



KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

April was a busy month at Hanoi Towers. This month the photographer came to take both individual and class photographs as well as taking photographs of the Prep students in their gowns in preparation for graduation. With the COVID situation being unsettled, it has still not been decided about parental attendance for the graduation ceremony, with this decision being reached closer to the graduation date of 16th June 2021. We will keep you updated.

The investigation of different foods were topics this month in many of the classes, thus we had two special events this month relating to food – the first was Tet Han Thuc (Cold Food Festival) in which the students worked to make their own banh troi and banh chay. The second event was the international food day celebrations during which time pupils wore traditional clothes from their home country and brought along food that represented their country.

Due to the increase in COVID cases in Lao, Cambodia and Thailand, as a precaution we will continue to cancel excursions. We will ensure that all COVID regulations are maintained within our school and ask that you wear masks when dropping off and collecting your child.

Stephanie C. Mills
Head of Kindergarten

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday 16th June – Graduation Ceremony

News around the Classrooms

Fun at The American Club

The Integrated K2 Chick Class has enjoyed their time at American Club this spring. It is a great opportunity for the students to enjoy the nice weather and work cooperatively with others.



Our P.E. teacher Mr. Hiep teaches his P.E. lessons at American Club, with the students

being engaged in many activities to improve their gross motor skills. Some of their favourite activities are experimenting with the parachute and playing football. Once the P.E. lesson is finished, the students enjoy some



free time to hang from the monkey bars, climb the playground equipment, go down the slides, and use the swings.



Cold Food Festival

Banh troi and banh chay are two traditional foods of Tet Han Thuc (Cold Food Festival) in Vietnam.



Banh troi are balls made of glutinous rice flour with a piece of sugar inside. To celebrate Cold Food Festival this year, the K1 classes joined in to help prepare these sweet treats.

It was great fun rolling the dough into balls and pushing the lumps of sugar inside.



They were next boiled up safely in the kitchen and allowed to cool before being sprinkled with sesame seeds and the children could finally try them.



Children not only learnt about Vietnamese culture but they also had the chance to practice their fine motor skills by rolling the banh troi.

Paper Chromatography

During our STEM lesson in Prep class, we learned about paper chromatography - a technique for separating and identifying mixtures that are coloured.



Firstly, the students used coloured markers to decorate coffee filters. We made predictions about what would happen to each colour on our coffee filter when the coffee filters were placed in a little water.

Some students predicted that the colours would stay the same, whilst others suggested the colours would just get lighter, whilst others predicted the colours would change completely.

The students placed the coffee filters into water and watched carefully to observe how the colour from the markers separated, changed, and "spread" like magic!



Once we had finished our practical activities of separating the colours, we got back together as a group and discussed our results.



We enjoyed this STEM activity and now we have a better understanding of the colour that is used in markers.

Reading in Kitten Class

Reading is a big part of learning. We start to encourage the students to use books early on and this year the Kitten Class have thoroughly enjoyed their book sessions.



Teacher led story time is a daily occurrence, during which the teacher reads books to the students followed by students sharing the parts they enjoyed and answering simple questions about the pictures. The teacher also gives the students some time to choose their own book, find a comfortable space to sit and to look at their book with care.



There are many different types of books in the classroom library ranging from animal sound books, nursery rhyme books and tactile books. It is easy for the young learners to become lost in the wonderful world of reading.



International Food Day



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