



A Note from the Vice-Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we step into the final term of the academic year, we are thrilled to share with you that school continues to be buzzing with an array of activities for students across the different levels. Both in and out of classrooms, we could see students participating in meaningful work that enhances their ability to create, collaborate, communicate with confidence and clarity. With students becoming active agents in their learning process, the level of engagement is further deepened into a positive and transformative learning experience which yields remarkable results in enhanced motivation and ownership for one's learning.



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One of the key factors contributing to this positive transformation is the emphasis on creating a safe learning space that encourages students to not only absorb information but also to discern and apply it creatively. We are incredibly proud of the positive atmosphere that has emerged within the Qifa Community. It is a testament to the dedication of our teachers, the enthusiasm of our students and the unwavering support of our Parent Support Group and parents like you. Together, we are shaping a wholesome educational experience that not only imparts skills and knowledge, develops 21CC and dispositions but also inculcates values and fosters a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.

As partners in your child's education, we value your input and encourage open communication. In addition to the monthly Qifa Bulletin, we also kept parents updated of life in Qifa via our Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/qifa_ps/. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us directly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diana Kang', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Diana Kang
Vice-Principal

Admin Matters

1. School Medical Screening for P1-6 Students

The Health Promotion Board's School Health Service will be visiting our school to conduct the annual health screening from 31st October 2023 to 10th November 2023.

Please refer to the following table for the types of screening provided for the students:

Level	Type of Screening
Primary 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision screening (Eyesight test) • 3D vision screening • Growth & development assessment • Hearing screening • Immunisation if required
Primary 2, 3 and 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening (Vision screening) • Height and BMI for selected students
Primary 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour vision screening • Growth & development assessment • Spinal screening for scoliosis (<i>girls only</i>) • Immunisation
Primary 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spinal screening for scoliosis (<i>girls only</i>) • Height and BMI for selected students

Please access the following websites for more information on:

- Immunisations offered to primary school students — [Student Immunisation](#)
- Screening services offered to primary school students — [Health Screening for Primary School Students](#)

Please access the [Child Consent Portal](#) to update your child's medical information and provide consent for immunisation. Please note that immunisation will only be administered to your child if required. *No further action is needed if this has been previously submitted in early 2023 or there is no update.*



Ms Angela Lim
Administrative Executive

Key Updates

1. Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC) 2023

Qifa Primary School conducted our Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC) for the Primary 2 on 25 August 2023. To make this a fruitful and meaning conference, our teachers facilitated students' reflections using Making Thinking Visible (MTV) routines regularly during lessons and guided the students to select appropriate artefacts of their learning to include in their learning portfolios for sharing with their parents.

We would like to thank you, parents for your active participation in the conference and your openness in sharing and learning about your child's progress from a different perspective. Your appreciation and encouragement notes to your child also brought a smile to your child.

Finally, a pat on the back to our resilient Primary 2 students who have put in their best efforts and thoughts in the preparation and sharing passionately about their learning journey this year. We hope you have enjoyed the conference as much as we did. Let's look forward to more SPTC in the years to come!



Mdm Lily Tan
Year Head / Lower Primary

Key Updates — SPTC 2023 (cont'd)



A parent giving the appreciation card to the child.



SPTC in session



A student sharing about something she did during PAL lesson.



A student demonstrating a skill he learnt during PE.

Key Updates

2. Teachers' Day Celebration 2023

You Are Our Sunshine!

This year's Teachers' Day celebration kicked off early with a concert on 30 August. The theme – *You Are Our Sunshine* – sought to recognise the role that teachers play in their students' lives: as beacons of knowledge, guiding them towards success. The concert began with a Teachers' Day speech given by our Principal, Mrs Chiang. Thereafter, she led the teachers in the recitation of the Teachers' Pledge, testifying and renewing their commitment and mission as educators.

The first concert item was a tribute video for teachers created by our very own Qifa News Network (QNN) team. This was followed by a performance by our lower primary students from the KidsRead programme. Their enthusiastic performance was based on the book *'The Crane and the Crab'*, which is based on an Indian folklore and retold by the late Mr S R Nathan, a former President of Singapore.



Screenshot from Tribute Video by Qifa News Network (QNN)



Our P1 & P2 KidsREAD performers reading the story of 'The Crane and the Crab'

Key Updates — Teachers' Day Celebration 2023 (cont'd)

The students and teachers were then serenaded by the school's very own singer-songwriters: Wyatt Aw (4C), Verlyn Ong (4C), Ge Jingyue (4G) and Janice Zoey Hermanto (4G). They reprised the self-composed song "Dreams Made Possible", which they had earlier submitted as an entry to this year's SYF Youth Station Project, earning a spot in the Top 10 songs in the Primary Schools category.



Our talented young students dedicating "Dreams Made Possible" to our Qifa teachers for helping students to realise their dreams.

The remaining concert item was a special one as it was a mini-musical performance entitled "The Golden Hour" which was put up by our very own Qifa Shine performers. Our talented students wowed and enthralled the audience with their brilliant performance items.



Qifa Shine performers putting up a mini-musical showcase called 'The Golden Hour', which tells a fantastical journey of a girl exploring different magical planets in search of answers.

Key Updates — Teachers' Day Celebration 2023 (cont'd)

Before wrapping up the concert, it was time to reveal the recipients of the Teacher Awards 2023. Prior to this, our students and staff had been invited to vote for deserving teachers and colleagues. The following awards were given out to the teachers in front of the school community, amidst thunderous applause for the recipients:

Award <i>(voted by students)</i>	Recipient	Award <i>(voted by staff)</i>	Recipient
Most Caring Teacher	Ms Seow Wen-Qi	Most Caring Colleague	Ms Abigail Koh
Most Caring Teacher	Mdm Yar King Phin	Most Caring Colleague	Ms Nurul Jannah
Most Patient Teacher	Mr Ng Joon Khang	Most Encouraging Colleague	Mdm Soh Hui Ting
Most Patient Teacher	Mrs Neo Jingxuan	Most Encouraging Colleague	Mrs Neo Jingxuan
Most Engaging Teacher	Ms Michelle Lau	Most Keen Learner Colleague	Ms Wileen Lim
Most Engaging Teacher	Mrs Loh Kah Yen	Most Keen Learner Colleague	Mr Leang Shiyan

Key Updates — Teachers' Day Celebration 2023 (cont'd)

On the following day on 31 August, the celebrations continued in the classrooms led by the Class Monitors who had been planning activities and performances for their teachers for the past month. The students decorated the classrooms, dedicated a thank-you speech and showcased their talents by performing for their teachers and presented gifts.



Class-based celebrations where students organised performances such as playing live instruments and singing, and leisurely activities such as chess for the class to take part in.

It was indeed a fun-filled and heartwarming celebration this year where students and teachers got to celebrate a very special day together. We are sure that our Qifa teachers are appreciative of all the efforts put in by everyone to make Teachers' Day celebration yet another memorable event and highlight for the year.

Mr Mohd Faisal Jamain
HOD / Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy & Partnerships (LEAP)
On behalf of Teacher IC, Ms Yap Kar Wei

Key Updates

3. Primary 1 Learning Journey to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden

Last month, the Primary 1 students went on a learning journey to the Jacob Ballas Children's Garden. The learning journey, which integrated the learning outcomes for Social Studies and Mathematics, allowed our students to contextualise their learning in an authentic real-world setting. We believe that such experiential learning experiences for our young ones would also help to create the joy of learning as they learn to explore, construct new knowledge and make connections to their learning in the classroom.

Our students were brought around on a guided tour to explore the diversity of plants and the different classification of plants. During the learning journey, students had the opportunity to use their five senses to explore nature around them and their immediate environment. Through this enriching experience, students shows that they are curious and want to learn more about the world they live in and develop an appreciation for the places around them.



Happy faces of students after their long walk around Jacob Ballas Children's Garden

Ms Shabeena Begum
Teacher-in-charge

Key Updates — P1 LJ to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden (cont'd)



Students experimenting and using their hands to feel part of a plant



Students using their senses to observe their environment and identifying different objects around them



Students learning about parts of a plant



Students exploring the spaces around them

Key Updates

4. VIA collaboration with Commonwealth Secondary School

The basketball teams from Qifa Primary School and Commonwealth Secondary School (CSS) have been collaborating since 2019. As part of CSS's Values-In-Action (VIA) programme, their Secondary 3 basketball members joined our students on 18 July and planned out the training for the day which included warm-ups, skill practices as well as a 3-on-3 competition.

Throughout the session, they imparted knowledge to our basketball players. CSS students also exemplified the importance of keeping the court clean when the session was over by cleaning up the venue. These are important values which our students also learnt from their seniors. This collaboration also gives our players a glimpse of CCA activities in secondary school that imparts values of commitment, responsibility and selflessness.



A joyful end to the session.

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Mr R Govindarajan
Teacher-in-charge / Basketball

Key Updates — VIA collaboration with CSS (cont'd)



The Commonwealth Boys introducing themselves.



The exciting 3 on 3 games closely refereed by the Commonwealth Boys

Accolades

1. Puan Noor Aishah Award



Congratulations to Qifa Brownies for winning the Silver Puan Noor Aishah Award (PNAA). It was a collective effort by our Brownies in 2022 where they gained PNA points through their active participation in Brownies events such as West Division Day and World Thinking Day. This is not possible without the teamwork and collaborative efforts demonstrated by the Brownies. We would also like to congratulate *Han Zhi Yu Valerie (6F)* for achieving the Chief Commissioner Award. Valerie is an inspiration for the Brownies as she has shown resilience in completing her tasks diligently. She has also shown the initiative in helping the Brownies during the CCA lessons. Well done Valerie!



Ms Nurazirah
Teacher-in-charge / Brownies
Brownies Guider

Accolades

2. 27th National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition

The 27th National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition was organised by the Singapore Chinese Teachers Association and the Singapore Writers Association and sponsored by the Foochow Association in Singapore. Out of about 650 student participants from 56 Primary Schools, 81 students were given an award.

We are proud to announce that our student, *Wu Xinyuan (4F)* attained the Merit Award (佳作奖) for the Junior Writer Category.

Congratulations Xinyuan!



Mr Kenny Ng
HOD / Mother Tongue Languages