



KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have had a great first month of school – filled with lots of smiling faces, amazing activities and noticeable progress in all areas of school life.

After our interactive parents welcome meetings and Raz Kids meetings for the Prep parents, we enjoyed the company of old and new parents for our “baby boogie” session and look forward to seeing many more with our forthcoming baby massage workshop on 10th October.

We were also thrilled to see so many parents/guardians join us for the mid-autumn festival with the spectacular lion dance and a multitude of proud faces when we showed our lanterns in our lantern parade on the ground floor area.

Our “next steps” continue to go out every six weeks to parents/guardians which help you to learn more about your child’s individual goals. Through sharing this information we hope that you gain awareness of your child’s development and thereby help at home to build their confidence and optimism in working towards achieving their personal goal.

We look forward to seeing you at our baby massage workshop as well as seeing the wonderful costumes that children will be wearing for our next whole school event of Halloween.

Stephanie C. Mills
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Upcoming Important Dates:

Tuesday 10th October - Baby massage workshop

Tuesday 3rd October - Next steps (individual goals) sent out

Tuesday 31st October - Halloween



News around the Classrooms

EXPLORING 3D STRUCTURES IN PREP



Prep class has been exploring how to build 3D structures. We used our traditional tale focus to create the context and developed a scenario based on the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. In this story, the three goats

needed to cross a bridge to get to the other side of the river, where there was plenty of food to eat.

After reviewing the story and exploring how the troll stopped the goats, we decided an alternative solution to the story could be to build a new bridge to help the goats cross without facing the troll.



After discussing the key features of a bridge and the need to make sure that the bridge is strong enough to carry the weight of the goats, the students experimented with different styles of bridge construction using Lego pieces.

We quickly discovered that there was a need to make sure that the ends of the bridge were stable otherwise



the bridge collapsed with the goat's weight. We learnt through trial and error as well as looking at and developing each other's

successes and after a lot of planning, experimenting and dismantling, everyone was successful in making strong bridges to support the goats and their safe crossing.

K1 EXCURSION TO LOTTE PLAYTIME

K1's highlight of the month was our excursion - this outing was not just a delightful adventure but also a valuable opportunity for our young learners to reinforce and expand upon the themes we've been exploring - self-discovery and friendship.

Throughout the month, our K1 students have been diving deep into the exciting world of self-discovery and the importance of building meaningful friendships.

The excursion provided a real-life context for our students to practice and strengthen their social skills as they had the opportunity to interact with students from other classes thereby developing the skills of cooperation and teamwork.

Building structures at the Lego tables challenged their problem-solving abilities and spatial reasoning and the wood pellet area offered a fantastic sensory play experience.

The students had a chance to role play with a supermarket, restaurant, and coffee shop corner,

which not only encouraged creativity but also language development skills and social understanding. Our day at the Playtime play

area was filled with laughter, exploration, and discovery and we look forward to many more exciting educational adventures.



SHAPES ARE EVERYWHERE IN K2

The International K2 class has been having fun learning about shapes during maths lessons through various interactive and creative activities.

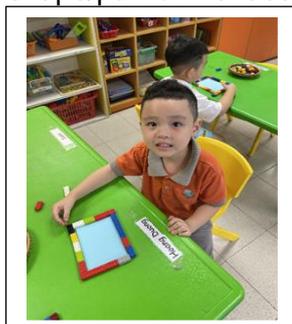
The students have enjoyed constructing shapes with various materials.

In one activity, we used playdough and toothpicks to put together triangles. Beforehand, we discussed how many sides a triangle has and the students determined that we need three toothpicks to make a triangle, one toothpick for each side of the triangle. During another activity, we used Lego to create the four sides of the rectangle. We all had a great laugh when we made shapes with our bodies, with each child representing one side of the shape.



We have also spent lots of time colouring in, tracing, and drawing shapes in order to improve our fine motor skills. We even have a fun magnetic toy in the classroom in which the students can practice "drawing shapes" with a magnetic ball. We enjoy painting shapes as well and we showed our creative sides recently by painting circles with various colours. It was a great opportunity to review the colours as well.

We make sure to review important maths concepts, such as shapes when we have our STEM activities. In one particular activity, we created our face by using various materials and tools in the classroom. We used this opportunity to review the shapes by discussing what shape each part of our face looks like, and whether the shape/part of the face has straight or curved lines.



Through our various learning activities, we have developed a greater understanding of what a shape looks like, how to create our own shapes, as well as where we can see shapes in our environment.

EXPLORING CREATIVITY IN PREP

We believe in the power of creativity and self-expression as essential components of early childhood education. Our Art and Craft lessons not only allow pupils to learn about different art styles and techniques but also to develop a wide range of valuable skills.

Through activities such as cutting, drawing straight lines, painting, and colouring, the students are given the opportunity to enhance their fine motor skills. These skills lay the foundation for tasks like writing and precise hand-eye coordination.

Our Art and Craft lessons are designed to spark creativity and imagination. We draw inspiration from our phonics Letterland characters on a weekly basis, focusing on the initial sound and then working to create items beginning with the same sound.

Art and Craft activities often require problem-solving skills. Whether it's figuring out how to assemble pieces or choosing colours for a project, your child's cognitive abilities are put to the test in an enjoyable and creative manner.

In our recent Art and Craft lessons, we've embarked on a journey of imagination and exploration. Recently we have worked at developing a range of drawing styles - encouraging pupils to look carefully for observational drawing, the use of shadow to add depth to a picture and to develop their imagination through designing and crafting their very own friendly monsters.

As we move forward on this artistic journey, we look forward to nurturing your child's growth, fostering their creativity, and celebrating the unique talents that make each child special.



EXPLORING AT FUN ZONE



This outing was not just an exciting adventure but also a valuable opportunity for our young learners to discover, play, and grow.

Before setting off on our adventure, we carried out discussions with the children about the upcoming excursion, outlining the various activities and emphasizing the importance of working together - a valuable life skill that extends far beyond the classroom.

The ball house and construction area provided a fantastic opportunity for our children to develop their gross motor control skills. Engaging in activities like catching and throwing not only develops physical development but also builds confidence.



The supermarket and cafe areas ignited our children's imagination and language skills. As they played shopkeepers, customers, and cafe owners, they engaged in imaginative role-play, expanding their vocabulary and social understanding.

A key highlight of our adventure was the chance for our children to interact with one another and work as a team. We were incredibly pleased with how well-behaved our children were during the excursion. They listened attentively to their teachers and followed instructions, demonstrating their ability to adapt to a new environment - a valuable life skill.



PARENT EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

An important part of our school is the relationship that we have with parents and guardians. We believe that we are a team and that each of us has a role to play in the development of the children.

As a result, we are developing our community programme this academic year with a series of events for parents and children. Our first event took place in September with a session of "baby boogie" in which young children came to school and learnt through music and movement. This helped them to develop confidence as well as rhythm and rhyme - essential skills for language development and was a lot of fun for the children and parents alike!



Our next workshop on 10th October will be on "baby massage" - this session will enable parents/guardians to learn how to gently massage their baby thereby relaxing their child, stimulating brain development and enabling the formation of a strong bond of love and trust.

We will be developing these workshops with sessions on active storytelling, mess-free art and child yoga - so there will be something for all!

After the great success of our "stay and play" sessions, we will be developing these this



academic year to "stay and learn" sessions. We will have a specific learning area for each session e.g. practical maths and parents will learn about simple activities and practice these in the school environment with the aim that these can be continued them at home, which in turn will strengthens your child's brain development. We look forward to working in partnership with you!

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