



KINDERWORLD INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN @ THE MANOR, HANOI

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 and what a busy term it promises to be! The children will have a busy term learning about all about some traditions from around the world including Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Each class have also planned some exciting excursions this term.

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 created some fantastic STEM experiences around the theme of Halloween. Teachers have also focused on lots of wonderful language learning around the stories of Halloween using picture books for some spooky and silly story time fun as well as decorating classrooms and display boards with creative 'Trick or Treat' craft. The children were all very excited for our Halloween celebrations on Thursday the 31st October.

Please ensure that you have purchased school uniforms for your child. It is a school expectation that children wear school uniform each day.

- PE Uniform** – Orange Polo t-shirt and shorts (both boys and girls) – to be worn on PE days (**Wednesday and Thursday**) and when children go on excursions.
- Formal Uniform** – Button shirt and grey shorts (boys) and grey skirt (girls).
- Winter Uniform** – Grey long pants/track pants, orange school jumper.
Girls - Grey skirt with grey leggings/stockings
- School shoes** – **Black covered shoes** (suitable for children to go outside and participate in PE Lessons or outdoor activities/excursions).
Slippers - to use when walking inside the school.

Upcoming Important Dates for Term 2:

- December – 7th – Christmas Charity Fair (Saturday)**
- December – 18th Christmas Concert (Wednesday Morning)**
- December – 20th – Last day of school before Christmas Break**
- January – 6th – Kindergarten Resumes after Christmas Break**
- January – 17th – Last day of Term 2**

Kind Regards

Kelly Monos
Head of Kindergarten

News around the Classrooms



Pre Nursery and Nursery Classes – Dress up Halloween

Halloween is such a fun time of the year. The students in Penguin and Cockatoo Class are able to participate in many activities such as decorating pumpkin lanterns and other exciting art and crafts projects for classroom displays. They are eager to dress up in spooky costumes to visit other classrooms to “trick or treat”





K1 Classes

This month, K1 have been focusing on creating hands-on, minds-on lessons and have been incorporating lots of STEM activities into our daily work. The children have taken part in tasks that have helped to progress their fine motor skills, creativity and working within a team.

For example, Hummingbird class used different materials, such as marshmallows and playdough to connect straws together. This was a great team-building exercise and it was a pleasure to see the children working so well together. In Parrot class, the children enjoyed creating a rainbow, using colourful skittles. They positioned the sweets in a pattern along the edge of a plate, added water and watched as the colour's mixed together to create different shapes!





K2 Classes

For the October newsletter the K2 Group would like to share some of our STEM activities. As you may already know, our stem activities are based on experimenting and finding out how and why things work as they do. A lot of our normal art and craft activities are more or less also STEM in their nature but sometimes we put extra focus on the how and why part.

The students of Eagle Class also had a very busy week with some cool STEM projects. They had fun using different kinds of blocks, boxes paper cups and plates, express their creative ideas to build a school, tower, bridge, car, train, robots and make Halloween decorations. Learning about the theme "My house", it gave the students an opportunity to experience the whole process of completing a projects from start to finish. Moreover, it was a great exercise in corporation.

K2 Owl class had chosen to focus on colours for a day and we had focused on two activities, one (and this was honestly the funniest one according to the kids) was an experiment where we tried to see what happens when we put drops of food colour into milk and then add a tiny drop of soap using q tips.

(The soap reacts with the fat in the milk and it creates some cool colours when it causes the food colour to be swirled around "all by itself") ...here is a link if you want to try it out at home with your children.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54jZovNSK5M>

K2 Peacock class shared some of the activities with the other K2 Classes and they also had lots of interesting fun with the colour mixing. And they had made dye rice. It also gave them a chance to see what happens when you put two different colours next to each other and what colour it will create when mixed. The Peacocks also had a visit to one of their students house as part of the theme my Home. There they had a chance to look at both rooms as well as furniture. They were also lucky enough to have a part as well!



Prep

This October was special for our Prep students. This time they took part in our school-wide STEM Week. Every day they had an exciting problem to solve applying their creativity and critical thinking skills. Integrated Prep Classes were learning about autumn through fun and hands-on activities with natural materials.

They became experts in pumpkin science and had so much fun with “Pumpkin Bubbles”, “Pumpkin Tunnels” and “Float and Sink” experiments. They also had a chance to try themselves at pumpkin carving and they explored what was inside through an exciting sensory activity. Flamingo class coloured their seeds for a sensory bean, and Robin class planted their seeds and observed the pumpkin life cycle.

However, the children found out that the best way to enjoy pumpkin is not to play with it, but to cook it! They learned how to make delicious pumpkin cream soup and pumpkin cake, that tasted even better when shared with friends!



SNAPSHOTS FROM THE MONTH

