



Tuesday 24th May, 2022

## CARIBBEAN CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Caribbean Parents,

As we approach the end of the school year we have made some arrangements we would like to let you know about to prepare us for the new school year ahead.

Classroom location change:

Since COVID regulations have been impacting on us, we have been unable to use one of our 1st-floor classrooms as it is needed as a Casa lunch eating space. This has meant that the IT classroom moved into our very new Maker Space. With the merging of the Atlantic, we have a vacant room in a very desirable location more centrally located and directly across from the Library. Moving the Caribbean classroom before the end of the year to the new location with the involvement of the children ensures that they are in their new home for the beginning of the new school year. It gives them great access to the Library. It also allows us to have the Maker Space back for its original use again and moves the IT classroom to a more central location that suits the movement of students to and from the Single Subjects.

Mr Akshat's family leave:

I have approved Mr Akshat one week of family leave to attend his brother's wedding at home in India. Given the inability of all of our teachers to visit their families over the last three years, I felt that this leave is important to ensure we can retain the best possible Montessori teachers in Hong Kong, something that you will appreciate has become very important given the approach being taken to COVID and the restrictions that have impacted on us all. From June 13th, the Caribbean classroom will be in good hands with Ms Yvette, who you may remember was the Caribbean classroom teacher before Mr Akshat and had to take extended sick leave. It is wonderful that we have a cover teacher with the calibre of Ms Yvette who is able to step into a classroom under these circumstances and has over 10 years of Montessori classroom experience.

Chinese Co-Teacher update:

As was communicated Li Lao Shi 李老師 (Ms Lily) has recently had a baby and is taking maternity leave. To navigate such scenarios, we maintain a certain number of "cover" Chinese teachers who are available to cover both illness and extended leave. Initially, we had one of our cover teachers Li Lao Shi 厲老師 (Ms



Mavis) step into the Caribbean classroom. With the merging of the Atlantic classroom, the opportunity to have Wu Lao Shi 吳老師 (Ms Fly) move with some of the Atlantic students to the Caribbean classroom allows us to also prepare for next academic year when Li Lao Shi 厲老師 (Ms Mavis) will be moving to Upper Elementary.

While I understand that these events may all seem sudden, a great deal of whole-school planning goes into such arrangements and I do ask that you have faith in myself and the Elementary Leadership team that we have considered carefully all the options for moving forward and decided on what best meets the needs of our students; which is always our number one priority. This news possibly came home to you prematurely as I have been absent yesterday and today and so the children become aware of these arrangements through discussions with them. I apologise for not informing you sooner. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ms Teresa or myself.

Warm regards,  
Adam Broomfield  
Head of Stanley Campus

Teresa Tsai  
Elementary Programme Director