Our Newsletter  
April’13 to June’13  
2nd Term  
(For internal circulation only)

A word from the Editor:

Dear Parents

PARENTS - TEACHERS CONFERENCE

The main event in May was the mid-year Parents - Teachers Conferencing held on 11th May’13 and 18th May’13 respectively. This is a “must-do” event and has been running for 8 years and still counting.

The upfront and personal encounter is the key to effective communication and actively fosters partnership with parents, involving them in the documented development of their child.

Many times both parents and teachers exchanged surprising and unique aspects of the child’s character.

All in all, the PTCs were a great success, with an overall attendance of 78%. With all due respect to the mothers, we were also pleasantly encouraged by the high attendance rate of the fathers.

According to Dr David Popence (1996), the importance of fathers in the healthy development of children can never be emphasized enough.

The benefits of fathers’ involvement are positive
1. impact on children’s well-being
2. impact on cognitive ability and educational achievement
3. impact on psychological well-being and social behaviour

So to all fathers, we take our hats off to you and take the opportunity to wish all dads this June, a “Happy Father’s Day!”

Best regards

Mrs Yvonne Quan
Principal
Thank you, mum and dad, for coming to the PTC!
Field trip to the Hydroponic Farm
Date: 4.4.2013
Reported by Miss Chow (周老師)

On 4th April 2013, the Nursery children went on a trip to the Hydroponic Farm at Sembawang. They were there to learn the process on how the vegetables grow in the greenhouse using water and without soil. The children were given a chance to gain first-hand experience to do planting by themselves. They were guided in planting their own pot of herb which the children will bring home at the end of the session. They learnt how to mix soil, how to fertilise and how to take care of the plant.

The children were also very excited to go to the Butterfly Lodge. They enjoyed the company of many colourful butterflies in the Lodge. They saw how the butterflies fly, and how the caterpillar crawled on the plant. The children brought home a file folder which contained a beautifully designed postcard, 2 packets of hydroponics vegetables and a packet of wheatgrass DIY hydroponic growing kit.

Fire Drill

The first of 2 stipulated fire drill was held on 25.4.13. Children were cued into the danger of fire and the procedure to follow should a fire break out. The safety and evacuation route was adhered to according to our Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS).

The “fire” was located at the kitchen. For both morning and afternoon sessions, the drill was 1 min 30 sec and 56 sec respectively. The children were calm and under the guidance of their teachers were safety “evacuated.”
Field Trip on 18.4.13 (Bollywood Vegetable Farm)
Reported by Mrs Chor

On the fine and sunny morning on 18.4.13, a group of K1 and K2 children visited the above. Although there was no Bollywood Movie Cast to greet us, we were nevertheless warmly welcomed by competent guides who brought us around.

The children were introduced to the fauna and foliage of the place, with the underlying strong message to respect the natural balance of the ecology. There were plants, trees, gourds, fruits and other organic growth for the children to interact with. They thoroughly enjoyed a tramp through the jungle maze. The activity of marching and stomping to scare away “snakes” was a great success. The tour ended with a tea spread of cold Milo and organic banana cake for all participants.

The children went back to school, bursting with enthusiasm and new knowledge of being “green” to share through LEA (creative writing), aesthetics and creative expression, etc!

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

“Term Three”
Theme: Community Helpers
Learning Center: TLK Minimart

July:-
- School Closure (Youth Day) - 8.7.13 (Monday)
- Primary 1 Familiarization Tour to Haig Girls School for K2 children
- Racial Harmony Day Celebration on 19.7.13 (Friday)

August:-
- Class and Graduation photography on 1.8.13 (Thursday)
- National Day Celebration on 7.8.13 (Wednesday)

September:-
- Teachers’ Day Celebration on 5.9.13 (Thursday)
- School Closure (Teachers’ Day) - 6.9.13 (Friday)

More details will be sent by letter in due course on the above events.