



Overseas Family School Kindergarten

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Principal's Message

Welcome to all new and returning families of Kindergarten! We are excited to embark on the Academic Year 2024-2025 with you.

Kindergarten is a special time where we learn, play, and grow together. This year promises to be full of amazing experiences and exciting adventures. We have engaging Units of Learning planned, where your child will explore and discover the world around them. They will have plenty of opportunities to play, interact, and form new friendships. Our curriculum includes a diverse range of Specialist lessons such as Music, Physical Education (PE), Computers, Languages, Cooking, and Library. We will have outdoor learning experiences and go on Field Trips. In addition, our little ones can develop co-curricular skills by participating in the afterschool Enrichment Program which offers a range of fun and interesting activities.

My wish for the Kindergarten this year is for all of our students to build friendships, develop independence and confidence, and discover the joy of learning. We aim to create a Kindergarten environment that is not only educational but also joyful and nurturing, where curiosity is encouraged and creativity is celebrated. Most importantly, we want our students to look forward to coming to school every day.

Your child's teachers and I are very excited about working with your child this year. We are here to support you and ensure your child has a successful and memorable Kindergarten experience.

Da-Khue Ngo
Kindergarten Principal
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From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

The Parent Association (PA) invites all parents to join us for a Hari Raya (Eid) themed Coffee Morning. Come along and enjoy the food and activities prepared for you.

Date: Thursday, 12 September 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Venue: Parent Lounge (Level 4 of Administration Building)

Please sign up via the link below:

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

If you would like more information about this or other PA events, please feel free to contact our Chairperson by email at: parent_association@ofs.edu.sg.



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International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)

The OFS Kindergarten offers an enquiry-based program to all students in the early years. The IEYC is made up of engaging Units of Learning encompassing all curriculum areas. They are designed to support the holistic development of each child through enjoyable and playful personal, international and academic learning experiences that prepare them for the opportunities and challenges now and in the future.

Our IEYC Units of Learning for this academic year are:

PRE-K1	Unit Title	Little Movers Make Giant Strides	This is Me!	Ocean Treasures	Going Places
	The Big Idea	We will be learning about how we can support our brain growth through movement.	We will be learning about ourselves and what makes us special.	We will be learning about all the amazing and beautiful animals that make the sea their home.	We will be learning about the many ways we can travel and the many adventures we can have.

PRE-K2	Unit Title	Mindful Play	My Toy Shop	Once Upon A Time	The Brilliant Bug Ball
	The Big Idea	We will be learning about ourselves, what makes us happy and peaceful and how we can stop and be still.	We will be learning about different toys and games that children enjoy playing with.	By exploring favourite stories, we will be learning to become better storytellers, and will create our amazing worlds of make believe.	We will be learning about mini beasts in our local environment and finding out more about their characteristics.

K1	Unit Title	Healthy Habits	Dinosaur Detectives!	Loose Parts	Blast Off!
	The Big Idea	We will be learning about healthy habits to keep our bodies and mind fit and healthy.	We will be travelling back in time to the land of dinosaurs to find out more about these amazing creatures.	We will be developing our skills in play and working with others.	We will exploring the night sky and learning about stars, the moon and the planets.

K2	Unit Title	Imagine That!	Animal Rescuers	From A To B	Let's Celebrate
	The Big Idea	We will be learning about artists and how they express themselves, investigate and explore the world around them.	We will be learning how to look after and protect animals in different habitats.	The letters 'A' and 'B' can be used to mean anything we like. Often, we use 'from A to B' to talk about travel from one place to another. Think about all the different places you travel. In this unit we will be learning about the different types of journeys we can make, across land, sea and air. In order to do this, we will need to be geographers, historians and engineers. How we travel is constantly changing, so what does the future hold for travel and journeys?	In Let's Celebrate, we will be learning about celebrations as a hugely important part of human life. As artists, musicians, designers, historians and dancers, we will be exploring the ways in which all peoples and cultures, from every part of the world, take part in and hold celebrations to mark special events and special times in people's lives.



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Pre-K1 News



A warm welcome to all Pre-Kindergarten 1, Bunnies' parents and children. It is heart-warming to see how quickly the 2 year olds settled into the daily routines of school. The children are feeling comfortable in their new surroundings and have made a smooth transition from home to school.



Our adorable Bunnies are not only adapting to the new routine but also beginning to embrace the school experience with curiosity and excitement. In the past week, they have been busy learning the names of their friends and teachers through songs and games. They have also enthusiastically started participating in specialist subjects like Library, PE, Mandarin, and Music.

Across the year we will be exploring 4 Units of Learning: We have begun our first Unit of Learning, **"Little Movers Make Giant Strides"**. In this unit, the children engage in a variety of physical activities designed to enhance their gross motor skills and coordination. It encourages exploration and movement through fun exercises, helping to build confidence and physical development in a playful and interactive environment.

The Bunnies are all set for an enriching and fun-filled year ahead!

(The Pre-K1 Bunnies)



Pre-K2 News



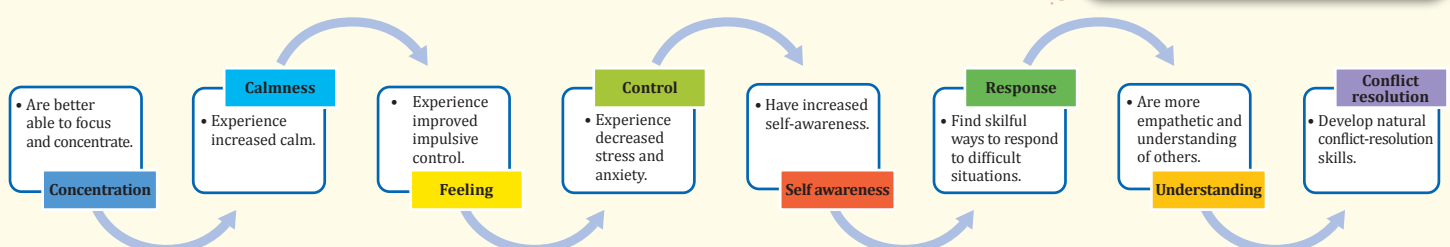
We are very excited to be starting the Academic Year 2024-2025 with two Pre-K2 classes and would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the children and parents of the Pre-K2 Koalas and Pre-K2 Pandas. What a fun filled start to the year the children have had with all their friends and teachers.

Through songs, stories and play the children have been learning and practising many of our Personal Goals such as being adaptable, resilient, communicator, respectful, and being a collaborator. The children have been adapting well to their new environment and learning their classroom routines, while building new friendships

and getting to know their new teachers, and are already feeling more confident and secure in Pre-K2. We will all continue to create a fun filled educational experience for all our children, as we aim to ensure their first experience in "Big School" is a happy, successful, stimulating and memorable one.

We have already begun our first IEYC Unit of Learning, called **"Mindful Play"**. The children have been engaged in some mindfulness activities during circle time and are enjoying our **"Star Fish Breathing"** technique we using in the mornings. Mindful activities can have far-reaching benefits for the children. The following examples are just a few of the reasons that the activities in this unit are so important.

Mindfulness benefits for children:



(The Pre-K2 Team)



K1 News



We are thrilled to share that our K1 students are settling into school with incredible enthusiasm. The classrooms are buzzing with happy smiles and joyful chatter as the children dive into a variety of fun activities to welcome the year. Each day brings new adventures and learning opportunities, and it is heartwarming to see our students thriving and making new friends.

As we look ahead, we are excited for all the fun discoveries and learning opportunities that this academic year promises. The K1 students will explore four different units. In the first semester, we'll begin with the unit **"Healthy Habits"**, where students will learn about maintaining both physical and mental well-being. Following this, they will step into the role of palaeontologists in our second unit, **"Dinosaur Detectives"**. In Semester Two, the Units will be **"Loose Parts"** and **"Blast Off!"**. Let us have a fantastic year ahead.

(The K1 Team)



K2 News



We are pleased to welcome back all our returning families and offer a warm welcome to all our new families joining us this academic year. We are really proud of how the children are settling into their new classroom routines. Many have enjoyed seeing and playing with existing friends, as well as making new friends. They have been familiarising themselves with the new classroom resources and activities, as well as having great fun exploring the K2 playground and equipment. Additionally, this year, K2 students have begun new specialist classes, including Chess and Coding.

This year we have a range of fun, engaging and exciting activities planned through our Units of Learning. In Semester 1, we will explore the IEYC units **"Imagine That"** and **"Animal Rescuers"**. Then, in Semester 2, we will dive into the IPC units **"From A to B"** and **"Let's Celebrate"**.

We have begun our IEYC Unit of Learning **"Imagine That"** which focuses on famous paintings and artists. This unit will inspire the children to create their own art, offering them many opportunities to experiment and explore new and different techniques. We are confident that this creative journey will be both enjoyable and enriching for the children. We look forward to a wonderful semester ahead!

(The K2 Team)



Dates for Your Diary

• **Friday, 11 October 2024, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**
Kindergarten Internationalism Celebration

• **Friday, 25 October 2024**
Parent Teacher Conferences