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Mooncake Festival

Dear Parents,

After a rather long haul, finally we celebrated the Mooncake Festival together with our parents in Yorkland's garden again. We sincerely thank you for participating at our Mooncake Festival!

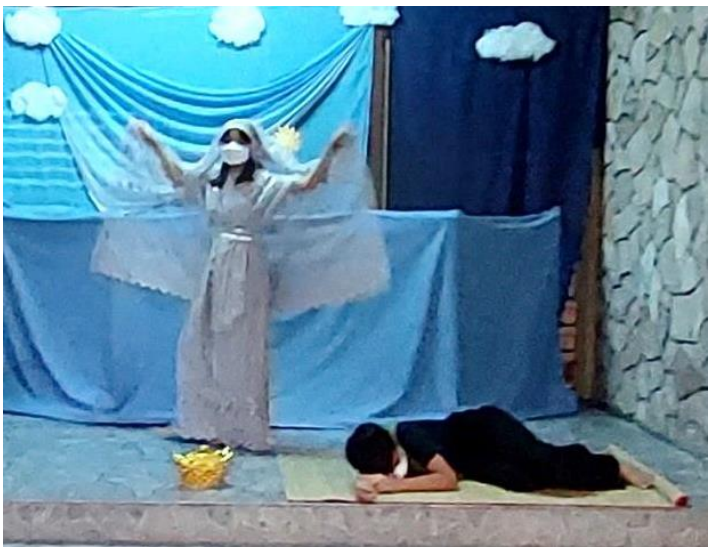
The children were already in the festive mood a few days before the festival. We had been praying hard for good weather for the day. The children actively prepared for the festival placement, right from putting on protective 'plastic socks' for the chair legs, and so the list goes on. Essentially, the little fingers helped to hang about small lanterns on the tree branches, fences and tree house. These colourful lanterns ideally lighten up a warm glowing garden indeed.

Snow skin mooncake by the children.

We started off the festival with story-based presentation. Though most children did well in the circle yet we could see some young children who were shy on that evening, did not perform well in front of the presence of adults. By norm, they usually do perform well in the classroom among their friends as the atmosphere is cosier for them. Let's give them a kind applauds for trying; we are sure it would get better with time.

A special acknowledgement goes out to our 6 years old who confidently recited the Hokkien poem in rhythm with the castanet!

Not-to-miss-to-mention highlight is our After School Care children's Chang Er drama performance. As teachers, we carried the responsibility to pick the right child for each role casting. The overall goal is to enable each child freely but practically apply their creativeness and skill in the drama performance. Children were able to make connections between the drama theory and its logical reality, they also understood how important each piece of the puzzle [each role casting], comes together and fit as a complete picture.



The intention was never to produce a perfect drama play but it is to ensure our children gain experience on working together and naturally focusing on development of a creative young mind through singing, playing musical instruments.

A lot of work goes into the drama production process where students learn to cooperate and collaborate while they are learning on 'project management'. A great deal of artistic talent goes into the production beyond the music and the drama itself – the children were equally engaged into making properties and other forms of crafts and creation.

A big round of applause to the After School Care children for performing such a brilliant and entertaining drama show!

The Yorkland team hope that all parents enjoyed the simple dinner that we prepared and the mooncake made by the children besides this dinner session helps to strengthen the bonding among our parents.

Lastly, the most awaited moment is our Lantern walk. Our yearly Lantern walk depicts the celebration, inspiring a connection between the rhythms of nature and the light within. It is our ritual reminder for our young children that there is always a light in the darkness – a spark of life within each and every one of us!

All our children's handmade lanterns were lit up with candles. Our garden offers a dreamy balmy night under starry skies with the children's paper and jar lanterns and with the bright fairy lights that set the festive mood. On that festival night, we light our luminaries and sang soulful lantern songs where we bring in the fairy lights right deep into our hearts, a mean to carry us all through our dark days.

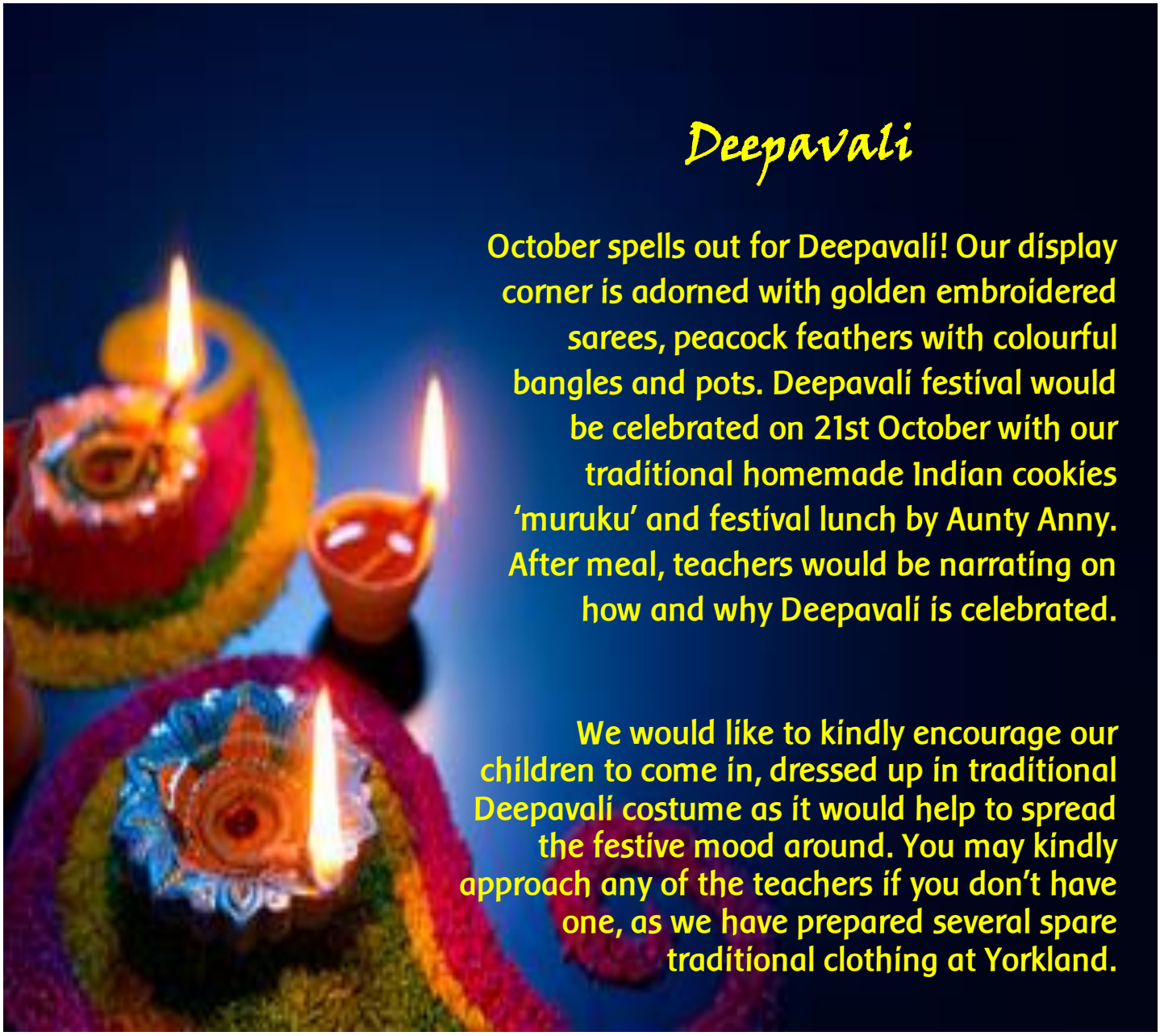
The kids loved their lantern walk. We heartfully thank all our parents who help to take care of every child's safety. We hope that you and your family enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

We do have some children who have left us in the month of August and September, including Joey, a 6 year old who joined an International school. Right before the actual Graduation day, our four big children namely Angie, Dorothy, Joey and Yuan Rui have eagerly completed their graduation crown earlier than planned to celebrate their farewell among their peers.

To those young hearts that have left Yorkland, you are to be assured to always stay in our hearts and also on your friend's. To be honest, for quite some time, the other children will be lovingly, mentioning their names during our daily prayers as they view it as one of the absentees that should be mentioned in our prayer session.

And as these joyful children also warmly welcome the new friends that come along and join our crowd. The play dynamics changes again with new friends on board.

Upcoming Events



Deepavali

October spells out for Deepavali! Our display corner is adorned with golden embroidered sarees, peacock feathers with colourful bangles and pots. Deepavali festival would be celebrated on 21st October with our traditional homemade Indian cookies 'muruku' and festival lunch by Aunty Anny. After meal, teachers would be narrating on how and why Deepavali is celebrated.

We would like to kindly encourage our children to come in, dressed up in traditional Deepavali costume as it would help to spread the festive mood around. You may kindly approach any of the teachers if you don't have one, as we have prepared several spare traditional clothing at Yorkland.

Deepavali song

Happy Deepavali, Happy Deepavali, Happy Deepavali

The festival of lights.
the festival of lights, the festival of lights,

The festival of lights, it's on Deepavali!