A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...........

We are now half-way into the year 2011.

In line with the "GE" popular sentiment, we will look into the current performance of the Kindergarten. Are we OK, are we arriving or do we need to transform too?

I would like to give my unprejudiced take, that our Kindergarten pass muster as a place for learning together.

In the words of Jim Greenman (adapted from Child Care Exchange, Exchange Everyday "A Place for Learning together", 2011), we can affirm and reassure you, parents, that Tung Ling Kindergarten is:

"A warm, secure place that encourages ample responsive adult-child interactions, huge amounts of language and intellectual stimulation, great conversations and many moments of undivided attention."

We may not have attained the 100% competency in this statement but overall, we sure are heading in the right direction.

As principal, I would like to acknowledge that these goal posts can be "fixed" only with the input, support and scaffolding provided by a great team of dedicated teachers here, committed to working with the children with all our hearts, as working for the Lord (Col.3:23).

To God be the glory.

Best regards

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PARENTS - TEACHERS CONFERENCING

In line with current trend of early childhood education practices and our philosophy of engaging with our very important partners in education, i.e. the parents, we held our Parents-Teachers' Conferencing on the two respective Saturdays, 14th May 2011 and 21st May 2011.

All the special programme trainers were also in attendance and there was meaningful dialogue. 70% of the parents turned up and all of us had a delightful and fruitful "one-on-one" and "face-to-face" encounters.

Parents gave us the thumbs-up and we will certainly continue with this meet-up annually.

Fire Drill on 21st April 2011, Thursday

One week before the exercise, Mrs Quan cued in the fire outbreak, fire fighting and prevention of fire/dangers scenarios during assembly times. The alarm (loudhailer) was also sounded to let children get familiar with the sound.

On 21st April 2011, Thursday, the fire drill was carried out for the 2 sessions:

Children followed evacuation routes. The drill was orderly and even the Pre-Nursery children were well prepared - none of them cried!
VISIT TO HYDROPONIC FARM AND BUTTERFLY LODGE BY THE NURSERY LEVEL CHILDREN ON 28TH APRIL 2011, THURSDAY

(Reported by Ms Elaine)

The Nursery children looked forward enthusiastically to visit the hydroponic farm and butterfly lodge. After listening attentively to the farm guide, they had hands-on activities before going on the farm tour.

They mixed soil with chicken poo using spades. They also learned about Hydroponics Processes without using soil.

Before visiting the Butterfly lodge, the children experienced 'cold storage' of minus 4 degree temperature. Indeed, we had much cool comfort as the day was very hot.

The children were delighted to see the many different kinds of butterflies. They were made aware that male butterflies are more attractive than female butterflies.

Overall, it was an educational and fun trip!
JOURNEY TO THE "SCOOPE OF ART" (ICE-CREAM PARLOUR)
DATE: 12TH MAY 2011, THURSDAY
REPORTED BY MRS GLADYS CHOR

A trip to the "Scoop of Art" was indeed a culinary experience for both children and teachers. With the tour guide’s demonstration, the K1 and K2 children were able to make their very own ice-cream. There were lots of hands-on experience and fun activity involved. The children also witnessed that the process of ice-cream making scientifically resulted in a change from liquid state to solid state.

There was a variety of flavours and colours to choose from - everyone enjoyed the snack (with ice-cream, of course!)

The contented participants gave the thumbs up: As a child puts it, the whole experience was "COOL!"

IN THE PIPELINE ............

JULY:-
- SCHOOL CLOSURE (Youth Day) - 4.7.11 (Monday)
- Primary 1 Familiarisation Tour to Haig Girls School for K2 children-7.7.11 (Thursday)
- 21.7.11 (Thursday) - Racial Harmony Day Celebration
- 28.7.11 (Thursday) - For K1 & K2 children - The Rainbow Fish (puppets show produced by I Theatre)

AUGUST:-
- 4.8.11 (Thursday) - Photo Taking
- SCHOOL CLOSURE - 10.8.11 (Wednesday) - Day after National Day
- 18.8.11 (Thursday) - Preschool Oral Health Promotion by Health Promotion Board (For K1 children only)

SEPTEMBER:-
- SCHOOL CLOSURE - 2.9.11 (Friday) - Teachers’ Day