



Overseas Family School Kindergarten

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Principal's Message

October was an eventful month for the Kindergarten! With the rich cultural diversity of our OFS community, the Internationalism Celebration on 11 October was a particularly meaningful event. The highlight of the celebration was the Internationalism Concert which included a flag parade, followed by captivating performances of songs and cultural dances by our Kindergarten children. We felt immense pride as our little ones took the stage! For many, it was their first time performing in the auditorium before a large audience, and they truly shone. Dressed in bright, colourful national attire, the children sang with passion and danced with confidence and enthusiasm. It was a memorable day for the children, their parents, and teachers.

The children are now fully engaged in their new IEYC Units of Learning:

- The Pre-K1 children are exploring their identities and what makes them unique.
- Pre-K2 children are diving into the world of toys and games, where they will create their own toys in the class toy workshop.
- K1 children are journeying back in time to discover fascinating facts about dinosaurs.
- Our K2 students are learning about different animal habitats and how to care for and protect animals.

We have many exciting learning opportunities planned, including outdoor field trips and indoor incursions. We look forward to sharing the knowledge, skills, and insights gained during each unit at the Exit Point.

We recently held our second Parent-Teacher Conferences. These conferences offered an excellent opportunity to strengthen our home-school connection, as teachers shared insights into each child's strengths and areas for improvement, collaborating to set goals for the remainder of the academic year. If you have any questions concerning your child's learning and progress during the course of the academic year, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Homebase teachers or you may contact me at the school or my email address (khue_ng@ofs.edu.sg).

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From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

We cordially invite you to join us for a delightful Deepavali Coffee Morning on 7 November 2024! Our dedicated Parent Association and parent volunteers are excited to present various performances, engaging activities, and delicious food, all designed to immerse you in the vibrant culture of India. Do not miss out on this wonderful experience!

Event: Deepavali Themed Coffee Morning

Date: Thursday, 7 November 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Venue: Parent Lounge (Level 4 of Administration Building)

Please register your attendance by signing up on the OFS webpage.

<https://www.ofs.edu.sg/events/2024/deepavali-themed-coffee-morning/>



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Pre-K1 News



The Bunnies also had a wonderful kick-off to our new unit of learning, "This Is Me". This unit focuses on self-discovery and exploring the ways we are alike or different from each other. Our Entry Point included a "Show and Tell" session where the children showcased their favorite items from home, as well as introducing themselves to others with "All About Me" posters. The Pre-K1 Bunnies are becoming great communicators, learning to express themselves and listen attentively to others. Soon, our classroom will transform into the "Bunnies' Home", complete with all the components of a home. More fun awaits!

(The Pre-K1 Bunnies)



Pre-K2 News

The Pre-K2 children are having great fun in their new unit "The Toy Shop". They were very excited to have received a letter from the toy maker, leaving them with a very important job. They were asked to become the new toy makers and to start up their own toy shop. They also went on an adventure to find the missing toy bears who were last seen heading toward to Pre-K playground.

We have opened up the toy shop in the classroom and the children are learning how to be the shop keepers and customers. They are having fun browsing the shelves, filling out their shopping list and counting out coins to pay for their purchases. The children have already become toy makers and have made many creations in our different learning centres.

The children will soon be introduced to a very large robot who will visit the two Pre-K2 classrooms. The robot will be there to see if the children are being good collaborators and are being ethical. The robot will explain in his letter that he is a very lonely robot and he will ask the children who the new toy makers are and whether they are able to make him some new friends. We trust that the children will have their thinking and creative caps on whilst they complete this big task.

(The Pre-K2 Team)



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K1 News



The K1 students are off to a very exciting start with their new Unit of Learning, "Dinosaur Detectives"! They have been eager to learn the names of dinosaurs, comparing their different qualities, and to see how big dinosaurs really were. They are looking forward to discovering more dinosaurs and learning all about them.

First, the K1s took a virtual visit to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History to see Dippy, the legendary dinosaur whose skeleton was discovered 125 years ago. They learned where Dippy was discovered, and that it took 130 crates to ship his bones to the Museum. Dippy is known to have inspired the world's craze over dinosaurs. Together,

the Dolphins and Starfish went in the hallway and used a trundle wheel to measure out how big a diplodocus was in real life (estimated between 24-26m long!). The children were amazed to see in real scale how big the dinosaurs could really be! The length was marked out using masking tape on the carpet. Next, the two classes collaborated to string and tape together kitchen towel rolls and rolled up newspaper to make a life-size "Dippy" skeleton. It was wonderful to see the two classes working together on such a big project. We are looking forward to having more opportunities for the K1s to collaborate!

Please come and see their hard work and collaboration on display in the Pre-K2 and K1 corridor and experience how big Dippy really was!

(The K1 Team)



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K2 News



As part of our Unit of Learning "Imagine That", the K2 children enjoyed making a clay cup during our Pottery Incursion. The children listened carefully to Ms. Moni's step by step instructions to create a clay cup. They learnt some new techniques and used some different tools whilst making their cup. First they made a bowl shape with the ball of clay using their thumb and fingers, using the 'pinching' technique. Next, they rolled another smaller ball of clay into a sausage shape and used the 'coiling' technique to make the cup taller. Finally, they added the handle and smoothed the clay using tools. Once the cups had been baked in the kiln for 24 hours, Ms. Moni brought them back for the second part of the incursion, painting! The children chose different coloured paints to glaze their cups, deciding how to decorate them. This was a really fun and hands-on learning experience for the children and they were excited to see their finished product! ★ ★

(The K2 Team)



Educational Intervention Services

As a diverse and inclusive school, we aim to meet the needs of all our children. We recognize that every child learns differently and has strengths that we, as a school can nurture. In the Kindergarten, we aim to achieve this goal by providing all children with equal and personalized learning opportunities. We focus on facilitating learning through holistic and engaging experiences, so that all children can achieve their social, emotional and academic potential.

The Kindergarten Learning Support team includes Ms. Tracey, our Learning Support Teacher (LST) and our Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) Ms. Anis, Ms. Tessa and Ms. Lisa. We work together with all the teachers in the Kindergarten to;

- provide support to children to meet their individual potential
- ensure that children are able to access the curriculum
- identify barriers to learning and reduce learning challenges
- focus on children's strengths and interests

We support children in various ways, including;

- language and communication groups (K1)
- reading and phonics groups (K2)
- social skills and school readiness groups

As part of our comprehensive Educational Intervention program, we also offer Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social-Emotional Support in addition to the paid push-in support with our Learning Support Assistants. You can find more information about this on the school website. <https://www.ofs.edu.sg/courses/eis/>

We are happy to be a part of the wonderful Kindergarten community this year and are looking forward to watching our little ones learn and grow.

(Tracey Casabella – Learning Support Teacher)

