



KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

# NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022 / JANUARY 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break and a very Happy New Year.

We had a very busy December and January with lots of events and activities. We were pleased to have our first “baby boogie” session in which preschool-age children were invited to join us for music and movement sessions as well as our first “stay and play” session for parents and children.

To celebrate Christmas we started with our Christmas Charity Fair during which we successfully sold the largest number of event tickets for many years (2707 tickets). We followed this up with a wonderful Christmas concert in the Hanoi Towers lobby during which time the students showed great confidence and perseverance with their performances. To conclude our Christmas activities we had the pleasure of Father Christmas coming to give individual gifts to all of the students.

The celebration of Tet was similarly filled with a wide variety of activities, including making Chung Cake at Pegasus International College.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Tet holiday and we look forward to a wonderful new year of the cat.

Stephanie C. Mills  
Head of Kindergarten

## **Upcoming Important Dates:**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January** – Last day of Term 2

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – School resumes

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> / Monday 6<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Parent-teacher conferences and report cards



# News around the Classrooms

## K2 AT CREATIVE GARA

The K2 classes enjoyed their festive Term 2 excursion to Creative Gara as part of our December focus on the Christmas holiday. We constructed Christmas pictures



out of wood by following a few steps. First, we sanded the wooden frame to make it smooth, and then we attached the backing board to the frame to create a good base for our picture.

After we constructed the picture frame, we created a unique-looking Christmas scene. We made houses, snowmen, Christmas trees, and clouds in the



sky with pieces of wood of various sizes and shapes, and we attached everything using very strong glue. We were very proud of our creations and we took them home to decorate our homes for the holiday season.

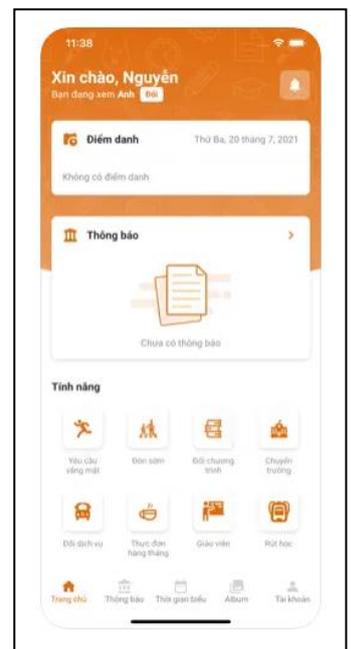


## MY KINDERWORLD APP SYSTEM

Just to remind you that KinderWorld now has a new communication system in the form of the “ MY KINDERWORLD” app. This mobile application is available on Google Play for Android devices and App Store for iOS devices as “My KinderWorld”.

The key features of My KinderWorld include the following but are not limited to:

- School Events
- Announcements / Messages from school and teachers of your child’s class
- Daily Class Attendance
- Bus Attendance System
- Termly Meal Menu
- Photo Albums
- Absence Request
- Early Dismissal Request



Many parents have already signed up for the system and are already enjoying viewing the weekly newsletters and photos as well as browsing albums of photos.



If you have not yet signed up for the system then please click on this [link](#) to see the guidelines assisting the set-up of “My KinderWorld App.”

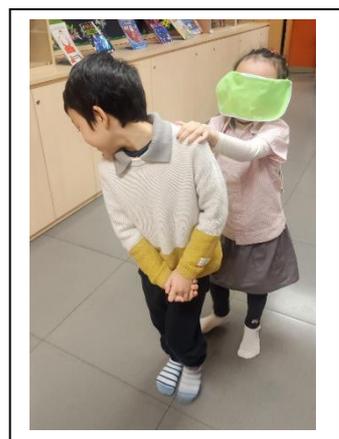
Should you require any assistance, please contact the School Office.

**STUDENT PROTECTION WEEK**

This year, KinderWorld introduced “student protection week “ – this is a school-wide event which also includes the Prep and K2 classes and takes place for two weeks a year.

In our student protection week, Prep classes spent a week learning about our feelings, security, and personal space.

During this week, we started talking about respect and how to show it. We understood that respecting and showing respect is treating people the way we would like to be treated - kindly and nicely.



After respect, we talked about the people that help us, either our family members or safer "strangers," such as teachers, nurses, or police officers.

We followed learning about trust; we understood that we trust the people that respect and look after us.

We continued learning about our personal space and how to speak out when we don't feel safe or comfortable.

We finished the student protection week, understanding that we have “yes” and “no” feelings and how to keep ourselves safe.

By helping the students to understand these concepts, we create a safer and more honest community.



**PHONICS IN DUCKLING CLASS**

Letterland is a key component of the phonics programme in KinderWorld.

This programme enables students to quickly learn the sounds of letters and work to blend (put together sounds

to make words e.g. c – a – t = cat ) and segment ( split words into individual sounds e.g. dog = d – o – g.



Students always like to explore the Letterland characters and learn their individual stories and the sounds that they make.



Since the beginning of the school year, the use of Letterland has enabled the students not only to learn phonics but also to develop their vocabulary.

Letterland is often taught through various games such as guessing, matching and hunting games.

In addition to learning about the sounds, students also learn about handwriting through Letterland – learning songs to form letters and listening to stories which explain why some letters look different when they are uppercase.



In addition to learning about Letterland in our regular classes, our EFL teacher also reinforces our phonics programme, making this system a very effective one indeed.

**K1 CELEBRATING THE BEGINNING OF TET**

The children in K1 classes have started looking forward to the upcoming Tet / Lunar New Year festivities. This is a very important time of the



year in Vietnam and thus Tet was our focus area for the two weeks between the holidays.



The highlight of our Tet celebrations was visiting Pegasus International College to make a traditional Tet cake - Banh Chung. They enjoyed dressing up in the chef outfits and listened carefully to the step-by-step instructions.

In addition, the children also enjoyed a whole range of

activities in school. Tet is symbolised by the beautiful peach blossom trees we see around the city, and the children decorated their very own trees in the classroom.

We made lots of other art and craft activities to celebrate and the children are now super excited and ready to celebrate Tet in their homes.



**BABY BOOGIE / STAY AND PLAY**

Parents/guardians have a very important part to play in the development of their child's education. As a result, we always work to share our educational goals and techniques so that we can work in collaboration.



We held our first "stay and play" with an excellent turnout. The purpose of these sessions was to allow parents/guardians to experience learning through play in practical terms, whilst learning the underlying reasoning behind the activities.



We plan to have these "stay and play" sessions on a regular basis and look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Music and movement are a very important part of our curriculum – enabling students to learn English in a fun way, as well as learning about rhythm and rhyme. We are now extending this experience to those who are not yet old enough to attend school and welcome babies from 6 months and toddlers up to 2 years.

Our first session was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we look forward to welcoming even more very young learners for our next "baby boogie" session which is open to current parents and the general public.



# Merry Christmas



