

KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

After a wonderful STEAM summer school and an unusual start to year we would like to welcome all parents / guardians to the school year 2020- 21.

We are delighted to see all of our returning students and welcome our new arrivals who have been warmly welcomed to the Hanoi Towers school community. Each child was delighted with their "first day of school" certificates and we were pleased to introduce our questionnaires for parents so that we could find out more about each child's likes, dislikes and fears etc. – thereby getting to know each child even better. We have had a busy start of the school year with teachers getting to know their new students and establishing routines and relationships with children and parents alike.

We have a busy year ahead with lots of new aspects to add to our curriculum – from STEM and coding to the introduction of the British phonic system of Letterland. We will be sharing more information about these programmes as the school year progresses – whether in person or via email.

We look forward to a wonderful academic year partnering and sharing with you all.

Stephanie C. Mills Head of Kindergarten

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday 2nd September – National Day (Public holiday – school closed)

Thursday 1st **October** – Moon Festival Celebration

Thursday 15th October/ Friday 16th October - Term 1 break (school closed)



News around the Classrooms

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Due to the COVID situation, rather than physically meeting as a group, our parent information sessions will instead take place digitally.

Teachers have worked hard to make comprehensive PowerPoints so that all aspects of school life are addressed and these will be sent out to you via email so that you are fully informed of the workings of each classroom and Hanoi Towers in general.

Please remember that all staff are always very happy to meet with parents to discuss any questions or concerns – so please free to contact the school office or contact your teacher via email as needed.



FIRST DAY CERTIFICATES

With the delayed start to the school year, children were even more excited than usual to restart school. It was great to see everyone's happy faces and to see everyone being reunited with old and new friends.

Everyone was very proud to receive their first day certificate and by being so successful from the very first day the children are motivated and enthusiastic for the school year ahead.



NEW STAFF AT KIK @ HANOI TOWERS

We are very pleased to welcome four new teachers to our teaching staff.

Ms. Caitlin is our new K2 International teacher. She graduated with her Degree in Early Childhood Education in South Africa 10 years ago. She has been working for KinderWorld for 2 years and she looks forward to her 3rd year with the company here at Hanoi Towers.





We would like to welcome Ms. Melissa from the USA as our new Prep International Class teacher. She received a Bachelor's of Science in Curriculum and Instruction and a teaching certificate from the US. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She has

taught for over seven years in three different countries. She has been working for KinderWorld for one year.

Our new nursery class co-teacher this year is Ms. Hoai. With 13 years of experience at KinderWorld, Ms. Hoai has a Bachelor of English Education and Diploma of Early Childhood Education and is thrilled to continue her journey at KinderWorld.





Ms. Xuan is from Ha Noi and this year she is our teaching assistant teacher for the Prep Class. She has the degree of Bachelor awarded from VNU University of Language and International studies and the Certificate of Early Childhood Education. She has worked at KinderWorld since 2016 and found

that KinderWorld is a professional environment that has helped her to develop her skills.

We welcome all of our new staff and look forward to working with them.

NURSERY RHYMES AND FAIRY TALES

The K2 classes were ecstatic to be back at school and reunited with their friends again. Even more so for their new theme all about "Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales".



For the first week back, we read a story called "Elmer the Elephant". Learning about how Elmer was special and learnt to embrace is differences taught us all a great lesson. We enjoyed

experimenting with creative art using a mixture of bright colours to make our own giant Elmer model.





We now look forward to the next theme focus stories which includes the "Enormous Turnip" and "Goldilocks and the three bears".

DEVELOPING LANGUAGE USING PUPPETS

K1 classes have been using lots of role play to

reinforce our classroom rules and routines this year.

We decided to put on a puppet show to model some of the things we have learned. Using the story 'Penguin' we acted out the story and discussed what



the characters could have done differently.



some creative ideas and were eager to put on a show for their friends. Role play and storytelling are great ways to encourage fluency and build vocabulary, as

The children had

fluency and build vocabulary, as we as being an effective tool for learning themes and topics.



CREATIVITY IN PREP CLASS

This month, to celebrate our return to school, Owlet class focussed on make their own baby owl craft.

We first sponge-painted a pattern onto the owls, then coloured the eyes and wings.



After the paint had dried, we cut the pieces out and glued them together. The children really enjoyed this activity and had a lot of fun painting. We then hung up the owls to decorate our classroom.





OUR FIRST DAY BACK











