

Highlights over the past two weeks...

"Gong Xi Fa Cai!" and "Happy Valentines' Day"! We celebrated Chinese New Year with a host of exciting activities and the highlight was certainly the wonderful performance by the Lion Dance troupe! Thank you to all parents for your contributions and spending the day with us. Last week we were "up in the sky", exploring more about air transport.

**Language** - It was exciting learning about **parts of rocket** and we wrote short sentences about it too. This week, we read stories about Chinese New Year and enjoyed looking at the colourful pictures as we discussed and learnt about things associated with the festival. Singing Chinese New Year songs created excitement in the classroom as we danced and sang! In **Jolly Phonics**, we met two new letter friends - "i" and "p". We brainstormed words beginning with the letters and continued to learn the songs and actions. Some **insects** visited us as we used "them" to form the letter "i". Using our hands & foot prints, we created a **peacock**.

**Math** - Last week, we count using **1-1 correspondence** and **identifying numerals to 10** with transport counters. This week, we were introduced to **measurement** as we took turns to throw paper planes and measure how far they flew with popsicle sticks!

**Art** - We simply enjoyed decorating our **Hot Air Balloon and plasticine people** last week as well as creating our **airplane bookmark**. This week, it was all about team effort as we created Chinese New Year Crafts: The (am) class made a colourful **dragon** with strips of paper attached to toilet rolls, while the (pm) class made mini chinese **lanterns** of red, pink & orange. To mark the year of the tiger, we had **tiger finger puppets** made from felt and wool. Not forgetting Valentine's Day, we decorated and laced a **heart** for our love ones!

**Cookery** - Have you heard of edible airplanes? We just did so by making **Banana Airplanes** with pretzel sticks & marshmallows! It was a "sweet" flight!

At home...

Take a trip down to Chinatown and admire the decorations & tasty delights while "soaking" in this festive season.



**Our Superstar is...**

**Nadia (AM)**

because

she enjoys learning and making new friends. She also produces beautiful art pieces and takes pride in them. ☺

**Agnes (PM)**

because

she is extremely neat and takes pride in her work. She is patient, listens well and answers questions appropriately. ☺

**Coming Up...**

We'll be continuing our journey in **air** before taking a dip in to waters with **water transport** for the next 2 weeks!

For phonics, we'll be learning about the letter **"n"** and **revision of (s, a, t, i, p)**

**Dates for your diary...**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> & Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Chinese New Year holidays - Kindergarten closed

**Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Mar** - Pre-K excursion to My Gym

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Mar** - K2 excursion to Cheng San Library

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Mar** - 'Bear and Chicken Get Ready for School' Whole Kindy excursion. All the children come to Kindy in the morning. Professional Development for the staff in the afternoon.

**Thur 11<sup>th</sup> Mar** - K1 excursion to a bumboat ride

**From Justine...**

**"Gong Xi Fa Cai!"** In all the classrooms this week the children celebrated Chinese New Year at the kindergarten, with an assortment of exciting activities. Our Chinese New Year celebration today was brilliant with the children dressing in their beautiful Chinese New Year costumes/clothes. Of course the highlight of the day was the very colourful and loud wonderful performance by Teng Yong Dragon and Lion Dance troupe! Thank you to all parents for your contributions by sending in the celebratory food and spending the day with us. We look forward to the many other events where parents, grandparents and helpers are welcome to join us.