



Overseas Family School Kindergarten

Master Policy:

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

Principal's Message

A warm welcome to all new families and returning families to the Kindergarten for Academic Year 2023-2024.

Kindergarten is an important milestone in your child's academic journey and our aim is to provide a safe, secure and happy environment for all children. We are now into our fourth week of school and the vast majority of children have settled comfortably into the daily routines. The classrooms are abuzz with the children's laughter and chatter as they explore their surroundings, engage with friends and carry out their daily activities. We take great pleasure in seeing so many happy, smiling and excited students in our Kindergarten.

On Tuesday, 29 August 2023 we had our Curriculum Talks, an 'Introduction to Kindergarten' talk for new parents as well as 'Grade level Curriculum Talks'. These presentations aim to give parents an overview of what the children will be learning this year. In addition to the Curriculum Talks we will keep you informed of the children's learning through our monthly Grade-level Newsletters and the Kindergarten Newsletter, which will be sent to you monthly, via email.

Your child's teachers and I, are very excited about working with your child this year and will always be available to assist you in whatever way necessary, to ensure that your child has a successful and memorable experience in Kindergarten.

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From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

The Parent Association (PA) invites all parents to join us for a Hari Raya (Eid) themed Coffee Morning. Come along and learn more about the traditions and customs from our Muslim community.

Date: Thursday, 14 September 2023

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 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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Integrated Therapy Centre

Overseas Family School is excited to launch our Pilot Early Intervention program in Kindergarten and lower Elementary School. The pilot is designed to offer services for children who may need additional support to access learning in the classroom. This is in addition to the Learning Support that is now been offered on a push-in and withdrawal basis K-12. The Early Intervention team comprises learning specialists, Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and support for social-emotional challenges. If you would like to learn more about our Early Intervention or Learning Support program, please contact your child's teacher.



International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)

The OFS Kindergarten offers an enquiry-based program to all students in the early years. The IEYC is made up of engaging Units of Learning encompassing all curriculum areas. They are designed to support the holistic development of each child through enjoyable and playful personal, international and academic learning experiences that prepare them for the opportunities and challenges now and in the future.

Our IEYC Units of Learning for this academic year are:

PRE-K1	Unit Title	This is Me!	Little Movers Make Giant Strides	Ocean Treasures	Going Places
	The Big Idea	We will be learning about ourselves and what makes us special.	We will be learning about how we can support our brain growth through movement.	We will be learning about all the amazing and beautiful animals that make the sea their home.	We will be learning about the many ways we can travel and the many adventures we can have.

PRE-K2	Unit Title	Mindful Play	My Toy Shop	Once Upon A Time	The Brilliant Bug Ball
	The Big Idea	We will be learning about ourselves, what makes us happy and peaceful and how we can stop and be still.	We will be learning about different toys and games that children enjoy playing with.	By exploring favourite stories, we will be learning to become better storytellers, and will create our amazing worlds of make believe.	We will be learning about mini beasts in our local environment and finding out more about their characteristics.

K1	Unit Title	Healthy Habits	Dinosaur Detectives!	Loose Parts	Blast Off!
	The Big Idea	We will be learning about healthy habits to keep our bodies and mind fit and healthy.	We will be travelling back in time to the land of dinosaurs to find out more about these amazing creatures.	We will be developing our skills in play and working with others.	We will be exploring the night sky and learning about stars, the moon and the planets.

K2	Unit Title	Chattering Children	Animal Rescuers	From A To B	Let's Celebrate
	The Big Idea	We will be exploring language through play and learning about the value of talk and the importance of using words.	We will be learning how to look after and protect animals in different habitats.	The letters 'A' and 'B' can be used to mean anything we like. Often, we use 'from A to B' to talk about travel from one place to another. Think about all the different places you travel. In this unit we will be learning about the different types of journeys we can make, across land, sea and air. In order to do this, we will need to be geographers, historians and engineers. How we travel is constantly changing, so what does the future hold for travel and journeys?	In Let's Celebrate, we will be learning about celebrations as a hugely important part of human life. As artists, musicians, designers, historians and dancers, we will be exploring the ways in which all peoples and cultures, from every part of the world, take part in and hold celebrations to mark special events and special times in people's lives.

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Pre-K1 News



A warm welcome to all Pre-Kindergarten One, Bunnies' parents and children. It is heart-warming to see the 2 year olds settled so quickly into the daily routines of school. The children are feeling comfortable in their new surroundings and have made a smooth transition from home to school.

Our adorable Bunnies are not only adapting to the new routine but also beginning to embrace the school experience with curiosity and excitement. In the past week, they have been busy learning the names of their friends and teachers through songs and games. They have also enthusiastically started participating in Specialist classes like Library, Physical Education, Mandarin, and Music.

We have launched our first Unit of Learning, "This Is Me". This unit focuses on self-discovery and exploring the ways in which we are alike or different from each other through sensory activities, art, discussions, games, stories, and songs. The Bunnies are all set for an enriching and fun-filled year ahead!

(The Pre-K1 Bunnies)



Pre-K2 News



A warm welcome to all children and parents of the Pre-K2 Koalas. What a fantastic start to the year the Koalas have had. They are already practising many of our Personal Goals such as adaptable, resilient, communicator, respectful, and collaborator. For the past few weeks, the children have been making a great start getting used to the new routines in class. They have been getting to know their new friends and are feeling more secure in their new environment. The teachers would like to ensure that your child's first experience in a "big school" is a happy and successful one. Rest assured that we are taking our time to get to know all the children and offer help when needed.

We are well underway in our first IEYC Unit of Learning, "Mindful Play". Mindful activities can have far-reaching benefits for the children. The following examples are just a few of the reasons that the activities

in this unit are so important.

Mindful Children:

- Are better able to focus and concentrate.
- Experience increased calm.
- Experience decreased stress and anxiety.
- Experience improved impulsive control.
- Have increased self-awareness.
- Find skillful ways to respond to difficult situations.
- Are more empathetic and understanding of others.
- Develop natural conflict-resolution skills.

(The Pre-K2 Team)





K1 News



A warm welcome back to our returning families and to the families new to the Kindergarten! We look forward to having a splendid academic year with you.

We are very proud of the children for settling in so nicely and it was wonderful to see how excited they were at seeing their friends and making new ones! The children had an awesome first day of school and were eager to show their teachers the toy fish and juice they received from the Parent Association (PA). What a lovely treat!

The K1 children participated in various fun activities such as: creating their class mascots (Dolphins/Otters) and first week of

school crown to support their settling in. They practised their fine motor skills by engaging in Playdough, tracing and threading activities. The children also took a tour around the Kindergarten to familiarize themselves with the different classrooms and visited the Specialist teachers!

Here's to an amazing academic year ahead!

(The K1 Team)



K2 News

We are pleased to welcome back all our returning families and offer a warm welcome to all our new families joining us this academic year. We are really proud of all the children as they settle into their new classroom routines. Many have enjoyed seeing existing friends, as well as making new friends. They have been familiarising themselves with the new classroom resources and having great fun exploring the K2 playground and equipment.

During Semester 1 we will be covering the two IEYC Units of Learning, "Chattering Children" and "Animal Rescuers". Then in Semester 2 we will move on to the IPC Units of Learning "From A to B" and "Let's Celebrate".

We have begun our IEYC Unit of Learning "Chattering Children" which has been a fantastic way to start the school year, focusing on speaking and listening skills. The children have been playing lots of name games, talking about their likes and dislikes, as well as what makes them special for our entry point. The children also have been practising counting forwards, backwards, and discussing the days of the week and the months of the year. We look forward to a wonderful semester ahead! ★ ★ ★ ★

(The K2 Team)



Dates for Your Diary

- Friday, 6 October 2023, 10:30am–12:00pm – Kindergarten Internationalism Celebration
- Friday, 27 October 2023 – Parent Teacher Conferences