



KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Christmas break and the New Year are fast approaching after a very exciting 2023. We have had a very busy time and the months have sped past with all the children thoroughly enjoying themselves and developing into strong confident learners.

After the success of our first workshop on baby massage in October, this month we had a great turnout for our second workshop - this one focussing on "mess-free art" - which let parents and children learn how to develop creativity without the stress of dealing with messy materials - great skills which can easily be replicated at home. We look forward to the next workshop in this series - yoga for children which will take place in the New Year.

We are looking forward to our Christmas festivities - starting with our Christmas Charity Fair on Saturday 9th December in SIS @ Van Phuc. Tickets are now available for purchase with the cashier (books of 10 tickets for 100,000 VND).

Don't forget that we are still collecting second-hand items e.g. toys/books/clothes etc. for sale at our "trash and treasure" stall - we have a festive chimney pot at the school door for these donations - simply pop them into the chimney on your way past.

We then follow up this event with our Christmas Concert and visit from Father Christmas on the morning of Tuesday 13th December - so a busy and exciting December now awaits us!

Stephanie C. Mills
Head of Kindergarten

Upcoming Important Dates:

Saturday 9th December - Christmas Fair at SIS @ Van Phuc

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Concert

Monday 18th December to Friday 29th December - Christmas and New Year Break



News around the Classrooms

JOURNEY THROUGH HOMES IN PREP



In our recent adventures at Prep, we've embarked on an exciting exploration of the theme "Houses". Over the past few weeks, our learners have

deltved into the intriguing world of homes, covering everything from the rooms in our houses to the materials used, furniture, and common household items.

As a highlight of our house-themed exploration, both Prep classes embarked on an excursion to the



Ethnology Museum. With full-sized houses to explore from different ethnic groups in Vietnam, the children had an opportunity to study and compare the diverse types of homes to our own houses.

The museum with its various exhibits was a thrilling experience for our young explorers, igniting their curiosity and broadening their



understanding of the wide variety of homes that exist in our world.

IMAGINATION IN K1



This month, K1 classes have been exploring the theme of my home and my household items.

To develop this theme, the children had lots of opportunities

to play and interact with the small world rooms and furniture, as well as the doll houses. When children are engaged in imaginary play, they can freely investigate and learn about the world around them.

Children develop language and story-telling skills, hand-eye

coordination and fine motor skills when working with the small world toys and role-play items. Playing with a dollhouse



allows children to both develop their imaginations and to act out real-life scenarios, using lots of English to describe what the people in their homes are doing. You can encourage these skills at home by allowing your child to role-play in the kitchen pretending to cook etc.



EXPLORING EMOTIONS IN NURSERY CLASS

In our recent adventure of emotional discovery for our theme of "emotions", the children engaged in a practical activity to reinforce the range of emotions we feel.



We used recycled tubes, baking soda and vinegar to represent our emotions flowing over.

To reinforce the range of emotions we feel, we used colours within our exploration - yellow, the colour of sunshine, symbolized happiness / red, looking like a fiery flame, representing the emotion of anger.

Meanwhile, blue, like a calm ocean, was associated with feelings of sadness.

The children enjoyed adding the vinegar to the baking powder and



watching emotions bubble over, learning not only about emotions but also allowing them an opportunity to work cooperatively together.

This activity served as a colourful platform for our children to share their own emotions, creating a positive and supportive environment.



We look forward to more exciting explorations that combine fun and learning in the vibrant world of our kindergarten!

CVC AND SIGHT WORDS

In Prep International, we are learning sight words and CVC words through games.

Sight words make up a significant portion of the words children encounter in reading.

Recognizing them instantly helps improve fluency and comprehension.



CVC words are three-letter words with a consonant-vowel-consonant pattern, like cat, dog, and pig.

CVC words help children practice blending sounds (putting letters together to make words) and segmenting (taking words apart into their individual sounds) - fundamental skills for reading and spelling.



Practising these words helps improve phonics skills and reading abilities, which are crucial for early literacy. The students consistently show great enthusiasm and are progressing very well with these early reading skills.

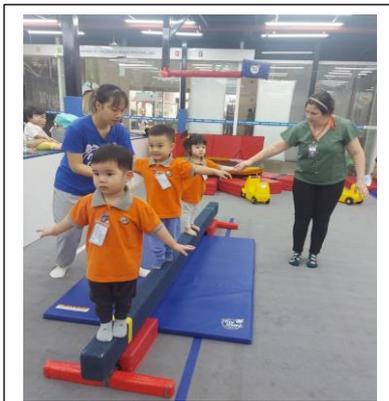
To add variety to our learning, we play interactive games like "Sight Word Bingo" and "CVC Word Race" to make learning enjoyable. It was wonderful to see the children actively participating and supporting each other.



EXERCISING ON THE NURSERY EXCURSION

With our thematic exploration of "My Body" we visited "My Gym" in Aqua Central for an engaging excursion. Recognizing the significance of gross motor development in order to develop strength and confidence in the range of movements can perform, this outing introduced them to various stimulating movement activities.

From the sheer delight of popping bubbles to the cooperative excitement of the parachute and the balance challenges posed by the beams, the children immersed themselves in activities fostering their gross motor skills. We believe that these experiences are vital, serving as building blocks for healthy habits that can be easily embraced by our young learners.



Children, like sponges, absorb information effortlessly, so it is important to start instilling healthy and active habits from an early age.

Through adventures like these, we're nurturing not only their bodies but also a lifelong love for staying healthy and fit.



MESS – FREE ART WORKSHOP

The second in our series of workshops took place in November - after our great success of the baby massage workshop in October.

Our recent Mess-Free Workshop brought parents and kindergarten artists together for a session of collaborative creativity and, most importantly, no cleanup hassle! The event was an exciting blend of learning and bonding, as families delved into exciting projects designed for replicable fun at home.



From bag and bubble wrap painting to marble tin painting and reverse picture collages, our little artists, guided by their parents, explored diverse mediums without a single smudge in sight. The

workshop celebrated the magic of artistic expression, fostering both teamwork and individual creativity.

One of the highlights was discovering how these artistic adventures could be easily replicated at home. Parents left with newfound inspiration and practical ideas, ensuring the creative spirit continues beyond the workshop.

