

NEWSLETTER

ESF Abacus Kindergarten



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

It feels like such a short time since Christmas and yet we have packed a lot into the last three weeks. This half term culminating with our Chinese New Year celebrations today.

We saw some great performances today, a lion dance parade and the children had fun with Chinese New Year activities such as dumpling making and blossom tree art. This is a special celebration for us at Abacus as we welcome in the Year of the Snake.

Have a lovely Chinese New Year break.
King Hei Fat Choi
Kind Regards,



Frances Hurley

Important Dates

Monday 27th Jan to Monday 3rd February	School closed for the Chinese New Year holiday
Monday 3rd February	ESF wide professional learning day- School closed
Monday 3rd Feb	New Abacus Website Launch
Tuesday 4th Feb	Everyone back to school!
Thursday 6th February	Whole school theatre trip- all families to meet at the theatre
Week of 24th February	K1 Celebration of Learning- details via App message
Week of 3rd March	Parent teacher conferences- details to come out after CNY

Please see the school's Google calendar for upcoming events this term. Link below.

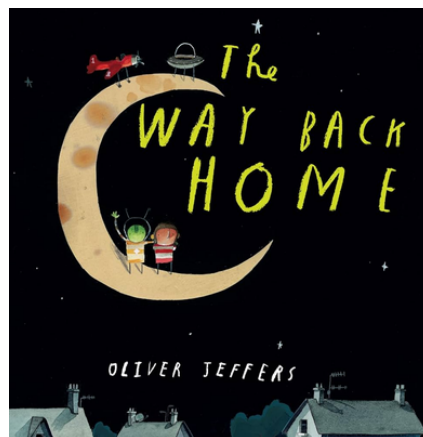


TECHNOLOGY

This term we have a focus on technology in school. We will be taking a close look at the way we use technology to enhance teaching and learning. This doesn't mean that children will be sat on ipads for more screen time, however. The aim is to use technology for learning, so we will be finding creative ways of using digital microscopes to take a closer look at objects in the environment. We will be using coding toys to solve problems and teach basic coding skills. We will also be relaunching the woodwork branch of technology and teaching children to use these tools carefully to create and build. If you have some skills in this area and would like to come and volunteer to help on some of these projects please let us know.

THEATRE TRIP

Don't forget our theatre trip to see 'The Way Back Home' is on 6th February. The majority of children and their families will attend with all of our teaching team. This is usually a fabulous whole school event. We don't send tickets out before the day and will meet at the theatre at 11.40am in class teams to enter the theatre and sit in our class groups. frances.hurley@abacus.edu.hk



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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:

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