

DISCOVERY BAY
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
愉景灣國際學校

Discovery Bay
International School



Welcome to Year 1

August 2024

EYFS and Primary Leadership Team



Mrs Hannah Tait

Head of EYFS & Primary
Designated Safeguarding Lead
(Whole School)



Mrs Anna Christiansen

Deputy Head of
EYFS & Primary
Designated Safeguarding Lead
EYFS & Primary



Mrs Ruth Brislen-Patel

Assistant Head of
EYFS & Primary
Deputy Child Protection
Officer EYFS & Primary



Mr Lewis Peck

Assistant Head of
EYFS & Primary
Deputy Child Protection
Officer EYFS & Primary

Meet Our New Teachers!



Ms Francesca Lane
Year 1 Class Teacher

[Video](#)



Ms Louisa Azzopardi
Year 2 Class Teacher

[Video](#)



Ms Kelsey Brown
Head of Year 4
Year 4 Class Teacher
[Video](#)



Ms Ciara Dunne
Year 5 Class Teacher

[Slides](#)

Meet Our New Teachers!



Mr Mike Peacock
Head of Year 6
Year 6 Class Teacher



Ms Rachel Ashcroft
Year 6 Class Teacher



Mr Sean Kinder
Year 6 Class Teacher



Ms Evelyn Chia
Deputy Head of Mandarin
Mandarin Teacher

[SLIDES](#)

Meet Our New Teachers!



Mr Rob Dilworth
PE Teacher



Ms Natalie Fashade
PE Teacher (EYFS)



Ms Lisa Matthews
Learning Enhancement
Teacher (Year 2-4)



Ms Melissa Moss
Learning Enhancement
Teacher (Year 5-8)

Year 1 Teaching Team



Miss Isabella Grella
Year 1 Class Teacher
Year 1 Head of Year



Mrs Chloe Gerrard
Year 1 Class Teacher



Miss Bronwen Baynes
Year 1 Class Teacher



Ms Francesca Lane
Year 1 Class Teacher

Year 1 Teaching Team



Mrs Kingston

Y1IG Educational Assistant



Mrs Escueta

Y1CG Educational Assistant



Ms Fuchs

Year 1 Educational Assistant



Mrs Williams

Y1BB Educational Assistant



Mr Torak

Y1BB Educational Assistant

Music Teachers



Nicole Lau

EYFS and Primary Music Teacher



Mark Thaxter

Primary and KS3 Music Teacher



Daniela Ciric

Creative Arts & Peripatetic
Music Coordinator

Learning Technology Teachers



Nicolas Ng

Head of Learning Technology



Bernard McNerney

Learning Technology Teacher



Pierre Costa

Learning Technology EA

Mandarin Teachers



Myra Mi
Head of Mandarin
Whole School



Evelyn Chia
Deputy Head of Mandarin
Whole School

Mandarin Teachers



Morna Shum
Mandarin Teacher



Carol Li
Mandarin Teacher



Cindy Xin
Mandarin Teacher



Jenah Luo
Mandarin Teacher

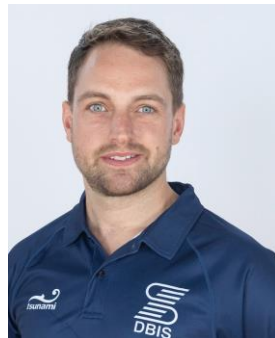
PE Teachers



Emily Hull
PE Teacher and Second
in Department



Sally Cranston
PE Teacher



Rob Dilworth
Primary PE Teacher



Natalie Fashade
Early Years PE
Teacher



Paige Smal
PE Assistant

Library Team



Melanie Foti
Whole School Librarian



Lolita Tupas
Primary Library EA



Nilangi Thotawatte
EYFS Library EA

Wellbeing Team



Jess Hickling
Head of Wellbeing



Sarah Dunham
School Counsellor



Bonnie
School Therapy Dog

Learning Enhancement Team



Serena Clark
Head of Learning Enhancement



Kristine Wills
Link Teacher FS1-Y1



Minoli Samarakkody
Link Teacher 9+

Medical Team



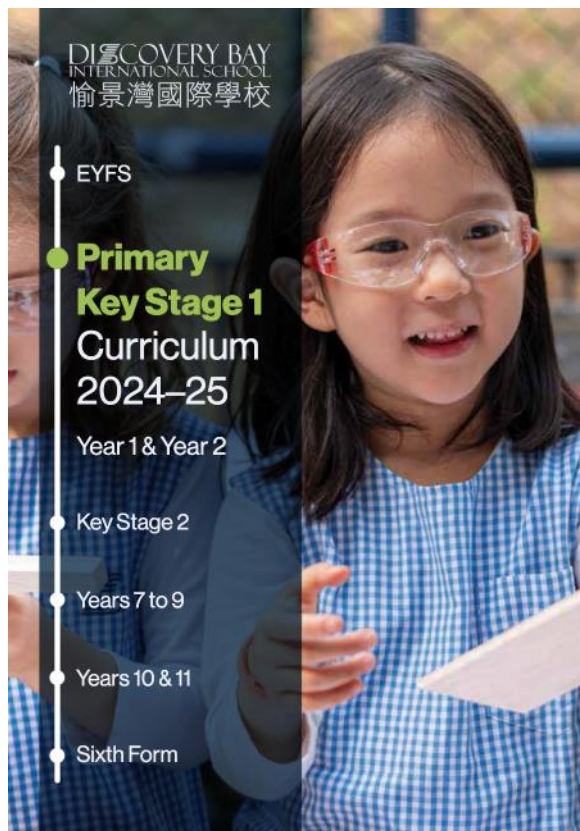
Tamara Quinn
EYFS Health & First Aid
Coordinator



Kate Yarnell
Primary Health & First Aid
Coordinator

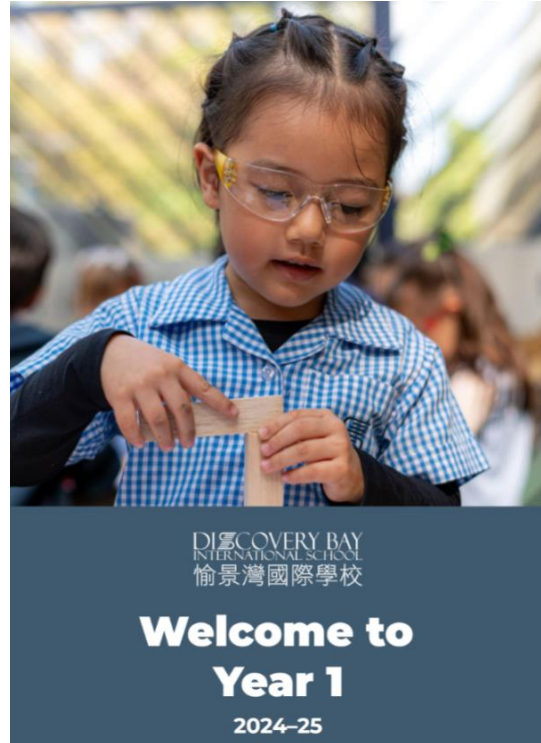


Jess Peeters
Primary Health & First Aid
Coordinator



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Primary (Years 1 - 6)

- School gates are open for children at 8:20am
- School starts at 8:25am
- Morning Break (*including snack*) at 10:00am - 10:25am
- Lessons resume at 10:25 am
- Lunch Break 12:10 pm (11:55am for Y1 & 2)
(Children eat their lunch in classrooms or in the school canteen for 15 minutes before going out to play)
- Lessons Resume at 12:55 pm
- School finishes at 3:10 pm, with the playground vacated by **3:20 pm.**
- Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) run between 3:20 - 4:00 pm.

Primary Timetable

1CG Sea Otters Timetable 2024 - 2025						
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
08:30-08:45	Linked Provision & Morning Meeting	Linked Provision & Morning Meeting	Linked Provision & Morning Meeting	Mandarin	Linked Provision & Morning Meeting	
08:45-09:00						
09:00-09:15						
09:15-09:30	SPaG/Guided Reading	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	
09:30-09:45						
09:45-10:00						
10:00-10:25	BREAK					
10:25-10:45	In class learning	In class learning	Mandarin	In class learning	In class learning	
10:45-11:00						
11:00-11:10						
11:10 - 11:25			In class learning	Year 1 free flow (Forest School and Woodwork)	Library	
11:25 - 11:40						
11:40 - 11:55						
11:55-12:15	LUNCH					
12:15-12:30						
12:30-12:45						
12:45-13:00						
12:55 - 13:10	Mandarin	PE	In class learning	PE	In class learning	
13:10 - 13:25						
13:25 - 13:40						
13:40 - 13:55	LT		In class learning	Music		In class learning
13:55 - 14:10						
14:10 - 14:25	In class learning	Woodwork / Forest School	Assembly			
14:25 - 14:40						
14:40 - 14:55	Story	Story	Story			
14:55 - 15:10						
END OF SCHOOL DAY						

All timetables can be found in your child's Home Link Book

Primary Snacks and Lunches

- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle
- Children will need a healthy snack for the first break time (*please note, sweets and lollies are not permitted in school*)
- We encourage children to bring healthy balanced lunches and use as little single use plastic as possible
- We are a **nut-free school**, so please ensure snacks and lunches are nut-free. A gentle reminder that items such a store bought pesto, some wafers and nutella, contain nuts. **We have a child in Year 1 with a severe nut allergy.**



Birthdays and Cultural Celebrations

- We love to celebrate each child's special day at our school. When it's your child's birthday, the class will celebrate them with their own special traditions, such as singing birthday songs or letting them wear the class birthday crown or sash. To ensure all children can fully participate, we ask that you refrain from sending in any food items or party bags due to potential allergies and dietary restrictions. Our focus is on making every birthday celebration inclusive and enjoyable for the whole class.
- We would love to invite you in to share any cultural festivals or special days that you celebrate with your family. If you feel comfortable sharing, please let me know!



Primary Library Arrangements

- The DBIS Library provides a collection of books and online resources to support the curriculum and, importantly, reading for pleasure.
- Y1 - 6 classes are timetabled to visit the library once a week.
- Students are required to have **one** labelled A3 zippered waterproof plastic pouch to protect resources from damage.
- We appreciate your support of your child's borrowing by ensuring library book/s and folders come to school on the day that the Library is timetabled. The lending period is 1 week and children have begun borrowing 1 book which can increase later on in the term.
- Parents are welcome to visit the library before and after school with their child. Please check parent opening times on the library website: library.dbis.edu.hk

Year 1 Home Learning Information

- There are some aspects of the curriculum that children need additional time to rehearse and practice in order for learning to be embedded.
- Homework in Year 1 will focus on developing a love of reading; therefore, the children will bring home reading books on a regular basis that are pitched at a level at which they are demonstrating confidence so they can share and celebrate their reading skills. We also encourage you as parents to read often to your child to ensure they are exposed to a wide repertoire of vocabulary and literature as this will support their overall development in reading and writing.
- We encourage you to read with your child in your home language if this is different to English as this supports children in reading for pleasure and listening to stories in a language in which they are confident. Your child will have a home-school link book where you can record the reading completed at home. Children are expected to read a minimum of three times a week and record this in their Home-School Link Book.
- In addition, the children will be encouraged to practise spelling high-frequency words, common exception words and Year 1 and Year 2 spelling patterns. Once your child has settled into Year 1, these will come home on a regular basis in a quantity suited to your child. The words may be repeated throughout the year in order to ensure learning is embedded. Activities that will help engage your children with spelling will be suggested.

DBIS has a compulsory school uniform. Information regarding uniform can be found on the school's website. Some key points to remember:

- School shoes: all children must wear plain black school shoes, smart trainers (free from any additional markings or colours) or navy sandals
- All students must have a hat for outdoor PE and playtime. We have a 'no hat, no play' policy
- Jewellery: watches and small stud earrings are permitted (but must be covered or removed for PE), no other jewellery is permitted to be worn to school
- Make-up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not permitted to be worn to school. Hair dye is only permitted if of a natural colour
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back
- During colder months please ensure you purchase a school uniform jumper for your child to wear
- Children can wear their PE kit all day on PE days



Supervision outside of school hours

- Students should be accompanied to and from school by an adult wherever possible. If you need your child to walk home unaccompanied from Year 3 onwards, we please ask that you sign the permission register linked [HERE](#) (or scan the QR code below).
- For Y1 and Y2, you will have provided key people for collection during the PTCs. Photo ID is requested at pick up for at least the first few weeks until we are familiar with the trusted adults. Please notify us in advance if there is someone different picking up your child.
- Y1 children will be walked to their ECAs by an adult after school, but must be collected by an adult at the end of the ECA.
- All families to have vacated the campus by 3:20 pm unless they have an ECA.
- Please note, medical provision runs from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.
When ECAs begin, the nurses will be on hand between 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.



Primary Assessment and Reporting 2024-25

Term 1

- Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th August - Parent-Teacher Conferences - see information on The Hub.
- Friday 6th December - End of Term 1 Report shared with parents

Term 2

- Week Beginning 24th March - Parent Teacher Conferences

Term 3

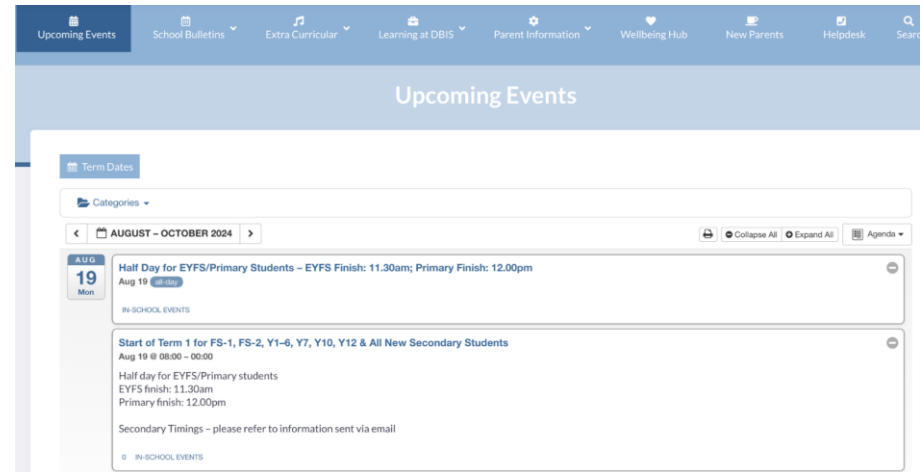
- Friday 20th June - End of Year Report shared with parents
- Week beginning 23rd June - Optional Parent Teacher Conferences

Our school approach to Character and Culture is based on inclusivity, clear expectations and a partnership approach to celebrating success and managing interventions if necessary.

We do this by:

- Using our learner attributes to underpin the desired culture of DBIS;
- Provide transparency of character and cultural expectation through Assemblies, Learning for Life lessons and Learning to Learn Discovery Units;
- Allowing all DBIS members to feel valued and heard through the use of restorative conversations;
- Accountability for our decisions and actions;
- Assisting all members of the DBIS community to strengthen their self-awareness, self management, social awareness and strong effective relationships
- At all times we will continue to work with each other and provide opportunities to strengthen and develop the character of your child and the culture of the school.

- Parent Hub (hub.dbis.edu.hk)
- Weekly Newsletter
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Classroom Boards
- Class Parents - **Please complete the Jotform on the Hub by tomorrow if you're interested. We will choose at random and share our Class Parents via the Hub on Friday.**
- Reports
- Face to face meetings
- Parent Workshops
- Home-School Link Books
- Office emails:
 - dbiseyfs@dbis.edu.hk (EYFS)
 - dbis@dbis.edu.hk (Primary)



- Children in are not permitted to wear Smartwatches. We encourage you to purchase an analogue watch which will support your child in learning to tell the time.
- Teachers will ask students to remove smart watches if they are brought into school and an adult will be asked to collect them at the end of the day from the school office.
- We do not permit our Primary students to use mobile phones at any time during the school day and would ask that they are not sent in to school with students. Our students' bags are kept on pegs or in lockers in the corridors, and we therefore cannot guarantee the safety of any mobile devices if left in students' bags.

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The House System in Primary



Four Houses, One Community.





Goldhorn, Goldhorn, fierce
and true,
With awesome power,
we'll see it through!
Strength and valor in
every stride.
United as one, we walk
with pride.
Go Goldhorn!

“Bold as gold”



Hear us roar, watch us soar,
We are the dragons and we
achieve more.

Fearless warriors, the brave
and the best,

Rising high and leading the
rest.

Go Dragons!

“Always curious, all powerful!”



Griffins, Griffins, we aim to
succeed!

We try our best to take the
lead.

Fear our talons when we take
flight,

Ascending together, we shine
so bright.

Go Griffins!

“Together we shine, that’s
our game!”



“Working together, we are
undefeatable!”

Phoenix, Phoenix, we are
wise,

We are ready to win the
prize.

With fearless wings, we
won't go wrong!

Rising above,
determined and strong.

Go Phoenix!

How will House Points be rewarded?

Points can be awarded to any students if they:

- demonstrate the Learner Profile Attributes;
- produce great work;
- or contribute positively in lessons.

Goldhorn

We are delighted to share the dates for a series of parent workshops for the coming term. These sessions will give parents a real insight into our teaching and learning across the EYFS and Primary School and will be in the Globe.

Term 1.1

- Thursday 12th September - Primary Maths Parent Workshop at 8:45 am
- Thursday 26th September - Primary English Parent Workshop at 8:45 am
- Thursday 10th October - Whole School Wellbeing Primary Discovery Parent Workshop at 8:45 am

Term 1.2

- Thursday 21st November - Primary Mandarin Parent Workshop at 8:45 am
- Thursday 29th November - Primary Discovery Parent Workshop at 8:45 am

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and Class Parents

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Welcome to the DBIS Community!

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Wishing you all a year full of learning,
progress and new experiences.

Miss Gerrard

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