

The 72nd PTA Annual General Meeting



Executive Committee 2023-2024

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Mrs Christine Nip, the PTA Chairman, welcomed parents and teachers. During the 2022-2023 school year, the PTA had continued to foster a close partnership among parents, teachers and the School. PTA sub-committees stepped up efforts in organising activities for both students and parents, including outings, educational visits, author's talks, brownies meetings and parent seminars. Mrs Nip thanked parents and teachers for their contribution and dedication, and expressed her gratitude to outgoing Executive Committee member, Mrs Frances Ho, for her exemplary service to the PTA in the past years.

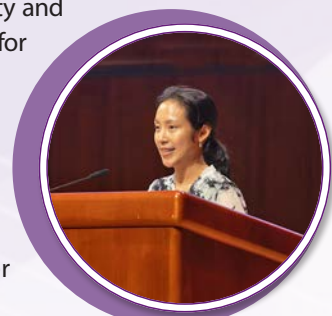


In her address, Mrs Lau shared her vision of building DGS not only as a School of academic excellence, but also a Music School, a Sports School and, even more importantly in this digital age, a Technology School. In music and sports, our girls continued to attain impressive achievements at both the Inter-School and international levels. Our girls also captured top awards in IT competitions, and the audience was treated to a live performance by one of the winning entries in Robot Dance Coding at the International Youth Tech Olympics 2023. Mrs Lau then shared the outstanding public examination results achieved by our girls at the HKDSE and GCE A-Levels, as well as remarkable university placements. To enhance the holistic education at DGS through building a Family School, Mrs. Lau announced that from September 2024 onwards, all new students would have the opportunity to enjoy boarding at the Boarding House.

Dr Holly Ming addressed the PTA AGM for the first time in her new capacity as the DGJS Headmistress. A video capturing the highlights of the previous school year was played, and Dr Ming thanked our former headmistress Mrs Annie Lee for her past leadership. As full-day school resumed, Dr Ming shared snapshots of the fun that our girls were having at school, and thanked teachers and parents for their dedication to fostering a joyful school life. Dr Ming shared with parents her vision for E&E (Enrichment and Extension), a new addition to the curriculum, and how to build 21st century skills through hands-on learning and cross-curricular collaborative projects. Emphasising community and communication, Dr Ming said that more opportunities would be provided for parents to actively engage with the School.

Both headmistresses extended their gratitude to Mrs Christine Nip for her contribution and leadership in the past four years as she stepped down as PTA Chairman. Mrs Lau presented a souvenir to Mrs Nip on behalf of the School Council as a token of appreciation.

The PTA Executive Committee would also like to thank Mrs Nip for her gentle but steady leadership over the years, and for her unfailing dedication to the DGS community.



PTA Activities

Primary 4 – Primary 6 Outings

One of the most anticipated events after the examinations in December is the PTA School Outings! This year's outings for Primary 4 – Primary 6 were held on 15th December 2023. Girls were ready for some all-out fun after the examinations and a very busy first term. With the help of 56 parent-helpers, we brought a total of 12 classes to three different destinations for a day of hands-on learning, relaxation and fun with friends.

Primary 4 - The HKFYG Organic Farm

The Primary 4 girls visited the HKFYG Organic Farm (青協有機農場). The farm is situated at Ho Pui Reservoir, Yuen Long, and is to date the only farm in Hong Kong that follows both the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organic Programme and also the guidelines of the Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre. Not only did the girls have the rare chance to carry out simple farming chores, they also learned how to make Eco-enzyme cleaners and pressed leaf bookmarks using organic materials.



Primary 5 - The Boys' Brigade Hong Kong - Anchor House Ma Wan

Anchor House is a service unit of The Boys' Brigade and it provides personal growth and team development training service to students and adults. Our girls participated in orienteering, grade-appropriate outdoor challenges (including a rope course) and team-building activities under the supervision of licensed instructors.

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Primary 6 - Former Fanling Magistrates' Court

The Primary 6 girls were able to use the old magistrates' court to engage in mock trial workshops to learn public speaking skills and in a team-building workshop to develop better communication skills. They also participated in an elderly simulation that allowed them to experience the difficulties and challenges of being an elderly person.



Parent Helpers at the Library

Last September marked the resumption of library duties following a three-year suspension. A total of 32 dedicated parent helpers, divided into four teams, have joined the Library Subcommittee this year. They help out at the Junior School Library during lunch time on every full-day school day to help our girls check out and return books, monitor the proper use of the computers, maintain order at the library, and organise the bookshelves. Salute to all parent helpers whose contributions are essential to creating a reading-rich environment for our Junior School girls.



Seminar by Professor Erwin Huang on AI and learning



Technology is the key that drives social change, and the emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) will undoubtedly transform the way our children learn and their role in the future workplace. As parents, not only do we need to understand and embrace AI, we also need to guide our children in their interactions with technology in order to reap the benefits of AI. We were delighted to have invited Professor Erwin Huang to give a seminar

on "AI and the Future of Learning" on 6th December 2023. With more than 100 parents in attendance, Professor Huang shared insights on how children's research, critical thinking and problem-solving skills could be enhanced by harnessing the power of AI.



Christian Mothers' Group & Fathers' and Mothers' Breakfast Meetings

The Christian Mothers' Group (CMG) and the Fathers' and Mothers' Breakfast Meetings, which have become an integral part of the parents community, continue to receive warm support from parents. This year, the CMG welcomed more mothers and now has more than 60 active participants. United in faith, the group explores the power of prayers, and looks at how prayers can empower us to strengthen our spousal and mother-children relationships.

While parents continued to learn from Dr Lawrence Chen during online breakfast meetings, they also attended the face-to-face talks given by our new speaker, Dr Jonathan Choi, a clinical psychologist devoted to youth well-being.



Dr Choi gave three inspiring and engaging sharing sessions in the first term, offering insights to parents on how they could become their children's life-giving partners. The mornings were filled with enthusiasm and laughter, and the mothers and fathers attending gained new perspectives on the importance of the role of parents in our daughters' development.

