



KINDERWORLD INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN @ THE MANOR, HANOI

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Term 1 is nearly at an end and there have been lots of interesting highlights both inside and outside the classrooms during the month of September. The learning focus this month has centered around the themes of “My Kindergarten”, “My Toys”, “Clothing” and of course our special cultural celebrations for “Mid-Autumn Festival”. I am so appreciative of the incredible work done by our teachers who continue to provide wonderful and innovative activities to excite the children in their learning

We had a wonderful celebration for Moon Festival last Monday. The children looked so bright and colourful as they arrived at kindergarten and were very excited about the morning activities, games and Lantern Parade through the darkened halls. The teachers went to so much trouble to make the parade a spectacular event with all the children’s lanterns lit up with a battery –operated light. It was a wonderful sight to see! Congratulations to our wonderful Lion Dancers – Mr Nghi and Ms Roan (PE)! Your performance certainly added to our morning celebrations. Mr Ninh was our drummer and Ms Giang made the children laugh as the traditional clown. This year the children were able to join in many games provided by Ms Thuy Linh and Ms Duyen (Music). All staff went to great lengths to decorate our kindergarten and their hard work was rewarded by the excited looks on the children’s faces as they arrived at kindergarten. It was a truly memorable event for all.

We were very happy to host nine students from Swinburne University in Melbourne, Australia. The students were here with their supervisor, Ms Julie Godwin, who many of our parents will remember as the past principal of KinderWorld at Hanoi Towers. The students were part of a study tour to investigate early childhood education practices in a different cultural setting, and to work with our local teachers. They were very hands-on in the classrooms and were able to get a better understanding of children from different cultural backgrounds to their experiences in Australia. During their visits, they read stories to the children and encouraged them to speak and communicate in English.

Upcoming Important Dates:

October 15 - 19 – Term 1 Break

October 22 – Term 2 Begins

Estelle Brown
Head of Kindergarten

News around the Classrooms



Craft Activities in Preparation for Mid-Autumn Festival

Prep Tiger Beetles have been busy with craft activities to prepare for the Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration. They showed great excitement painting different masks and pictures of Moon Festival. They also demonstrated their excellent fine motor skills and patience when drawing, cutting and pasting paper to make their lion puppets as well as decorating their lanterns for Lantern Parade. Through these activities, the children had a lot of fun when making their handmade products and were able to understand more about the traditions of Vietnam during this special celebration.



In the past, parents and grandparents often made paper masks for their children in preparation for the Mid-Autumn Festival. Paper masks are created in various interesting shapes such as animals and funny faces. The main material for these masks are a special type of paper made from cassava flour, boiled into glue, and left to dry. Our K2 students in Dragonfly Class really enjoyed this activity and were all very excited to be wearing them for our celebrations at kindergarten and at home.



Mid-Autumn Festival is such an enjoyable time for our students as they prepare their beautiful lanterns and animal masks in readiness for our parade. The children in K1 Grasshopper Class also got to make Moon Cakes with Ms Do Linh. Making mooncakes



is simple and easy with three simple

step-by-step guides:

1. Mix the sticky rice flour with sugar water and stir very well.
 2. Roll the dough into a ball and press the ball of dough flat.
 3. Press the entire ball into the mooncake mold.
- The Moon Cake is done!



K1 Excursion to TiniWorld at Indochina Plaza

Lots of great learning has taken place around the theme of "My Toys". K1 students had an excursion to TiniWorld where they were able to investigate and play with lots of different kinds of toys and take part in many fun physical activities. The children were all so excited about the many choices and activities available to them. The play areas are separated into different rooms so that it is easy for them to choose their favourite activities such as the ball pit, the fishing pool, sand play area, role-play room, transportation and discovery rooms and many other toy related areas. The Tiniworld visit allowed for many fantastic experiences for our students and they can't wait to go back for another visit.





English Support Lessons in Nursery Class

Nursery Larva Class are loving their lessons with Ms Anna. They are so excited when she visits our class with her puppet friend, Ruby Rabbit. Ms Anna is very friendly and enthusiastic when she is with the students and they really get actively engaged in her learning activities and stories. They love listening to her telling stories with Ruby Rabbit and using lots of different voices. We love our English lessons with Ms Anna.

K2 Classes enjoy making Pizzas at Al Fresco's

During Term 1 the students in K2 learn about The Five Senses. Our senses of touch and taste are very important and to enhance the learning around these senses, the students visited the Al Fresco's Pizza Restaurant where they were able to watch and work with the pizza chef to make their own pizzas.

The students enjoyed some Western foods such as pizza, American fries, fried chicken and ice cream. The children showed good table manners and practised speaking English to describe the food they tasted and what their favourite pizza toppings were.





Abstract Artists in Prep Firefly Class

For the month of September, paint and classical music filled the Firefly classroom while working on a **Kandinsky** Art Project. Kandinsky was one of the founders of abstract art in painting in the 20th century. The students learned about abstract art, what it is and how to make it. They also learned that everything starts from a dot and with lines and shapes they can have an amazing abstract art piece. They were excited to paint their own "**Circles in a Circle**" using colours to express their emotions while listening to classical music. What's more, their curiosity led them to take this type of art to the ICT room and they were astonished to discover that "**Circles in a Circle**" can also be done on a computer! It was such a wonderful project and the students all look forward to continue to discover new things.



