



KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This academic year is flying by and we are now busy preparing for our annual Christmas Charity Fair. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions parents / guardians will be unable to attend this year and to minimize mixing we will be holding our own Christmas Fair at Hanoi Towers rather than joining with Van Phuc. Despite these alterations we are still looking forward to a successful event with a wide range of stalls for the pupils to visit and we will shortly be selling the tickets for the fair. Funds raised will be going to Caritas Vietnam which supports the poor who are marginalized and lacking basic human living conditions.

In November we celebrated a wonderful Teacher's Day with celebrations both in and out of the classroom from face painting the teacher to making thank you cards. The school was filled with wonderful flower displays and amazing fruit baskets – many thanks to everyone for all of your appreciative messages and best wishes and lovely gifts.

Stephanie C. Mills
Head of Kindergarten

Upcoming Important Dates:

Friday 18th December – Christmas Charity Fair

Tuesday 22nd December – Last day of term 2

Wednesday 23rd December – Monday 4th January - End of term break

Tuesday 5th January - Start of Term 3



News around the Classrooms

K2 ERA HOUSE EXCURSION

On the 6th of November, the K2 classes went on an excursion to Era House. On arrival we were able to have a look at the little plants that they are growing and what they do to look after them and enable them to grow bigger and healthier. We then started our walk during which we found a huge grass slide that everyone enjoying sliding down.



We then went to look at the animals of Era House - finding goats, donkeys and some roosters as well. Once we had seen the animals we went climbing through a



beautiful grass tunnel and lastly went to carry out some fishing which some children had a real skill at! Everyone had a lovely time on our day out!



FINE MOTOR CONTROL SKILLS IN NURSERY

The Nursery students practiced their fine motor skills by playing with different sized zippers.

It's important to work those little fingers and get them strong. Having your child play with zippers and buttons builds important skills that are essential for later life.



At the beginning of the activity, pupils found it difficult to get a proper grasp on the small zip. After many tries it became easier and easier as pupils were assisted with learning about how a zipper works and how best to unzip and rezip a zip.



PREP EXCURSION TO MY GYM

This month, the Prep classes went to My Gym-Ciputra as part of our theme on "What should I do to keep healthy?" The students enjoyed participating in several physical activities at the gym. They did a fun warm-up and cool-down and played an entertaining game of musical statues.



Some of their favourite physical activities were jumping on the trampoline, walking on the balance beam, hanging from the trapeze bar and doing a handstand and somersault with assistance from the trained instructors.



The entire hour class was conducted only in English which gave the students the opportunity to practice their English skills with people outside of the kindergarten. We had such a fun time and now we feel motivated to

live an active, healthy lifestyle.



HEALTHY EATING IN K1

As part of our learning on healthy eating, the K1 classes used fruit and vegetables to make prints. The children enjoyed watching the fruit and vegetables being cut up and discussing what they would look like inside as well as the shapes they represented.



Students then worked to use the fruit and vegetables for different printing activities. Some of the vegetables could be used in a variety of ways so we could get

lots of different shapes – such as using the top of the vegetable, the side, the end etc. In order to develop cooperative skills, we worked as a whole class, printing alongside one another using giant sized pieces of paper.

After the prints had dried, we used them to talk to the children about the importance of eating a healthy and balanced diet.





K2 CLASSES EXPLORING THE FIVE SENSES

During week 4 of this term, K2 classes were able to explore our five senses as part of our overall topic of "Ourselves."

We did this through numerous activities which involved touch, smell, feel, hearing and our favourite sense which was of course taste!



We carried out a fun taste test activity with our classes. Using fruits and some vegetables students first felt and smelt whilst blindfolded in order to investigate whether students can tell them apart by using smell and touch only.



After exploring the outside of the fruits and the vegetables we worked together to cut them open and taste them.

We were able to taste the sweetness in most of the foods but the most interesting taste was sour – which got some interesting reactions!

Exploring the five senses was a most enjoyable experience for both children and teachers!

