

# NEWSLETTER

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### Library News

Our Library is working well to support children's learning. We continue to purchase new books from the United States, Canada and the UK. As in many schools, we also welcome parent donations to our library. If you are interested in donating books, and with recognition that our goal is to provide children with high-quality materials, please note the following guidelines:

1. Picture books, juvenile-fiction books, non-fiction books and literacy books for 3-6 year old kids.
2. Children's books in English, Chinese or bilingual (English/Chinese).
3. Children's books in new or good condition.

Please feel free to send your donations to the donation box in the library. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### Congratulations to our Parents

We continue to be impressed with the interest our parents have demonstrated in learning more about our programmes and activities. The support you have shown for our new school and your child's education is noticeable and encouraging. Since the start of the year we have had 4 Coffee Morning presentations and a Halloween Celebration. At each of these, the vast majority of school families were represented by one or both parents.



It is clear that you have your child's best interest at heart and want to learn as much as you can about the nature of the school programme in order to support your child. Further, by doing so, you are contributing to the development of a strong school community. And so we say congratulations and thank you! Let's continue to work to keep the lines of communication open.

## Evacuation Drill

Parents may be interested to know that we held our first Evacuation Drill on Tuesday November 3. In advance of the Drill students were instructed on how to respond to emergencies and how to exit the building in a timely, efficient and safe manner.

We are pleased to report that when the alarm bell sounded on Tuesday the students all responded in a very positive manner. They treated it seriously but also understood that it was a practice routine. For your information, we cleared the building in less than 3 minutes, which is a high achievement for young children.

## 2 Way Conferences

Thank you parents for using the on-line link to register for our 2 - Way Conferences. Over 95% of parents registered for a session with their child's teachers. We trust that they were informative and helpful. Please follow-up as needed and do not feel that you must wait till the next conference date to discuss progress with a teacher.

## Doctor Lin's Corner

Since the start of the school year we have placed value on our morning health checks. These help us to prevent the spread of viruses and bacteria that cause illness. We

appreciate the support received from parents who help children understand the importance of this daily routine.



The winter season is often associated with a higher incidence of colds, flu and diseases such as hand, foot and mouth, chicken pox and measles. As such, it is prudent for parents to be careful when their children are in crowded places. Children are encouraged to avoid touching others and rubbing their mouth, nose and eyes. They should also be in the habit of washing their hands frequently at home and when out and about. It is an important habit and an effective way to prevent the spread of disease. At MHIS, we continue to monitor children closely and will ask them to wash their hands frequently while at school.

Wishing you good health and happiness!

***Next Coffee Morning  
Thursday November 12  
For Parents of K2 and K3 Students  
"Language and Literacy Routines"***

***Presentation by  
K2 and K3 Teachers***

## ASA Survey

Please respond to a Term 2 After School Activities (ASA) Survey which will arrive at home in the next few days. We want to hear from you about the the programmes offered and their relationship to school dismissal and bus departure times.

## School Uniform

All parents should have received a Winter Uniform Order Form in their child's bag this week. We are pleased that many of you have already placed orders.

For your information, the PE uniform has already arrived and all other pieces will be



## Staff Profiles

In this edition of the Newsletter we are pleased to introduce the talented team from K2.



**Theresa Au**

**Daphne Zhang**

**Lisa Liu**

**Theresa Maria Au** comes from a family of Canadian educators. Her father is the Principal of a well-known Secondary School in Toronto and her mother is a Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator for the Toronto District School Board. Theresa received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from York University. She then completed a Master's of Arts in Child Study and Education from the world renowned Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Theresa has previous experience working as a Kindergarten teacher in Toronto and as a Primary School teacher in China.

**Daphne Zhang** graduated from Hebei Normal University with degrees in Dance and Preschool education. Prior to joining us at MHIS, Daphne was in charge of the Cultural and Art Troupe of the New Belle Company as well as the company's dance teacher for the past 8 years. Daphne is an accomplished dancer herself.

**Lisa Liu** worked in a school in her hometown in Shanxi Province prior to moving to Shenzhen. While in Shenzhen she worked at Pleasure Ground in Zhongshan Park and at Mission Hills Summer Camps. She is a very friendly and helpful caregiver who enjoys working with young children.