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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

The month of November has been very busy with excursions, some wonderful STEM activities, celebrating Teacher's Day and final preparations for our Christmas festivities.

Our teaching staff were overwhelmed with the generosity and warm wishes shown by our parent community for their recognition of Teacher's Day. The flowers, floral arrangements, cakes and fruit baskets we received in the office were truly breathtaking. We have a wonderful team of teachers here at KIK @ The Manor and I acknowledge the outstanding work they do each and every day, to provide the best care and wonderful learning experiences for all our children. Our heartfelt thanks to all parents for their kindness and generosity on this special day.



An important date to put in your calendar is **Saturday, December 8** as this is the date of our annual Christmas Charity Fair. This year, we will again be joining with SIS @ Ciputra to bring you one big Christmas event! The Fair will be held from 9:00am to 11:30am. We are very pleased to announce that the chosen charity this year will again be "Operation Smile, Vietnam". This wonderful charity is dedicated to transforming the lives of children who are born with facial deformities. As our plans and preparations get underway, I will send more information out to you. For our "Trash and Treasure" stall, we would like to ask for donations in the form of toys, clothing, bedding, bags, shoes, jewelry / scarves / handbags, DVD's / CD's, books, household items, anything at all that you no longer require or use.

Upcoming Important Dates:

December 8 - Christmas Fair
December 11 - Christmas Concert

Estelle Brown
Head of Kindergarten

Operation  Smile
Vietnam
Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

News around the Classrooms



K2 Dragonfly Class Enjoy a House Visit

After the students had completed a unit of work on “My House” & “Household Items” as part of their Social Studies program for Term 2, Dragonfly Class was invited to visit the home of Nam Phuong and Bao Long. The students really enjoyed the visit and discovered rooms and different furniture items inside. They have been learning the names of furniture and there were lots of interesting items in Nam Phuong and Bao Long’s home. As a very special surprise, the parents, Mr Thanh & Ms Huyen had arranged for a clown to do some amazing tricks for the children, with giant bubbles. Dragonfly Class sincerely thank the family for their wonderful hospitality and allowing the students to visit their home and making everyone feel so welcome.



K1 Grasshopper Class love Science Experiments

The students in Grasshopper Class really enjoy STEM learning and participating in hands-on science experiments. One such activity was making lava lamps. The children were able to make a wave bottle using oil, water, food colouring and a secret ingredient that makes the whole thing fizz, bubble and erupt! The students were amazed as they watched the bubbling colour blobs rise and fall in the water.





Prep Scorpions learn about looking after our Planet Earth

The students in Scorpion Class were very interested to learn about plastic waste and how so much plastic items end up in our oceans. They had lots of discussions and ideas about what we can do with plastic materials instead of just throwing them out. The students were given some pictures to inspire them and then they were given recycled bottles to create their own boats and observe how they would float. The students gave interesting explanations about why their boats would roll over when a sail was added. During the lessons, it was very heartwarming to hear that the students already show a growing awareness about protecting our Earth from plastic pollution and the importance of recycling.



K2 Dragonfly Class Design their own Cars

Learning about transportation provided some fun-filled activities in K2 Dragonfly Class. The students showed their engineering and design skills as they attempted to assemble a car to experiment on how well their vehicles would travel down a roadway. The students were given some basic materials and shown how to put the pieces together to build a car. They were then able to test their designs on the racetrack. The activities also provided the children with lots of opportunities to use their language and vocabulary based around the theme of transportation.





Growing Things in K2 Bumblebee Class

The best way for K2 Bumblebees to learn about the natural world is through hands-on activities and experiences. This term, the children have been learning about the life cycle of plants and to enhance this learning, they were able to plant pumpkin seeds and care for them and watch them grow.

During our Halloween celebrations, we made a pumpkin jack-o-lantern and collected the seeds. The students were given their own containers and added soil and water to see if the seeds would grow.

We checked on the seeds' progress daily, observing any changes and recorded the observations together at circle time. The children were so excited to see their seeds grow to become strong, healthy plants.





Nursery Class Activities

Nursery Larva Class has been learning about sea creatures and animals that live in water. To further enhance their understanding, the students made their own aquariums. They pasted cutouts of tiny fish, sharks, turtles, octopuses and whales onto a water bottle to make a “Sea Creature Aquarium”. They filled their bottles with blue-coloured water to complete their aquarium. The children were so proud and eager to show and share their masterpieces with friends. Through this activity, they were able to name and talk about the sea creatures they were pasting on their bottles. They used fine motor skills of colouring, cutting and pasting to complete the task then showed their confidence in talking about their work with each other. It was great activity for our Nursery students.



Prep Firefly Students Create Family Trees

One of the most important things a child can learn is information about their families. A child should be able to understand and acknowledge their relationship to family members and so, to further understand who their family members are, the students of Firefly Class were given the opportunity to create their own Family Tree to help them to understand their own family structure.

Firstly, they decorated their trees, then they cut the pictures of their relatives to be pasted and labeled on their trees. Finally, they proudly presented their Family Tree to the whole class, showing how happy and proud they were to be able to learn about their personal history.





What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?

The students of Cricket Class dream of being ‘grown ups’ and doing incredible things in the future so this is what they focused on during their learning around the theme of “Occupations”. With experiences provided by this theme, the students have become more aware of a great number of occupations and the way these workers help us in the area of transportation, health care, sports, community helpers, construction and service workers. The teachers provided many wonderful activities for the children to explore occupations including opportunities for role play. Role-play is an important part of a child’s development as it builds confidence, creativity, communication, physical development and problem solving. Cricket Class loved role-playing being doctors, teachers, policemen, builders and shopkeepers. They were able to act out real life situations and get creative in their role-play. The students loved to get into character as firefighters, police officers, doctors and florists with costumes and props so that they could better understand the important duties of community helpers. The playtime adventures for children of K1 Cricket class provide wonderful learning opportunities and endless fun.

