



Overseas Family School Kindergarten

Master Policy:

To maintain a happy, safe and effective school for overseas families living in Singapore

Principal's Message

As we approach the end of the first quarter, we reflect on the many exciting events and experiences that have taken place in the Kindergarten in the first two months of school.



- The children have thoroughly enjoyed their first Unit of Learning, taking part in a range of child-initiated and teacher-scaffolded learning experiences. The highlight of each unit was the field trip which provided an opportunity for children to learn outside of a classroom setting, promoting real-world learning through connections with what they have been learning in their Units.
Pre-K1 students went to Pasir Ris Park for a family picnic. They sang songs and played games which they have learned throughout the "This is Me" Unit. Pre-K2 students went to the Nature Playgarden at Pasir Ris Park. To reinforce the learning in the "Mindful Play" unit, they used their senses to explore the different areas in the nature playground and together with their parents carried out some yoga and tai chi moves.
K1 students also enjoyed their trip to the Nature Playgarden at Pasir Ris Park to exercise and play games together which provided a lovely culmination to their unit "Healthy Habits".
K2 children went to Kiztopia to explore and play in a variety of customised settings, which was in line with their unit "Chattering Children".
- Thank you to the parents who attended our Curriculum Talks. We truly appreciate the time that you set aside for this event. We hope you found the sessions informative and have given you a good insight into what your child will be learning this year.
- We occasionally have educators from schools in Singapore and from other IEYC schools around the world visiting us to find out more about our approach to teaching and learning. We recently hosted a group of teachers from MOE Kindergarten @ Temasek for a morning of professional exchange and learning.
- A special feature of the IEYC is the International Dimension of Learning and Development. The international dimension aims to help children gain knowledge and an understanding beyond that related to their own nationality and identity. To support this area of learning, we celebrate the various cultural festivals celebrated in Singapore, the first of which was the mid-Autumn festival on 29 September 2023. The children listened to the story of the "Lady on the Moon", learned about the traditions associated with this festival and made their very own paper lantern to take home for their lantern parade.

Celebrating the different cultures and customs was the focus for our Internationalism Celebration held on **Friday, 6 October 2023**. The Kindergarten children all performed songs and dances from around the world followed by a shared pot-luck lunch in the Homebase classrooms. The children thoroughly enjoyed their special event.

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From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

The Parent Association (PA) cordially invites all parents to join us for a Talk on Crime and Drug Prevention. The talk is jointly organised by OFS PA and Singapore Police Force.

Date: Friday, 20 October 2023

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Venue: Parent Lounge
(Level 4 of Administration Building)**

If you would like more information about this or other PA events, please feel free to contact our Chairperson by email at: parent_association@ofs.edu.sg.



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Pre-K1 News



Over the past few weeks, our Pre-K1 Bunnies have been exploring the IEYC Unit "This is Me," and it has been wonderful to observe their growing self-awareness and their ability to work together as 'Collaborators' in various group activities, both in and out of the classroom. We have had meaningful discussions about sharing, respect, taking turns, and helping one another.

One of the most exciting learning experiences of this unit has been the

transformation of the Bunnies' classroom into their very own "Bunnies' Home". Each section, including a bathroom, bedroom, living room, and kitchen, is filled with unique furnishings that have sparked great enthusiasm and curiosity among our young learners. Through these role-play experiences, they are not only discovering their physical surroundings but also building a foundation for a deeper understanding of themselves and their peers. This hands-on learning adventure perfectly aligns with the objectives of the IEYC Unit, promoting self-identity and fostering an appreciation for both individuality and diversity. As we anticipate upcoming IEYC Units, we are excited to witness the continued growth and the enriching learning experiences that await our young explorers.

(The Pre-K1 Bunnies)



Pre-K2 News

We have come to the end of our "Mindful Play" unit and the children have had a lot of fun learning different techniques to help keep them calm. For our Exit Point the children will be bringing home their very own Mindfulness box. Inside will be a number of objects that the children have made. Please ask your child to explain the item, how they made it and how they use it. We have found that different aspects of the unit have been, and will be extremely useful throughout the school year. The children responded well when we asked them to show us their starfish breathing and shark fin breathing. We will continue to do our short meditations throughout the year and will keep a supply of sensory toys available for the children to use whenever they feel they need too!

(The Pre-K2 Team)



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K1 News



It has been a busy and fun-filled month for the children in K1 as we have explored and journeyed through the unit of "Healthy Habits". The children learned about brushing their teeth and washing their hands to stay healthy. They were able to socialize and engage with one another discussing topics relating to the unit, all while enjoying some outdoor activities including a picnic at the playground. We had also journeyed as a class to the Pasir Ris Park Nature Playgarden, marking our first field trip for the K1 children. They investigated

and explored nature by walking through the sensory bridge and enjoyed exercising and playing games together.

We were happy to see many parents join us for our Exit Point. The children showcased what they have learned through songs and simple exercises. K1 children showed their parents how to wash their hands and sang songs about brushing our teeth and naming parts of our body. We were happy to share this experience with the parents and would like to thank everyone for making this journey a memorable one for the children.

(The K1 Team)





K2 News



The K2 children had a wonderful time on their field trip to Kiztopia at the beginning of September. They explored a variety of different activities such as role play in a kitchen, shopping in the fruit and vegetable shop, dressing up in a range of costumes and taking photos in a photo booth. They also enjoyed

building with blocks in the construction zone, as well as riding the bikes around the race track. Some were lucky enough to have a ride on the train. Everyone loved the various climbing walls, ball pits, slides, obstacle courses, trampolines and bouncing equipment. The children enjoyed lots of opportunities to chat with one another about their shared activities, take turns, share and play collaboratively. After returning to school, the children were very excited and motivated to write a journal entry about their experience on the field trip.

(The K2 Team)



Date for Your Diary

- Friday, 27 October 2023 – Parent Teacher Conferences