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YORKLAND News

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Dear Parents,

In another blink, 2021 is drawing to its closure. Another year has vanished passed with a New Year soon to begin.

The Year 2021 is certainly another challenging year for all of us due to the unstoppable spread of Covid-19 which was deemed MCO 3.0 announcement in where half of the class had to stay home. Yorkland team have tried our best to ensure home-based children are actively engaged by sending parcels of art and craft material. We conducted online classes daily, beginning with greetings, to teach them craft making, made storybooks, to sing and tell them some stories. For the big children who stay home, we continued their learning through Zoom.

Nevertheless, we cherish the fond memories that we have with the children who are under Yorkland's care regardless of online session or who attended Yorkland physically. We relished being part of the growth process of these children.

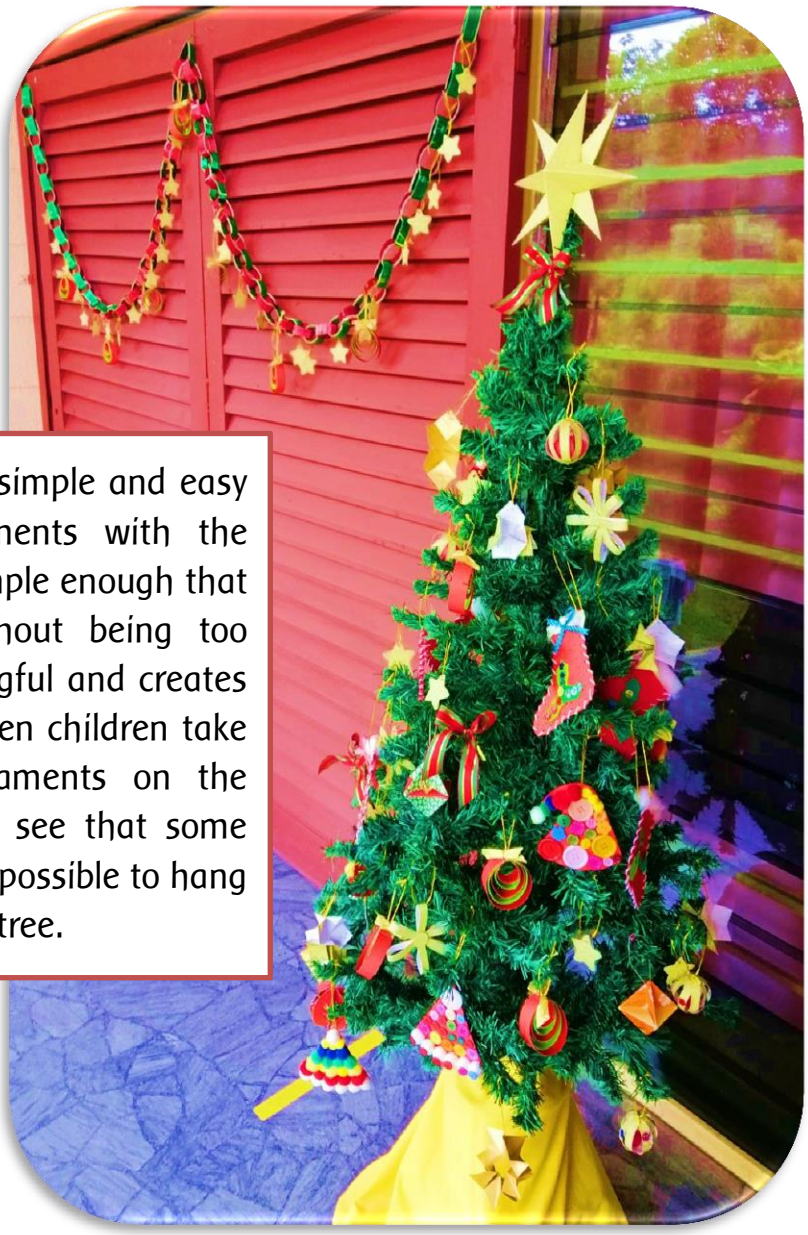
Rewinding down the past 12 months; we experience lots of girlish experiences. Young girls of Yorkland who loves hair tying in various styling, upset princess when mommy and daddy pack t-shirts/shorts instead of dresses. And the cute complaint streams of "I got stepped on, I got knocked off" and so on. We always resolve these issues by applying "magic oil" to soothe their little wounds!

When comes to the boys, they are very much energetic and lively as well. They are like little hurricanes that sweep by you; totally unaware of the wreckage they leave behind when they play actively and run around in the class. A little boundary and guidance from the teachers are always there to reduce the tendency of active boys to run about and avoid any sort of little injuries. Yet; when comes to outdoor playtime, they do spend their energy by running, chasing, catching and 'battling'!

We do have a few younger boys who are not fully ready to tag along with the active boys' group just yet. But this niche group are those who are always sweetly ready much earlier during the class routine like waiting to go for lunch, reaching out for the drinking bottle to drink water without reminders, and also on time for story time.

Coming back to our Christmas Festival, as part of the Christmas Festival's preparation, we place a 'Star Window calendar' in a corner of the classroom. Each day before lunch, the teachers will invite one child to open a calendar window and another child will take out a gnome or a wooden animal and display them on the table.

Every child will have their individual chance to perform this ceremony until all the "Star Window calendar" are open. When the last window is opened, it signifies that it is time to celebrate the Christmas festival at Yorkland.



This year we made some of our simple and easy to make DIY Christmas ornaments with the children. This fun activity was simple enough that they can each make one without being too chaotic. The activity was meaningful and creates memories together especially when children take turns to hang their little ornaments on the Christmas tree. It was lovely to see that some children tried to reach as high as possible to hang their ornament on the Christmas tree.

On the other hand, the children also made Christmas sock which was stuffed with their beautiful drawing and paintings. Not forgetting that our Yorkland children's little fingertip was used to create snowflakes on the Christmas tree.

The children also shared their very own home's Christmas preparation. A little girl told us that she has put up a Christmas tree at home with her parents. Where another boy asked us for his handmade Christmas ornament so that he can bring it home, and wanted to hang it on his Christmas tree back home instead Yorkland. Some children sing all the Christmas songs that they have practised in Yorkland at home to bring the atmosphere in their homes ground as well.

Making Christmas butter cookies was super fun and the kids surely loves getting their hands onto colourful icing to decorate their own cookies.

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During the Christmas festival ceremony, right after the presentation, we surely cherish the beautiful moment where all the children light the candles and sing songs carrying kind thoughts and well wishes for others. We hope such activities help our Yorkland children to rekindle their inner light and experience the warmth and joy of sharing and giving.

Candles shining brightly illumination children's wishes.

Hand written End of the Year Children's Report.

Homemade cookies, fruits tarts, spongy butter cake and yummy hot chocolate are the special snack on Christmas festival day.

Puppet Show for the children is based on the theme "Sharing and Caring" where the story relates to a kind little girl who always wishes to help others. When she was granted a special wish, she seeks for the wish to always be able to help others.

Here, we also take this opportunity to thank all parents for your continued efforts to support our activities, that is surely our greatest morale boost to Yorkland Team.

Although without a doubt, this year has had its own challenge and we hope to hear all the news from our children when they get back from holiday. Do keep safe and well. Have a magical Christmas with your family and friends. Happy New Year and hoping that 2022 brings much enjoyment to all our ways.

Events and Activities

January 2022

3rd [Mon]	Yorkland reopens.
11th [Tue]	Jacob's 5th birthday celebration.
18th [Tue]	Public Holiday_Thaipusam.
25th [Tue]	Ribbon 'kuih' making with children.
28th [Fri]	Chinese New Year celebration with children.
31st [Mon] Jan to 4th [Fri] Feb	Chinese New Year holiday & additional off. We will re-open on 7th Feb [Mon].