



KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have had a wonderfully eventful December and January, packed with celebrations, holidays, and exciting activities!

December was filled with the joy of Christmas and the highlight for many was our magical day of carolling downstairs in the Hanoi Towers shopping centre. The children sang beautifully, spreading festive cheer to shoppers and staff alike. Alongside the carolling, we enjoyed a variety of festive activities, including crafts and games, all topped off with a very special visit from Father Christmas himself.

The excitement carried into January with our Tet celebrations. The children embraced the cultural traditions of this important holiday by making Chung cakes, designing their own beautiful lucky money envelopes, and wearing their stunning ao dai.

This year is particularly special as we celebrate 25 years of KinderWorld in Vietnam - an incredible milestone that reflects our sustainability, dedication, and the trust of families like yours. To mark this achievement, we are hosting monthly celebrations throughout the year. We kicked off in January with a memorable 25th Anniversary Silver Day, where students and staff joined together to commemorate this milestone in style.

As we close this festive season, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Tet. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you back after the Tet break for more learning, fun, and celebrations in 2025!

Stephanie C. Mills
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Upcoming Important Dates:

Monday 27th January - Friday 7th February: Tet holiday

Monday 10th February: School reopens after Tet Holidays

Tuesday 11th February: 25 years of KinderWorld in Vietnam - February event

Week of 3rd March: Dr Seuss week



News around the Classrooms

BUILDING ROCKETS WITH 2D SHAPES IN PREP



This month, our class embarked on an exciting journey into the world of shapes, creativity, and collaboration! Students explored the fundamental building blocks of geometry by using circles, squares, triangles and rectangles to construct an incredible rocket. Through hands-on

play and problem-solving, the children discovered how shapes can fit together in different ways to form something truly amazing. This activity not only fostered spatial awareness but also strengthened their understanding of geometric concepts, paving the way for future learning in maths and design.



To add a magical touch, the children painted a glowing half-moon backdrop, experimenting with colour mixing and brush techniques. This creative process enhanced their fine motor skills and encouraged self-expression. They also crafted adorable astronaut cutouts featuring their photos, imagining themselves as brave explorers ready to venture into space. The children demonstrated incredible teamwork and communication as they worked

collaboratively to bring their rocket to life. We are so proud of what our little astronauts achieved this month.



MAGIC MILK IN K2

The K2 Chick class thoroughly enjoyed conducting the exciting Magic Milk experiment! Students poured whole milk into a shallow bowl, added drops of colourful food colouring and then used a Q-tip dipped in dish soap to create magic.



The moment the Q-tip touched the milk, the colours began swirling and mixing, forming mesmerizing rainbow patterns. This happened

because the dish soap broke the surface tension of the milk, causing the colours to move and interact in surprising ways.

This simple, hands-on activity introduced students to important STEM concepts such as surface tension, chemical reactions, and colour mixing in a fun and engaging way. Experiments like Magic Milk spark curiosity, encourage observation, and inspire a love for discovery, making science both meaningful and magical for our young learners!



A SWEET ADVENTURE FOR KITTEN CLASS



A recent highlight was our excursion to Pegasus International College, where the Kitten class explored the art of making chocolate cake pops!

As we all know, children learn best when they are actively involved and this experience was no exception. The session was carefully designed to engage our young learners in age-appropriate, hands-on activities. Each child had the opportunity to mix ingredients, shape their own cake pops and observe how different components come together. This practical experience helped to develop their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and sensory awareness, whilst fostering an early understanding of simple processes such as mixing and shaping.

The excitement didn't stop there! The children were overjoyed to taste their sweet creations, reinforcing their sense of accomplishment and pride in their work. The session also encouraged turn-taking, patience, and following instructions - valuable skills for two-year-olds as they navigate early social and cognitive development.

To top it all off, the children were thrilled to take their tasty treats home to share with their families - experiences like these not only make learning fun but also help create lasting memories and instil a love for exploring new things.



K2 EXCURSION TO CREATIVE GARA

The International K2 students had so much fun getting creative on our excursion to Creative Gara in December.

Before starting the main activity, the students watched and participated in some fun science experiments and games.

Their favourite game was a maze in which they had to hold the large wooden maze together as a group and move it up and down in certain ways for the ball to reach the end of the maze. This game really tested their

cooperative skills as well as patience and perseverance and the students were so excited when they reached the finish!



When the students finished all the games, they constructed their own Christmas pictures using various wooden shapes. First, they used sandpaper to make the wooden shapes smooth which worked to develop their fine motor skill skills. Next, they coloured the shapes and finally, they glued the shapes onto the frame to create Christmas scenes with Christmas trees, snowmen, and houses.

The students were so proud of the beautiful artwork that they made. The excursion was very memorable and it really got us in the Christmas spirit!



K1 CLASSES: THE POWER OF SENSORY PLAY

In K1, we provide a variety of sensory play opportunities that spark curiosity and help children explore their world. Sensory activities, such as sand play, water exploration and finger painting, are designed to engage multiple senses, including touch, sight, and sound. These experiences encourage observation and foster an early understanding of textures, colours, and patterns.



Sensory play also inspires imagination and creativity. Whether building with sand, moulding play dough, or experimenting with paint, children explore new ideas and develop stories through their play. These open-ended activities

allow them to experiment, problem-solve, and express their unique creativity.

In addition to cognitive benefits, sensory activities can be soothing. Playing with materials like sand or kneading playdough helps children regulate their emotions and focus, promoting a sense of calm. These moments are especially valuable for young learners, helping them build emotional awareness and resilience.

Sensory play also supports physical development.

Activities such as rolling, squeezing, and shaping playdough or using tools in sand strengthen fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. These foundational skills prepare children for tasks such as writing, cutting, and drawing in the future.



25 YEARS OF KINDERWORLD IN VIETNAM

This year marks a truly special milestone as KinderWorld celebrates 25 years of providing high-quality education in Vietnam. To honour this achievement we celebrated with a dazzling Silver Day celebration, the first in a series of monthly events to commemorate this silver anniversary.



The excitement was in the air as everyone arrived dressed in their sparkling silver outfits, with a wide variety of engaging silver-themed activities ahead of them. From designing their own silver jewellery to crafting imaginative silver hats, the children let their

creativity shine. They also explored the fascinating properties of magnets through hands-on experiments with silver-coloured magnetic materials, sparking curiosity and wonder in our young learners.

These activities were carefully designed to combine fun with meaningful learning. Crafting silver jewellery and hats helped the children develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and imaginative thinking. Meanwhile, experimenting with silver magnets introduced basic scientific concepts, encouraging inquiry and critical thinking. The day was not just about celebrating but also about fostering curiosity, creativity, and collaboration - values at the heart of KinderWorld's philosophy.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

