



Abacus

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# NEWSLETTER

ESF Abacus Kindergarten



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We hope you found the parent conferences useful last week in finding out about your child's progress. We appreciate these are quite short sessions but as you can imagine with 50 children each this is already a significant amount of time for teachers on top of their teaching and planning. However, if you felt that you had more to ask or say then you are welcome to ask for a meeting at any point in the year.

Thank you to the families who gave feedback at last week's Zoom sessions with Emily and myself. We really value hearing what your children love about Abacus and new perspectives about our practice.

If your child mentions someone new in class that is because we have two students from HKBU doing teaching placements in K1 and a work experience student from KGV.

*Frances Hurley*



## Important Dates

<b>17th March</b>	Children can wear their own clothes as they celebrate and learn more about the festival of Holi- see below.
<b>20th March</b>	<b>K1E HK Forest Adventures Trip- go to Gateway signed eNotices.</b>
<b>21st March</b>	<b>K1B HK Forest Adventures Trip</b>
<b>31st March</b>	<b>Vision screenings available- please see below</b>
<b>3rd April</b>	<b>Staff Meeting School Closes for Easter</b>
<b>22nd April</b>	<b>Term 3 Begins</b>





## Welcome to Ms Laraib

This Wednesday we welcomed Ms Laraib to our K2 Bilingual class. Ms Laraib is a qualified teacher with experience working as a pre school teacher. She speaks 4 languages including English and Cantonese fluently. I am sure she will be a great addition to our team. Please welcome her when you see her.



## VISION SCREENINGS

Vision screenings will be run out of Abacus on 31st March. Please click on the image below to read the details and use the link to schedule your child a time if you choose to.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vision-screening-at-esf-abacus-on-monday-31st-march-2025-registration-1243203608459?aff=oddttdcreator>

Your child will be accompanied to the screening by a familiar member of the Abacus teaching team.



## STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

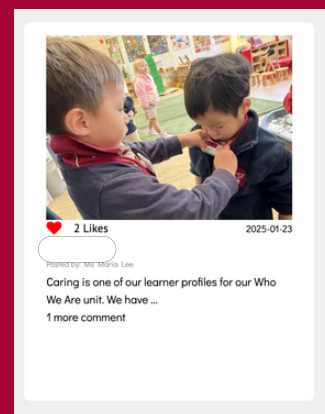
Please don't forget to complete our stakeholder survey. You should have received a link to a survey with only 10 questions so it is very quick to complete. The information, however is very valuable to us and helps us to know what we are doing well and where we can grow and develop.

It is also a lovely way for the teaching teams to get some positive encouragement for all of their hard work.



## Have you checked the Moodle today?

You should all receive notifications when one of your child's teaching team posts on your child's ePortfolio or the Moodle as we call it at Abacus. The posts are a combination of group and individual updates about your child's learning. Teachers will also be notified if you comment on a post or like it which is a useful way of sharing that you are accessing the information and to add your insights into what is being seen in school.



You can also upload your own pictures and comments to share information about your child with the teachers. Just click "Add".



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## SELF REGULATION

During the recent Parent-Teacher Conferences, several families expressed a desire for more information on how to support their children with self-regulation. In response, we have created a leaflet with some helpful ideas and strategies.

We hope you find this resource useful in helping your child develop self-regulation skills.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p97uNTwFjD-6eoGIUvXewGMUAPuQLlk6/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p97uNTwFjD-6eoGIUvXewGMUAPuQLlk6/view?usp=drive_link)



## LEARNING ABOUT HOLI



The Hindu festival of Holi is currently being celebrated around the world this year. This festival sees Hindu people welcoming the arrival of spring and celebrating love with so much colour. The children will be learning more about the festival through stories and exploring photos of the celebration. On Monday 17th March we invite the children to wear brightly coloured clothes for the day as they learn more. As the children will have the opportunity to play with some of the coloured powders that people use in the festival we would ask that they wear older clothes that are okay to get dirty!



## 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\_gkql7pdhjpino3pg7cieg8ihg%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Asia%2FHong\_Kong

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

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## HONG KONG FOREST ADVENTURES

We have loved hearing the K2 children's excitement about their trip to Hong Kong Forest Adventures this week. Many children expressed pride in the new things they tried and what they learned in this new environment. A big thank you to all the adults who participated and demonstrated the value of being in nature and embracing a growth mindset.

The K2s have spent time reflecting on the trip and making connections to their current inquiry. This experience has encouraged them to think more deeply about the power of exploration and the importance of being open-minded to new experiences.

We know the K1 team is looking forward to their turn next week!



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