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A Word from the Editor

CONCERT 2014

(Please see Report overleaf.)
TLK K2 GRADUATION CUM CONCERT 2014

All pre-schools "be-all-and-end-all event" is the year end concert and we are no exception.

This year's theme was "Lovely Noise" in praise and worship of God, as well as performances by all the children.

As early childhood education practitioners, we cannot over-emphasize that what made the children performed so well and joyfully was encouragement. And the teachers' hard work and practice behind the scene!

The audience was reminded that for such young children to just stand on the stage to face them was already a big achievement for the effort taken.

The Principal's message expounded on 3 aspects of the Kindergarten: teachers' calibre, core values and that TLK has "arrived".

Elder Tony Lim led the Opening Prayer and Miss Cindy Goh gave benediction to the graduands.

The K2 children's certificates were given out by the School Management Committee Members Mdm Tan Wee Nee and message by Mdm Fiona Ang respectively. The latter shared on parenting approaches.

Overall, the parents enjoyed and commended the staff for a job well done. Some have also written in and gave verbal feedback to share their support and praises.

On behalf of the TLK staff we thank everyone's involvement and attendance for making the event a great success.

Last but not least, we praise God for the "Stars of the Show" - the children of TLK!

Mrs Yvonne Quan
Principal
"THANK YOU"

As we come to the end of 2014, we want to thank all of you for your support and continuing support for the Kindergarten.

Thank you also for your free-will donations.

On behalf of all the staff in TLK, we wish you and your children happy holidays and best wishes.

God Bless!

The 2nd fire drill for the year was carried out successfully. Children responded well and average clearance time was 1 min. 25 sec. Mock "fire" was at bus bay. All staff and children utilizes the proper evacuation routes to the safety of the holding area.

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

Orientation 2015
Date: 5th Jan '15, Monday
Venue: Church of Singapore (Marine Parade)
       Cana Hall (3rd Flr)
Time: 9.00am
Education is a journey ............... That is why TLK is BIG on trips:

K2's Field Trip to Live Turtle & Tortoise Museum
Date: 26 September 2014
Reported by Mrs Chor

The Live Turtle & Tortoise Museum is an exhibit interesting to lookout for in the vicinity of Chinese Garden, Singapore. It is a place where many turtles and tortoises of more than 50 over different species are kept. We understand from the staff that some of the turtles are actually rescued/abandoned/surrendered by previous owners. The K2 children got to learn about the reptiles’ behaviour and habitat from the tour guide. The highlight was in the pond and garden which was home to many free-ranging turtles and tortoises. The children got to feed leafy green veggies to the large tortoises in the shallow pens. They were also encouraged to stroke and feed the tortoises. They could even snuggle up to a tortoise for a happy snap. This was one place that got children squealing in delight when they got up close and personal with reptiles roaming freely around the landscaped garden. The visit to the museum was not only an enriching educational tour, it was also entertaining as it provided children a chance to feed and pet the animals.

Jurong Bird Park Trip by Miss Gillian

On 7th November 2014, the K1 children went on an excursion to the Jurong Bird Park. They have been waiting in anticipation for the trip and were very excited to see the birds that they have been learning about in school. Upon arrival, the children went on board the tram and took a ride around the whole Jurong Bird Park. The tram ride gave them a good overview of the different attractions in the Bird Park and they got to see a wide variety of birds.

The children also got to enjoy two shows titled "Kings of the Skies" and "High Flyers Show". They were delighted to see the different birds of prey such as eagles, owls, vultures, colourful birds like scarlet macaw, cockatoo and other birds such as pelican, hornbill and flamingo. The highlight of the shows was when the birds started flying around and some even flew right above their heads! The children also visited the Waterfall Aviary, Penguin Coast, Swan Lake, Pelican Cove and the Dinosaur Descendants where they saw the ostrich, emu and cassowary. This was indeed a truly enriching experience where the children could marvel at God’s colourful creations.
Teachers' Day Celebration by Miss Gillian

On 4th September 2014, the Kindergarten held a celebration for Teacher's Day. The theme of the party was "Rainbow" so all the children had to come dressed in colours of the rainbow. The teachers, however, were dressed in a particular colour of the rainbow and this was done intentionally for the game later. The celebration kicked off with the children reciting a Teachers Cheer to show their love and appreciation for the teachers.

The Rainbow Game was up next where the teachers would be "blindfolded" by glasses with funny eyes and the children had to instruct their teachers, one at a time, to the chair that matched the colour of their top and a "rainbow of teachers" will be formed in the end. The game resulted in gales of laughter as the children were greatly entertained by the teachers' funny and animated antics. The children then let loose and played with all their might at the second game where they had to avoid getting "blown" away by the wolf. The celebration was truly enjoyable and a great success! After school, the staff of Tung Ling Kindergarten went for lunch with the School Committee Board and carried on the celebration with good food and game.

At the lunch at Singapore Swimming Club, our Supervisor Mr Foong Daw Ching handed over Long Service Awards to Miss Chow and Mdm Loh respectively. The lunch was also graced by the attendance of Mrs Foong, Elder Tony Lim and Mrs Lim.

Children's Day Celebration by Mrs Chor

It was an exciting event at this year's Children's Day Celebration on 2 Oct '14. The event was celebrated with the theme 'Candylicious Carnival' that came with many creative game stalls.

The response from the children was fantastic. It was so good to see children (from the youngest to the oldest) patronizing each stall; what teachers provided was simply an opportunity, perhaps some guidance, and off these little ones go. And our marvelous children are often such enthusiastic participants that it is worth the extra time and effort to get such an activity going. Wishing Happy Happy Children's Day to all our TLK children!
Reported by: Miss Janice
Pre-Nursery Field Trip to Explorer Kids

On August 27th, the Pre-Nursery children had the opportunity to go on their first field trip to 'Explorer Kids' at Pasir Ris. Chattering with excitement, the children boarded the bus and took a joyride to the venue where they were greeted by friendly staff who guided them towards the craft room for their first activity. Being assisted by a staff or teacher, the children began by pasting their butterfly or dinosaur soft-felt craft, before proceeding to the mega playground. Children had a choice of playing in the ball area or the three-tier maze where they could dive into the big pool of balls or challenge themselves in climbing up the maze and finding their way out through the slides. The children had a thrilling good time doing all activities and were reluctant to leave the venue. However, upon return, with smiles on their faces though exhausted from a fun filled day, they asked if there would be more field trips to come as they enjoyed themselves very much.

Reported by: Miss Pearlyn
Pre-Nursery and Nursery Field Trip to the Pet and Animal Farm

On the 8th and 9th of October, the Pre-Nursery and Nursery children went on a field trip to visit a pet and animal farm. Extending from the school's thematic curriculum, the children got a first-hand experience interacting with different types of pets and farm animals. The friendly guide got the children all geared up with anticipation as we made our way to the farm.

Upon arrival, the owner of the farm shared with the children on the different animals around the compound, providing them with interesting information. After the introduction, it was time to explore the farm! The children moved in groups, and were given the opportunity to feed the animals. All the children showed great enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Overall, it was a fun and enriching trip for the children giving them new knowledge and a better appreciation for the world around them.