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My bright little Lantern

Dear Parents,

Mooncake Festivals is our grandest festival in Yorkland in which; both Pre-school and After School Care children will gather for this festival. Unfortunately, again this year we were unable to celebrate with our dear parents' presence. Nevertheless, we strived and hosted a simple celebration with both children attending school in Yorkland and via from home.

The effort of celebration is to ensure we all stay connected through a simpler celebration yet teaches the essences and values of the festival for our children.

The excitement truly bundled up during the actual presentation hour. Whereat the children started the day by gathering in the garden to make their very own glass lantern, meanwhile, children staying home did their lantern through the online class. The children adorably used their nimble fingers to cut and decorate their lantern, while the harder part of the lantern: the handles were hand-made by teachers to complete the entire lantern.





Eve of the festival, our children made their very own moon-cakes. For this year, we used several natural colour powders such as pumpkin, purple sweet potatoes, butterfly pea and cocoa. Our little chefs were indeed well prepared with the food ingredients provided in which some of them even joined their online classes from their very own home kitchen! Well done, to all our Little Chefs!







Once we are done moulding the mooncake on pre-morning of the festival, we turn it on to the fridge. By late afternoon, they have shaped out beautifully.



Our heartfelt thank you goes to all the parents who were actively involved in the mooncake making from home. Without your involvement, the entire activity would not have been successful.

On the morning of the awaited festival, all the children were all dressed up in their best. This had helped to set the atmosphere for our festival celebration merrier. And of course, all the children were excited to meet each other.



For some young children, it is rather overwhelming to sing and dance in front of the virtual world; being a Laptop or iPad. Yet, we are astonished to view the continuous support and encouragement rendered by the parents by sitting very close to them. Your support gave them much-needed encouragement to enjoy and dance through the presentation.

Our special storytelling by the children was on the legend of Hou Yi and Chang Er tales. The brave archer, Hou Yi heroically shoots down the Sun to save the people on the earth.

And the other part of; Chang Er who stayed put on the moon alone started missing her partner, Hou Yi, where Chang Er met a friendly rabbit. Together they made a healing medicine from the part of the magic pill that Chang Er coughed out and scattered them to the earth from the moon.

We were impressed by the way the children were engaged in acting out the story. We believe everyone has noticed how the children widely open up their hands and arms to lift themselves, mimicking Chang Er flying off to the moon leaving Hou Yi behind.





And not forgetting a special acknowledgement going out to our 6 years old, who confidently recited the Hokkien poem in rhythm while playing castanet.



Although we are unable to go for our Lantern walk physically, the children still went about singing the "I go with my bright little Lantern" sitting on the chair and gently swaying their beautiful lantern. It was so heart-warming to see the children's beaming faces on the day.

For snack time, we sit together just like a round moon that implies the unity of a family and happily ate our delicious homemade mooncakes and other delicacies.



End of the school day, each child proudly carried back a box of mooncakes together with their handmade lantern, home.

It was an exciting day yet frankly a hectic day too; for us the teachers and children too. All's well that ends well and hurray to these little children who always strive to meet our expectations whenever the occasion warrants them to do so.

All the effort taken by teachers, students and parents has been worthwhile as another festival has been imprinted in the children's memories. A memorable souvenir of the festival as part of their growing-up days is embossed!



Not to forget our dear children who are unable to attend Yorkland since Jun, who have missed our food. Aunty Anny came over to cook for them over the weekend, their favourite menu consisting of curry rice, korokke and stir-fried organic broccoli. We delivered the foods right to the children's home.



Some of us may be aware that the recently updated SOPs for daycare centre operation is allowed to host children on-site with the condition of all daycare centre staff must be fully vaccinated.

We are pleased to inform everyone that all our staff has been fully vaccinated and 100% of the parents also completed both doses, by the first week of October.

With safety and wellness in mind, we shall continue to practice public health measures such as social distancing and face shield using, mask-wearing until the COVID-19 virus is completely eradicated.

Our wishes for everyone to stay well and safe. Kindly do lookout for more new updates in our next issue.

Yorkland Garden Grown Stories

Some of our greens; loofa, french bean and long bean have started to develop their vines, climbing through the trellis netting. We could also view the flower buds appearing on our french beans. Every day our children water the plants, looking forward to viewing the beans.



Ohh and hidden away it seems to be, but we have also planted off "Siew Pak Choy" below the creepers.

Events and Activities

October 2021

19th [Tue]

Public Holiday_Prophet Muhammad.