



Abacus

# NEWSLETTER

## ESF Abacus Kindergarten



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,  
 Emily and I have been out of school for a couple of days this week doing some very important child protection training at ESF with visiting speakers from the USA. We will shortly be asking some parents to help us as we review our policies and procedures around safeguarding.  
 Thank you so much to all of the families who have supported the Box of Hope and dress casual day initiatives. It is really lovely to be able to give back to the community in this way and important learning opportunity for our children. We hope the parent conferences were useful, if you have any feedback please let us know. Have a lovely weekend.  
 Kind Regards,



*Frances Hurley*

### Important Dates Coming Soon

<b>Mon 4th November</b>	Children dress in bright coloured clothes as they learn about Diwali
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Tues 5th to Thurs 7th Nov	School photographs
Tues 12th Nov	Online information sessions about the children's current inquiry. K1- 10 am. K2- 2 pm
<b>Tue 10th Dec</b>	K1 and K2 Celebration of Learning (Parents invited-details soon)
<b>Thurs 12th Dec</b>	Party Day and Last Day of Term 1
<b>Mon 6th Jan</b>	School closed for new K1 play visits
<b>Tues 7th Jan</b>	Start of term 2 for K1 and K2 children

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the parents who attended the information session on volunteering at Abacus this week. We have recorded the information for those who were unable to attend. Please watch the recording if you would like to become a regular volunteer, as it contains important information about what to expect. Those parents who watch the video and complete the form they find there will be given priority to come into school as they will have heard about safeguarding protocols, which are part of the the Abacus and ESF Child Protection policy.

You will find the recording here:

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/7dahKjllmN2zBc-q6uN-Wj\\_GwFZW0UT8gbw60UxsT6MCxoYQqL86lJfQbiwR7jNV.rgvOkpXs td84yZO1](https://zoom.us/rec/share/7dahKjllmN2zBc-q6uN-Wj_GwFZW0UT8gbw60UxsT6MCxoYQqL86lJfQbiwR7jNV.rgvOkpXs td84yZO1)

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A reminder that the links to all of our online information sessions are in the shared Google Drive-

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Gk2FJn47tOn6PZil09fo\\_dnw8f6BXmZz?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Gk2FJn47tOn6PZil09fo_dnw8f6BXmZz?usp=drive_link)



## CHARITY DRIVES

A huge thank you to all the families who contributed to our two charity drives this month. We have a big pile of Boxes of Hope that will be picked up by the charity very soon. It is really lovely to think of the happiness that your carefully chosen gifts will give the children who receive them. The dress casual day yesterday raised \$3770 and we will ensure that this donation gets to the Community Chest today to contribute to all the good causes they support across Hong Kong.



## PARENT SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

We are still looking for parents who would like to get involved in our parent support association. The aim of the group is for us to gain some more insight into the community's ideas for development at Abacus and also to support school improvement by coordinating some fundraising projects. If you are interested please email Frances.

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## FAMILY PHOTO SESSIONS

A reminder that on 5th and 6th November next week, Jenna Louise Potter will be coming to school to take all of our children's and class photos. This will happen automatically provided your child is in school that day. However, as an additional opportunity, she is also offering to take Family Portraits too. If you would like to book a Family photo session on these days please book directly with Jenna using this link. We look forward to sharing the photos with you in November. If you have any comments or questions please contact Jenna directly below.

<https://jennalouisepotterphotography.pixieset.com/booking/abacus-sibling-and-family-portraits-2024>

## CELEBRATING DIWALI

On the 1st November Hindus, Sikhs and Jains will be celebrating the festival of Diwali across the world. This colourful and joyful celebration of the triumph of light over darkness has many interesting traditions and stories associated with it. The children will be learning about some of these in school and on Monday 4th November we invite them to wear their brightest coloured clothing as they join in with some special art activities to celebrate the occasion. If your family celebrates Diwali we would love you to come into school to share with your child's class or you can contribute to this Padlet which will be shared in the classrooms. If you are able to come in to share please contact your child's class teacher directly.

<https://padlet.com/emilyjeves1/our-family-s-diwali-traditions-ds8px2rqh6ewi9st>



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## OUR PUBLIC CALENDAR LINKS

If you would like to add our public google calendar to your devices the link is here.

Google Calendar Link:  
[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=abacus.esf.org.hk\\_gkql7pdhhjpino3pg7cieg8ihg%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Asia%2FHong\\_Kong](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=abacus.esf.org.hk_gkql7pdhhjpino3pg7cieg8ihg%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Asia%2FHong_Kong)

Calendar ID:  
abacus.esf.org.hk\_gkql7pdhhjpino3pg7cieg8ihg@group.calendar.google.com

iCal link:  
[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/abacus.esf.org.hk\\_gkql7pdhhjpino3pg7cieg8ihg%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/abacus.esf.org.hk_gkql7pdhhjpino3pg7cieg8ihg%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics)

## ESF EXPLORE INFORMATION

### Harmony Heroes (3-6 years)

Did you know that Emotional Intelligence is as crucial as cognitive skills? Emotional stability plays a vital role in helping children excel academically. Our senior teacher, Ms. Catherine, is thrilled to present our featured afterschool programme, Harmony Heroes especially curated for ESF kindergarten students. Watch the video and enrol [HERE](#) now!

Looking for more options? Discover more after-school activities [HERE!](#)

Thank you very much and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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