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**YORKLAND** News

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#### Dear Parents,

Bento day marked a full attendance day where all the children had great fun. The day begin with the kitchen staff busily preparing the food, once it was ready, our big children chipped in and helped to pack the food into the Bento boxes.



On the other end, our small children eagerly waited, holding onto their handmade "wallet" and "money" to purchase the Bento boxes from Aunty Anny.











Bento day also spells out for a garden picnic. It was a beautiful sunny day when we started off our lunch. Towards the end, the weather got briskly and windy where the children enjoyed the chill air right before the bucketing down.

It was also adorable to watch that most children helped themselves to second servings of their favourite bento items.







We wish everyone well and shall share other interesting happenings in our next issue.

## Yorkland Garden Grown Stories







At our garden's bed, the cherry tomato plant have grown taller, many beautiful changes of the ripening took place right within our plain sight. The children observed the gentle yellow flowers turning into green tomatoes, slowly ripe to yellowish colour followed by orange next; and finally, into red cherry tomatoes.

But while this process was taking place, strong wind kept blowing. This indeed worried us; hence we came up with a way to secure our tomato plant by attaching them to bamboo poles. Our tomato plants were strong and tough so they survived and we were able to harvest them.











Harvesting time is the best time! All our children take turn to pick the ready to snack on red ripe cherry tomatoes.



There was ample to pick from, the children enjoyed harvesting activity a lot. Besides making salads for Yorkland's lunch, this round we were also able to share our freshly picked tomatoes with parents. "Bon

Appetit, all!"











On the other hand, we also harvest some brinjal.

# **Upcoming Events**

# Hari Raya

During Ramadan month, we would slowly, retransform our display corner into green-yellow combo with candles and handmade 'ketupat'. This signifies that Hari Raya is coming up for our older children whom have experience this festival celebration in the past.

Hari Raya is a rich in culture festival, for the children. We would explain to them on the Malay tradition and the festival. We would celebrate by preparing delicious traditional Malay cookies and serve a Malay lunch "Nasi lemak".

We would also start rehearsing Hari Raya songs with the children and begun to make Raya crafts with them to at our entrance as Raya decoration.

Please kindly try to dress up your children in authentic Malay clothing such as Baju Kurung or Kebaya for the little girls and Baju Melayu for the boys. It would truly bring more fun vibes to the festival celebration.

# Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival would be celebrated on the morning of the 28th May [Friday]. We sincerely apologize for not being able to invite parents to join us. However, we will carry out the yearly Harvest puppet show and ring time with the children.

We celebrate Harvest Festival with a thankful heart to Mother Nature for sun, rain and wind. Through the poems and songs, the children would express their gratefulness for the food on their plates and also to the farmers who work hard to grow the crops and of course not forgetting their parents who lovingly prepare food for them.

On the festival day, the children will be participating to make bread for the morning snack, please do sure that your child arrives by 9.00am.

# Yorkland Harvest Festival

In the heart of the seed, buried deep so deep, A dear little plant lay fast asleep, "Wake!" said the sunshine, "And creep to the light!" "Wake!" said the voice of the raindrop bright, And the little plant heard and it rose to see,

What a wonderful outside world might be.

#### The wind and the leaves

Come little leaves said the wind one day
Come over the meadow with us and play
Put on your dresses of red and gold
Summer has gone and the days grow cold
As soon as the leaves heard the winds loud call
Down they came fluttering one and all.

The river sang softly to the leaves on the tree I am waiting to take you on a journey with me So the leaves fell down softly on a quiet autumn day

And they floated with the river far far away

#### Oats and Beans and Barley Grow



- Oat and beans and barley grow, oat and beans and barley grow
- 2. First the farmer sows his seed, then he stands and takes his ease



- 1. But not you nor, I nor, anyone know, how oats and beans and barley grow.
- 2. Stamps his feet and claps his hands and turns him round to view the land.

#### Old MacDonald

Old MacDonald had a farm E-1-E-1-O, And on his farm he had some chicks E-1-E-1-O

With a c<u>hick-chick</u> here and <u>chick-chick</u> there Here a <u>chick</u>, there a <u>chick</u>, everywhere a <u>chick-</u> chick

Old MacDonald had a farm E-1-E-1-O

Chicks [(chick-chick)
Duck (quack-quack)
Cows (moo-moo)
Horse (gallop-gallop)

#### Little Dwarfs



- 1. Little dwarfs so short and strong
- 2. Pick and hammer each must hold
- 3. When their hard days work is done.



- 1. every head is straight and proud
- 2. ready over each one's back
- 3. full sacks made a heavy load



- 1. heavy-footed march along
- 2. deep in earth to mine the gold
- 3. Home again they march as one



- 1. Every step is firm and loud.
- 2. hangs a little empty sack.
- 3. as they tramp along the road.

### I found a little cherry pip

I found a little cherry pip!
I put it in the ground,
When I came back again,
A little shoot I found,
And the shoot became a branch,
And the branch became a tree,
And now I pick the cherries,
And eat them for my tea.

### Rain song



Drip-a dip-a dip-adip-a drip-a dip-a dip! Drip-ing drip-ping rain drops



Drip-ping on my head, plops, (1) and I'm get-ting wet Drip-a dip-a dip!

(2)Spli-shy spla-shy wet! Spli-shy spla-shy wet!



Drip-drip-drip drip-drip-drip!

Now, who else enjoy the rain?

The tree, flower, grass and grain all enjoy the rain! \*sona\*

The earthworm and the creeping snail, and the frog upon his mossy bed All enjoy the rain \*song\* Rain washes all, rain waters all, Rain rain ring and the whole world sing. \*song\* No more rain empties the cloud and shut the cloud door tight.

#### Dandelion

Dandelion, dandelion yellow as gold What do you do all day? I wait and I wait in the long green grass Till the children come and play.

Dandelion, dandelion yellow as gold What do you do all night? I wait and I wait in the long green grass Till my hair grows long and white

And what do you do when the children come and play?

They pick me up with their little hands and blow my hair away~whew!

### The farmer in the dell



The farmer in the dell The farmer in the dell The farmer takes a wife the farmer takes a wife The wife takes the child The wife takes the child The child takes the nurse The child takes the nurse The nurse takes the dog The nurse takes the dog The dog takes the cat

The cat takes the mouse The cat takes the mouse The mouse takes the cheese The mouse takes the cheese

The cheese stands alone The cheese stands alone



Hi-ho, the derry-o The farmer in the dell

Hi-ho, the derry-o The farmer takes a wife

Hi-ho, the derry-o The wife takes the child

Hi-ho, the derry-o The child takes the nurse

Hi-ho, the derry-o The nurse takes the dog

Hi-ho, the derry-o The dog takes the cat

Hi-ho, the derry-o The cat takes the mouse

Hi-ho, the derry-o The mouse takes the cheese

Hi-ho, the derry-o The cheese stands alone

#### Hari Raya Song

Selamat Hari Raya kepada saudara serta saudari, Setahun hanya sekali merayakan hari yang mulia ini.

#### **Carrot story**

Once upon the time, there was farmer. One day, he sows a carrot seed.

"Grow carrot, grow and become big."

The next day, the rain fell on the carrot.

\*Tip tap Tip tap Tip tap Tip tap..... Tip tap Tip tap Tip tap Tip tap"

"Grow carrot, grow and become big."

The next day, the sky becomes heavy and dark.

And suddenly..... lightning

and .....thunder

Then.....the sun shone in the sky.

"Grow carrot, grow and become big."

The next day, the wind blew above the carrot.

Few.....Few.....Few....

"Grow carrot, grow and became big."

The next day, a little carrot bud came out. And little leaves opened.

The carrot grew and grew and became bigger and bigger.

It became a Giant carrot.

Night came and the farmer went back to his house. Next morning, the farmer came back again. The farmer said "It is time to pull the carrot out." He pulled and pulled, but it didn't come out. So, he called his wife to help him.

"Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Farmer, come here please. They pulled and pulled, but it didn't come out. So they call their children to help them.

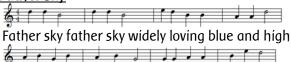
"Children, children, come here please."
They pulled and pulled and Woops! It came out.

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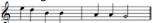
拔萝卜,拔萝卜,嘿哟黑哟,拔萝卜, 嘿哟嘿哟,拔不动。

小朋友快快来,快来帮我们拔萝卜。

#### Father sky



Mother earth your warming glow makes the rice and carrots grow



Makes the rice and carrots grow

#### 1 love my Mummy

I love my mummy, I love my mummy
I love my mummy, yes I do.
Here's a kiss and a hug for you
Thank you mummy for all you do
Happy Mother's Day, Happy Mother's Day
Happy Mother's Day, I love you.

#### 妈妈

妈妈你为我们天天工作忙,

当咚当咚当咚当,

妈妈我在这里说声谢谢你,

当咚当咚当咚当.

# **Parenting Tips**

Have we ever wondered why do people watch TV? We start off by saying it is a good way to unwind after a long day at work. Yet down the lane, it slowly becomes an addiction.

TV has not only changed our lifestyles, but rather it has taken away our family bonding time with our children. A family's communications bridge is slowly reduced and becomes much lesser among each other, and our children prefer to watch their favourite kids' programmes. Where eventually they start imitating the characters, also at times absorbing unhealthy and overload of information. At this young age, it could be very confusing for a child.

Please do refrain from passing on the "nanny role" to the TV but rather let's take some live and happening actions of allowing our children to play and experiment out with Mother Nature. It is vital to nourish their physical and psychological growth. In today's fast world, work has occupied up most of our time. Let's not add and allow TV to do more "damages" on our limited family time. Use these precious moments to develop our relationship with our children.

# **Events and Activities**

## May 2021

6<sup>th</sup> [Thu] Sophie's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration

7<sup>th</sup> [Fri] We celebrate Mother's Day.

The children will bring home flowers and a card that they have

made as gifts for their mothers.

12<sup>th</sup> [Wed] Celebration of Hari Raya with our children at Yorkland.

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> [Thu & Fri] Public Holiday – Hari Raya

18<sup>th</sup> [Tue] We celebrate Skyler turning 4 years old.

26<sup>th</sup> [Wed] Public Holiday – Wesak Day

28<sup>th</sup> [Fri] Harvest Festival

## June 2021

31<sup>st</sup> May till 11<sup>th</sup> June Term Break. We will re-open on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June.