



# COMMUNICATION UPDATES

5 November 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 2009 Academic Year is coming to a close soon with lots to wrap up. Do note the many important happenings highlighted:

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM TERM 4**

### **POST-PSLE CUM COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TRIP TO BEIJING, 16 - 21 Oct**

Seventeen Primary 6 Pathlighters, including three from Secondary 4 'N' Levels, went on a learning trip to Beijing and stayed at the New Hope Foundation (previously called Hope Foster Home). As community service, the students did spring cleaning for the Home's playground, and engaged the orphaned children through play.

For cultural exposure, the students visited the Great Wall of China, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Bird's Nest Stadium. In fact, more than half of our Pathlighters made it to the very top of the Great Wall of China and never gave up despite the cold and fatigue.

Other highlights included a cool and hip night at the Hard Rock Café Beijing, and then on to some rampant bargaining at street markets where the sale of fried insects as snacks and scorpions thrilled the students.

### **POST EXAM ACTIVITIES FOR PSLE & GCE N LEVEL STUDENTS**

With the national examinations behind them, students continued their learning and exposure to new experiences through the following:

- 1) **Mobile DJ Station:** Our pool of Pathlight DJs hit the airwaves daily from Monday to Thursday every lunch hour. Students were coached in managing the audio equipment and spinning music. Like a professional radio broadcaster, they spin songs, do song dedications and share music trivia!
- 2) **Fruit & Snack Kiosks:** Together with their teachers, the Primary 6 students have set up 2 kiosks at the Pathlight Café. Students learn salesmanship and have a taste of being entrepreneurs as they set up and run the kiosks. They have been doing brisk business and enjoy tabulating the profit at the end of each day!
- 3) **Baking Class:** With our love for food, it is no surprise that this is a favourite activity with our students. They learnt to bake egg tarts and blueberry muffins. Besides learning valuable food and beverage skills, they also got to share the fruits of their labour with their families!

## **EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE EXPOSURE:**

- **WORLD POST DAY, 28 SEPT**  
To mark World Post Day, students were given an insight into the Singapore Post through a personal tour of the Post Centre including the Mail Sorting Room. They also had a hand in making postcards which they received via mail the next day. To cap the visit, they each received personalised stamps bearing their own photographs.
- **BAKING EVENT WITH THE BISHAN NORTH YOUTH COMMITTEE (BNYC), 10 OCT**  
Seventeen Pathlighters joined BNYC volunteers in a special bake-out day. Baking together was a great way for the students and volunteers to bond and interact, as they created their own cookie designs.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **PARENT-TEACHER SESSIONS : 6 & 9 NOV** *reminder*

The Parent-Teacher sessions are for **Primary 1 – 5, Secondary School and Track 3 students**. The objective is to update you on your child's progress on his/her Individual Education Plan (IEP). Please come punctually for your allocated time.

### **SPORTS DAY, 12 NOV** *reminder*

Sports Day will be held at the Toa Payoh Stadium. All parents are invited. Do join us!

### **PARENT TRAINING & COMMUNICATION NIGHT, 19 NOV**

Please block time to attend the next **compulsory** Parents Communication & Training Night, which will be held on **19 November 2009, Thursday at 6:30pm**. More details will follow.

### **ACADEMIC YEAR 2010 PLANNING:**

2010 school books/stationery: Letters will be sent to parents to inform you of your child's class placement. You will be given designated dates and times to come to school in December to purchase these items.

7% GST on school fees: We are happy to inform that the School will continue to absorb GST. This privilege will be extended to end 2010, and subject to the financial needs of the School.

## **REMINDER: IMPORTANT DATES**

What	Who?	When?	Why?
<b>Last day of School</b>	All Secondary School students	12 Nov 2009, Thursday	This is in line with the mainstream school practice where the academic year ends earlier for all Secondary School students.
<b>SPED Learning Day - No School for ALL students</b>	All students	13 Nov 2009, Friday	SPED Learning Day, as designated by MOE. All teachers will attend a full-day learning programme.
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<b>Last day of</b>	Pathlight	18 Nov 2009,	As a large number of our teachers

<b>School</b>	Preparatory Track 3 Primary School	Wednesday	will be engaged in professional development programmes by the NIE, Academic Year 2009 will end 2 days earlier.
<b>Parent Communication &amp; Training Night</b>	All parents	19 Nov 2009, Thursday	The event will take place from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. More details will follow soon.
<b>Start of Academic Year 2010</b>	All students	4 Jan 2010, Monday	

As the term ends this November, there will be no Communication Update for December 2009. The next Communication Update will be January 2010.

We take the opportunity to wish all students and families a very happy holiday season. Thank you for your partnership in a most eventful 2009!

Warm regards,

Ms Linda Kho  
Principal

Cc Ms Denise Phua, School Supervisor, Pathlight School Board  
All Staff

**WHAT'S NEW @ PATHLIGHT MALL**

For the month of November, look out for the addition of **7 brand new art works!**  
A welcome splash of color to our stable of art pieces in the mall!

In December, we will be introducing our exciting new **Doodle hero Stationeries.**  
You have seen the T-shirts... we now bring you a new collection of  
notebooks, memo pads and Calendar of your favourite hero!"