

Highlights over the past two weeks...

- Our dramatic corner has been really busy the past weeks – Doctors and nurses were seen busy at the Chatsworth Maternity Ward assisting 'mums-in-labour'! So far, Ms Justine and Yashasvi became proud 'mothers' of one and three babies respectively! What a racket!!
- Moving on from the Maternity Ward, we discussed about birthdays and did a pictorial graph to find out which month had the most children celebrating their birthdays. We also made mini cupcakes for our cooking activity last week and had a great time singing "Happy Birthday" to ourselves and blowing out our candles. Whoo!!
- Were you wondering why there were so many bottles at our Construction Area last week? Well, we wanted the children to try opening and closing the bottle lids and develop not only their fine motor skills but also their spatial skills as they had to choose the lids to match the bottle openings. Try it at home with your child.
- Letters 'b' and 'c' were introduced these two weeks for Jolly Phonics. When learning the letter 'b', we went outdoors to blow bubbles. Since Chinese New Year is just around the corner, we could not resist the temptation to bake cookies this week – CHOCOLATE CHIPS COOKIES, don't we love the letter 'c'!
- Everyone is excited about the upcoming Chinese New Year celebrations. Children were dressed in their Chinese or Red clothes on Friday. A fashion mini parade was held in class and this electric atmosphere culminated with the arrival of the Lion Dancers from Teng Yang Lion and Dragon Dance Centre. Thereafter, we had scrumptious Chinese New Year snacks contributed from each child. Thank you parents and guardians for your generous support – we couldn't have done it without you!! GONG XI FA CHAI, WAN SHI RU YI!!

At home...

Please provide opportunities for your child to dress himself/herself. Encourage him/her to put on his/her own undies, socks and shoes – the children are trying very hard at school to be independent and it would boost their self-confidence and independence if they are given continued support at home and at school. One step at a time, that's all it takes – for us to nurture their various life skills.



Chatsworth Maternity Ward



Cupcakes and birthdays!



Blowing bubbles

Our Superstar is...



Aaron because he always remembers to practice good manners and follows the handwashing procedures diligently during toilet times.

Coming Up...

We will be hosting Dads or Granddads to our classroom on Wednesday, 17th February for our Jolly Phonics letter 'd' activity. Please send in a photo of your child & dad/granddad taken together (size 3R) by next Wednesday.

Dates for your diary...

Mon 15th & Tues 16th Feb – Chinese New Year holidays – Kindergarten closed

Thur 4th Mar – Pre-K excursion to My Gym

Fri 5th Mar – K2 excursion to Cheng San Library

Tues 9th 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 11th 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.