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BENTO Day

Dear Parents,

Recently, we celebrated one of the most anticipated events on our calendar, **Bento Day**! A day of joy and delicious moments! It's a favourite among the children and for good reason. Those who remembered it from past years were buzzing with excitement and for our new-comers, it quickly became a day to remember.

Bento Day is a cherished annual tradition at Yorkland and this year's celebration was especially heart-warming.

The big children took on key responsibilities, preparing the food with care and teamwork. They wiped fruits, peeled and halved eggs, arranged items neatly on trays and got everything ready for the big moment.

When it was time, they confidently assembled at the "Bento Shop" and stepped into their roles as sellers.

Meanwhile, our small children could not wait for their turn. With beaming faces, they proudly took out their "wallets and cash," eager to buy their lunch from the big children. They thoughtfully made their choices, paid for their meals, received change, and carried their trays with pride. It was a wonderful hands-on experience, filled with joy and valuable learning, from communication and turn-taking to handling “money” and building confidence.

Each group took turns visiting the shop and then settled onto picnic mats in our open space. The environment was vibrant and cheerful, with sunshine, laughter and the delightful smell of food filling the air. Children took their time to enjoy their meals and many happily came back for seconds and even thirds! The relaxed picnic-style setting encouraged conversation, connection and plenty of smiles.

Bento Day is more than just a special lunch. We are so proud of all the children and they are already looking forward to next year's Bento adventure!

As the Mooncake Festival draws near, the children have been immersed in a meaningful and hands-on creative project, making their very own lanterns! It has been delight to watch their enthusiasm, focus and imagination come alive throughout this festive preparation.

Over the past week, the children have engaged in a step-by-step lantern-making process that blends both artistic expression and fine motor skill development:

First step - they painted sheets of paper in a variety of vibrant colours, exploring colour mixing and brush techniques. Each child's paper is unique, full of personal touches and creativity.

Second step - they traced shapes of the moon and stars, symbols of the Mid-Autumn Festival also known as Mooncake festival at Yorkland. This required focus, patience and lots of little hands at work!

Third step - they carefully cut them out. This step required patience and concentration, helping to strengthen their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. The children took great care in following the lines and were proud of their neatly cut shapes.

Forth step - then came the magical part, pasting the transparent coloured paper over the cut-out shapes. This gave their lanterns a beautiful stained-glass effect when held up to the light. Each child selected their own colour combinations and meticulously glued the pieces in place, adding a personal and vibrant touch to their lanterns.

This week, we will be finishing up the final steps, assembling and displaying the lanterns in our space. As each one goes up, our environment is slowly transforming into a festive and colourful celebration of the Mooncake Festival.

We can't wait to share their beautiful creations with you soon!

We would like to inform you that Yorkland will be celebrating the Mooncake Festival earlier than the actual date on the Chinese calendar. We understand that this year's festival may fall during a month that is considered inauspicious by some. However, we would like to reassure all parents that our celebration is held purely for cultural and educational purposes, with no religious elements involved.

To accommodate our school schedule and ensure a smooth flow of events, we will be holding the celebration over two separate days - one for our Pre-schoolers and another for our After School Care students. This will also allow us to have a longer weekend to properly reset and prepare the school environment for regular classes.

As we have more upcoming festivals and events, especially for our Pre-schooler group including Deepavali and the Graduation Ceremony, our teaching team needs to begin preparations early.

We truly appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to introduce and celebrate diverse cultures with our students in a respectful and educational manner.

Upcoming Events

Get Ready for 3 Days of Fun, Learning and Adventure Holiday Programme

We are thrilled to invite your child to our exciting 3-day holiday programme, designed to spark creativity, curiosity and connection.

Date: 17th to 19th September [Wednesday to Friday]
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Fee: RM300 [inclusive of a 1-day outing, lunch, snack & materials]

Throughout the programme, children will enjoy:
Hands-on craft activities that ignite creativity, exciting learning experiences through engaging themes and Fun games and group activities to build teamwork and confidence.

And to top it all off, a special 1-day outing is included in the programme, promising a day full of exploration and joy!

Spaces are limited, so don't miss this chance to give your child a holiday filled with meaningful memories.