

September Newsletter



October 4th

Mid Autumn Festival

October 9th - 13th

Autumn Break. School is closed.

October 23rd

Fee Payment Term 2 is due.

October 31st Character Day

September has been a busy month at Morningstar. We celebrated Vietnamese National Day and we are planning exciting things for Mid Autumn Festival, both great opportunities for our International students and staff to learn about Vietnamese traditions and culture, and also to share with us a little of their own heritage with their wonderful display of national costumes.

It was good to greet so many parents at Back to School Night. Morningstar teachers were very glad to present their programmes for 2017-2018 and speak to parents about their teaching philosophy and their plans for the year ahead. Many thanks for your support and the positive feedback we have so far received.

After School Activities also began in September. There are however places available on some courses and Drama & french have been added to the list. Please see revised schedule accompanying this newsletter.

After School activities are offered to students of Morningstar and other children in the locality.

Please call to the office if you would like to register.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday from October 9th to 13th. We can look forward, on our return to the preparations and the celebration of Character Day on October 31st.



Class News

Tiger



Dear Parents,

September has been a fun-filled month for the Tiger Class and we have been very pleased to welcome both Amelia and Huy to the class.



We have been exploring the 'Who we are' theme, which promotes knowledge about themselves as well as others. The Tigers have been learning about our bodies, faces and names, and have been exploring different mediums such as paint and glitter. We have also been playing with a variety of interesting objects and manipulative toys, and the class are becoming more confident with these materials and their own abilities. Circle Time has been a fun opportunity for the Tigers to practice their dance moves and singing, and the class love singing along to songs, including 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and 'If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!'.



The playground has been a fun opportunity for the Tigers to explore and discover. We have been joining the Giraffe Class for playtime and the Tigers have enjoyed meeting and interacting with the older children. The class love using the slides and climbing apparatus, and have become more independent with activities.

Kindest regards,

Miss Nicky & Miss Mai

Giraffe



Fun parachute games

This month the Giraffes are continuing the topic "All about me". We have had great fun learning all about our body parts with lots of different games and homemade puzzles. We have been practicing our drawing skills drawing around giant blocks to create a giant person puzzle. We have been very creative making various face collages using different materials and we made some really fun stick puppets showing different emotions, we have used the puppets to express and tell our friends all of our different feelings. We have also been learning lots of new songs and dances, sleeping bunnies has been our favourite this month. We have been welcomed with new Giraffe students this month, Anna, Jules and Sarah have all settled in great to the class



The class have been enjoying the phonic activities every week. They complete a letter of the week craft and a worksheet for their own phonic book. We're already on letter F.



Hippo



Dear parents,

The Hippo class have been filling their days with fun sensory activities as we explore our 5 senses. The Unit 'Who we are' makes way for a great amount of activities which we exercise our senses. We have gone on nature walks outside for sight, ice sensory table play for touch and spice painting for our sense of smell. The blindfold food tasting didn't go as well as we had planned as the class were a little too cautious.

Thank you to all the parents that attended back to school night. It was a pleasure to have you visit and see what the Hippos get up to every week. The family surveys were a fantastic way to learn what the Hippos' enjoy doing with their families. It is a good tool to have to get them discussing different topics during circle time, so thank you very much!

Kind regards,

Ms. Keyleigh, Ms. My & Ms. Oang

Monkey



September was our first full month and it really feels like school is properly underway. I have been working hard with the children, encouraging them to express themselves and become more out-going. They have taken part in interesting class discussions, sung funny songs and played fun games designed to promote social interaction. What was quite a shy and timid class at the beginning of the year, has now become a very social group and I am very pleased that each of them appear to be finding their voice. We finally completed the class self-portraits at the beginning of the month. It was an excellent little project, it allows them to take more ownership of the classroom and promotes team work and creativity. We also covered the 5 senses this month, the children were given certain challenges. Name the animal in their hands without looking at it (touching), draw the sound you can hear (listening), my favourite is certainly the taste and smell test, tasting the lime provides a great opportunity for some excellent photos.



Yoshi reacts to the taste of lime!!

At the end of the month we started our 2nd unit *How we Express Ourselves*, it's a unit based around stories. They had a little project set at the end of September to create a little book about their school day.

I would like to welcome Faas, Etienne and Bao Han to Monkey class. I'm sure they'll have a great time, making new friends and happy memories. We also bid a fond farewell to Kota who will be going back to Japan. We wish him all the best for the future.



Kota tasting something salty!!

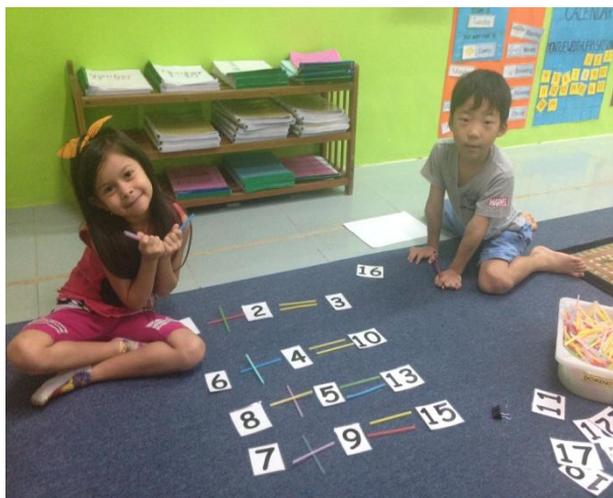
Have a great October.

Mr James, Miss Giang and Miss Ly



Football fun

Nina & Soma are proud of their work.



Lion



This month the Lions started writing sentences in their journals. They have written about where they are from, their age and what they like. They are making incredible progress and are very happy to write in their journals. They are learning how to write words on their own and have great fun in trying new words. Also, the Lions have

started math problems, like addition. They use straws to count out the amounts or use number cards to show the additions.

The Lions also learned about nature when we went for a nature walk. We collected sticks to use in art projects. They painted the sticks and decorated them with glitters, wobbly eyes and all kinds of fun accessories.

Thank you to all parents who attended Back to School Night. It was good to meet so many parents and I hope you found the evening worthwhile.

Best wishes, Ms Sarah & Ms Van.



Oscar busy at work.