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YORKLAND News

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Congrats to our 2022 Graduates!

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to thank all the parents that took the trouble to send their children to our 8th Graduation Ceremony in Yorkland despite it being a sudden announced public holiday. Guess what, we had a full attendance on that day!

This year we had 3 big children who have graduated. These 3 wonderful kids have put in enormous effort to continuously learn each day; they had lots of fun playing and making many friends. They themselves have also worked harder to a good friend.

Congratulation Angie, Dorothy and Yuan Rui! We are overwhelmed with joy admiring the 3 of them during the recent Graduation ceremony. They were fantastic! They did their part incredibly on their special day. We were truly proud of them.

Graduation is always being a special occasion for us because it's not like other festivals that we celebrate in Yorkland. Graduation is a culmination of an annual education year of these young children in building their physical body, character; learn through play, literacy learning etc. It's a ceremony of a beautiful journey - "The growing years", we shall say.

We will take opportunity to share some of our afternoon literacy programme activities that we have been doing with the 'big children'. Besides academic teaching of the 4 subjects [Chinese, Malay, English and Mathematics] we also carry out physical exercise. We have been skipping, jumping as well as bouncing tennis ball. All these scheduled workouts are good for their eye, ear and hand coordination.

On the other hand, the small children did their part well too. They sat and watched obediently, supporting away their seniors throughout their presentation.

The small children geared up like 'rabbits' and 'butterflies' to play with the big children.

The small children also took turns to handover the colourful weaved bag, drawing book and gnomes to the big children.

As a token of appreciation, we presented all the children with a special handmade spinning top origami after the ceremony.

Adding on the spice; the parents of the graduates, participated with their children to perform a simple dance. It was so much fun to see our 3 big children guiding their parents with simple movements during the dance session. Our very own dance floor indeed!

We would again like to thank all the graduates' parents for your support and trust throughout the years. Thank you for your meaningful sharing of your child's experiences with us. We also truly appreciate the significant role you play in nurturing them.

We are glad that all of you have noticed the growth in them as they gained more confidence, in developing caring attitudes towards others and not forgetting all the other positive attitudes and vibes after coming to Yorkland.

A special note for our graduated children

It has been always an honour and a privilege watching your progress. You have graduated from kindergarten, and you will move into a new phase soon, a year with new challenges to deal with. We always wish you the very best for your future undertakings and we will always remember you! Always!

Yorkland's Garden Stories

Yorkland children are privileged to experience rice harvest with their teacher's guidance. Journey begun where the rice was planted in early March, this year.

Upon harvesting the rice, our children took a nibble bit on the raw rice and commented on how different it is; comparing to cook white rice. They enjoyed the nibbling, where they peeled and smelled off the fresh rice. We are happy to share with our children the complete picture of rice planting and its hard work. Hope the children appreciate the value of rice more and grow up, without wasting food.

Harvesting certainly leave us with some messes to clean up. The children quickly composted the rice straws to our compost bin and the reuse potting soil to our vegetable bed.

Christmas Preparation

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas here at Yorkland. The teachers and children have gradually begun to prepare for our last festival celebration of the year. This year we narrate to the children how the other parts of the world celebrate "White Christmas". We try to do so by relating the craft, songs, poem and puppet story related to white theme.

We started with our first project, the Christmas tree. We began by gathering up the twig in different sizes when our gardener, Uncle Din trimmed the Longan tree in our garden. The kids helped to find the twigs and remove the leaves from it.

We then leave the twigs to dry out; it took a few days longer, since it has been raining continuously. When the twigs were dried, we arranged them in sizes order to create a tree shape.

The children took turn to spray the twigs to colour white, just so that it looks like a snow-covered twig.

We begun from the tree's bottom with longer twigs and we gradually got shorter as we reach the tree top.

To keep the tree hanging straight and secure we hold them in place with golden twine. We started at the top, tie the golden twine along the smallest twig, leaving gaps between them and then work the way down until all the twigs are joined. The tree is up!

Now, we have sorted the Christmas tree but the children got heaps more on other upcoming Christmas craft project. Please do look forward to catch hold of dainty handmade ornaments real soon!

Upcoming Events

In the blink of an eye, we are now in the last month of the year. December is certainly an exciting month of the year where we are soon to celebrate our 'White Christmas' theme, finale festival.

With happiness, we are inviting all parents to join us for this festival on 16th December from 9.15am to 11.30am.

Please kindly refer below to the detailed programme schedule. Please do note that the time of arrival for the children is 9.00am. Parents can join them slightly later at 9.15am for the presentation. We would be ending the festival celebration approximately around 11.30am. Parents can take their children home.

Christmas Festival Programme

9.00 to 9.10am	Children & Parents arrival
9:15 to 10.00am	Presentation & Handing out year-end card
10.00 to 10:45am	Snack time
10.45 to 11.00am	Making wishes & Prayer Song
11.00 to 11:15am	Puppet show
11:15 to 11:30am	Goodbye song & collect Christmas craft

Please note

- Please arrive on time as we will start the presentation at 9.15am. The children will enter the classroom as soon as the arrive while the parents can wait in the garden until 9.15am

- It is not necessary to bring school bags or extra clothes unless your child really needs them. We will provide drinking water for the children.

- If parents would like to park their cars along the road, please be considerate to park away from our neighbours' entrances OR you may park at Taman Jajar public car park.

- The children's year-end report cards made by using the children's paintings will be given out during the Christmas festival together with a group photo.

- As we are expecting a number of children and parents to be around, we would appreciate it if everyone could keep their voices down during the presentation and puppet show.

- Presentations can be difficult for young children during the festival. We encourage mothers to sing along with their younger children to support their participation.

- The children will go home together with their parents after the festival ends at about 11.30am.