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EDITORIAL

Except for K2 children, all other levels’ parents have been informed by letter on 21.7.15 of the fee increase wef April 2016.

Existing enrolments are also given a fee concession. We have given 8 months notice for you parents of enrolled children to make your decision for next year. Of course, we thank you for your continued support.

Reasons for fee increase were:
• From year 2010 to date cost of expenditure/salaries has risen at least 20%.
• The Kindergarten has employed 2 more Mother Tongue teachers to boost the efficacy of MTL education here.
• We have employed additional administrative staff to support the Kindergarten’s services and increased enrolment.
• More resources will be purchased to support our learning activities in the curriculum.
• The utilities bills have been increased with the installation of 10 new air-conditioning units.
• The last fee revision was in year 2010.

While the main thrust for increase is economic, we would like to reiterate that the following has not been compromised:
• calibre of teachers.
• strong rapport between staff and parents.
• the Good Shepherd’s hearts towards the care and education of the children here.

We will continue to give of our best in God’s Service in the area of working with young children.

After all, there will be no better accolade than having the children say of us: “In our important years, these were the teachers who taught us with loving hearts”.

God Bless.

Mrs Yvonne Quan
Principal
On the 21st of July, the children came dressed up in different ethnic costumes to celebrate Racial Harmony Day. The celebration started with a PowerPoint presentation when the children learnt the importance of racial harmony in Singapore. They also watched a short video clip on the racial riot that occurred many years ago.

The children then looked at the four diverse races in Singapore and talked about their language, festival, culture and representative food. Other internationals, such as Thai, Korean, Japanese, were also mentioned. The teachers and children who wore that particular ethnic costume would come to the front and lead the rest in the ethnic dance. Everyone had tremendous fun trying to greet each other in the four languages and dancing with great abundance of joy.

Additional item:
As the St. Luke Eldercare group was hosted at the Church of Singapore on the same day from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, we arranged for all our K1 & K2 students to present a dance/ song item for them.

This was also aligned to the SPARK Quality Rating Scale’s thread of collaboration with Community.

Exposing the children to the elderly helps them to develop empathy and enhance their holistic development.

REPORTED BY MISS GILLIAN
We organized for the Singapore Toy Club to come on site to Tung Ling Kindergarten to conduct a Road Safety programme with the children. It is an educational program that teaches children the basics of road safety.

The facilitators divided the children into small groups and took turns to participate in the various activities. They role played as drivers and drove in battery operated mini cars on real tracks. They learnt to be careful drivers as to avoid getting “fined” by the instructors. They also role played as pedestrians and learnt to obey the traffic rules.

They also learnt to recognize certain Pedestrian traffic signs such as “Zebra crossing ahead” and “No Jay Walking allowed”. An activity sheet was given out for the children to colour and to be brought home. Then came the highlight of the event. It was Bouncing Castle and the children really “jumped on it!” and had great fun. All in all, it was an interactive and enriching learning experience for the children.
As Singapore marks 50 years of independence this year, TLK took the opportunity to celebrate our jubilee year with a SG 50 Fun Fair with various game stalls representing some of Singapore's iconic places. The celebration started with the National Anthem, recitation of the National Pledge followed by praying for the Singapore government. It was real joy and happiness to see both teachers and children engaging themselves in the game stalls. The celebration also ended with a memorable National Day song 'Count On Me Singapore' and to commemorate our nation, everyone went home with a Singapore Flag and a red agar agar to signify the little red dot.
THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE/CHURCH ELDERS HAS BLESSED ALL TLK STAFF WITH A GENEROUS MONETARY BONUS FOR SG50.
WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR GENEROSITY AND AFFIRMATION OF OUR WORK IN TLK.
HERE IS ALL OF US CELEBRATING OUR BLESSING WITH A CAKE!
Term Four
Theme: Animal Kingdom
Learning Centre: Fun With Animals

(Articles that will be published in Term 4 Newsletter)
- Pre-Nursery field trip to ExplorerKid on 28.8.15.
- Teachers’ Day Celebration on 3.9.15.

September :-
- Field trip for Nursery Level on 30th Sept’15, Wednesday.

October :-
- Fire Drill on 2nd Oct’15, Friday.
- Children’s Day Celebration on 8th Oct’15, Thursday.
- K2 Graduation & Concert on 29th Oct’15, Thursday.

November :-
- Field trip for Pre-Nursery Level on 13th Nov’15, Friday.
- Field trip for K1 Level on 6th Nov’15, Friday.
- Field trip for K2 Level on 5th Nov’15, Thursday.
- Holiday Camp for K1 & K2 Level on 24 & 25th Nov’15, Tuesday & Wednesday.
Venue: Tung Ling Kindergarten
Time: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm
Theme: Who is Great?
(More details will be sent by letter in due course on the above events)