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NEWSLETTER

ESF Abacus Kindergarten



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week we have celebrated Holi with our Indian families. Our children loved getting very messy and playing with coloured powders in the classrooms and playground. It is a good job they wore old clothes to school.

The link to the ESF stakeholder survey form for Abacus has been emailed out to both parents last week. Currently we only have a 13% completion rate and would really love to get this a bit higher please so that we have true representation of our parents views. Please can I ask you to complete the survey if you haven't already. When we have all the survey results in and it closes next week we will read through the comments and provide you with an overview of the feedback, addressing any concerns you may have. As always please also feel free to come and talk to myself or Emily if you have any worries or concerns. We hope you have a lovely weekend with your families.

Frances Hurley



Important Dates

17 Mar	K1 E trip to Hong Kong Forest Adventures- see eNotice via Gateway.
20 Mar	K1 D trip to Hong Kong Forest Adventures- see eNotice via Gateway.
24 Mar	K1 Celebration of learning day- parents invited.
25 Mar	K2 Celebration of learning day- parents invited.
26 March	No School for Children - Spring Holiday begins
13 April	Term 3 Begins
15 April	K2E Trip to HK Forest Adventures
17 April	K2D Trip to HK Forest Adventures

Our calendar for the 26-27 School Year

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cZIJlo0GVqSuy1fZWiUrE61c_XyfTjv7/edit?](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cZIJlo0GVqSuy1fZWiUrE61c_XyfTjv7/edit?usp=sharing&oid=118138650578016830148&rtpof=true&sd=true)

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K2 to Yr 1 Transition update

As we approach the end of Term 2, we have begun coordinating with primary schools to facilitate a smooth transition for our K2 students. These meetings allow our teaching team to share vital insights about each child and provide primary staff with opportunities to meet the students.

Connecting families

Clearwater Bay School: Since most of our students attend here, connections happen more naturally.

Other ESF Schools: Once schedules are finalised, I will put these families in touch with one another to help you arrange playdates and "get-to-know-you" catch-ups before the school year begins.

Sharing student insights

During transition conversations, our teachers advocate for your child by sharing:

- Individual strengths and learning styles.
- Current friendship groups.
- Strategies and environments where they work best.

A note on class placements

While we provide recommendations on class placements, the Primary School makes the final decision. We understand that class placements can cause anxiety for some families. Rest assured that the Primary teams take this process seriously.

They aim to create balanced classrooms by carefully considering:

- A mix of feeder schools.
- Friendships.
- Diverse learning needs.
- Home language backgrounds. If you have any questions, please contact me- emily.jeves@abacus.edu.hk



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Celebration of learning

You will have seen in the calendar that our Term 2 Celebration of Learning days are approaching. You will soon receive details from the teaching team about when you and your child will attend school that day.

We have found that this day works best when we divide the class into two groups and have only half on campus at any given time. This allows the children and their families to move freely between a range of learning experiences with the appropriate amount of resources.

The aims of the Celebration of Learning-

- Gain Insight: See firsthand how your child has grown throughout this inquiry unit.
- Observe Interactions: Watch your child engage with their peers and the teaching team in the Abacus environment.
- Discuss Progress: Talk with your child about their strengths, interests, and what they hope to learn next.

The Celebration of Learning days are an important part of our assessment and reporting process at Abacus. In a way, it is a precursor to the Student Led Conferences that your child will take part in at the Primary level.



Abacus Renovation

We are now in talks with the consultant over a return to Abacus and ESF have committed to getting us back to this site if at all possible as quickly as possible, maybe even as soon as 2 years time. As you can imagine we are pretty excited by this but cautiously optimistic at this stage whilst we wait for news on the legalities of this.

Meanwhile the renovation work has begun on West Kowloon and we are in the process of choosing fixtures and fittings to recreate the close links we have with nature at Abacus. We will share pictures and more news when they are available.



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Communication

At the parent support group (PSG) meeting we had some feedback about communication again. We try really hard to offer our communication in a variety of ways to make it accessible for all. Most important announcements are repeated via the ESF app and the Whatsapp announcements. We really encourage you to check these regularly.

The PSG mentioned that some parents wished that the app messages would come as email. This is possible but you have to turn this option on once as a parent and then all ESF app messages will be forwarded to your email.

The instructions to do this are here:

[Video to Show how to auto forward App Messages](#)

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Next year we will be moving to a whole new integrated portfolio and messaging system so please bear with us for the remainder of this year.

In addition to the messages and announcements our newsletters are sent out every two weeks and past issues can be accessed via the News tile in the ESF app.

We hope that you find this information useful, if you have any questions or suggestions please get in touch.

