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YORKLAND's Harvest Festival



Dear Parents,

Our annual **Yorkland Harvest Festival** was truly a memorable celebration filled with laughter, learning, teamwork and appreciation for nature's gifts. From the weeks of preparation to the exciting festival day itself, it was wonderful to see our children, teachers and families come together to create such a meaningful experience.

The Excitement before the Big Day - The excitement began long before the festival arrived. Throughout the week, the children eagerly prepared for their performances, practised their songs and presentations and learned about the importance of harvest, farming and the many blessings that nature provides. Their enthusiasm grew each day and everyone looked forward to sharing this special event with their families.

BREEZE TEAM



RAINBOW TEAM



SUNSHINE TEAM



A Wonderful Presentation - On the festival day, our children truly shone. Each class confidently presented what they had been preparing with so much dedication. Whether singing, dancing or reciting, every child gave their very best. Their smiling faces, enthusiasm and confidence made us incredibly proud. It was heart-warming to witness the children's growth and to see them enjoy performing in front of their families and friends.







Build Your Own Sandwich & Harvest Picnic - Following the presentation, the children gathered in their five groups to prepare their very own sandwiches. Carefully choosing their favourite ingredients, they assembled delicious sandwiches before enjoying them together during snack time, along with a variety of healthy snacks.





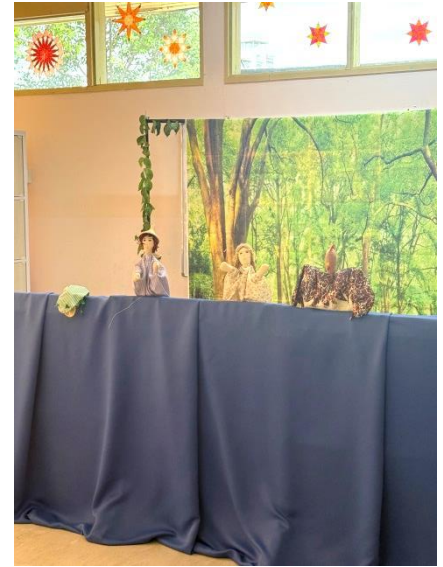
The picnic style atmosphere created a lovely opportunity for children to sit together, chat and enjoy the picnic with their friends.





Exploring the **Harvest Festival Stations** - The fun continued as the children rotated through a series of exciting activity stations. Groups including **SUNSHINE**, **RAINBOW** and **BREEZE** eagerly explored each station, discovering something new along the way.

Puppet Pal Storytelling - Through an engaging puppet show, the children learned about the important role that rain plays in helping farmers grow crops and providing water for animals and plants. The creative storytelling captured their attention as they discovered how nature supports all living things. The most exciting moment came when the brave prince courageously approached the wicked witch while she was fast asleep and snoring. With great cleverness and bravery, he managed to take away her magic stick. Without the magic stick, the witch could no longer stop the rain from falling, and the land was soon blessed with fresh rain. The children cheered with excitement as the farmers, plants, and animals rejoiced, helping them understand that rain is a precious gift that brings life and hope to everyone.





We also featured a Harvest Gallery Room that showcased the children's journey from seed to harvest as part of the Roselle Harvest Project. Through photographs, artwork, and documentation, families were able to follow the children's hands-on learning experiences and witness how they nurtured the roselle plants from planting the seeds to harvesting the crop.





In addition, the Gallery Room displayed a selection of traditional indoor games, giving families and children the opportunity to explore and appreciate cultural games that have been enjoyed across generations.



Wind Chimes Nature Craft - At this special parent-child craft station, families worked together to create beautiful wind chimes using natural materials. We hope your family's wind chime now hangs proudly at home or in your garden, bringing gentle music each time the breeze blows and serving as a lovely reminder of this special day spent together.







Butter Chef - One of the most fascinating stations of the day was undoubtedly our Butter Chef activity. The children discovered that something as simple as whipped cream could be transformed into fresh butter simply by shaking it. There were plenty of surprised faces as they watched the magic happen. Each child proudly brought home their own small jar of homemade butter to share with their family.





Bubble Zone - Laughter filled the air at the Bubble Fun station. From chasing floating bubbles to creating enormous bubbles using giant bubble strings, the children enjoyed endless excitement. It was wonderful to watch them run, explore, experiment and simply enjoy being children.

A Festival Made Possible Together

Events like our Harvest Festival are only possible because of the wonderful teamwork within our Yorkland community.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated **Harvest Festival Committee parents**, who generously gave their time, energy, creativity and support behind the scenes. From planning and preparing materials to setting up activity stations and ensuring everything ran smoothly throughout the day, your willingness to help made an enormous difference.





Your partnership and commitment are truly appreciated and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do for our children and our center community.



We would also like to thank all our parents for your continued encouragement and support. Most importantly, thank you to our amazing children, whose enthusiasm, curiosity, kindness and joyful smiles made this Harvest Festival such a wonderful celebration.

We hope the memories created during this year's Harvest Festival will remain with your family for years to come and we look forward to many more meaningful celebrations together.

Holiday Programme

Becoming Birthday Event Planners!

Our four day Holiday Programme was filled with creativity, teamwork and plenty of excitement as the children stepped into the role of Birthday Event Planners.

Throughout the programme, the children were involved in every part of planning a birthday celebration. They designed colourful invitation cards, created festive party hats, made cheerful decorations, prepared delicious party snacks and even planned fun games for everyone to enjoy. To complete the experience, they also made thank you cards and prepared goodie bags with small door gifts for their friends.



The highlight of the programme was undoubtedly the final day, when everything came together in one joyful birthday celebration. Instead of celebrating just one child, everyone celebrated together as if it were their very own birthday party. The room was filled with laughter, music, games, delicious treats and smiling faces. It was truly a party that every child could enjoy.



Beyond the fun, the children also learned valuable life skills such as planning, organising, creativity, teamwork, communication and the joy of giving. Watching them proudly share the decorations they had made, serve the snacks they had prepared and enjoy the games they had planned made the celebration even more meaningful.



Birthday parties are always one of children's favourite celebrations and this Holiday Programme allowed them to experience the excitement from a whole new perspective, not just as guests but as the planners behind the event. It was a wonderful four days of learning, creating and making happy memories together!



Father's Day Celebration

To celebrate Father's Day, our children lovingly prepared a special handmade card and a beautiful flower as a heartfelt gift for their wonderful dads. Although every child created the same style of card and flower, each gift became unique through their own creativity, effort and loving touch.



HAPPY
Father's Day

We hope every dad felt the love, thoughtfulness and happiness that went into these handmade creations. More than just a card and a flower, each gift was a heartfelt expression of gratitude and affection, lovingly made by the children to celebrate the special role their fathers play in their lives. We hope these keepsakes will be treasured as a reminder of this meaningful Father's Day celebration.



Upcoming Events



As part of our cultural learning, our children will be celebrating Tanabata, also known as the Star Festival, a traditional Japanese festival that celebrates hopes, dreams and wishes.

According to the legend, on this special day, people write their wishes on colourful strips of paper called tanzaku and hang them on bamboo branches, believing that their wishes will one day come true.

Here at Yorkland, each child will have the opportunity to share a special wish with their teacher. For our younger children, teachers will gently encourage them to express their thoughts and dreams, and then write their wishes on a tanzaku and the children will decorate and hang their tanzaku on our Tanabata bamboo display.

One of the reasons we personally cherish the Tanabata celebration is that each year, we are pleasantly surprised by the children's heartfelt wishes. Rather than wishing for toys or material things, many of their wishes reflect the love, kindness and care they have for their family and friends. Their innocent and thoughtful wishes remind us of what truly matters and make this celebration especially meaningful for all of us.

We hope you will enjoy reading your child's wish and discovering the beautiful thoughts they have shared with us.