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MHIS Yearbook

Please check your child's bag today for an order form for our MHIS Yearbook. The Yearbook is a compilation of photos from events throughout the year, individual photos of all students in the school and class pages with photos shared by teachers of student learning. The Yearbook will be available for RMB200. Please complete the order form and return by Wednesday 15th at 9am if you would like a copy. We are hopeful that the printing company will be able to provide the Yearbooks by 24th June, but otherwise your copies will be kept safely for you when you return in August.

Dates

23rd June:

- End of year reports sent home

24th June:

- End of Year Assembly (starts 11:00am)
- Last day of term
- School ends at 12noon

25th June - 28th August:

- Summer Holiday

29th August:

- First day of 2017-18 school year



Children's Day

We hope that our students feel like every day is Children's Day at MHIS Pre School! However, we wanted to recognise and celebrate this special day in the International calendar and so organised some treats and activities for our students last week.

Teacher Grace worked with the children and the teachers to tell a story, set to music, about animals in the wild who were chased by a naughty lion. The students worked in class pairs across grades to act out and join in with the story. They had a wonderful time! Our kitchen team provided tasty treats for the students as well, which they enjoyed in paired classes outside - picnic style! They enjoyed delicious fresh fruits, jiaozi and jelly as well as some fruit ice lollies. After these activities the children made special Children's Day crafts in class to take home to their mums and dads. We hope these were well received!





Coffee Morning

We will not be hosting a Coffee Morning for the week ahead, but instead invite parents to attend an End of Year Assembly on the last day of term:

Date: Friday 24th June

Time: 11am-12noon

The End of Year Assembly will be an informal gathering to recognise the end of the year, thank the teachers and students for their hard work and the parents for their support. Each class will sing a simple song from their daily repertoire, the Principal and Vice Principal will give a short speech, and a video reflection of the year-that-was will be shown.

We politely ask that just one adult per student attends the event to allow parents and students to be seated in the Atrium together. Please complete the invitation and return to us by next Friday 17th if you are keen to attend.

After the assembly, which will last 25-30 minutes, children will return to class to say their goodbyes to teachers and coffee and tea will be provided for parents. At 12noon, parents will be invited to class to collect their children, wish teachers a happy summer holiday and collect children's belongings.

We hope you can join us!

End of Year Questionnaire

As we approach the end of our first year of operation, there is much for us to celebrate regarding the progress of our students and our school as a whole. There is also much from which we may learn and grow and our intention is to always be open to feedback and to continue to enhance what MHIS has to offer.

As such, we have created a parent questionnaire, which will be shared with you via WeChat today, and we would be grateful if you could kindly take the time to complete this and share any comments with us about school life that you may wish to make. Both positive remarks and suggestions for improvements are welcome, particularly where strong scores such as 5 (highest) or 1 (lowest) are awarded. Key areas such as Student Well-being, Teaching & Learning, Leadership, Communication and Operations & Logistics are included, with comment sections throughout to allow for feedback on any areas parents would like to expand upon, or feel are not represented.

Results will be shared and used to inform improvements for the year ahead as appropriate. Thank you for your help and your time with this important survey.

Transitions and Class Placement

In the last week of the school year, teachers will be focusing with the children on transitions ahead, as we prepare them for the move, after the summer holiday, to the next grade. While teachers have been discussing the move for the past month and even earlier, this final week is a time for teachers to explain in more detail to the children the exciting times ahead of them as they grow up and move on to the year ahead. Teachers will discuss any new additions to timetables (such as ice-skating for K2, to be introduced in Term 2; the replacement of 'sleep time' with a shorter 'quiet time' in K3; and seasonal swimming lessons for G1)

As per the information shared in February, and covered again at our last Coffee Morning at the request of some parents, students will be given the chance to deepen existing friendships and form new ones by being integrated with new students when we combine classes. New teachers will be distributed across the school along with current teaching staff, and one teacher from each grade will move up with the student cohort (i.e one K1 teacher will move up to K2, one K2 teacher to K3 and one K3 teacher to G1) which we hope will enhance stability and ensure the new grade level team has one member who is familiar with the students from the year before. Parents will be informed of class placements over the summer holiday ready for the start of the new school year.