



KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

With the end of the academic year fast approaching, we had a busy May.

All of the classes took their final excursion, enjoying experiencing new environments out of school which developed their confidence and social interaction skills.

Parents once again enjoyed working alongside their child with our “stay and play” event – this time focussing specifically on International themed activities enabling bonding experiences as well as enabling parents an insight into the workings of our school and the various practical activities that we engage students in.

The time is drawing close once again that we will be saying goodbye to our oldest students - so they have been visiting other Singapore International Schools to experience what life will be like as a Year 1 student.

The graduation concert will be held at Vietnam National Academy of Music on the afternoon of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – tickets and further information will be sent over shortly for this grand event.

We are delighted to be offering a Summer School again this year, with there being an option of two or three weeks. The focus this year is upon Literacy and Numeracy, with the pre/nursery and K1 classes exploring the theme of “Nursery Rhymes” with the K2 and Prep classes investigating “Traditional Tales”.

We look forward to seeing you all at our concert and celebrating another busy and successful school year.

Stephanie C. Mills  
Head of Kindergarten

## Upcoming Important Dates:

**School Concert** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

**Last day of school** – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Summer school** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July



# News around the Classrooms

## K1 EXPLORING NUMERACY



Size is a very important concept that we teach in Kindergarten. Although students will explore size in various ways naturally e.g. standing on tiptoes to try to be as tall as

Daddy / looking at the pieces of cake and wanting the largest one etc., it is important to reinforce this concept and build up the appropriate language.

Duckling students worked to explore the terms “big/ bigger/ biggest” through direct comparison and ordering.

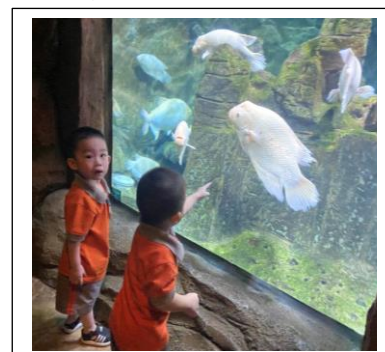


After collectively learning about the key terms through practical games and group activities, the students worked to compare items and order them according to size. We reinforced the concept of size and comparison by exploring jigsaw puzzles, and students developing their problem-solving, logic and perseverance skills. You can work at home with these skills using the jigsaw puzzle.



## PRE-NURSERY AQUARIUM EXCURSION

Our pre nursery class had a wonderful time visiting the Aquarium at Times City. This was as part of our theme of “animals” with the students



having studied water animals so that they would be able to identify and name the animals that they saw. The students were able to get a close look at fish, sharks and turtles as well as watching the penguins being fed.

They particularly enjoyed walking through the tunnel as if they were inside the ocean, excitedly talking about the different ways the water animals moved.



Although not technically a water animal, the students enjoyed the mermaid performance – watching the mermaids swim and wave through the glass walled swimming area.



## WOMEN'S MUSEUM EXCURSION

The K2 classes enjoyed our excursion to the Vietnamese Women's Museum this month as part of our focus on Vietnam. We enjoyed looking



at the exhibits and developed a deeper understanding of the many aspects of Vietnamese culture. We learned about some interesting topics including traditional clothes, farming, families, and traditional jobs.



On the same excursion, we also watched a multimedia installation from Australia which is named

“Walking Through a Songline.” The exhibition follows in the footsteps of the Seven Sisters as they travel across the Western and Central deserts of Australia. The students were excited to see the vibrant scenes that appeared like a video in front of them as well as on the floor. They experienced a rainstorm, a slithering snake, a flower garden, the night sky, and other abstract images. Through this excursion, the students not only improved their knowledge of Vietnamese culture but also learned a little bit about Australian indigenous culture as well.



## CREATIVITY IN PREP

Although many people think of education as maths and English, an important part of learning is through the development of creativity.



Creativity encourages mental growth in students by providing opportunities for trying out new ideas, and new ways of thinking and problem-solving – so a vital part of the school curriculum.



Prep students have used a wide range of creative methods throughout the school year. These have ranged from drawing

and painting, developing fine motor control skills and precision with these activities – to cutting and pasting as well as three-dimensional work with modelling and sculpting.

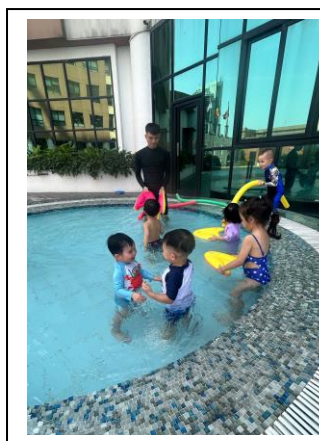
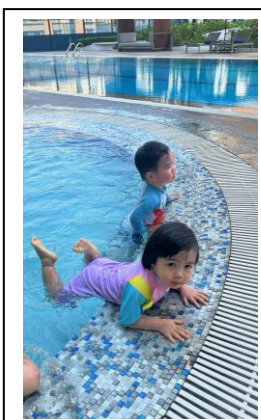
Creativity is a skill which is easy to develop at home – work with your child to encourage drawing skills- developing “out of the box” thinking through simple techniques such as cutting a hole in the middle of the paper you give them for drawing and seeing how they can incorporate this feature in their drawing.



**WATER FUN**

Our water play programme is always a highlight of the summer months.

Water confidence is an essential life skill, especially at a young age, giving students a sense of safety and security within the water - an essential foundation for future swimming lessons.



Our specialist PE teacher has been working with students to gain water confidence skills, guiding them with simple ways to move within the water and building up physical strength in their legs in preparation for swimming.

This year we have a selection of underwater materials, so the students are able to play various underwater games which will give them skills with breathing underwater and become accustomed to being under as well as above the water.



If you are in the water with your child we recommend making the experience fun - playing games and singing with actions.

**INTERNATIONAL THEMED STAY AND PLAY**

This month saw the last of our “stay and play” sessions for this academic year. This has been a highly successful programme and has enabled parents and children to work together – learning more about how students work at school and the best ways to extend and develop activities.

We will be continuing both this programme and the “baby boogie” sessions in the new academic year and look forward to working with you.

