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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Life is quickly returning to normal after the disruption of COVID and we were able to restart our full excursion programme in October. By leaving the school and experiencing new environments, students have an opportunity to leave their comfort zone and push themselves with new experiences. All classes have now been on their first excursion of the year and Prep classes were especially fortunate to also visit SIS @ Ciputra as well!

October is the month of Halloween festival. With the school now decorated with a Halloween theme, we are all looking forward to our “Trick or Treat” event which will take place downstairs in the Hanoi Towers shopping area.

With Teachers’ day coming as well as our Christmas Concert and Christmas Charity Fair in December, we have a fun-filled Term 2 to look forward to.

Stephanie C. Mills
Head of Kindergarten

Upcoming Important Dates:

Monday 31st October - Halloween celebrations

Sunday 20th November – Teachers' day

Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Concert

Saturday 10th December - Christmas Fair at SIS @ Van Phuc



News around the Classrooms

NURSERY CLASS ON EXCURSION

Nursery classes had a wonderful time visiting Playtime Lotte.

Before our visit, teachers discussed the excursion journey, the variety of activities at the centre and the importance of working with others.



This preparation was very effective and during the excursion, the children were very well-behaved-sharing with

others and following instructions well.

The children were keen to share the fact that they had visited Lotte centre previously with their families, pointing to the cafes and shopping areas that they had visited.



At the Playtime centre, children had an opportunity to develop gross motor control skills by working in the ball house and the playground area. In addition, language and imaginative skills were developed in the role-play area with lots of dressing up and working with the wide variety of props.



The giant piano allowed the children to work cooperatively to make music and the highlight of the day was the trip around the centre on the train!

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K1 MATHS EXPLORATION

Research shows that maths concepts are most effectively learnt through practical activities. K1 classes consistently use a large range of resources to learn maths concepts and this month we had a special focus on exploring sorting and classifying. Sorting and classifying are very important maths skills.

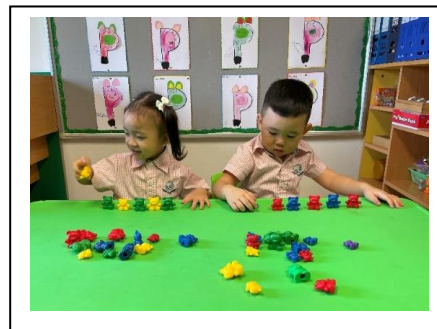


These skills are developed in a sequential manner. Children begin by comparing objects and matching like items. Then they learn to categorize, which is sorting – this is the stage that the K1 class are at. As colour is the most familiar criterion, it is the best way to start the sorting concept, so we started with the children sorting a pile of toys according to colour. We did this both as a whole class as



well as in groups and individually so that the children had lots of practice.

After a lot of practice with sorting, we moved onto the stage of recognising and creating patterns, another way to organize. We started with identifying and creating an AB pattern e.g. red teddy/ blue teddy / red teddy / blue teddy. Great fun was had by everyone with our sorting and patterning focus this month.



EFL IN NURSERY CLASS

One of the highlights of the week are the English as a Foreign Language (EFL) lessons with Ms Maria. These lessons are always guaranteed to be fun and informative with a wide variety of activities on offer.



Ms Maria often shares books – stopping frequently to encourage pupils to point out things on a page or to make sure students understand through actions. This is an effective way to develop vocabulary with follow-up questions about the story encouraging recall skills.



Games are another way Ms Maria works to gain interest and a love of English, with the students being able to practice listening and speaking skills as well as the social skills of

turn-taking and confidence with speaking English in small group and whole class situations.

All young children enjoy music and movement, with singing being an effective way for students to learn English. Students are always enthusiastic to join in with the action songs and it is an excellent way to encourage those who are less confident in English an opportunity to practice without worrying that others can clearly hear them.



PREP VISIT TO SIS@CIPUTRA

It is important for the children to be aware that although we are a school in our own right, we are part of the company KinderWorld and as such, have a number of sister schools.

Our Prep class were lucky enough to be invited over to SIS @ Ciputra to work with their Prep class. This gave our students a good opportunity to experience a new environment and work with new people.



In the classroom, students had an opportunity to work together with group projects - one group working collaboratively to build towers with blocks, whilst another

group worked within the role play area with the area being set up as a shop for students to visit and purchase different items.

Visiting SIS @ Ciputra in general also allowed the students to think about next year and the transition to primary school. This is a big event for the students and we will be working hard with both students and families so that everyone is prepared for the move and the inevitable differences from Kindergarten to primary school.



EXPLORING THE 5 SENSES IN K2

Our 5 senses is always a popular theme for K2 classes.



When exploring the senses of hearing and sight we took a sensory walk outdoors in the 4th-floor garden. The students enjoyed using their binoculars and magnifying glass to look at the world through a different lens. They also noticed and discussed the sounds that they heard outside such as a person beeping their car horn and a bird chirping nearby.



Back in the classroom, the students enjoyed playing games to explore these senses further. We played the game "Guess the sound" in

which students guess the animal or environmental sound without looking at a picture of it. We also walked around blindfolded not using our sense of sight but rather just our sense of hearing to find the person ringing a bell.

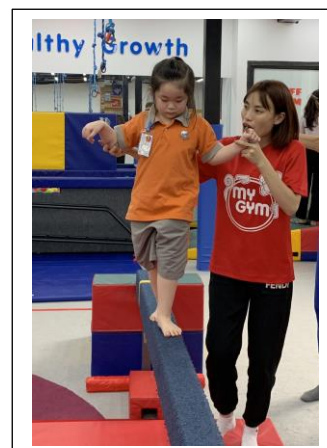
We also had lots of fun with musical instruments experimenting with the different sounds that they could make. We introduced the concepts of "loud" and "quiet" and we practised making "loud" and "quiet" sounds with our instruments. We also created drumsticks out of various materials and practised hitting them on different surfaces to see what sounds they made.



After building our knowledge about the five senses, we have developed a greater appreciation of the world around.

K2 EXCURSION TO "MY GYM"

This month, K2 classes focused on the theme of "myself" with an emphasis on how to keep healthy. As a result, the children knew a lot about the benefits of exercise and were all enthusiastic to carry out the different activities on offer.



"My Gym" concentrates on the importance of carrying out specific exercises in a controlled way - so a wonderful way for children to learn about the very basics of a gym workout - essential skills for later in life to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The instructors took the children through a wide range of activities, incorporating crawling through tunnels, balancing along beams and climbing over obstacles. As the whole gym is covered with foam padding, the children were confident to try activities without fear.

Fully qualified instructors held hands and guided children through activities - giving instructions as to how to develop the exercise further.

