



Overseas Family School Kindergarten

Master Policy:

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

Principal's Message

The Kindergarten has been immersed in celebrations over the past few weeks! We have been learning about festivals from various cultures celebrated in November and December. The children have enjoyed exploring the traditions of Deepavali, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Santa Lucia, and Christmas through a range of exciting activities.

A huge thank you to the wonderful mums who volunteered their time to help us with the Deepavali celebration. Thank you for setting up the beautiful decorations and display boards, for teaching us the rich history of Deepavali through storytelling and dance. Your presence and support have helped to make the Kindergarten Deepavali celebration a very memorable one for the children.

As we move into December, we are now in full party mode, preparing for our Christmas Caroling event on Wednesday, 11 December (K2 at 9:15 am; Pre-K and K1 at 10:00 am). The children are so excited to sing their favourite Christmas songs and celebrate this festive season with you. We hope you will join us for this joyful occasion!

OFS recently took part in a food collection for "Food From The Heart", a local non-profit organisation that helps provide consistent and sustainable food support to the less fortunate through food distribution programs here in Singapore. In class, we have been talking to the children about what this means and how we can help others through these acts of kindness. The food collection was a great success! We would like to thank the OFS community for their generous donations.

In the coming weeks, you will receive your child's Semester 1 progress report, which will provide an overview of their personal development based on the International Early Years Curriculum. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress in more detail, please do not hesitate to schedule a meeting with the classroom teachers.

As we close out this semester, we are ending on a high note, and are excited for a productive and fun-filled second semester of school, beginning on Monday, 6 January 2025. I would also like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to the families who are relocating – thank you for being part of our Kindergarten community, and we hope you stay in touch.

We wish all families a safe, restful, and joyful holiday season!

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Deepavali Celebrations



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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". A highlight of the unit was transforming the classroom into a "Bunnies" Home," complete with a bathroom, bedroom, living room, and kitchen. This hands-on role play sparked excitement and helped the children learn about themselves and their peers, building self-identity and an appreciation for diversity.

As we reached the conclusion of this unit, we celebrated with a special field trip, which served as our "Exit Point: the Family and Friendship Picnic" at Pasir Ris Park. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strong friendships that have been growing among the Bunnies, as well as to promote family bonding. The morning was filled with fun games, songs, collaborative crafts, and a picnic where we shared our favorite snacks. It was the perfect way to wrap up our exploration of self-identity and relationships, as we reflected on the journey we have shared together.

Next, we are excited to dive into another IEYC Unit "Ocean Treasures", where we will explore the wonders of the ocean, marine life, and the importance of protecting our seas.

(The Pre-K1 Bunnies)



Pre-K2 News



The Pre-K2's have thoroughly enjoyed our second Unit of Learning, "My Toy Shop". The children have shown perseverance, resilience, creativity and adaptability whilst they made all their different toys, from sock puppets to creations out of sticks, corduroy bears and so much more. They were very sad to see the Toy Shop in our classroom close its doors.

To support this Unit of Learning we took the children on a field trip to "Better Play", where the children had a great time exploring some new and exciting toys, and apparatus, whilst getting to make their own toy cars. It was wonderful to see the children using their imagination and having fun, building, role playing and making the most of the opportunity to communicate and build bonds with their peers, whilst learning an important skill of turn taking as well.

It has been a fun filled, busy and very exciting first semester in the Pre-K2 classes, and we cannot wait to dive into some more exciting units in Semester 2.

(The Pre-K2 Koalas)



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K1 News



In our recent Unit of Learning, “Dinosaur Detectives”, the K1 children embarked on an exciting journey to discover how people have learnt so much about dinosaurs and what it is like to be a paleontologist. The adventure began in our class Dig Sites, where the children eagerly dug for fossils and carefully transported them to the class Museum to assemble dinosaur skeletons. Throughout the unit, they learned about the names and characteristics of various dinosaurs, while enjoying games and crafting activities related to their prehistoric discoveries.



As a special highlight, the children participated in an engaging incursion where they received an informative talk about dinosaurs, explored fossils, and had the chance to ask questions about dinosaurs and paleontology. The fun continued with a thrilling egg hunt, where each child searched for hidden dinosaur eggs. Using tools, they carefully cracked open the eggs to reveal small toy dinosaurs inside! The children’s excitement and determination were evident as they focused on their task, showing great resilience as they uncovered their mini dinosaur discoveries.

Each class was also left with a real fossil to continue exploring in the classroom, providing the children with more opportunities to dig into their own “prehistoric” finds and deepen their understanding of paleontology. It was a wonderful, hands-on learning experience that sparked further curiosity and a love for science in our young learners!

Wishing everyone a safe and joyful holiday season!

(The K1 Team)



Bilingualism in Children: Myths and Realities in Second Language Acquisition

As a speech and language therapist in an international school, I often hear concerns about bilingualism and second language acquisition. Many parents worry that learning two languages at once might cause confusion or delay their child’s speech and language development. However, research shows that children are capable of learning multiple languages naturally, especially when exposed at a young age. Rather than hindering development, bilingualism can enhance cognitive abilities, problem-solving skills, and even cultural awareness. The key lies in consistency and support; children benefit when they have regular exposure to each language and opportunities to use them in meaningful ways.

Another common misconception is that children should be fully proficient in their first language before starting a second one. While every child is unique, starting a second language early often leads to more fluent and natural use of both languages. In fact, young children are generally more adaptable in distinguishing between languages, a skill that often strengthens their language learning capacity overall. Bilingual environments can foster resilience and adaptability, and children in these settings may develop a flexible mindset that extends beyond language skills, supporting their overall growth.

(Debora Margarida Marchini da Costa – Speech and Language Therapist)



K2 News



The K2 children have been thoroughly enjoying many fun and engaging activities in the unit "Animal Rescuers".

- We have gone on a trip to the savanna and the children were excited to compare the differences between the savanna and the jungle with regards to the environment and the animals that live there.
- The children then went on a safari adventure where they carefully counted and tallied all the savanna animals as they could find outside. They observed the various patterns many savanna animals have on their fur, such as giraffes, cheetahs, leopards and zebras. They recreated these patterns by tearing paper carefully.
- We read the story "Handa's Surprise", and the children worked on their sequencing skills by putting the events of the story in order. They created some crafts related to the story, including a fruit basket and observational drawing of fruit.
- We also read "Giraffes Can't Dance", which we linked to the Personal Goals. The children discussed how the animals in the story were not being empathetic to Gerald the Giraffe, yet Gerald was resilient to try to dance again. They then created a Gerald the Giraffe art piece. The children carefully drew a giraffe following a step-by-step drawing. Then, they created the background by painting using a sponge or brushes to blend a variety of hues. Children then added details like stars and a moon using pastels or paint. This was linked to journal writing and the children wrote about "The Power of Yet", thinking about some things they can do and some things they are not able to do YET.
- Finally, the K2s enjoyed their field trip to the Singapore Zoo. It was a fun and exciting trip and we were lucky to see many animals, which the children recorded and tallied on a worksheet. We appreciate all the parent volunteers who helped make the trip possible!

(The K2 Team)



Dates for Your Diary

Upcoming Kindergarten events

- Wednesday, 11 December 2024 – Kindergarten Christmas Caroling
- Winter Camp
- 16 December 2024 – 3 January 2025

Dates of School Holidays

- 14 December 2024 – 5 January 2025
- 27 January – 31 January, 2025
- 3 February 2025 – Professional Development day for teachers

From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

As Semester 1 comes to a close, we want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for all your support. Happy holidays to everyone! May your new year be filled with happiness and success.

We look forward to seeing all of you again in January 2025. If you are travelling, enjoy your trip! Stay safe and healthy.