

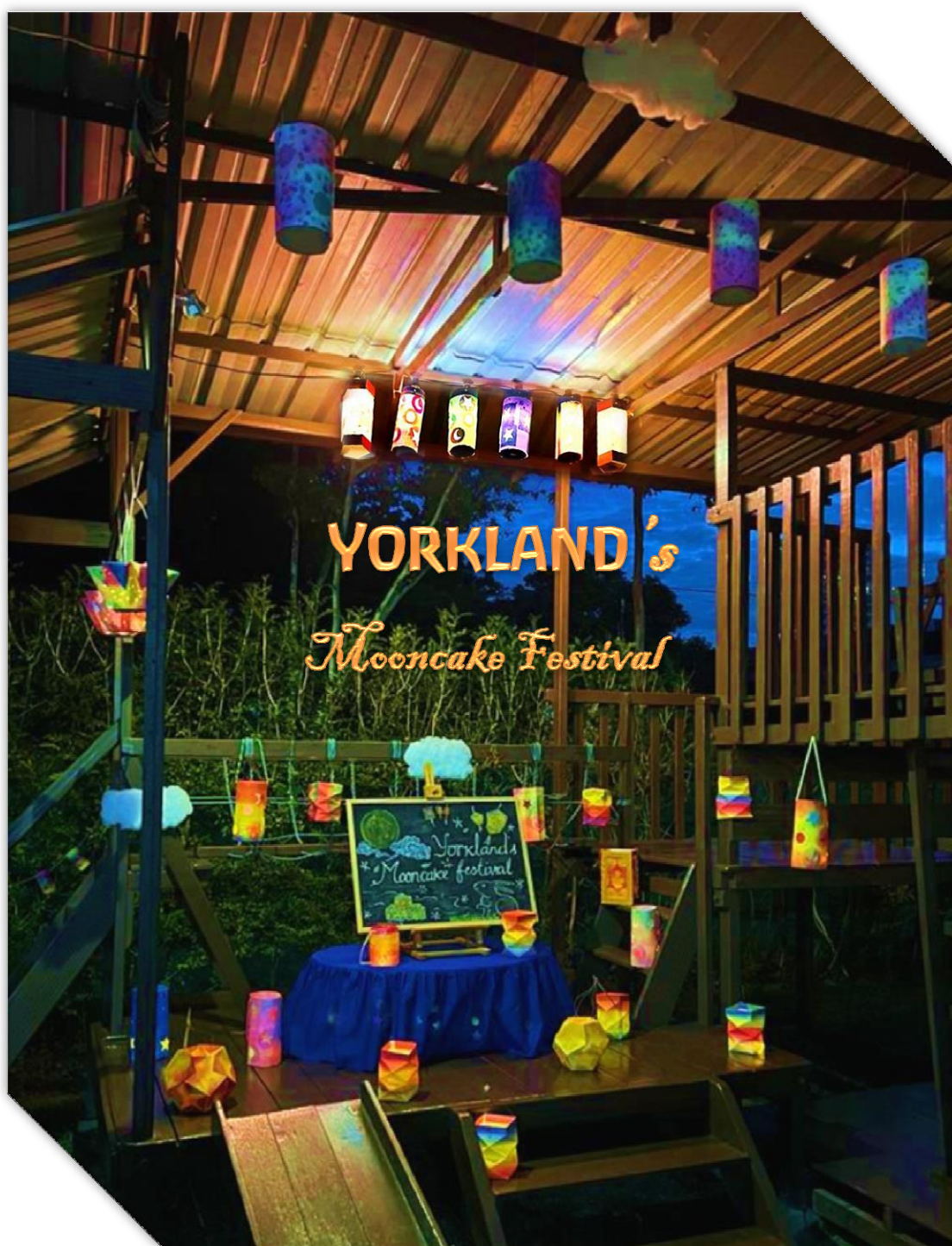


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YORKLAND News

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Dear Parents,

On September 22nd, Yorkland held a magnificent Mooncake Festival celebration. We were pleased to see the high turnout and to have all the children and families who attended. The cheerful grandparents, uncles, aunties and siblings present made the festival very lively. We appreciate the punctual arrival of parents, which allowed us to start the presentation on time.

In the days leading up to the festival, all the children enthusiastically participated in the preparations. From the photos, you can imagine how the task of washing chairs turned into a fun water play moment after outdoor time.



Besides cleaning tasks, the preschoolers made snow skin mooncakes while the after school children made traditional baked mooncakes.



The weather is always an important factor for an outdoor festival. Although we had canopies prepared, we still prayed for the rain to hold off that evening. Despite some rain affecting our daytime preparation, we were fortunate that it stopped and allowed us to carry on with the festival, including our lantern walk.

On the evening of the festival, all the preschoolers performed their parts well during the presentation. The children's enthusiastic performances were encouraging. Our youngest students did remarkably well considering their age.





Big children presentation
"Ai ya-ya, Ai ya-ya"

That same night, the after school children planned an interesting shadow puppet show for everyone to see the Chang Er story. It was unforgettable to witness their brilliant shadow puppetry.



We were impressed by the effort the children put into the show. As they depicted Hou Yi shooting down the ten suns, we could sense the effort it would have taken as the puppets pulled back the bows before releasing each arrow. Many laughed as the arrow chased the last few suns before finally hitting its target.

Another beautiful scene was when Chang Er swallowed the pill and floated up into the sky to the moon. As the music filled the air, the mesmerizing scene was magical. We were proud to see the children confidently tell their part of the story, with perfect timing by the musicians and puppet holders.





The children worked tremendously hard practicing for this show, even willingly skipping indoor play time over several weeks. Their effort and dedication was evident in the successful show. There are no doubt the teachers also played a key role. The older children set a great example for the pre-schoolers to look up to. Bravo to all of them!



Behind-the-scenes

The evening ended with a lantern walk. The warm lantern lights were like fireflies floating in the air. What an incredible view of the lovely children and families - a magical lantern night!



We thank everyone who kindly helped with carrying chairs and managing traffic to ensure the lantern walk went smoothly. The festival would not have been so successful without your support.

We had tremendous fun celebrating the Mooncake Festival with our Yorkland children and families. We cherish all the festive moments with our lovely children. Thank you all for joining us - we look forward to seeing you at the next event!

Yorkland Garden Grown Stories

Our little farmers were thrilled to harvest peanuts earlier this year after our bountiful long bean crop. While the exuberant bean vines crept rapidly from the garden beds, our peanut plants were just sprouting. Curious parents asked about the mysterious sprouts peeking out as the beans curtained the pillars.



When the leaves yellowed and wilted, our young growers knew it was time for peanut harvesting! Unlike many plants, peanuts flower above ground but bear fruit below. The teachers helped loosen the soil so the children could triumphantly pull up each entire plant.





The children scrubbed the freshly dug peanuts, rinsing them under running water to remove all traces of soil. After separating the nut pods from the plants, they gave the peanuts another wash in a basin, patting them dry.





We boiled the fresh-picked peanuts right there in the garden. When ready, the children learned how to pinch each peanut at its seam, slurping out the salty brine before cracking open the shell to reveal the legume inside. The children were so proud to have grown and harvested their own tasty garden treats!



We are delighted to share with you some reflections on the Waldorf teacher training program that Teacher Iren recently attended in Bangkok. Teacher Iren, embraced the curriculum, a multi-disciplinary approach that delves into child development, pedagogy, artistic skills, and the profound pedagogical insights of Rudolf Steiner. Her commitment to this training is a testament to her dedication to providing our students with the very best education.



The program has encouraged her to reflect on her own journey, fostering a deeper sense of mindfulness, creativity, and empathy that she can carry into the classroom. In addition to personal growth, we emphasized the importance of community and collaboration. The support and camaraderie she experienced during their training in Bangkok have strengthened the bonds among our team, and this unity will undoubtedly benefit our students.



We are excited to see how this experience will positively impact our school and, most importantly, our children.

Upcoming Events

Happy Deepavali

Get ready to celebrate as Deepavali is just around the corner! Our display corner is gloriously decorated with shimmering gold embroidered saris, colorful bangles, vibrant peacock feathers and traditional pots. On November 10th, we will celebrate the Festival of Lights with a special treat of delicious Indian murukku cookies made by Auntie Anny and a festive Deepavali lunch. The teachers will narrate magical Deepavali stories to transport us to the excitement of the holiday.

We encourage all children to come dressed in their vibrant traditional Deepavali costumes, as this will help spread the festive spirit around Yorkland. Please speak to any teacher if you need an outfit, as we have many beautiful traditional clothes prepared for the children.

Deepavali Song

Diwali has come, Diwali has come

*Let's light the diyas one by one,
Let's make a rangoli, a colourful one,
Let's fire the crackers, just for fun,
Let's join our hands and greet everyone.*





GRADUATION CEREMONY

Class of 2023

We are extremely proud to extend to the graduating parents an invitation to the Yorkland's Graduation Ceremony, celebrating your child's preschool journey. The ceremony will take place in our cheerful classroom, beginning at 10:10am sharp. We have attached the program so you can plan for your child's big day.

Each year, graduates parents attend this special event, showing appreciation for your child's hard work. It is a joyous time for us all to celebrate our students and congratulate them on their achievements.

We eagerly look forward to seeing you there!