



Kindergarten and Primary Newsletter for 2008-9

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Welcome Back everyone: We all hope your Chinese New Year Holiday was restful and it is lovely to see everyone back safe and sound again.

Assembly: Today we held our lower school Assembly, and following our Literacy assemblies last term, based around the 'Story Sacks', today we enjoyed our first presentation from the Numeracy area of the curriculum. Thank you to Ms Lee and Ms Helen of P1L for the super number rhyme performance! The children did enjoy themselves and the props were very impressive.

Next up was P1R; our thanks to Mrs. Rushton and Ms. Lili for arranging the P1R performance around St. Valentine's Day! We enjoyed the songs and the children then presented presents to their parents in the audience. Well done everyone!

Stars of the Week: this week given to the lower school students by their class teachers, to: Julian Leung (P1R), Chong Chong Lee (P1O), Noah Rowcroft (P1L), Jose Kwan (PP1pm), Philippa Yuen (R1am), Benedict Wong (R2am), Jamie Kwok (Rpm), Jonathan Liu (KG1am), Joshua Tsang (KG2am), Wesley Mui (KG1pm), and Samuel Cheng (KG2pm). Well done to all our stars this week!

Staffing Changes: In the next couple of weeks we will be saying farewell to **Ms. Man**, who has led our Mandarin Department for the last eight years. She is retiring and moving to Australia to be with her daughter and grand-daughter. We will miss her a great deal, as I am sure will all her students! If anyone wishes to contribute towards Ms. Man's retirement gift, please send your contribution in an envelope, marked with your child's name, to Ms. Wyatt.

Ms. Haze Yeung, currently our P.E. Teacher, and qualified Mandarin Teacher, will be taking over Ms. Man's classes, whilst **Ms. Yang** will be taking over Ms. Man's Head of Department position.

We have found Ms. Yeung's replacement to teach our P.E. classes, his name is **Mr. Ian Ridgeway**, and he is starting this week with us.

Mrs. Derwin, currently one of our Primary 5 Class Teachers, has unfortunately decided to leave us, because of health issues.

Mrs. Judi Klubi has kindly agreed to return to take over Mrs. Derwin's

class for us, when Mrs. Derwin leaves us at the end of this month.

Mrs. Eaton, who was due to return to P4E Class next month, has decided not to return to us until next September, however, we are extremely fortunate to have persuaded **Mrs. Charlotte Beard** to return to take the class for final term, as unfortunately **Mrs. Stewart** cannot stay with us for the Summer Term.

Mrs. Marcy Osborne, who was on Maternity Leave, and due to return next month to her Primary 1O class, has reluctantly decided to resign, due to her daughter's health problems as a result of her premature birth, and **Ms. Katie Suen** has kindly agreed to continue as Primary 1 class teacher for the rest of the school year. This means that Ms. Suen will delay taking up her post as Music Teacher at Braemar Hill, so we are looking for a temporary music teacher for the rest of this school year.

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to **Ms. Jamieka, and Ms. Aruna**, both leaving Hong Kong for personal reasons. We have found their replacements too, and will welcome **Ms. Theresa, and Ms. Valerie** next week.

As you can see staffing has been quite a headache for us in the Primary School, but we have been so fortunate in finding such highly qualified and experienced replacements this year!

Dental Visit: Tomorrow our Primary 4E and 4J classes will be visiting the School Dental Care Service, for their annual dental examination. If your child is enrolled with this service, please ensure they bring their dental handbook and a toothbrush.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: These start today for some, and continue for the next two weeks. I do hope you all have made your appointments to meet with your child's class teacher, so important for you all to touch base with us in school, regarding your child's progress in school! A reminder to KG and Reception class parents, no Reception Classes on Thursday, and no KG Classes on Friday, due to the Parent/Teacher meetings, so please do not send your children to school on those days.

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