

Petaling Jaya, June 13th, 2021

Thirteenth Newsletter School Year 2020/21

Important Dates:

Until 30.06.2021	:	School and kindergarten are closed - teaching via e-learning
Sunday, 20.06.2021	:	Oral DELF exams at the Alliance Française
Wednesday, 23.06.2021	:	Report card conferences
Monday, 28.06. – Tuesday, 29.06.2021	:	lessons for all classes from 8.00 am – 1.20 pm, no lessons in the afternoon
Wednesday, 30.06.2021	:	Last day of online teaching in school and KiGa before the summer holidays, 11.00 am: end of lessons
Wednesday, 30.06.2021	:	Report card distribution for all classes via email
Wednesday, 30.06.2021, 11.30 am – 3.30 pm	:	only for students and families who will leave the DSKL at the end of the school year: Opportunity to return school iPads, borrowed school School supplies, library books, etc, Collection of report cards from the school
Thursday, 01.07.2021 – Friday, 13.08.2021	:	Summer holidays
Thursday, 12.08.2021, 10.00 – 11.00 am	:	Orientation day for new families at kindergarten
Friday, 13.08.2021, 2.00 – 4.00 pm	:	Orientation day for new families at school
Monday, 16.08.2021	:	First day of school after the summer holidays, classes 2 – 12
Monday, 16.08.2021	:	First day of in kindergarten and pre-school after the summer holidays
Monday, 16.08.2021 – Friday, 20.08.2021	:	Face-to-face classes from 8.00 am – 1.20 pm in the first week of school for grades 2 - 12
Friday, 20.08.2021, 10.00 am	:	Enrolment celebration for the new first graders

All dates are available in our Online Calendar on the DSKL website.



Dear Parents and Teachers, dear Students,

The school year is coming to an end and our expectations that everything would be better with the start of the year 2021 were unfortunately not fulfilled. Again our graduation ceremony had to be cancelled due to the worsening Covid situation. Fortunately, the handing over of the Abitur certificates could take place in the school on May 31st, 2021 under strict condition of the SOPs. Unfortunately, this had been the only possibility to hand out the certificates. We had considered postponing the Abitur Ball, but it had to be cancelled and the purchased tickets have already been refunded to all guests. We would like to take this opportunity to once again wish our graduates all the best for their future!

On June 1st, 2021, an online information evening was held for our new first graders, our new colleague Mrs. Bartz, who will take over the first grade in the new school year, was also present at this event. For interested parents, another online information evening for grade 9 was held on June 10th, 2021 to present our digitization concept from grade 10 onwards.

Written DELF exams took place last Sunday. A total of 15 students registered for the different levels (A1-B2). The oral exams are scheduled for the following Sunday.

The vocational internship for grade 9, which was initially postponed until the end of the school year, unfortunately has to be cancelled due to the MCO. The project week, which was planned for the last days of school, has also been cancelled. Please note the changed closing time for the last three days of school from June 28th to 30th, 2021 (see schedule on page 1).

DSKL Website

As already communicated in our info-mail on May 28th, 2021, the DSKL website is available for you again in a new edition and with the usual information. We are looking forward to many clicks on our new website www.dskl.edu.my !

School books for the new school year – book sale and ordering

Due to the renewed closure of the school and the current Covid-19 infection situation, it was decided, in collaboration with the Parent Council, not to hold the planned book bazaar at the school.

Instead, the parent representatives have made a list available to all parents via Google Drive wherein vendors/donors can offer their available books by class. The [access link](#) to the list has already been shared in the WhatsApp chat groups of all classes. You can now directly contact the respective seller/donor to purchase the desired books.

Any books that you are then still missing, you are welcome to order using an order form. You can find the order forms of all classes on our website in the *section services* → *school books* or by clicking on this [link](#). Please send your order by scan/photo and email to Mrs. Stuckart, email: public@dskl.edu.my by June 27th, 2021 at the latest.

Furthermore, we would greatly appreciate reading book donations for the elementary school (Zebra reading book for grades 1 - 4), as these will be provided to students as class sets in the future.

Thank you very much for your support, with which certainly many books will find a reuse in the new school year.

Backup of Google data of student accounts

We would like to inform all students leaving DSKL at the end of the school year that their Google accounts will be deleted at the end of July at the latest. All important data should therefore be backed up by the students in time.

School iPads

School iPads **do not need to be returned** over the summer break.

Students who are leaving the DSKL at the end of the school year must return the iPads to the school on the last day of school (see below).

Students of the current grade 9 please return their iPads to school on the 1st school day after the school holidays, as they will be using their own devices for instruction in the new school year.

All other students in the new grades 2 - 9 please bring their charged iPads to school on the 1st day. Please note that the iPads will need to be completely turned off and back on once before the start of the new school year in order for the devices to be updated. Thank you.

Report card distribution

Due to the current situation, report cards can unfortunately only be distributed digitally this year. Accordingly, we will send you your children's scanned report cards by email on the last day of school. The originals will then be sent to the students at the beginning of the new school year.

Together with the report card, we will also send you an overview of your children's personal data, which we would like to ask you to check and inform us of any changes, please.

Report card distribution and return of school materials for departing students.

All students leaving the DSKL at the end of the school year are asked to pick up their report cards in person at the school on the last day of school, on June 30th, 2021, from 11.30 am – 3.30 pm. During this time, please also return the school iPads as well as any borrowed school materials and books from the library.

Results of the competence tests

The competence tests in German, mathematics, English and French were written from February to May this year. These tests take place at the DSKL and other German schools abroad in grades 3, 6 and 8 every year. The reference group is usually the state schools of Thuringia. Due to this year's situation, the reference group consists of only a few classes and the results are therefore less valuable than usual.

In grade 3, due to the lockdown, the competency tests could only be conducted in German but not in mathematics this year. The results in German are approximately at the level of the reference group.

The results for grade 6 in mathematics are above the level of the reference group, while those in German are significantly below. In English, however, the results are significantly higher than those of the reference group.

Grade 8 achieved comparable results to the reference group in French and mathematics, while the results in German were significantly higher.

Apart from this year's very small reference group, our classes are also generally very small, which means that the statistical evaluation of the competency tests is only of limited significance. However, it is still a good way to compare the performance level of our students with the performance level of students in Germany.

“Känguru”-Competition

This school year again some of our students took part in the “Känguru” mathematics competition. Due to the special conditions, however, there were only 34 participants at the DSKL. The certificates and prizes have already arrived at our school from Germany. As soon as your children are allowed to come back to school, both will be distributed. This year, about 5,900 schools and about 310,000 students participated in this international mathematics competition.

School fees for the school year 2021/22

At the last board meeting, the school fees for the new school year were approved. A corresponding letter from the treasurer with the information on the fees for the 2021/22 school year will be sent to you shortly in a separate email.

Orientation day in the kindergarten and school

We would like to cordially invite all new families to an orientation day in the kindergarten on Thursday, August 18th, 2021, from 10.00 - 11.00 am. The orientation day at school will be held on Friday, August 13th, 2021, from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. On this occasion, the new families can visit the kindergarten or the school again, meet the teachers and educators, clarify last organizational matters, buy the school uniforms and much more.

First school week after the vacations from August 16th – 20th, 2021

School starts after the summer vacations on Monday, August 16th, 2021, at 8.00 a.m. for the students of grades 2 - 12. Afternoon classes do not yet take place during the first school week (August 16th – 20th, 2021). Therefore, classes will end daily after the 6th period at 1.20 pm for all classes during this week.

The AGs will start in the third week of school at the earliest, provided that the SOPs valid at that time and the personnel capacities permit this. Please note our announcements at the beginning of the school year. As usual, the school buses will be in operation from the first day of school onwards.

Toy donations for the primary school

The primary school is looking for donations for the toy box in the playground. If you have balls, skipping ropes or similar outdoor toys that you no longer need, we would be delighted to receive your donation. We are also very

interested in board games for the primary school to offer more varieties during the breaks in the classroom. You are welcome to hand in your contributions to Ms. Lee Li at the reception.

De-registrations at the end of the school year

If you have not yet done so, please inform us as soon as possible about any de-registrations of your children at the end of the school year so that we can take them into account when planning for the new school year. Please take note of the de-registration deadline of June 30th, 2021 for end-of-school-year de-registrations. The de-registration forms for the DSKL and the School Association (DSM) can also be found here again in the attachment. Thank you very much.

Vacation calendar for the new school year 2021/2022

For your information, we are once again sending you the vacation calendar for the upcoming 2021/22 school year attached to this newsletter.

Best regards and stay positive

Konrad Menne, Principal

Next newsletter : on Tuesday, June 29th, 2021