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YORKLAND News

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Dear Parents,

We have stepped onto December 2020 which marks the end of a most extraordinary and challenging year for all of us. The dramatic change to the operation as a pre-school, paved a new way of flexibility that has kept us all on our toes. The new norm is now a part of each of us, being wearing a mask to hand sanitizers. We sincerely would like to applaud all our parents for coping, adapting and rolling together with us in coping with these drastic changes. Hopefully year 2021, would allow us to return to our old ways of living.

On 18th December, we celebrated Christmas festival with children. Our special Christmas celebration day is counted via 'Star Window'. What is "Star Window'? Beginning from 11 days before Christmas celebration day, each day after lunch we would gather to sing the evergreen famous Christmas carol "Silent Night" where a child gets to open a 'Star Window'. While another child would place a loving animal on the display table with beatific Christmas spirit in heart! The little warm tradition continues each day after lunch, till every child has had their turns opening the 'Star Window'.

In the classroom, one of the main Christmas preparation activity will be weaving, drawing and not forgetting to decorate their very own paper-based 'Christmas Sock'! It brings our children a great sense of joy and pride to hold onto their 'Christmas Sock'. Happily, they all brought it home after the celebration.

We never say no to Christmas cookies, surely! Our children would eagerly help to make their Christmas cookies [either a Christmas tree/ Gingerbread], where they will decorate as per their preference with colourful icing and sprinkles under the loving guidance of Teacher Lingz.

Handmade craft by children for Christmas decoration

Homemade cake, tarts and cookies for Christmas snack.

For the Christmas celebration presentation, each child would carry a candle. Before they pass the candle to be lighted up; each child would make a thoughtful wish for someone other than themselves eg. for a sick child to get well or for all the children in the world to be happy ever after!

The true radiant nature of our children shone brightly when we witness them making a wish for others. Before putting off the candles, the children sang 'Song of Prayer' as closure and thanking for all good happenings.

Children watching a classic Christmas puppet show Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

Fabulous Six to Primary 1

The time has come for us all to bid a happy farewell to our Fabulous Six - Enabella, How Xuen, Kobe, Ocean, Yee Shyi and Zhen Yu. It has been a true pleasure watching these children over the years, with their individual journeys of discovery and bonding with friends, teachers, our dear pets at Yorkland. We wish all the children and their families a magical journey through the next chapter of their life adventure!

End of year Child Report

For the year 2021, the graduation circle grows to seven children of 6 year's old whom are eagerly waiting for their turn to be a 'Big Children' where they could take part in more challenging activities such as skipping, the ball bouncing and weaving. Also not to miss out, an introduction on writing plus reading for their literacy development. Rest assured that this circle of seven would be good role models for the younger ones in the class.

We are looking forward on reconnecting back with all our returning children and to warmly welcome all our new comers for the new school year!

Peace, Joy, and Love to our children and parents this Christmas and New Year season! We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th January 2021, ready for our new school year together!

Yorkland Garden Grown Stories

The time has come to harvest the corns planted by children last September. How do we know which corn is ready? We have got our Teacher Iren who demonstrated that we have to look out for the silk turned brown, corn husk of bright green, wrapped tightly against the corn and slightly damp. The second test-out is where Teacher Iren pricked onto a kernel which released a milky liquid tenderness! So once we have aimed for the ready to be harvest corn, the children take turn to grasp the ear firmly and pull down, then twist and pull, off comes the stalk easily.

Excitedly, the children peel off the outer leaves and gathered the leaves and silks away. There are some children even tidied up the cob by running away their little fingers over the cob, looking out for the remaining fine silks in between the cob.

To ensure our lesson doesn't just end here, the children are shown how the remaining husks and stalks are later added onto our compost pile.

Have you heard of the saying: "The longer you wait between picking and eating, the less sweet your sweet corn will taste." We don't want that, do we! So we have got our Aunty Anny who helped to clean up and steam off the freshly picked corns for our afternoon snack time. Surely to vouch that, it is a delicious treat compared to the grocery-stored corns.

Events and Activities

January 2021

1st [Fri]	Public Holiday_New Year.
4th [Mon]	Yorkland re-opens.
8th [Fri]	We will celebrate Jacob turning 4.
21st [Thu]	Venice's 6th birthday celebration.
26th [Tue]	We will celebrate Jaydenz's 6th birthday.
28th [Thu]	Public Holiday_Thaipusam.

Announcement

We have enclosed is the 2021 Parent Handbook. Please take note our yearly calendar is attached for your perusal.