

NEWSLETTER

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Christmas is Coming

We are excited about the approaching Christmas season here at BMH. Students will all be participating in a **Christmas Performance, with K1 performing at 9:15am on Thursday 15th December, and K2-G1 at 9:00am on Friday 16th December.**

Parents are invited for Coffee and Tea from 8:30am after drop off, until the performances begin. After the shows, there will be Class Christmas Parties and we would like to offer our thanks to those parents who are supporting by providing food and games, under the direction of the teachers.

Friday 16th is our last day of school and we will break up at 12noon, with buses departing at this time, for the Christmas holidays.

Dates

15/12: K1 Christmas Show
16/12: K2-G1 Christmas Show
16/12: Christmas holiday begins from 12noon
3/1: Term time recommences



Going Wild!

On Wednesday, the K2 students visited Nanshan Zoo in connection with their Big Idea, "Animals around the world have different characteristics and may be classified in different ways." Students and teachers have been working hard in the build up to this event, creating a bank of questions they wanted to answer through their trip, and developing activity sheets to help them record their findings. It was a hugely successful day and children returned excited and full of ideas.

K1 classes have also been on their first trips of the year this week as they ventured out on a Pattern Walk in the local area. Students have been learning about and spotting patterns in school, linked to their unit on The Arts in Celebrations and the visual art and decorative patterns used in festivals such as Diwali and Christmas. Students noticed colour and shape patterns in the world around them as they visited the mall together.

Thanks to all our parents who supported with these excursions, and for their positive feedback about the students' behaviour on the trips.





Parent Information Sessions

Many thanks to those K3 parents who attended our last Coffee Morning Information Workshop, presented by the K3 teachers about Reading and Literacy Routines in this Grade Level.

The next session will be another of our Grade Level Specific Workshops, in response to parent requests, and will be run by a cross-section of our K1 teachers. The focus will be on 'The Development of Emergent Writing in K1 settings':

Date: Thursday 8th December

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Atrium

Teachers will be focusing on 'mark making', which refers to the early stages of young children's writing journey. They will be asking parents what they already know and would like to learn more about, as well as engaging parents in interactive activities and reflections. They will share some of the excellent practice that is taking place in our K1 classrooms. Finally the teachers will be sharing ideas and suggestions for how parents can help at home.

If you plan to attend, please be sure to return your reply slip feedback to us by Tuesday morning at 9am.

See you there!

Please note: Parents are reminded to read and respond to the K1 information on blogs and in emails about the current mark making related to Santa Claus and Christmas!

~Reminders and Messages~

Winter Uniforms

As in our recent WeChat reminder about keeping warm, the weather has turned colder and we encourage students to layer up with t-shirts and tights to stay warm. However, please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate outer uniform. Our white cardigans and red jackets are cosy and warm and all students are expected to wear these daily.

Staying Safe around Pre School

Work is now well underway on the adjacent buildings that are being transformed into our Prep School for the coming academic year, in line with careful planning with our architects and designers. Please be sure to stay safe and walk away from the building and not directly underneath the scaffolding that has been put in place here, in case of any accidental falling objects or materials. Thank you.

Sugar Rushes and Sugar Crashes

Please note that it is not appropriate to feed students chocolate or candy in the morning before attending school. Excessive amounts of sugar can lead to hyperactive behaviour, often followed by a sudden decline in energy levels. This is not a positive way to start the day. Healthy breakfasts of grains, cereals, fruit or proteins, such as eggs, are recommended for our students. Parents are not permitted to bring or send chocolates or candies into school for their own or other children. In particular, this is a danger to student with allergies who may be offered a sweet by a peer, who is trying to be kind and 'share', which may result in an allergic reaction. Thank you for your responsible support with this issue.

School Elevators

A polite reminder to parents not to use the lifts at school with your child. We do not allow students to use the lifts, even with an adult, as doing so accompanied may encourage them to do so independently and this is not deemed safe behaviour. Thanks for your support.

Award-Winning Pianist!

We are proud to tell you that Leonardo Liu, G1, has been awarded a prestigious silver medal in the 6th Macao Piano Competition. Leo



has been learning the piano for just half a year and practices for one hour each day. He was awarded for his rendition of 'Long, Long Ago'. Well done!