



# 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 back to all our families as we begin the second semester of the academic year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all new students and their families who have joined us this January.

This semester saw the opening of our second Pre-K2 class (Pre-K2 Pandas), led by Ms. Jane Park and assisted by Ms. Ivy Foo. Our little newcomers have been in school for a month now and I am happy to report that the children have quickly settled into the school routines and their new surroundings.

We returned after the December break to find some wonderful additions to the Kindergarten environment. New picket fences were installed outside the Pre-K1 classrooms and exciting new play equipment was added to the Kindergarten playgrounds. The K2 children in particular, were extremely delighted and eager to test their skills on the new challenging climbing frames in the big playground.

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

- Pre-K1 children will be exploring the theme of under the sea through the unit "Ocean Treasures".
- Pre-K2 children will explore the amazing world of make believe through favourite stories in the unit "Once Upon a Time".
- K1 students will develop their imagination and creativity through open-ended play in the unit "Loose Parts".
- K2 students will learn about the different types of journeys we can make, across land, sea and air, through the unit "From A to B".

Through these rich IEYC Units of Learning, the children will develop unit specific knowledge, apply a range of skills, and develop the IEYC Personal Goals and International Goals.

We aim to support each child to be:

The IEYC Personal Dimension		The IEYC International Dimension
• Adaptable	• a Collaborator	• Internationally Minded
• a Communicator	• Empathetic	• Globally Competent
• Ethical	• Resilient	
• Respectful	• a Thinker	

We look forward to another busy and fun-filled semester ahead, with numerous special events e.g. 100 days of school (for K2), Book Week, Book Character Parade, Lunar New Year celebrations, Field Trips, Student-led Conferences, Art Exhibition, Games Day and the Kindergarten Concert. Information about each event will be sent home closer to the date.

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## Pre-K1 News



Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a joyful holiday with family and friends. We are excited about the growing number of Bunnies joining our class!

Following the break, our exploration of the International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) takes us into the "Ocean Treasures" Unit of Learning, where children will explore the theme of "beach and sea life". We are thrilled to kick off our learning with a Beach Party Entry Point. We set up a 'beach' inside our classroom to capture the children's curiosity and allowing us to discover typical beach activities. Dressed in their swimming suits, they relished outdoor fun, all while learning about the importance of applying sunscreen for sun protection. Activities included playing in the wading 'pool,' shaping wet sand, using nets to catch sea creatures, having snacks on a picnic mat, enjoying homemade popsicles, and playing with beach balls. Additionally, we introduced them to our class pet fish, aiming to model respect for the care of small living beings.



Looking ahead, we are eager to learn more about sea creatures, journeying from the sunlight zone to the midnight zone, through songs, stories and hands-on activities. Our focus extends beyond exploration, as we look into environmental responsibility, addressing ocean pollution, and discussing how we can help, connecting it to Sustainable Development Goals. Stay tuned for more fun as we dive into the wonders of the ocean!

(Pre-K1 Team)



## Pre-K2 News



Our "Once Upon a Time" unit is now in full swing. The children were excited to have Ms. Khue come in as a mystery reader and share her favourite story with them. Our Pre-K2s are already becoming little actors and actresses. They are really enjoying listening to the stories so far and using puppets and the puppet theatre to begin to retell the story. Our first focus story is 'The Enormous Turnip'. After listening to the story the children will open up their own fruit and vegetable shop in the classroom, where they will sort the pretend produce and become shop keepers. We will also make vegetable soup in the cooking room. The children will be responsible for cutting the different vegetables and placing it them in the pot. We are sure it will be very yummy! During this unit we will be encouraging the children to become a good audience. They will need to listen and watch while their friends perform.

(Pre-K2 Team)





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## K1 News



Our latest Unit of Learning, "Loose Parts", got off to a great start with the children having an opportunity to explore a variety of boxes during our Entry Point. The children listened to the story, 'Not a Box', by Antoinette Portis. In the story a small rabbit shows the children that a box can be anything they imagine it to be, from a mountain to a rocket. After listening to the story there was great excitement as the children explored boxes of different sizes and shapes and let their imaginations run wild as they turned them into cars, boats, buildings etc. There was a great deal of collaboration, cooperation and thinking as the children worked together during this Entry Point and afterwards in

the Learning Centres, to explore the boxes. The children are very excited to explore and experiment with many more loose parts as the unit progresses.

(K1 Team)







## K2 News



The K2 children had a fantastic time during their entry point for our new unit of learning "From A to B". We started the unit by talking about journeys and how people travel from one place to another. Various activities and games were set up in the activity room using different PE equipment and resources, all focused on getting from point A to point B. The children were very imaginative and creative as they came up with different ways of travelling along, through, under and over our obstacle course. They also had an opportunity to work on the Personal Goals of being good Collaborators and Communicators during team games. Despite some of these games being quite challenging, such as the hoop game and the team bridge making challenge, the children showed that they were great Thinkers, and were Resilient and Adaptable. The children are very excited and motivated to learn more about our unit. They have even taken their learning outdoors and have set up obstacle courses during playtime for their friends to travel from A to B.



(K2 Team)



## From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

### CHINESE NEW YEAR COFFEE MORNING

The Parent Association (PA) invites all parents to a special Chinese New Year themed Coffee Morning, right after the auspicious Lion and Dragon Dance. The Lion and Dragon Dance will take place at OFS Basketball Court, from 10:30am to 11:00am.

**Date:** Thursday, 22 February 2024

**Time:** 11:00am – 1:00pm

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

Let us celebrate the Chinese New Year together and get to know its various traditions, and rituals. Watch out for more details to be shared on the PA webpage soon.

## Dates for Your Diary

- **Friday, 2 February** – Character Day Parade
- **8 to 20 February** – Chinese New Year and School Holidays
- **Thursday, 22 February** – Lion and Dragon Dance/Chinese New Year Celebration