

KINDERWORLD INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN @ THE MANOR, HANOI

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Chuc Mung Nam Moi to all! I'm sure you will agree that our kindergarten is looking very festive with all the Tet decorations and the creative display that transforms our foyer into a magical and colourful Tet Marketplace. I would like to sincerely thank all our teaching staff who have been very creative in preparing their classrooms and hallway display boards for the coming Tet celebrations.

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of Term 2 and that our school year is half over. It has been a very busy January and I know all staff are looking forward to Tet holidays with their families.

OUTSTANDING LEARNER RESULTS

KinderWorld International Kindergarten @ The Manor joins with KinderWorld Vietnam to congratulate SIS @ Gamuda Gardens students for their great achievements in the Cambridge, June 2018 examination series. Students from Singapore International School @ Gamuda Gardens received the following awards:

Top in the World - AS Level, Mathematics – Jong In Lee who achieved an impressive 100% for Mathematics.

Best Across All Four Subjects - AS Level – Jong In Lee Top in Country - Cambridge IGCSE – Global Perspectives – Shrija Pathak

These awards recognize the talent, dedication and commitment of both students and staff. Congratulations!

Finally, on behalf of all the staff here at KinderWorld @ The Manor, I would like to wish all our families a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday with your family and friends over the Tet break.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Jan 28 – Feb 1 - Term 2 Holiday Feb 4 – 8 – Tet Holiday Feb 11 – Term 3 Begins

Estelle Brown Head of Kindergarten



News around the Classrooms











Excursion to Bat Trang Traditional Pottery Village

After having had a couple of interesting weeks at kindergarten learning about modern and traditional trades in Vietnam, the three prep classes had a great time visiting the pottery village situated 14 kilometers outside Hanoi.

Pottery and clay products from Vietnam have existed for centuries and although the designs have changed and the process has been modernized, it all comes down to the clay, which the students had a chance to get their hands on.

We arrived quite early and had a tour around the workshop where we got to see the big oven where they bake the clay and we visited the ladies making the cups, plates and bowls we use every day in our homes.

The day offered our students a chance to paint their own cup, which then got glazed and baked in the oven. After a quick snack, we got our hands dirty working with clay and water.

It was a great way to spend the morning and the students came away with a better understanding of the pottery craft and traditions.



K2 Caterpillar's Cooking Class

The international K2's had a great excursion to Pegasus for a cooking lesson. The goal was to make pancakes with chocolate and fruit on a skewer. It was the perfect opportunity to learn more about the occupation of being a "Chef or Cook" which we had been learning about prior to the Christmas break. We had a fun time in class discussing last year's visit to Pegasus, so all the students were very enthusiastic about their visit this time. The students were so excited when we arrived at Pegasus and a real chef with a big white hat was standing ready to greet us and guide us through the cooking process.

The morning consisted of three lessons: making pancakes, making the chocolate sauce and finally arranging the pancakes on the skewers with fruit pieces.







First we had to talk about the ingredients, learn in which order to mix them and then the fun, hands-on cooking began. It was amazing to watch the students being fully absorbed in the activities and they were very excited about the outcome and getting a chance to taste their creations.

As a bonus, we also got to see the kitchen where they make our snacks and lunch. We had a great time and can't wait to visit again next year!



Hands-On Science in K1 Classrooms

Science activities in K1 always capture the students' interest. K1 classes had lots of fun learning about some of the many different types of vegetables and their health benefits. Our students enjoyed observing and participating in some hands-on activities with vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, potato, tomato, cucumber and corn.

Teachers provided some interesting science experiments for the students to learn how plants absorb water. It was magical for them to see how the cabbage leaves changed colour as they absorbed the coloured water. This experiment showed the students how plants not only absorb water but also nutrients for them to grow... much the same way as our bodies! The students learned lots of new vocabulary associated with vegetables and are more aware of the importance of vegetables in their diet. They enjoyed a whole week of fun, engaging and exciting vegetable-themed activities.









Tet Classroom Cooking Activities

As part of our Tet celebrations, many classes prepared the ingredients to make Chung Cakes, red sticky rice and spring rolls with the students. All classes were able to see how Chung Cake is prepared and wrapped ready for cooking. The children were so interested in watching the wrapping process and I thank the teachers and Ms Linh for their efforts so that our children are able to see and learn about some very important Vietnamese Tet traditions.











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