



## GENERAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **FAMILY FUN DAY**

Our annual Family Fun Day was held on Saturday 12th March. The event was a tremendous success and exceeded all of our expectations. It was wonderful to see so many children and families attending and having fun, not only from our own school community but from the wider Ma On Shan community.

We would not have been able to hold such an event without the support of parents, staff and volunteers and we are extremely grateful for the time and effort that was given to support us. In particular, we would like to thank our Parent Staff Association who worked tirelessly over several months to create an event to be proud of. We would also like to acknowledge the valuable contribution of Wu Kai Sha Kindergarten staff, colleagues at RCHK and all performers and vendors who took part.

### **PSA LIBRARY FUNDING**

We would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to our PSA for their support of the development of our school library. So far this year, over HK\$35,000 has been donated which has enabled us to enhance our collection with a wonderful range of new books. The children now have access to a fabulous range of new titles as well as old favourites. Each and every book purchased by the PSA will have a special label to enable the reader to identify the PSA's generosity. We hope you enjoy reading these books as much as we do! If you would like to borrow from our library collection, please see the information and catalogue on our school website for further details.

### **LANGUAGE FESTIVAL**

We would just like to reiterate what a fabulous week our Language Festival turned out to be. Without the support of so many this could not have been possible. Firstly, thank you to you, the parents, for really getting on board and helping celebrate our Extreme Reading Challenge. Many of the superb photos are currently displayed in the library, please take a look. You were also amazing in coming up with all the wonderful ideas for our book character day. The children and staff were all very excited to share their costumes. Thank you must also go to the parents and staff who came and read in alternative languages, we had Cantonese, Mandarin, French, German, Punjabi stories to name a few.

Irene Chun, our Magpie Class EA, also must be praised as she worked tirelessly to present a fabulous puppet show for all the children. The whole week was just magnificent and really raised the profile of reading, writing and speaking and listening. There was a real buzz about the school.

Finally, a tremendous thank you must go to Edwin Luk, one of our parents who presented a most informative talk about English as a Second Language. Edwin has again, kindly offered his services to further develop parents' and teachers' understanding on how best to support children in this area.



#### **SCHOOL SURVEY**

All parents should have recently received an email inviting participation in the ESF survey. The survey is undertaken once every two years and provides our school and Foundation with valuable data about our services and provision. If you have not done so already, please check your Inbox and complete the survey.

#### **STUDENT CONFERENCES**

Student conferences will take place between 13 April and 21 April 2016. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's progress, his/her next steps in learning and how you may be able to support him/her at home. The appointment schedule for each class is now open and all parents should now make an appointment via the Gateway.

#### **STUDENT PORTFOLIOS**

A reminder that teachers have been updating children's portfolios and may now be viewed. The portfolio contains samples of children's learning in the form of photographs, audio or video clips and art and teachers add a number of learning samples each term. If you have any difficulties accessing the portfolio, do not hesitate to contact the school office.

#### **STAFF NEWS**

Due to family commitments, we regret to inform you that Ms Frances Mickleburgh will be leaving her role as Robin Class EA at the end of this term. Frances has been a valuable member of the Robin Class team since August 2015 and we thank her for all of her work with the children of Robin Class.

Mr Brian Tse who currently works in school as our Resources Assistant will take up the vacant EA position in Robin Class until the end of the school year. Brian is a friendly and familiar face to all of the children in school and I am sure everyone in Robin Class will be delighted to be working with him in Term 3. Fran will continue with us on a part-time basis as Resources Assistant until the end of the school year.

#### **COLD AND FLU PREVENTION**

As you will be aware, this time of year is the peak season for common cold and influenza and we continue to monitor health in school by following the guidelines set by the EDB.

We ask you to support us in continuing to ensure the health of our community. Please ensure your child regularly washes his/her hands thoroughly with soap, and dries them well. Please monitor your child's temperature on a daily basis and keep him/her home from school if there is a fever, symptoms of a respiratory tract infection or if your child generally seems unwell. If your child is off school for any reason, please call the school office to let us know why.

#### **HEALTHY SNACKS**

Please remember that we encourage all our children to bring healthy snacks. Biscuits, cakes and candies are not acceptable and should be replaced by fruit, vegetables, small sandwiches, crackers or cheese. Please ensure that your helper is made aware of this also. Thank you for supporting us, it is so important that children are introduced to and made aware of healthy food choices to avoid health and dental problems in the future.



### FOOTWEAR

We are still seeing some children wearing sparkly, flashing shoes in school. These are distracting to your child and to other children in class and therefore should not be worn in school. Please refer to the school's uniform policy.

### UNIFORM SALE

Our PSA will be available to collect donations of outgrown, clean uniforms during our first week back after the Easter holiday. They will be selling second hand uniforms the following week. Details of days and times for will be sent out by email after the break.

## OUR LEARNING IN K1

### CHINESE

We were discussing what kind of transport we have in Hong Kong and what transport we can take to Tamer Park in the transportation trip. K1 children were excited and they suggested different kinds of transport, such as ferry, bus, mini bus, taxi, MTR, aeroplane. In the discussion, we picked up some Chinese names for the transport like 船、巴士、小巴、的士、港铁、飞机. Some of the children also shared their experience of using transport, for example, using an octopus card to pay the MTR fare, enjoying looking out of the window while taking the bus or taking an aeroplane to a different country during holidays.

While making our own map in the small group activity, children applied what they have learnt from the discussion. They shared their experience of going to different places, such as "I take 港铁(MTR) to Disney." "I take 船(ferry) to grandma's home" etc.. Children also enjoyed singing the song [小气车](#)(Little car) by role playing as the driver.





## OUR LEARNING IN K2

### CHINESE

We have been reading a book “为什么会长高”(Why growing taller), and discussed reasons trees grow taller and why children grow taller. We also talked about why trees and grasses do not grow to the same height under the same conditions? Children had lots of discussion on these questions and some of them tried to express their ideas in Chinese, such as “the trees drink水” “因为有太阳公公”

Children enjoyed singing and role playing with the song [拔萝卜](#)(Pull the Carrot). They gave some suggestions on which animals which could help to pull out the carrot, such as 老虎(tiger), 狮子(lion), 恐龙(dinosaur), 兔子(rabbit) etc..



## PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION NEWS

### School Fair Reflection

Members of the PSA met earlier this week to reflect on the success of the school fair and suggest improvements for the next year. Topics ranged from the positioning of the vendors to the quality of food on offer. We would be delighted to hear your views about the school fair so that we can ensure another fun-filled day next time round!

Please give us any feedback you may have by contacting the school office [kinder@wks.esf.org.hk](mailto:kinder@wks.esf.org.hk)



## KEY DATES AND EVENTS

- Thursday, 24 March: Staff Meeting (School Closed)
- Friday, 25 March to 28 March: Public Holiday (School Closed)
- Friday, 25 March to Sunday, 10 April: ESF "Term Holiday" (School Closed)
- Monday, 4 April: Public Holiday (School Closed)
- Monday, 11 April: Term Begins
- Wednesday, 13 April: Eagle Student Conferences
- Thursday, 14 April: Owl Student Conferences
- Friday, 15 April: Peacock Student Conferences
- Monday, 18 April: Crane Student Conferences & Student Conferences 15:45pm (All Classes)
- Tuesday, 19 April: Emu Student Conferences & Student Conferences 15:45pm (Crane Class ONLY)
- Wednesday, 20 April: Magpie Student Conferences & Student Conferences 15:45pm (All Classes except Crane Class)
- Thursday, 21 April: Robin Student Conferences
- Wednesday, 27 April: K2 Emu & Magpie classes to Kadoorie Farm
- Monday, 2 May: Public Holiday (School Closed)
- Tuesday, 3 May: CPD Day (School Closed)
- Saturday, 14 May: Public Holiday (School Closed)