

KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

November has been another busy month, with Teacher's Day, lots of excursions and final preparations for our Christmas concert and end of year fair.

Our first main Christmas event is on Saturday, December 7th with our annual Christmas Charity Fair where we are working with SIS @ Van Phuc. For our "Trash and Treasure" stall, we would like to ask for donations in the form of toys, clothing, bedding, bags, shoes, jewellery/ scarves / handbags, DVD's / CD's, books, household items etc. – basically anything at all that you no longer require or use. There is a large box in the entrance hall ready for your donations. We are very pleased to announce that the chosen charity this year is Caritas Vietnam – a wonderful charity whose programmes aim to promote integral human development and to deliver emergency assistance.

Our annual Christmas Concert by the Christmas tree in the entrance hall on the ground floor will take place on Wednesday 18th December from *** to *** followed by morning tea at the school and a visit by Father Christmas. We will be sending out invitations and further information regarding these two events shortly.

On Wednesday 20th November we celebrated Teachers' day. This was a time to celebrate all of the hard work and dedication of our truly wonderful staff. We have a wonderful team of teachers here at KIK @ Hanoi Towers — providing outstanding care and wonderful learning experiences for all our children. Our heartfelt thanks to all parents and guardians for their kindness and generosity on this special day.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support this year and wish you a wonderfully relaxing break and a very happy new year.

Stephanie C. Mills Head of Kindergarten

Upcoming Important Dates:

Thursday 5th December – K1 trip to Vinke
Saturday 7th December – Christmas Fair at Van Phuc
Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Concert
Friday 20th December – Last Day of the School Year 2019
Monday 6th January – School Reopens

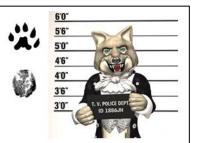


News around the Classrooms

K2 OCCUPATIONS INVESTIGATION

In K2, we have been learning about different jobs. One job we really enjoyed learning about was being a detective. Detective Mr. Potato Head came to our class and left clues for our students to follow. The mystery was "Who stole the cookie from Ms. Colleen's desk?" Listening and talking about these clues, we





came up with different suspects who we thought may have stolen the cookie. Detective Mr. Potato Head would review our suspects and help us to rule out who it may

or may not be. During this time, we took our own fingerprints and talked about evidence left behind in the "cookie theft".

Detective Mr. Potato Head gave us the fingerprints and footprint of the main suspect that he found at the crime scene. We were then able to narrow down our suspect list and name the person that committed the crime. Detective Mr. Potato Head was so happy with our help he left us a picture of the Big Bad Wolf who had been arrested for his crime and small cookie treat to enjoy as a thank you for our help.



THE AMERICAN CLUB

In Terms 2 and 3, all classes at our kindergarten have weekly visits to the American Club, an enclosed outdoor area just a five-minute drive away from our campus. The American Club has a nice large playground as well as a football field and enables students to have lots of space to move and play.

After our PE lesson, we have time to develop our gross motor skills and coordination further through free play on the playground equipment, a game of football as well as exploring the grass, trees and plants there. It is wonderful to see our students enjoy a happy and safe outdoor play experience in the fresh air and sunshine.





NURSERY EXCURSION TO ERA HOUSE FARM

There was anticipation in the air as the nursery students set off to Era House Farm for their second term excursion.



Once on the bus, the students enjoyed singing "the wheels on the bus." Era House farm, had many things for the children to do and they loved recognizing the different farm animals we have been studying. The students pointed to the different animals, made farm animal sounds and named the animals.

The students noted that there are many insects on the farm and were fascinated to see what the different animals ate. A truly wonderful educational experience.









K2 STEM ACTIVITIES

K2 Chick class were busy experimenting with water this month. The key question was "how can we rescue the animals that are stuck in the ice?". Pupils hypothesized (reasoned out their ideas) how they would rescue them and then experimented with various instruments such as spoons and forks. They tried various techniques, such as hitting and digging then realised that they could assist this process by warming up the ice in their hands. They were delighted to "rescue" the animals and were keen to share their success techniques with others to try.





S.T.E.M. EXPLORATION IN JOEY CLASS

Prep Joey class has been learning about different kinds of materials. We explored the materials and were



amazed to see how some objects were made from a combination of materials.

Students worked to find and draw things in the classroom made of specific materials.

In another activity, students separated objects, observing them closely through the magnifying glasses and feeling them.







CROSS CAMPUS EVENT - TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

November saw the first of our cross campus events which allow students from different campuses to get together to learn and experiment. The theme for the first event was the "teddy bears picnic" with students having an opportunity to carry out bear themed art and craft activities, experiment with water and capacity and role play the story "We're going on a bear hunt"

The event closed with a grand finale of a teddy bears picnic on the new Van Phuc Kindergarten playground. A wonderful day was had by all and we look forward to working with other KIK's in Hanoi for future cross campus events.





