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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back to term 2 – we hope that you all had a wonderful break and are ready for the excitement of November.

We are now all ready for our Halloween spectacular event. The children arrived back at kindergarten after term break to an amazing Halloween themed school and are all looking forward to our 'Trick or Treat' event. Pictures of the event will be shared in our November newsletter.

October saw a team of six doctors at Hanoi Towers for our bi-annual medical check – with pupils enjoying the experience of visiting the different health stations. Our term 1 excursions provided pupils with many opportunities to explore and experiment and we continue with our excursions and the start of cross campus events in November.



With Autumn coming upon us, we have changed our water play emphasis to an athletic physical Education programme at the American Club. This programme gives pupils a chance to develop their gross motor skills as well as learn some new skills.



With teacher's day coming up on 20th November, our Christmas Charity Fair in December as well as our annual Christmas concert we have a fun filled term 2 to look forward to.

Stephanie C. Mills
Head of Kindergarten

News around the Classrooms

PREP CLASSES TRIP TO ECO PARK

In Term 1, the Prep classes took a sensory walk at Eco park in the beautiful outdoor environment as part of our theme on "The Five Senses."

The students enjoyed using the magnifying glasses to look at the plants up-close, and they also smelt and touched some of the plants. They were excited to see some animals in their natural environment.

To finish off a lovely morning, we spent some time playing in the indoor playground before having an enjoyable lunch at the picnic tables. We felt refreshed and rejuvenated after spending some quality time outside as well as participating in some physical activities.



MEDICAL CHECK

A team of six doctors visited Hanoi Towers to give all pupils a basic medical check. With individual booklets to record progress, pupils enjoyed going from station to station to try out the different activities.



K1 EXCURSION TO PEGASUS INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

This month, the K1 classes had the opportunity to visit the Pegasus kitchens at Van Phuc. The chefs there showed us how to make some delicious sugar cookies. The children all had a great time mixing the ingredients together - creaming the butter and sugar together was a bit difficult and we needed to have help from the electric mixer! After that, we added vanilla, a pinch of salt and slowly folded in some flour before the dough was ready. The most fun part was piping the cookies onto the baking tray and decorating them with cherries.

Chef Viet told us all about the importance of kitchen hygiene, and showed us the proper way to wash our hands when dealing with food, which tied in well to our themes of the body and hygiene. We all learned some new skills and best of all, we got to bring our cookies home to share!



STEM ACTIVITIES

One of the themes this month was "Our 5 Senses". During our learning, we had a STEM afternoon that allowed for the children to experience the different senses.

Some of the experiences set up were where children had to predict what certain foods might taste like, and what their texture might be. Then the children were blindfolded and using their taste sensor they had to guess what they were eating.



Another experience was using the smell sensor. There were many different cotton wool pads that had different scents on them.

There was also an experience where students got to touch a variety of different materials and objects to feel the differences between them. Some of these materials and objects were water and sponges, leaves, paper and shells.



FIRE PRACTICE

In order to ensure the safety of everyone in the building Somerset arranged a fire safety talk and demonstration. The senior leadership team were able to learn about the various fire practices in the building as well as practice their own fire extinguishing skills.



QR CODES

We are pleased to announce that we are now including QR codes on our weekly newsletters. This will mean that it is much easier for you to access the songs or stories that we are using in the class.

We suggest that you download a QR app on your phone or iPad (there are plenty of free safe options on Google play) and use this free app to automatically scan the code which automatically takes you to the site.

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K2 CLASS EXCURSION TO ERA HOUSE

The K2 classes went on a fall excursion to Era house farm in mid-October. Each class went on separate days so were able to enjoy all of the different activities that were available. We have been learning about hobbies and different things our bodies can do. This was a way for children to test out different things they are able to do and find different activities they may enjoy.

Activities included:

- testing their bravery to face the steep grass slides
- honing their throwing accuracy by practicing at the dart or Harry Potter quidditch game
- seeing if they were afraid of heights by passing over a rope bridge over water
- going on a boat or pony ride
- exploring giant dinosaur bones and looking at tiny bugs and animals with magnifying glasses

Fun was had by all and pupils learnt through participating in things they were willing to do and things they want to try again.



