



Overseas Family School Kindergarten

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Principal's Message

Our Book Week was a tremendous success, celebrating the joy of books and reading throughout the week. Our aim was to instill a love for reading and literature among our students through various engaging activities and experiences.

Highlights from the week included:



Mystery Readers: We were delighted to have special guests and mystery readers, including parents, teachers, and students from the Middle School and High School, share stories with the children. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who visited classrooms or sent in videos of themselves reading stories.

Theatre Productions: The children were captivated by interactive storytelling performances of "The Rainbow Fish" (for Pre-K and K1) and "The Gruffalo" (for K2) by Centre Stage. Following the performances, the children participated in creative drama workshops in their classrooms, led by the Centre Stage team, where they explored improvisation, mime, and movement inspired by stories.

Meet the Author: Former OFS K2 Teacher and author, Jo Leverton, joined us for a special session where she shared her delightful story "Give Your Mum a Moment" and discussed the process of being an author.

Book Character Parade: The week culminated in a lively and enjoyable school-wide Book Character dress-up day. Students and teachers from all grade levels dressed up as their favorite book characters, bringing them to life. We extend our gratitude to parents for their efforts in creating the wonderful costumes.

Additionally, we celebrated the Year of the Dragon with a spectacular Lion and Dragon Dance performance, enjoyed by all as the performers moved energetically to the rhythm of drums and cymbals. Back in Kindergarten, the children learned about the Lunar New Year through a presentation, singing, dramatization and a special dance performed by parent volunteers. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for joining in with the festivities.

Looking ahead to March, we have exciting events planned including Games Day, Three-way Conferences (Parent-Student-Teacher), the Kindergarten Art Exhibition, and Unit Exit Points. We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events.

K2 to Grade 1 Transition

We hope you found the K2 to Grade 1 Transition Talk held on 6 March, informative. The Transition Talk Keynote presentation will be made available to parents on the school's online portal.

K2 parents will also be able to view the Elementary School dashboard when they log in to the school's portal.



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Pre-K1 News



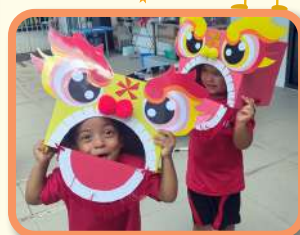
Welcome back to school! We hope you had a fantastic Lunar New Year Break.

During recent weeks, the Bunnies had a blast celebrating two school-wide events: Book Week and Lunar New Year. They enjoyed various literary activities, including parent-led story sessions, dramatic role-play, and sharing their favourite books with friends. The highlight was the lively "Book Character Parade," where the children dressed up as beloved book characters.

Our Lunar New Year celebrations were equally exciting. The Bunnies created festive art, role-played cooking New Year feasts at the outdoor kitchen, danced to traditional music, and learned about the holiday's traditions, including the legend of "Nian." They even performed a cheerful Lion Dance!

Currently, the Bunnies are immersed in the IEYC Unit of Learning "Ocean Treasures", exploring sea creatures through stories, songs, and crafts as we dive deeper into the ocean to meet some deep-sea creatures. They are eagerly anticipating a special field trip to Pasir Ris Beach and a fishing farm, where they will participate in meaningful activities aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 14 "Life Below Water" to reduce marine pollution. Children and families will discover that little actions can make a big difference!

(The Pre-K1 Team)



Pre-K2 News

Our Pre-K2 children have been immersed in the colourful celebrations of Lunar New Year. From crafting traditional decorations of a dragon to creating their own paper lanterns. The highlight was to witness the mesmerising Lion dance. The children were thrilled to see the colorful lions dance and prance to the beat of the drums.

Our journey through the Unit of Learning "Once Upon a Time", continues to enchant our young children. They have been captivated by stories and retelling them even through acting out the wonderful tales. Our recent Field trip to the theatre to see "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" was an absolute delight. The children were enchanted and enjoyed watching Eric Carle's story come to life. It was a magical experience for everyone.

(The Pre-K2 Team)



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K1 News



The K1 children have been busy creating magnificent masterpieces during our large-scale mark-making sessions. They explored the world of colours and textures using different art materials. The children also had a lot of fun exploring metal, nature, wood, and cloth materials. From the cool touch of metal to the organic feel of nature, each material has played a unique role in sparking creativity and innovation in K1 children during their time at our Learning Centre. The children have been architects, builders, and storytellers, constructing and deconstructing their own worlds. As a link to Book Week, the teachers linked the loose parts play to some fairy tales like "The Three Little Pigs" and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". Exploration of boxes is also another popular activity, our creative thinkers have transformed simple containers into castles, cars, and so much more. As we continue our journey with open-ended loose parts play, we look forward to more discoveries, laughter, and learning. But the excitement does not end there! The K1 classroom has recently been a hub of activity during Book Week. The children had an absolute blast participating in various book week related activities, and the highlight was the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters. Imaginations ran wild as our little ones transformed into beloved storybook figures, adding an extra layer of magic to our loose parts adventures.

(K1 Team)



From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

The annual **Global Picnic**, an international fair where all the families in the School get together to celebrate as one international community, will take place on **Saturday, 20 April 2024**. This is a great opportunity for you to represent your country by bringing popular traditional food to your country table, performing a musical or dance number which represents your country, or sharing an activity from your culture.

Come and represent your homeland, and together, let us make this fair a success! Email the Parent Association at parent_association@ofs.edu.sg to find out more.

Further information regarding the Global Picnic is also available on the school website: <https://www.ofs.edu.sg/about/pa/events/global-picnic/>





K2 News



The K2 children have continued to build on their Mathematical skills this semester. We have covered a variety of concepts and linked the topics to our Unit "From A to B". The children begin by exploring mathematical concepts practically using various manipulatives such as cubes, counting bears, beads, and numicon, as well as using tools such as dice, rekenrek (abacus), number lines, and 100 squares. They also had opportunities to record their learning on whiteboards or sometimes a recording sheet.

Number

The K2 children have also been working on simple subtraction, practically, exploring the concept of 'taking away' using cubes or other manipulatives. The children are now more familiar with related vocabulary such as minus, take away, subtract, less, left. Many have been able to tell simple subtraction stories incorporating transport, e.g. "Five children were on the MRT. Two children got off at the next stop. Three children were left". We talked about strategies we can use to help with subtraction like counting on fingers or using a number line. The children are also beginning to write simple subtraction sentences and will be continuing to practice this throughout the semester.

We have also been discussing ordinal numbers. We read a version of the Lunar New Year Zodiac story, and discussed the order in which the animals won the race. The children are having great fun with simple competitions in the classroom to see who came first, second, third, and so on.

Number Patterns

The children had a great time celebrating our 100th day of school!

We incorporated many number activities into the day, and the children had a lot of practice counting by 10s to make 100. We went on a '100th day walk' where the children walked around Kindergarten following numbers from 1 to 100. At every '10 numbers' mark, they had an activity to complete — such as 10 jumping jacks, 10 hops, or tossing a beanbag to a friend 10 times. They were thrilled to receive a little prize when they got to 100. The children had such creative costumes or accessories with 100 items on them as well, a big thank you to parents for your support and effort!

Shape

The K2 children revisited basic 2D shapes such as triangle, square, rectangle, circle, and oval. We discussed their properties, observing how many sides and corners each shape has. We also linked it to our unit "From A to B" by having children observe the types of shapes that might be found in various forms of transport i.e. circles for wheels, squares for windows, and rectangles for a bicycle's handlebars! After that, they had a go at creating a type of transport using 2D shapes. They were very creative!

As the semester continues, we will continue to work on these concepts and will move on to other topics such as estimation, simple fractions (half, quarters, thirds), and measuring and comparing length, mass, and capacity using non-standard units.

(K2 Team)



Dates for Your Diary

- **Friday, 15 March 2024** – Parent Student Teacher Conference
- **Friday, 15 March 2024** – Kindergarten Art Exhibition
- **Tuesday, 19 March 2024** – Pre-K2 and K1 Games Day

- **Wednesday, 20 March 2024** – K2 Games Day
- **29 March to 5 April 2024** – School Holiday

