



# Primary Times



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE GARDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## From the Primary Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new look monthly newsletter. I hope you like it.

We have reached the end of a busy month and the time has flown by. I have been so pleased to see so many of the children working well in class and they have already settled well into their new routines.

As your new principal, it is an exciting time for me as I am learning lots of new things like the children are. But most importantly, we all want to feel happy in our new environment and I can certainly say that both myself and the children have really enjoyed our first month together. Thank you all for your help and support!



**Mr Simon  
Massey**  
**Principal**

**Established 2016**

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## Mission Statement

To provide a caring and creative learning environment that fosters the character, skills and understanding necessary for a life of ambition and purpose, and that prepares our young people to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

## From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to all new family members of TGIS.

Within the four weeks since school re-opened, I am pleased to see teachers work collaboratively and students treat each other with respect. I see many students asking questions, looking for

answers like true inquirers and thinkers I am already seeing wonderful relationships being built among students and teachers.

It is going to be an exciting term and I hope you will all have a great National Day and enjoy your holiday with family and friends.



**Mrs Dingding  
Song**  
**Deputy  
Principal**

## Semester Dates

**Semester 1:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Semester 2:** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## House Points

Yangtze (Red): 252

Yellow (Yellow): 257

Lancang (Green): 228

Pearl (Blue): 251

# School Notices

## Parent Conferences

It was great to see so many parents come to our parent conferences this month. The parents in the IB classes were able to discuss their child with the teacher and this kind of communication is vital at this stage. Thank you to all those parents who came. I was pleased to see so many parents from our local classes too and they

were able to meet their child's teachers in English, Maths and Chinese and discuss with them the curriculum for the upcoming semester. Our specialist teachers also provided those parents with details about the curriculum for PE, Art and Music, as well as our Inquiry lessons for local classes. The turnout for events like this

shows how our parents support the school and I am pleased that many of you enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone for making the afternoon a success and we look forward to our next parent conferences in November.

Mr Massey

## Child Collection

You will have noticed how busy it is at the end of the day at school. We have improved our procedures for releasing children to make it as swift as possible, but also more safe. Please ensure you have your ID cards ready to show the security so that we can release the children as quickly as possible.

### NURSE

“A healthy breakfast in the morning gives you energy and helps your child's concentration and memory.”

## ID Cards

If you have lost your original ID card or you want to apply for another card for your family, please use this website and QR code.

<https://jinshuju.net/f/69uCP2>



## Assemblies

This month, we had some wonderful assemblies from our children. Class 4A and 6A presented on stage and talked to all our children about the importance of safety. We also talks from 5A about being good thinkers and 6A also managed to talk about how to be Inquirers.

It was fantastic to see how



confident our children were and it was a great opportunity for the children to speak in front of an audience.

Well done to all our children who received their Star of the Week certificates this month and congratulations to Yellow House who have won our first week of House Points.

# School Notices

## Reading

We hope all our families have a relaxing break. The holidays are also a great time for you to spend time with your children reading.

Reading is an important part of your child's education and is widely acknowledged as a predictor of your child's success and progress in

school. More importantly, it is a time for you to spend with your child reading together. It is often easy to tell children to read, but they will benefit hugely from seeing you read with them.

All children should be reading every day. It does not have to be for school

work and it can be a lot of fun too!

Sit with your child for about 30 minutes each day. Talk to them about the books they are reading. Let them tell you what the book is about. Ask them questions and most importantly listen to them.

## Holiday Safety

I would like to remind our families and children to take special care during the holidays. Please make sure your children stay safe around:

- Open water and when swimming
- Gas and electricity
- Open fires

## Health and Safety

Parents are reminded that the school is not permitted to administer medicine to our children. If your child is required to take prescribed medicines from the doctor, then families are requested to make arrangements to come to the school to give the medicine via our Nurse's Office.

Medicine must be taken in the presence of a school

### NURSE

**"A good night's sleep is very important. Children need at least 8-10 hours of sleep every night."**

## School Uniform

A reminder please that all children should be wearing the correct uniform when in school.

Please don't forget to check with your children when they have PE lessons so that they don't forget their PE kit on those days.

doctor or nurse. If they are absent, then parents will need to be in the presence of two school staff.

To avoid taking the wrong medication or dosage, the school discourages children taking medicine in school. If any of our boarders need medication, please ensure you have contacted the school nurse.



### Established 2016

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### An international learning community

#### WECHAT

The Garden International  
School WeChat Account is  
available. You can follow  
our school by scanning the  
QR code below:



The Garden International School was founded to provide a unique educational experience for students aged 6-12 years. The school takes the best from Chinese and international educational practices and implements these side-by-side to create an academic, rigorous, yet caring, child-centred curriculum.

The Garden International School closely follows the Primary Years Programme (PYP) established by the International Baccalaureate (IB)

Please contact the school if you have any concerns or wish to make an appointment to see our School Principal.



## Forthcoming Events

### October

**1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>:** National Holiday

**8<sup>th</sup> :** Students Return To School

<b>16<sup>th</sup> :</b> Parent Coffee Morning – Maths Presentation	8:00 am	Theater
<b>18<sup>th</sup> :</b> Kindergarten Classes Visit to the Primary School	9:00 am	Theater
<b>19<sup>th</sup> :</b> Pre-K Parents Visit to the Primary School	9:00 am	Theater
<b>27<sup>th</sup> :</b> International Day	9:00 am	Primary School
<b>31<sup>st</sup> :</b> Halloween Activities	1:15 pm	Primary Classrooms

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