



Overseas Family School Kindergarten

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Principal's Message

Over the past month, we have hosted our Art Exhibition, annual Games Days, and Unit of Learning Exit Points for each grade level. These events provided wonderful opportunities for children to showcase and celebrate their learning and growth.

The Art Exhibition highlighted the children's creativity and their exploration of diverse artistic styles and techniques. We hope you enjoyed admiring their beautiful artwork and imaginative masterpieces on display!

Games Day was an exciting event where children demonstrated their confidence and skills developed through our PE program. Divided into red, blue, yellow, and green teams, they eagerly participated in various sports stations, showcasing their growing gross motor skills, coordination, and balance. It was heartwarming to see their teamwork and cooperation as they carried out activities in teams.

Through the Unit Exit Points, students had the chance to share and celebrate their learning journey. Each grade level marked the conclusion of their unit in a unique way. The Pre-K1 class presented a "Dolphin Show", Pre-K2 classes recorded videos of the children dramatising the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, K1 classes invited parents to come into school for a Loose Parts experience, while the K2 children celebrated with a Pirate Day treasure Hunt. Please do look out for the photos and videos of these Exit Points on the OFS Learning Portal.

As we approach the end of the academic year, one of the highlights on our calendar is the Kindergarten Concert. This year's theme is "On the Radio." The children have been exploring different musical genres while learning about key musical elements such as dynamics, duration, pitch, and tempo. They have been working closely with their teachers to create movements and dance routines that express the various styles of music. Through this process, they are developing important personal goals, such as being "Adaptable" and a "Collaborator", as they learn to share space and dancing with a partner or in a group. The Kindergarten Concert will take place on Friday, 25 April 2025, at 10:00 am. We look forward to seeing you at this special event!

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From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

HARI RAYA (EID) THEMED COFFEE MORNING (THURSDAY, 10 APRIL 2025)

As part of our cultural diversity in OFS, the Parent Association (PA) warmly invites all parents to join us for a local Hari Raya (Eid) themed Coffee Morning.

Event: Hari Raya (Eid) Themed Coffee Morning
Date: Thursday, 10 April 2025
Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
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/2025/hari-raya-themed-coffee-morning/>

GLOBAL PICNIC (SATURDAY, 26 APRIL 2025)

The Global Picnic is an international fair that brings together all the families in the school for a day of fun and celebration, as part of an international community. The event will take place on **Saturday, 26 April 2025**, on our campus.

We invite you and your family to join us for a day filled with free entertainment, including music, dance performances, demonstrations, bouncy castles, and a variety of food and refreshments from around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to sample different cultures and enjoy quality time with your loved ones.

Your active participation and pride in your cultural heritage are what make this event so special for the OFS family. Do not forget to bring your camera, sunhat, and OFS Security Pass, along with your best smile. We look forward to seeing you on the day!



Chess News

Congratulations to our four young Chess Knights from K2 who successfully competed in the prestigious 76th National Schools Individual Chess Championship, held at Tampines Hub. Well done for giving your best in all nine rounds of rapid chess played over the weekend of 15 and 16 March. It was the biggest chess tournament ever held in Singapore with 1750 students from Singapore's local and international schools. You made us proud **SHAH Vihaan Vineet**, **KAUSHIK Atharv**, **DEY Riyanshi** and **FENG Yichen**.

(Dijana DENGLER and Philipp ZIEGLER)

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Pre-K1 News



What a wonderful time the Bunnies had during our IEYC unit "Ocean Treasures"! The PSTC was a huge success, and we were so happy to celebrate the many wonderful things your child achieved. From discovering the names of sea creatures in the deep sea tents to showcasing their gross motor skills in the Dolphin show, it was a delight. As a special exit point, we are excited to share the dances featuring their favorite "Ocean Treasures" songs. We are so proud of their growth!



We hope you had the chance to enjoy Kindy's Art Gallery, where the Bunnies' creativity and artistic talents were beautifully showcased. It was a joy to see their ocean-inspired artwork on display!

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to start our new IEYC unit, "Going Places". The children will explore land, sea, and air transportation through exciting activities, like a 'magic carpet' ride, mini field trips, and a visit to the 10th floor classroom to view transportation from above. We cannot wait for all the adventures to come!

(Pre-K1 Team)



Pre-K2 News

Our Pre-K2 children were filled with excitement as we wrapped up our "Once Upon a Time" unit with a visit to the Black Box, where they performed the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Throughout the unit, the children also created wonderful artworks, bringing to life the characters, scenes, and themes they explored. Their Exit Stretch video was a great way for parents to see the children reflecting on everything they had learned and did throughout this unit. The children eagerly engaged in discussions, identifying lessons from these stories and imagining new scenarios. It was clear that the unit sparked new ideas and a love for storytelling that will stay with them.

The children also made some amazing pieces for their art exhibition, which celebrated their hard work. It was wonderful to see how they took pride in sharing their creations with their parents after their PSTC's. The joy in their eyes as they explained their artwork was magical!

We are thrilled to now roll into our new unit of learning, "Brilliant Bug Ball" The children are absolutely buzzing with excitement as we start exploring the fascinating world of bugs. They will be learning about the roles bugs play in nature, doing hands-on activities, exploring, and having a lot of fun. The students are already talking about their favorite bugs, and we cannot wait to see what amazing discoveries they will come up with as we journey into this exciting new unit!

(Pre-K2 Team)

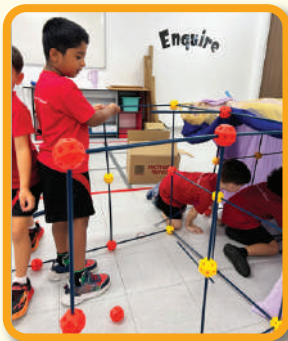


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K1 News



The Dolphins and Starfish classes have been having a blast during their Loose Parts unit, where their imaginations have taken center stage! The young learners have been busy creating stunning pieces of art using a variety of materials, from fabric to clay and tree logs, even designing unique artwork with picture frames.

The excitement does not stop there. Both classes have enjoyed exploring the Loose Parts room, a space full of endless possibilities. In this room, the children have crafted cozy dens, experimented with light, and discovered the magic of movement by using items like funnels, tubes, and balls.



Each activity offers a new adventure, sparking creativity and collaboration among the students, who are eager to continue their journey of exploration. It has been a wonderful opportunity for the Dolphins and Starfish to express themselves and learn through hands-on experiences!

(K1 Team)



K2 to Grade 1 Transition

K2 parents will now have access to Elementary School information on their OFS dashboard. You will be able to find useful links to the K2 to Grade 1 Transition Talk slides and much more. This feature has been made available to support your child's transition to the Elementary School in the new academic year.



Games Day



K2 News



As part of our unit "From A to B", the K2 children have been fantastic artists and designers. They have created several different pieces of art and used many new skills and techniques in their artwork. The children looked at many different pieces of art, including some futuristic paintings representing transport. We discussed the colours, shapes and techniques used to show motion and the children created their own motion artwork using pastels and smudging to show the motion of the vehicle. The children also explored impressionist art, and we talked about how in this style of art the artist was trying to capture a moment, rather than adding many details. The children created their own impressionist boat painting by using different brush techniques, including sponge printing and using quick brushstrokes. They also thought carefully about the colour wheel and tried to use contrasting colours in their artwork. For the Design and Technology project the children worked in pairs to design and make a moving vehicle using recycled materials, that could transport a small figurine from "A to B". The children showed that they were great thinkers and collaborators during this project, as well as being resilient and adaptable if things did not always go as planned! We hope you have had a chance to have a look at the children's amazing artwork and transport models which will be on display in our Art Exhibition until 12th April.



(K2 Team)

Supporting Your Child's Fine Motor Development

Fine motor skills involve the small muscles in the hands and fingers. We use these skills for essential everyday tasks such as holding a crayon to draw, using scissors, buttoning clothes, and opening snack containers. Developing these skills in early childhood is crucial for building independence, confidence, and success in school-related activities like writing and drawing.

To support your child's fine motor development, we have created two helpful handouts: **Hand Strength and Pincer Grasp**. These resources provide simple activities and practical tips that you can use at home to help strengthen your child's hands and fingers in fun and engaging ways.

We have included a **handout on In-Hand Manipulation** for our K2 students, as this skill is essential for tasks like adjusting grip on a pencil, turning pages in a book, and managing small objects efficiently.

The handouts are available on the OFS parent dashboard.

We encourage you to check them out and support your child's growing fine motor skills and independence!

Kind Regards,
Rosa Devaney

(Rosa Devaney – Occupational Therapist)

Games Day

