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Upcoming Important Dates:

Jan.15: Beginning of Term 3

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day

Feb. 19-23: ISA Exams

Mar. 1: Spelling Bee



Happy Lunar New Year!

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we step into the vibrant second half of our school year, commencing Term 3 with enthusiasm and anticipation, I am filled with immense gratitude for our school community's unwavering support and collaboration. The turnout for our recent parent-teacher meetings was wonderful to see. These interactions are invaluable, as a means to connect and strengthen the bonds between your families and our teachers, and they help to lay a solid foundation for our students' ongoing and future successes.

Please do note the information within on the upcoming study tour to Singapore for students in Year 4 to Year 6, and the study tour to Korea for students in Year 5 to Year 9. Both are tentatively scheduled for July 7, 2024 to July 13, 2024.

As the Tet Holiday approaches, bringing with it the promise of renewal and joy, I extend my warmest wishes to each of you for a celebration filled with happiness, health, and prosperity. This year, as we welcome the Year of the Dragon, we look forward with hope and excitement to the possibilities that lie ahead. The dragon, a symbol of strength, fortune, and good luck, embodies the spirit with which we embark on this new phase of our educational journey.

Together, let us embrace the coming year with open hearts and minds, ready to support our students in achieving new heights of academic excellence and personal growth. We are deeply thankful for your continued partnership and commitment to our shared vision of education that not only imparts knowledge but also fosters character, critical thinking, and community engagement.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of our vibrant educational community. We wish you and your loved ones a splendid Tet Holiday and a magnificent Year of the Dragon.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are thrilled to have commenced a new semester and school term. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff, students, and parents for their positive contributions to our recent parent-teacher conferences, conducted during Week 1 of this term.

These meetings represent a vital opportunity for teachers and families to unite, reflecting on the individual progress achieved in Semester 1 and establishing new learning goals for Semester 2.

As we approach the Tet Holiday, I extend heartfelt wishes to all for a joyous and fulfilling celebration. May the coming year bring health, prosperity, and continued success to each member of our school community.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of our educational community. Have a wonderful Tet Holiday!

Respectfully,

Ms. Annie

Fire Safety

Fire Safety We were very pleased to have a visit from Mr. Bach from the Ba Dinh Firefighting Police. They gave an informative and entertaining presentation about fire safety in which students learned how to prevent fires, use fire extinguishers, and how to escape from a fire by staying low to the ground and using a wet cloth to reduce smoke inhalation. Afterwards, the firefighters observed a fire drill to help us ensure that our procedures are efficient and effective during an evacuation.



Virtues Programme



Service is giving to others and making a difference in their lives.

When you act with a spirit of service, you can change the world.

During their assembly performance, the students in Year 3B taught everyone about the virtue of service by explaining how different professions, such as doctors, police officers, teachers, and construction workers contribute important services to their communities.



Flexibility is the ability to adapt and adjust to changing circumstances, while perseverance is the steadfast persistence in the face of challenges. During their assembly presentation, the Year 4L class, displayed these two virtues.

These attributes were put to the test through a captivating volcano experiment. Although the experiment did not go according to plan, the students remained persistent in their attempts to achieve the desired eruption. Their flexibility and perseverance was truly commendable.

SWLGs

Congratulations to all the Academic Achievers who received DynEd awards this term!

We are so proud of their diligence and determination to continue improving their English language skills.



Class Projects and Activities



In January, Year 1A&B have been learning all about collaboration and the importance of teamwork. They have developed different strategies to work in pairs and small groups. They have also been practicing their speaking skills as they continue to do role-play activities to help learn new vocabulary.



In our new English unit, Y6L are delving into informational report writing using tablets for research purposes. Our students researched Vietnam, focusing on areas like the flag, sport, landmarks, and food.

Alongside this, we're incorporating personal letter writing, emailing our letters to Year 6 classes in Ireland, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. We're excited to learn about children in other countries and potentially make international pen pals.

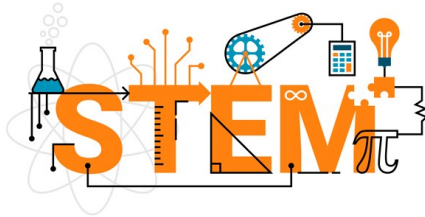
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The Year 4L students are curious and inquisitive, delighting in the exploration of various educational robots.

They passionately engage in programming sensors and robot operating modes through applications tailored to the specific type of robot.

This hands-on approach allows them to be proactive and actively explore and apply their programming skills in a meaningful way.



The Year 2L students participated in a STEM lesson focused on 3D design. Following that, they eagerly utilized tools such as Shaper, Blocker, and editing tools to unleash their creativity, drawing and designing 3D models of Christmas trees, snowmen, peach blossom branches, apricot blossom branches, Banh Chung, and more.

STEM 3D Design integrates art, transforming STEM into STEAM. This lesson not only hones skills in using 3D design tools but also fosters spatial imagination, allowing each student to unleash their creativity.



Year 1L students are learning about hobbies. This class activity helps students practice their speaking skills and learn more about each other's interests.

The activity consists of the following steps:

1. Students are paired up and take turns asking each other about their hobbies.
2. After discussing, students draw a representation of each other's hobbies on their paper, using their imagination and creativity.
3. Students share their drawings with the class and explain what they learned about their partner's hobbies.

This activity can be fun and engaging for students, as it allows them to express themselves through art and discover new things about their classmates. It can also foster a sense of connection and friendship among students.



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Study Tour 2024 to Korea and Singapore

Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School (SIS) will be organizing the following Study Tour Programmes:

- Study Tour to Singapore for students from Year 4 to Year 6.
- Study Tour to Korea for students from Year 5 to Year 9.

Both programmes will tentatively be held from **Sunday, July 7 2024 to Saturday, July 13 2024.**

Further information on the program and registration will be disseminated to students and parents in course. In case of questions, please contact Ms. Le Do Dieu Linh, Programme Coordinator at: (84-24) 6661 7722 or Email: linh.ledodieu@kinderworldgroup.com

Thank you.



A photo taken during the Study Tour in Malaysia and Singapore in 2018.

The K1.K2B Lilies had a thrilling experience reenacting the butterfly life cycle. With great enthusiasm, they embraced various roles, pretending to be eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises, and butterflies. Laughter and giggles filled the air as they brought each stage of the life cycle to life. This interactive and activity not only provided enjoyment but also fostered a profound comprehension of the astonishing transformation butterflies undergo.



Nursery students are painting peach blossoms.



Nhu Thao in Prep Daffodils class

Prep B Daffodils Class thoroughly enjoyed making Dragons for the Lunar New Year. They practiced their fine motor skills through folding paper technique to make the body, decorating the tail and the head. They had enormous fun!

KIK

Semester 1 has ended, with teachers busily working on assessments and reports for all students. We are delighted with our students' results. We want to express our sincere gratitude to all who attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences. Your presence and active participation have been invaluable to us and, most importantly, to your child's educational journey.

Our KIK students are thrilled to take part in various fun activities to celebrate Tet. They are creating art and craft projects to decorate their classroom and the KIK corridor. They eagerly anticipate making Chung cake, joining the end-of-year party (bữa cơm tất niên), attending the Tet Assembly to watch performances, and participating in traditional games with friends. These activities will take place from January 30th to February 2nd and promise to create joyful and cherished memories for our beloved children. You can find the uploaded photos on Classdojo. **HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!**

From Ms. Hang (KIK - HOV)



The K2A Sunflowers class is actively preparing for the Lunar New Year and decorating our classroom together. The students are filled with happiness and anticipation for Tet!



Ngoc My & Gia Bao K2 sunflowers



Tram Anh & Khoi Nguyen K2 sunflowers class



Theme activities-Ocean Animals

In our Language lessons, the children engaged in naming and discussing various ocean animals. They had the opportunity to select ocean animals and drop them into the water.

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The Nursery Tulips students are given the opportunity to immerse themselves in Tet through art, songs, and stories. They delighted in creating stunning pink peach blossoms by printing with a chayote, coloring Chung cakes, and participating in other enjoyable activities.

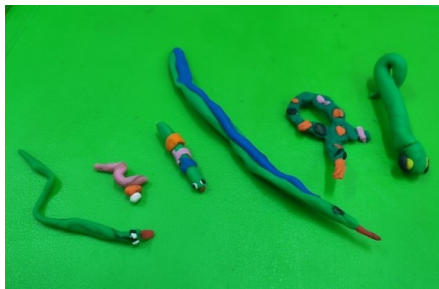


The Pre-nurse Roses students are brimming with enthusiasm as they engage in setting up and observing various rooms in a house.

Prep Lavender class had an interesting lesson about “Insects and The Life Cycle of a Butterfly.”. They learned about the story of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle, and retold the story as a class. They created and decorated their own insects using egg cartons.



Prep International Lotus class loved exploring the theme of “Reptiles”. They made snakes from modelling dough and worked together to paint a dinosaur. They also enjoyed singing dinosaur songs, dancing like a dinosaur, and reading dinosaur stories!



K1L Daisy students had a delightful activity where we used marshmallows and sticks to create shapes. The students thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on experience and successfully created squares, diamonds, triangles, and rectangles.