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ESF Abacus Kindergarten



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,
We hope you have had a good couple of weeks. I'm sure you will all be aware of the recent tightening of the seat belt law. We have recently reminded our bus drivers to ensure that children wear seatbelts all the way. They have asked us to ask you to also talk to your children about the importance of wearing a seatbelt and not taking it off during a journey. Please remind your children of the danger of removing a seatbelt whilst travelling. Our teachers will do the same in school.

Next week, we will begin our transition meetings with Clearwater Bay School and then with other ESF primary schools. During these meetings, we plan a series of events and meetings for Terms 2 and 3 to familiarise the K2 children with their new school and teachers. Our last year's K2 children were very settled when they started Year 1 as a result of these activities.

We will keep you updated with our plans.

Frances Hurley



Important Dates

9 Feb	K1 E Parent Teacher Conferences- sign up coming soon
10 Feb	K1 D Parent Teacher Conferences- sign up coming soon
12 Feb	Lunar New Year Celebrations at school- parent volunteer oppportunity
16-20 Feb	Mid term break
27 Feb	K2 D Parent Teacher Conferences- sign up nearer the time
6 Mar	K2 E Parent Teacher Conferences- sign up nearer the time
17 Mar	K1 E trip to Hong Kong Forest Adventures- 1 adult per adult
20 Mar	K1 D trip to Hong Kong Forest Adventures- 1 adult per adult
24 Mar	K1 Celebration of learning day- parents invited.
25 Mar	K2 Celebration of learning day- parents invited.

Our calendar for the 26-27 School Year

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Learning about Lunar New Year

The children have started to learn more about how our Abacus community celebrates the Lunar New Year. They are enjoying the Padlet posts shared about celebrations at home.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help on our celebration day at school or by sending in a video. Class teachers will reach out to confirm whether you will be coming in and you are welcome to send in a video about your family traditions at any time directly to the class teacher.

On Thursday, February 12th, the children will have the opportunity to participate in various activities that will deepen their understanding of this special time of year. We encourage the children to wear something festive—this can be traditional clothing or colours they associate with the Lunar New Year celebration. Lastly, the Mandarin teaching team have asked for any spare lai see envelopes that can be used for school activities. Please send them in with your child- thank you.



Would your child like to share their wish for the Year of the Horse?

To join, please reuse an old lai see envelope, a container lid, or a piece of brightly coloured paper.

Write a wish for your family or friends at home.

Don't forget to add a hook or string to hang it on our Abacus Wishing Tree!

Forest School learning



We are very fortunate at Abacus to have the expertise of Zhang Lao Shi and Ms Michelle, who are both trained Forest School teachers. We place great value on the children having the kind of experiences the Forest School approach offers. It is so important for children to be outdoors, getting muddy, developing their perseverance while exploring so many different concepts. This week, the K2 children have been trying out the slack line—their energy and risk-taking were wonderful to see. The K1s have used their creative skills to create clay forest faces and tried leaf printing. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children's learning. If you have any questions about the Forest School learning that your child is experiencing, please do get in touch with Emily or Zhang Lao Shi.



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Ms Joey's Baby

We are very excited to tell you all that Miss Joey has had a baby boy on Monday. He doesn't have a name yet. We wish Ms Joey and Aaron the best of luck with their new bundle and hope to meet him soon.



Abacus Renovation and West Kowloon Update

Over the Christmas break, all of the temporary structures have now been removed from Abacus to make us compliant. The spaces inside have been covered with EPDM flooring and will serve as additional breakout areas for the classrooms. The concrete outside the school where the front office used to be will be removed at Chinese New Year or Easter.

West Kowloon is currently undergoing renovation as the temporary site for Abacus, serving incoming K1 children. We will keep you updated on the progress at this site for those with siblings joining us.

In conjunction with the West Kowloon Kindergarten plans, we are also working hard to try and explore options for Abacus to return to Clearwater Bay as soon as possible. The project team met before the Christmas break, and a tender process has been completed to hire an AP to work with us, reviewing the options and suggesting potential costs.

Our next meeting is at the end of next week. We will keep you updated as soon as we have more news.



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