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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 and what a busy term it promises to be!

The month of October has flown by with lots of great learning and fun-filled activities culminating in the happy celebration of Halloween. Teachers have focused on lots of wonderful language learning around the stories of Halloween using picture books for some spooky and silly storytime fun as well as decorating classrooms and display boards with creative 'Trick or Treat' craft.

Now that summer has come and gone and we are now well into the season of autumn, the weather will start to get cooler so please dress your child appropriately for the weather, as it is likely that the students will be doing some outdoor activities such as exploring the change in colour of the leaves.

In kindergarten, a major focus is trying to encourage independence and develop self-help skills. Children can learn so much from doing things themselves. When children practice self-help skills, they use their gross and fine motor skills, gain confidence in their ability to try new things and build their self-esteem and pride in their independence. Thank you for supporting the teachers to accomplish these goals.

Upcoming Important Dates for Term 2:

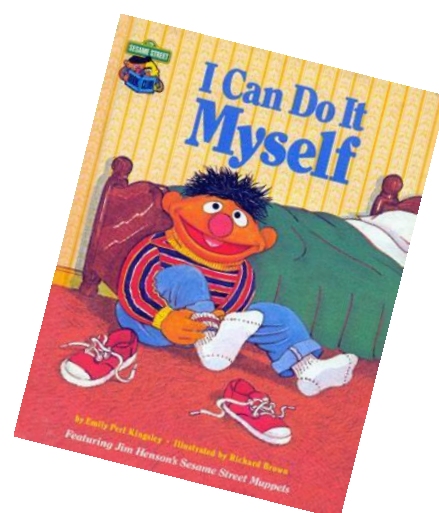
December 8 – Christmas Fair at SIS Ciputra

December 12 – Christmas Concert

December 14 – Christmas Break

January 2 – Kindergarten Resumes after Christmas Break

Estelle Brown
Head of Kindergarten



News around the Classrooms



K1 Cricket Class learn about The Five Senses

Before the holiday break, the students in Cricket Class had a fun and busy time learning about, and exploring, the five senses. They were very excited to join in the various activities linked to the lessons about body parts. The students used their five senses to learn about the world through fun experiences and linked to their body parts. They used their eyes to see the magical swirl of colors when soap, milk and food colors were mixed. Children used their hands to touch and feel colorful ice and created fantastic art pictures using the ice cubes. They used playdough to form parts of the body and faces with different emotional expressions: happy, sad, angry and scared. Our favourite lesson that incorporated all of the five senses was the act of popping popcorn. They were shown how to pop popcorn and how they could use their senses of smell, hearing, touch, sight, and taste to describe popcorn and learned lots of new vocabulary.



Ladybug Class

This month the children in Ladybug Class did a really exciting display board called 'Who am I?' to introduce themselves to parents and visitors. The children used their painted, colourful hands and feet to decorate the board. They learned a little bit about their left and right body parts in a fun and engaging way.





K2 Dragonfly Class create a Sensory Train

Providing opportunities for children to actively use their senses as they explore their world through 'sensory play' is crucial to brain development. Sensory play supports language development, cognitive growth, fine and gross motor skills, problem solving skills and social interaction. The students in Dragonfly Class took great pleasure in participating in a morning of sensory play whereby large tubs were filled with different kinds of materials so the children could experience walking on soft, hard, cold, warm and sticky surfaces. The activities created lots of opportunities for the students to use their language to describe their experiences. They found it very entertaining to watch friends' reactions as well as trying it themselves.



Nursery Students have Fun Flying Kites

The students of Nursery Larva Class love outdoor activities. They always enjoy their 'nature walk' around The Manor each day. Every walk is an opportunity for children to learn about the natural world and there is always something new to explore. Now that the weather is getting a little cooler, the students were very excited when they were able to take a kite outside and watch it fly in the wind. It wasn't part of the plan but the weather was just perfect for a fun and refreshing morning spent outside. All the children were so excited and we all wish we could fly like the kite.





Prep Firefly's Timeline Project

Firefly Class students were able to be actively engaged in learning the sequence of events in their life by constructing their own personal timelines. After talking about the stages of growth and the changes we experience when we grow up, the students were eager to make a poster to show their own stages of growth starting from when they were babies until the present time. They began by decorating their posters with coloured paint and shapes. Then, they pasted their pictures in chronological order and finally labeled them indicating how old they were. Students were able to draw on their own life experiences and that of their families as they constructed their timelines. At the completion of the project, the students presented their timeline to their classmates.



Prep Scorpion Class

In Scorpion Class, the students have been learning to classify objects according to colour and then do a visual representation of their findings. They were given the task of charting the information to show a visual representation of the number of each colour group. They worked in small groups to sort and to sequence from the least to the most. Using the visual chart, the students were able to get information to answer questions posed by the teacher. They were able to answer questions using their mathematical vocabulary of least, most and the same or equal number. The activity provided the students with hands-on experiences to show their understanding of number comparisons.



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS



