



Kindergarten Newsletter

7 June 2013

The learners in Starfish Class have had an exciting year and have all been superstars. We hope you enjoyed the 'Minibeast Madness' show last week. The learners should be very proud of the commitment and confidence they showed during the production. In class this year they have welcomed new friends and embraced changes such as the Nursery learners leaving to join their own class, as well as Pod A being transformed into a wonderful learning space.



Literacy

The learners have worked hard to become independent readers and writers throughout the year. We are ending this year by summarising our learning and the learners have proudly demonstrated their reading and writing skills this week. In phonics, the learners have worked hard to recognise key sight words as well as their digraphs (two letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound). I will be sending home some useful websites for those of you who wish to do some learning with your child over the break. I would also strongly encourage the children to keep practising their emerging reading skills by reading simple picture books of their own at home and visiting their local library.



Mathematics

The learner in Starfish Class have been consolidating their learning of addition and subtraction concepts. They have enjoyed demonstrating their knowledge through games and other practical activities. Some of the concepts the learners have particularly enjoyed learning about this year have been related to 3D shapes, money and measuring. The class should be proud of the determination they have shown in learning how to recognise all numbers to 20, as well as solving simple number problems. The learners are now confidently using numbers in different situations and deserve a pat on the back.

Unit of Inquiry

The learners have been busy completing their animal projects over the last few weeks. They each chose their favourite animal and conducted some research on them. They have closely observed their animals through photographs and painted them using the correct colours and shapes. The learners enjoyed completing animal profiles as well as learning more about them on 'PebbleGo', which is a fun and interactive online animal encyclopaedia.

Over the year the learners have enjoyed finding out about their bodies, feelings, community helpers, water and animals. They have developed their questioning and cooperation skills throughout the year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching all the children in Starfish Class this year. Thank you for showing your support throughout the year. We have had many wonderful moments, and the learners are excited about venturing into Year One. I am looking forward to flying back to London for the break and wish you all a wonderful holiday.



Reminders

Any remaining library or reading books need to be returned to school ASAP

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| Thursday, 13 June | Year 6 Assembly at 8.40 am
Mufti Day (\$1 donation) - children to wear uniform to school and bring their mufti clothes to change into |
| Friday, 14 June | Last day of term children finish at 12 pm |
| Monday, 12 August | Start of next academic year |

If your child is absent from school, please contact Student Services, studentservices@nexus.edu.sg, at your earliest convenience, and provide them with your child's name, class and the reason for his or her absence. Student services will then pass these details onto us. Student Services will follow up any absences that remain unexplained after 9.00am each day.