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NEWSLETTER

ESF Abacus Kindergarten



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

The last two weeks have been rather unsettled with the typhoons disruption, despite this the children have adapted well and been remarkably settled.

Jenna was in last week to do our school photos for us and she will be sharing the links with us shortly. If your child was away on this day unfortunately we can't arrange another day for a shoot as Jenna is fully booked, however if we get her back for graduation or similar we will let you know and your child can be slotted in then.

On 26th Nov we will have a parent coffee morning via zoom. This is your chance to ask questions and feedback suggestions to us. Please attend if you are able, we value your ideas.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,



Frances Hurley

Important Dates Coming Soon

Thurs 21st Nov	Online information session about the teaching of Chinese in the English classes - see below.
Tuesday 26th Nov	1pm Parent Coffee Morning - Zoom
Tue 10th Dec	K1 and K2 Celebration of Learning (Parents invited- details soon)
Thurs 12th Dec	Party Day and Last Day of Term 1
Mon 6th Jan	School closed for new K1 play visits
Tues 7th Jan	Start of term 2 for K1 and K2 children

Our parent coffee morning will be held via zoom on 26th November at 1pm. Please join us to ask questions or feedback ideas and suggestions. The link is <https://zoom.us/j/7522843398>

FOREST SCHOOL

At Abacus we are passionate about the power of children learning outside in terms of them developing connections with nature and building their motor skills in engaging ways. We are fortunate to have two trained Forest School educators at school; Zhang Lao Shi and Michelle. Both women bring their skills to planning conversations when we are looking at how best to use our wonderful outside environment. As the K2 E parents will know, we are currently trialling some specific Forest School-type sessions within the children's normal day in our setting. In the next few weeks, all the children will have some forest school learning experiences. This will involve small groups of K2 children participating in some learning with Zhang Lao Shi and the K1s with Ms Michelle.

What is a Forest School type experience?

Forest School is a programme where children learn a range of practical skills which aim to develop their connection to the world around them. Starting with the child, Forest School aims to build children's confidence and independence. This aim makes the programme very much aligned with our values as an IB school. The children will be learning about the local plants and insects, how to be safe outdoors, tying simple knots, playing with natural materials and den building among other things.

What does my child need?

Your child's turn to try out some Forest School learning will be a normal part of their session. You will be told when your child is going to be participating because you might choose to put them in long sleeves for the session, as they will be outside for a bit longer than usual. As you always send your child to school with insect repellent and a hat they won't need anything else.

We look forward to sharing some photos with you.



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Zhang Lao Shi will be leading a session for families of children in **K1 E and K2 E** on how and what she has been teaching. The session will give you some insight into the type of learning the children are doing and the vocabulary that is being used. A recording will be made.

Thursday 21st November 3 pm

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Thank you to the parents who attended this week's sessions on the children's current units of inquiry. You will find these recordings and others in Google Drive- https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Gk2FJn47t0n6PZi109fo_dnw8f6BXmZz?usp=drive_link



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. frances.hurley@abacus.edu.hk



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ESF Explore - Winter Camp

16th December, 2024 to 3 January, 2025

Embrace the winter magic! Join our winter camps for a journey through a wonderland of exciting activities. From languages and sports to STEM and arts, our expert educators will enhance your skills. Sign up for week-long adventures or one-off workshops—your unforgettable winter experience awaits!

Check [here](#) for the full programme listings.



OUR PUBLIC CALENDAR LINKS

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

Google Calendar Link:

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