



Overseas Family School Kindergarten

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Principal's Message

Gong Xi Fai Cai! and a warm welcome back to all families to the second semester of the academic year. It has been an exciting start to the new semester with the opening of our fourth K2 class, and the addition of 42 new students and their families to the Kindergarten. As well, we welcomed two new teachers to the Kindergarten teaching team, Mrs. Emma Emmison and Mrs. Danielle Riedeman. We have been back at school for a month now and it is indeed wonderful to see all the children settled and fully immersed in their learning and everyday experiences.

Our IEYC Units of Learning are off to a great start.



Ocean Treasures: The Pre-K1 children will be exploring the oceans of the world and the treasures within it. First, they'll focus on the beach exploring the sand, shells and pebbles before delving into the ocean to find out more about all the amazing and beautiful animals that make the sea their home.

Once Upon A Time: The Pre-K2 children will explore the amazing world of make believe through familiar stories. Everyone, no matter what their age, has a favourite story that they like to hear, and often we like to enjoy them over and over again. By exploring familiar as well as some new stories, they are learning to become better storytellers.

Imagine That!: K1 students have been learning about artists and how they express themselves. By developing skills and using the resources to create their own pieces of art, they will learn that we can all be artists and make exciting things happen with our imagination and creativity.

From A To B: K2 students are learning about the different types of journeys we can make, across land, sea and air. They will become geographers, historians and engineers as they learn to read and use maps, explore how types of transport have changed over time and apply what we have learned about transport to plan and make their own vehicles.

Through these rich IEYC Units of Learning, the children will develop unit specific knowledge, apply a range of skills and develop the Personal Learning Goals of being Respectful, Adaptable, a Communicator and a Thinker.

We look forward to the many events coming up this semester, the first of which was the Lunar New Year celebration on Thursday, 2 February 2023. This was followed with Book Week from 6 to 10 February 2023. Many exciting activities were planned for the children, including an Interactive story-telling session and workshop conducted by Centre Stage, Mystery Readers throughout the week, and the ever popular Book Character Parade. We look forward to seeing you all at our future events.

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Lunar New Year Celebration



From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

GLOBAL PICNIC 2023

The annual Global Picnic, an international fair where all the families in the school get together to celebrate being part of an international culture, will take place on Saturday, 29 April 2023.

We are in the process of contacting Country Coordinators of your nationality. A Country Coordinator works with the Parent Association and organises other parents of the same nationality to contribute to the food and activities tables.

The first meeting for the Country Coordinators will be on **Thursday, 16 February 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** in **PA Lounge**, on Level 4 of the Administration Block.

Please join us if you would like to volunteer to represent your country.

If you have any queries, please do write to us at parent_association@ofs.edu.sg. Stay safe and stay healthy.

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Pre-K1 News



Welcome back to school! We hope that everyone enjoyed a fun-filled Lunar New Year Break.

This January, the Bunnies have enjoyed an eventful time with Lunar New Year celebrations. They have been creating art for the celebration such as making 3D lanterns, Lunar New Year couplets, drums and Pussy Willow paintings. They also enjoyed role-playing at the Flower Market, watching video clips about Lunar New Year, learning Lunar New Year songs, listening to stories on the celebration including the history of the legendary monster "Nian". Through these stories, we have discovered that the colour red, bright lights and loud noises will keep Nian away! The most exciting highlight was playing 'loud' and cheerful music with drums and cymbals while performing the Bunnies' Lion Dance in the classroom. These cultural celebrations foster respect and open-mindedness for other cultures.

Our next International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) Unit of Learning will be 'Ocean Treasures', through which children will be exploring the theme of 'beach and sea life'. We are very excited to begin our learning journey with a 'beach' setting inside our classroom, which would capture the children's interest and find out what activities people usually do at the beach.

(Pre-K1 Team)



Pre-K2 News



The Pre K2 children were very excited to begin our new unit 'Once Upon a Time'. The Koalas had a very special mystery reader come in to visit. Ms. Khue Ngo surprised the children by reading 'The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and The Big Hungry Bear'.

We have been discussing their favourite stories and spoke about why they enjoyed them. They thought about who the characters were in the story. We are now very excited to dive into some fun traditional fairytales. The children will be introduced to the stories of The Enormous Turnip, The Tortoise and the Hare, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Gingerbread Man. They will learn how to role play the different characters and also learn the skills of being a good audience. We have lots of fun art and hands on activities for the children to take part in relating to these stories.

We are looking forward to lots of fun book week activities. Please add your pre-recorded video to the google link we sent out.

(Pre-K2 Team)



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K1 News



A big welcome to the many new families who have joined K1. The new children are settling in well with the help of our existing students who have been warm and welcoming.

We have embarked on the next Unit of Learning 'Imagine That', in which the children will be learning about art techniques and styles.

Leading up to Lunar New Year, the children have used their prior knowledge of patterns and bright colours to create cultural artefacts. They decorated their classrooms, learned about the 'Legend of Nian' and took part in cultural activities such as making oriental fans, colouring auspicious Chinese characters and trying vegetarian dumplings to welcome the Year of the Rabbit. The children were ecstatic to



dress up and finally experienced the Lion and Dragon Dance in-person after a 3 year hiatus.

Book Week began with our lovely Middle School students coming in to read with us. Throughout the week, the children shared their favourite storybooks with their classmates and watched their parents' video recordings in English and their Mother Tongue, which they were very excited about. The children also attended a performance and workshop conducted by Centre Stage. The week ended with a big bang by dressing up as favourite storybook characters for the parade! What a busy yet fun-filled start to the second semester!

(K1 Team)





K2 News



Over the past few weeks the K2 children have been preparing for the festive celebrations of Lunar New Year, celebrating the year of the Rabbit which symbolizes longevity, peace and prosperity.

The children have been making various Lunar New Year arts and crafts to decorate the Kindergarten corridors with vivid and vibrant colours. A few art and craft activities that they made were beautiful red lanterns representing letting go of the past and fulfilling the year ahead with good fortune. In addition to this, the children were thrilled, making their very own rabbit angpou envelopes and receiving two lucky golden coins. Furthermore, Lunar New Year Celebrations allowed the K2 children to refine their IEYC Personal goals through a collective and collaborative activity. Each K2 classroom painted one-hundred paper plates and created a beautiful dragon in flight, displayed outside each K2 classroom. On 2 February the children enjoyed watching a school-wide lion and dragon dance performance. With every beat of the of the drum, the children were more and more intrigued. We were all so honored to be a part of such a wonderful cultural experience.

"Gong Xi Fa Cai" to all our families, we sincerely wish you happiness, cheerfulness and success in the upcoming year.

(K2 Team)



K2 to Grade 1 Transition

Plans are underway for the K2 to Grade 1 Transition process. Later in the semester K2 parents will be invited to attend a Transition Talk where they will be able to learn more about the Grade 1 Curriculum and daily routines. As part of the Transition process, the K2 children will get an opportunity to visit a Grade 1 classroom, meet the Elementary School Admin team and take part in a Q&A session with some current Grade 1 students. More information will be sent home, closer to the date of the events.