



# Overseas Family School Kindergarten

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## Principal's Message

What a wonderful year we have had in the Kindergarten.

From the engaging Units of Learning to the myriad of special events, the children have participated with interest and enthusiasm. We take great joy in seeing the children happy and excited about their learning, and fully immersing themselves in the all of the activities provided.

Some of the particularly memorable events this year include: Internationalism Day, the various Cultural Celebrations, Book Character Parade, Art Exhibition, Games Day, Unit Exit points, Field Trips and Kindergarten Concert. All of these experiences have contributed to the holistic development of our children, particularly in the context of the IEYC Personal Goals. They have shown us that they are indeed Respectful, Adaptable, Resilient, Communicators Ethical, Empathetic, Thinkers and Collaborators. We are extremely proud of the children and of how far they have come.

Our K2 children have now completed their first chapter of school (Kindergarten) and are ready for the new experiences that await them in Elementary School. The K2 teachers, myself and the entire Kindergarten faculty feel privileged and honoured to have been part of their Early Years learning journey and wish them the very best as they begin a new adventure in Grade 1, in the next academic year.

As this academic year comes to a close, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to two integral groups who have played pivotal roles in the children's journey at OFS Kindergarten.

- Firstly, to the parents. Your support and active involvement have been instrumental in shaping our success. I thank you for working in partnership with us.
- Secondly, to the wonderful Kindergarten Faculty, our dedicated team of Homebase Teachers, Specialist Teachers, Language Teachers, Assistant Teachers, and our invaluable Secretary, Ms. Justina. Your unwavering commitment and tireless efforts in delivering a unique and enriching Kindergarten program have been commendable.

I would like to wish all families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing all returning families in the next academic year, starting on 12 August 2024. Our best wishes as well to those who are relocating.

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## Portfolio and End of Semester Progress Report

In the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving your child's Portfolio and End of Semester Progress Report. The Portfolio is a collection of student work, carefully compiled by your child's teachers to show your child's progress and development. We hope you enjoy viewing the contents of the Portfolio. The Progress Report is an evaluation of the personal progress of your child through the Kindergarten program. The report will be mailed to you at the end of the academic year in June 2024.

## Information for Academic Year 2024-2025

### Monday, 12 August 2024

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten. **This is not a school day for Kindergarten children.** This time (a 15-minute appointment) has been set-aside for you and your child to establish contact with your child's Homebase teachers, to make the transition into the new academic year and grade level much easier for your child.

### Tuesday, 13 August 2024

First day of school for Kindergarten children.

## From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

As the academic year draws to a close, the PA wishes all of you a very happy and safe summer. We hope you have enjoyed the events we organised this year, and look forward to seeing all of you again during the "Welcome All New Parents Coffee Morning".

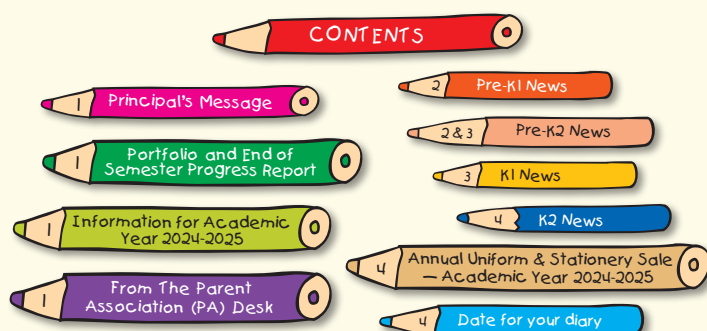
**Date:** Thursday, 15 August 2024

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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



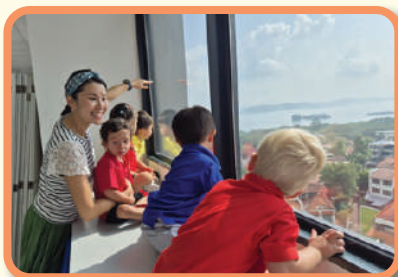
Yearbook 2024 will be available at the School Shop from 24 May 2024







## Pre-K1 News



Our IEYC Unit, "Going Places", is all about exploring land, sea, and air transportation, as well as embarking on journeys. It is off to an exciting start with loads of enthusiasm! As an Entry Point, we enjoyed a magical ride on a 'magic carpet' to explore various modes of transportation and land at various exciting locations. We also ventured on a few mini field trips around the school, such as touring the bicycle bay and exploring the parts of a car closely in the car park while learning about car park safety tips. Additionally, we had the opportunity to embark on a bus tour at the bus bay. One of the highlights was visiting a classroom on OFS' 10th floor to observe land, sea and air transportation from a bird's-eye view.

Thank you to parents for sharing their child's transport photos, they sparked numerous interesting conversations, leading us to lots of engaging learning center activities.

To provide a more authentic learning experience about sea and air transportation, we will soon be transforming our classroom environment. This will include a sea with rowboats and oars, a treasure island with shiny gems, an airport, and airplane setting. Each day, our plane will take off to a different country, exploring the home countries of our class members. Get ready for exciting adventures ahead!

(Pre-K1 Team)



## Pre-K2 News

One of the key features of the Pre-K2 program is about developing the children's fine motor skills. These skills are crucial for your child's overall development, as they lay the foundation for tasks like writing, tying shoelaces, and even self-care activities like buttoning clothes. Some of the experiences provided at school this year to support the children's fine motor development are listed below:

**Playdough Fun:** Children strengthened their little fingers as they rolled, pinched, and molded the dough into different shapes. We also used cookie cutters, and rolling pins to make it more engaging.

**Stringing Beads:** Stringing different kinds of beads onto a variety of laces, sticks, ribbon, pipe cleaners developed the children's hand-eye coordination.

**Finger Painting:** The children enjoyed exploring different textures and colors while also working on their finger strength and control. We also used sponges and cotton swabs to give children the experience of precision detailed painting.

**Scissor Skills:** We had a special area where our children could practice using scissors which developed the small muscles in their hands and fingers.

**Sorting and Stacking:** A variety of sorting and stacking experiences not only honed the children's fine motor skills but also introduced concepts like color, shape, and size.





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As we approach the end of the school year, here are some helpful tips in supporting your child's fine motor development at home.

- Create an environment at home with plenty of opportunities for your child to practice their fine motor skills through play and everyday activities.



- Children learn by observing. Demonstrate activities like using scissors or holding a pencil correctly, and let your child imitate you.

(Pre-K2 Team)



## K1 News

The K1 students have had quite an adventure this year! They started the year learning about healthy habits and becoming dinosaur detectives. In Semester two, the children explored all different types of loose parts and made some incredible 3D artwork and we saw some exemplary collaboration between the students. They finish off the year as space explorers and we are looking forward to celebrating their "Blast Off!" Unit Exit Point with parents as they will be invited to see everything the children have learned about the solar system. We would like to thank all parents and family members for their continued support this academic year. We wish everyone a safe and wonderful happy holiday!

(K1 Team)







## K2 News



The K2 students are enjoying their last Unit of Learning, "Let's Celebrate". The children enjoyed a fun class party for the Entry Point. Each class party was different from the other K2 classes, as the children were involved in coming up with the theme of the party. K2 Swans voted for a 'Popcorn and Movie Party'. They wrote invitations to a friend, made popcorn headbands, brought in a teddy or stuffed animal, and gave their teachers a 'ticket' to attend the movie. K2 Doves decided on a celebration called 'Children's Day'. The focus was specifically on kindness and friendship. For this event, the children chose the food and beverages, music, decorations, a dress code, games and activities to do on the day.

K2 Macaws chose to have an Easter party. The children designed invitations for the event, made Easter cards for their friends and family, and even made some decorations. The children planned and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and were excited to eat their delicious chocolate eggs. K2 Robins enjoyed a friendship party. They brainstormed ways they could be a good friend to others, and made 'friendship' cards for another friend. The Robins decorated the room with bunting, and held a 'Friendship Award Ceremony' where the children appreciated each other's unique qualities. This linked to the Personal Goals as children thought about each other's strengths. The children have shown so much creativity and enthusiasm.

As we approach the end of the Unit, the children will be involved in more planning and creating activities as they prepare for their end-of-year graduation party.

(K2 Team)



## ANNUAL UNIFORM & STATIONERY SALE – ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

No purchases without recently issued OFS security pass. Please contact the school at 6738 0211 if you have not received your pass

**ONLINE ORDER**

Duration: From Monday, 15 July to Tuesday, 6 August 2024

Website: <https://www.ofs.edu.sg/my-ofs/schoolshop/OnlineSchoolShop.jsp>

Delivery service is available at S\$30.00 per trip.

**ON-SITE SALE**

Duration: From Monday, 29 July to Friday, 16 August 2024

Venue: OFS School Shop located at Level 2, Administration Block A

**Important: All purchases will be charged to your Family Account only.**

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.ofs.edu.sg/events/2024/annual-uniform-stationery-sale/>

## Date for Your Diary

• Friday, 31 May 2024 – Kindergarten 2 Graduation



## MENU REFRESH NEW AND TASTIER CHOICES AWAIT!



We are thrilled to share that we will be partnering with Victus Catering to bring a fresh change to the OFS menu! Victus Catering is part of Victus Group Asia, a highly renowned F&B solutions provider in Singapore with a diverse portfolio of successful restaurant and event space catering, and acclaimed children culinary programs. Since 2018, Victus Catering has served a number of top international schools in Singapore with daily meals that comply with government standards for child nutrition, becoming the caterer of choice for the international schools in Singapore.

### Tastier and Healthier

We will soon bring a wide range of delicious and healthy dishes for the OFS community, from nourishing salads and gourmet chicken rice to delectable desserts. Students, parents and staff can look forward to a menu revamp and enjoy flavourful international meals during break time. Stay tuned for a tastier and healthier dining experience at our school dining hall!

