



KINDERWORLD KINDERGARTEN @ HANOI TOWERS

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians

September has been a truly memorable month - we began by joining the whole country in celebrating 80 years of Independence, as well as the start of the new Vietnamese school year. These occasions not only gave our children the chance to enjoy special moments together but also provided meaningful opportunities to begin developing an early understanding of history, culture, and national pride in ways that are age-appropriate and engaging.

We also hosted our Book Buffet event, where parents and guardians joined their children in exploring a variety of activities inspired by books. This experience highlighted how stories can be brought to life through play, creativity, and imagination. It was wonderful to see families working together, strengthening the home-school connection while also supporting children's early literacy and love of learning.

This month also saw the launch of our excursion program, with new locations added to broaden our pupils' experiences. Excursions are carefully chosen to provide real-world links to classroom learning, encouraging curiosity, problem-solving, and social development. They also give children the chance to apply what they are learning in class in meaningful, practical ways.

Looking ahead, October promises to be both joyful and enriching. The Mid-Autumn Festival, complete with a lion dance in the Somerset foyer, will give our students a deeper sense of tradition and celebration. We also look forward to our Baby Boogie session and our Halloween activities, both of which provide playful opportunities for movement, creativity, and confidence-building. Finally, in early November, our "I Can Write" wall walk will allow parents to see and interact with the writing process, celebrating children's progress in literacy.

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Upcoming Important Dates:

Monday 6th October - Mid-Autumn Festival

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October - End of term holiday – no school

Friday 31st October – Halloween



News around the Classrooms

BUILDING LANGUAGE SKILLS IN PUPPY CLASS



In Puppy Class, the children are building their English language skills in fun, engaging ways with ESL. Each lesson is carefully designed to support early

language development through stories, games, and music.

Storybooks play an important role in introducing new vocabulary. By reading slowly, pointing to illustrations, and asking simple questions, the children are helped connect



words with meaning. This approach encourages listening, comprehension and participation. Games are also used to reinforce speaking and listening skills. Through turn-taking and playful repetition, children gain confidence in using English with their peers and teachers, developing both language and social skills.

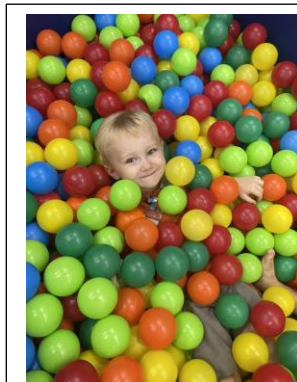
Together, these activities provide a strong foundation for English, ensuring that children are not only having fun but also developing essential communication skills for their future learning journey.



Step by step, they are becoming more confident, expressive, and ready to use English in a variety of real-life situations.

K2 MOVING AT MY GYM

The K2 excursion to My Gym was an exciting and energetic adventure filled with fun physical activities that got everyone moving! From obstacle courses and balance beams to jumping, climbing, and tumbling, the children participated in a wide variety of structured exercises carefully designed to support their physical development. Each activity provided opportunities to strengthen core muscles, improve balance, build coordination, and enhance overall flexibility.



Beyond the physical benefits, the programme also encouraged important social and emotional growth. With guidance from the enthusiastic

instructors, children practised teamwork, turn-taking, and problem-solving, while also building self-confidence and perseverance as they overcame new challenges. The supportive environment allowed them to explore their abilities safely while developing resilience and a positive attitude toward physical activity.

Overall, the excursion gave the children the chance to apply what they are learning in class to a real-world setting and reinforced the importance of active, healthy lifestyles, encouraging them to see exercise as enjoyable and achievable, helping to build positive habits that can last a lifetime.

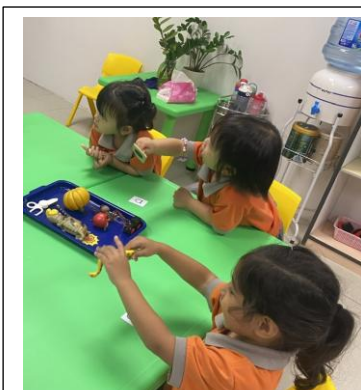


EXPLORING LITERACY IN K1

This month in K1, we've been exploring the world of phonics through the Letterland programme - a creative and engaging approach to early literacy. Letterland transforms letters into lively characters, making it easier for children to connect sounds with symbols. For example, "Annie Apple" helps children remember the short 'a' sound. These characters bring phonics to life through stories, songs and movement.



Each week, we focus on a new letter and sound, using multisensory activities to reinforce learning. We sing songs, trace letters, act out character stories, and play games that build phonemic awareness. This approach supports all types of learners and lays a strong foundation for reading and writing. The children enjoyed playing the Silly Soup game in class, where they made a 'soup' of sounds, finding items to add to the pot that have the initial sound of the week.



Parent Tips: Supporting Phonics at Home

Here are some simple ways you can reinforce what we're learning in class:



Spot the Letter: Look for the letter of the week on signs, food labels, or in books.

Sound Hunt: Collect household objects or toys that begin with the focus sound (e.g., a for apple, animal, etc).

Story Connections: Ask your child to find their

favourite Letterland character in a storybook and talk about the sound they make.

Little and frequent practice at home helps reinforce classroom learning and shows children that phonics is part of their world everywhere - not just at school.

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE IN VIETNAM

This month, our kindergarten proudly joined the whole country in celebrating 80 years of Vietnam's Independence. It was a special opportunity for our children to begin exploring the importance of history, culture, and national pride in fun and meaningful ways.



Although our learners are very young, experiences like this help them develop an early awareness of cultural identity and belonging. By taking part in shared traditions,

children start to understand that they are part of a wider community with a rich history.

As a whole school, we dressed in our traditional costumes and created a special "80 Years of Independence" celebration video. Each class contributed in their own way, with songs, dances, and creative activities. The children loved being involved and felt proud to take part in something so big and memorable. Preparing for the event gave them many opportunities to practice important skills. Through singing and storytelling, they built their language and communication. By joining in with crafts, music, and dance, they expressed themselves creatively and developed confidence. Working together as a group helped them learn about cooperation, respect, and pride in shared achievements. At the same time,

simple conversations about history and traditions encouraged them to start thinking about the world they live in and the journey of their country.



EXPLORING THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF SHAPES

This month in International Nursery, our curious little learners have been diving into the exciting world of shapes! At two years old, children are natural explorers, and numeracy begins to grow through playful, hands-on experiences.



We set out on a journey to discover circles, squares, triangles, and diamonds through rich sensory play, creative art, and plenty of exploration. The children loved digging through our rice sensory trays, searching for hidden shapes and matching them to the correct buckets - what a joyful way to build early problem-solving skills!



Our art activities brought shapes to life in the most colourful ways. The children made bright square birds, playful triangle fish, soaring diamond kites, and even experimented with shape stamping. Each creation was unique, and the process allowed children to strengthen their fine motor skills while recognising shapes in different forms.

Playdough fun added another layer to our learning - pressing and stamping shapes gave children a chance to explore textures and patterns while building those little hand muscles.

Throughout the month, it has been a delight to watch the children begin to name shapes, notice them in their environment, and use them creatively in their play. Their excitement has been contagious, and each new discovery has filled our classroom with smiles and laughter.

All in all, it has been a wonderful month of joy, creativity, and learning.



ERIC – EVERYONE READING IN CLASS



During our daily ERIC (Everyone Reading In Class) lessons, Prep Owlet students have a wonderful time enjoying books in our cosy reading corner.

This special time gives children the chance to slow down, choose books that interest them, and become fully immersed in different stories. For many, this quiet and calm space helps them focus, relax, and build a positive association with reading.

At this stage of development, spending regular time with books has an enormous impact on a child's educational progress. Exploring stories helps children expand their vocabulary, hear new sentence

structures, and become more familiar with the rhythm and flow of language. It also sparks imagination, encouraging them to picture characters and settings in their minds. These early experiences support not only reading but also speaking, listening, and later writing skills.



The children particularly enjoy the social aspect of ERIC. They love talking about their books with friends, sharing favourite pictures, and stories with one another.

These simple conversations strengthen communication skills and build confidence in expressing ideas. They also give children the chance to practise important social skills such as turn-taking, listening carefully, and respecting others' opinions.

Our reading corner is more than just a place to look at books - it is a safe and inviting environment where children feel comfortable exploring language at their own pace.