVID restrictions. The festive celebration was conducted on a large scale. Our very own Chinese Drums Troupe kicked off the celebration with loud drumming and put up a fascinating performance to welcome the school, our stakeholders including the School Advisory Committee and Parents Support Group, and invited guests. The much awaited lion dance troupe also landed in Qifa to usher in the new year with a roar.

To enhance students' awareness of the cultural significance of traditional practices and values, teachers from the Chinese Department performed a live skit and conducted a game segment which our students enjoyed and participated enthusiastically. The energy level in the hall was further uplifted with high-energy performances by our students from the Chinese Dance and Guzheng Ensemble. The concert ended on a high note with the whole school immersed in a Sing-Along session involving classic Chinese New Year songs.

The entire school celebration ended off with a classroom activity where students wrote and put their well wishes and blessings in red packets that they prepared for their peers. The following pages are some photos taken during the Chinese New Year Celebration.



Mr Kenny Ng
HOD / Mother Tongue Languages

Key Updates — Chinese New Year Celebration 2023 (cont'd)



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GUZHENG ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE



Start a family

Key Updates — Chinese New Year Celebration 2023 (cont'd)



Key Updates — Chinese New Year Celebration 2023 (cont'd)



Key Updates

3. e-Parents Seminars 2023

Thank you for taking time to attend the e-Parents' Seminars 2023 on 26 and 27 January 2023. During the Question-and-Answer (Q&A) session, we were glad that many parents were forthcoming in posting your questions on the recent MOE initiatives and matters related to our school programmes. For parents who were unable to attend the session, you can refer to our resources uploaded on our school website, under the "Partnership" tab, or refer to the QR code below. You can also look forward to receiving the collated FAQs and responses via PG soon.

We hope that you also had a fruitful time interacting with your child's Form Teachers during the Class Engagement session. Form teachers have shared their class routines and expectations, as well as photographs of the interesting activities that their class had participated in.

As a school, we firmly believe that every parent is a supportive and valued partner. Thank you once again for partnering us in bringing out the best in your child!



<https://go.gov.sg/qifapartnership>

Mrs Nicole Goh
Year Head / Upper Primary

Key Updates

4. January and February Chinese Book Recommendations

“假期阅读乐”推荐书单

The Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning (CPCLL) and National Library Board (NLB) had recommended some e-books and physical books in January and February to cultivate reading habits and interest in reading Chinese books among our students. You can refer to the attached recommended book list and engage your child/ward in reading.

In this Book Recommendation list, your child/ward can select books of his/her interest and then borrow the E-books. Otherwise, he/she can scan the QR code and explore Libby website to look for more book recommendations. The book recommendations for February include stories on growing up, school campus and local picture books. Enclosed below are the physical and e-books recommendations for reading.

We hope that these recommendations will help our students to explore different genres of books and read widely.

低年级

儿童阅读推荐

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新春佳节
儿童阅读推荐

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小学高年级

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学校生活 儿童阅读推荐

小学低年级

- 课堂上大胆举手发言
- 只有一个学生的课桌
- 我的守护熊

小学高年级

- 小美的新朋友
- 我会学习了
- 小尼古拉在学校

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