



KINDERWORLD INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN @ THE MANOR, HANOI

# NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Parents,**

Welcome to the new school year! We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families and teaching staff and anticipate a long and happy association with KK @ The Manor. I am delighted with the enthusiastic and hardworking teachers this year and know you will all be very happy with the wonderful learning and creative activities that your children will be doing this year.

Over the last few weeks, teachers have been getting to know their new students and establish routines and classroom procedures. The students are learning more about their new friends and developing relationships with their teachers who are committed to providing the best possible educational experiences for the coming year.

We are delighted to welcome our new foreign teaching staff. Ms Rossy is the new International Prep teacher, Ms Anna is our Integrated Prep Teacher and EFL teacher and Ms Caitlin is the new International K2 teacher. Parents can be confident that the new teaching staff at KK @ The Manor possess teaching qualifications and personal and professional qualities that are needed to become KinderWorld teachers.



## **Upcoming Important Dates:**

**September 24 – Moon Festival Celebration**

**October 15 – 19 – Term 1 Break**

Estelle Brown  
Head of Kindergarten

# News around the Classrooms



## STEM Learning at KIK @ The Manor

One new initiative introduced for this school year, is that all classes at KinderWorld Kindergartens will be incorporating frequent STEM activities into the classroom curriculum.

STEM stands for **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**ath and is a popular subject area that is being taught in many schools throughout the world. Instead of just focusing on one subject area at a time, STEM uses an interdisciplinary approach which means more than one subject area can be included into a lesson. One way that STEM differs from traditional Science and Math lessons, is that there is less focus on rote memorization and more focus on creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication. STEM learning lets children be actively engaged in their own learning as well as their surrounding environment. Simply put, STEM reflects real life and will better prepare students for their futures both in and outside the classroom.

We are excited for all the fun STEM activities that we have planned this school year! We hope that through STEM activities, we will be able to:

- Encourage deeper learning with our young students
- Promote active learning! This is important as it motivates the students to learn and develop skills
- Help students to learn about trial and error – they will start to understand that if something doesn't work the first time, they can try again until they succeed.







## Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all parents who braved a very wet and stormy night to attend our Information Evening. All classes had a wonderful attendance of parents who were eager to hear about teaching plans and activities for the coming school year. Teaching staff really appreciated your attendance and I hope you received all the information you needed to know how to effectively support your child's learning this year. Please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher if you require further information about any aspect of your child's learning. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to not only meet the teachers, but also other parents in their child's class. Teachers were able to discuss their goals and expectations for the new school year as well as to explain how a typical day runs in their classrooms. It was great to see so many parents partake of the special supper in the foyer and socialize with other parents and teachers, both old and new!

Please remember that teachers are always very happy to meet with parents to discuss any concerns. An appointment for after school needs to be made, as teachers are unable to spend time away from the children in the mornings when they first arrive at kindergarten. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## International Prep Firefly Class STEM Activities

During our first month of kindergarten, Prep Fireflies have had so much fun creating and using our imagination. The students have learned how materials like Lego blocks, popsicle sticks and paper/plastic cups can be used to build and create new things such as towers, fruit, cars, houses, 3D shapes and even toys. The students became little engineers and we look forward to keep exploring and creating new things during our STEM time in class.





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