Newsletter Term 2 5th April 2021 Little Oaks Montessori Kindergarten



News

Dear Families

This term we will explore *Wonders of Nature*. Our children will be creating art using materials such as pebbles, twigs and leaves found in the garden. If your child would like to bring along flowers or leaves from home to contribute to art pieces, we would be more than happy to add them to our art projects at school. We will adorn our display boards in the classroom with beautiful photos capturing their creative spontaneity. The children seem to have immersed themselves in the spirit of this terms' theme and are enjoying learning about plants, insects and the importance of the sun. We look forward to sharing their excitement at seeing the wonders of nature unfold.

Caterpillars

We have had parents bringing in caterpillars and cocoons to school and have had great success in seeing them emerge as butterflies. If you spot any caterpillars or cocoons in your garden at home please bring them along to school. We would love to share this fascinating experience with all the children and show them the life cycle of a butterfly up close and in its entirety.



Easter Carnival

Thank you for all your support in making our Easter Carnival such an enjoyable day and a big success. It was such a memorable day for all our little ones. Please hand in your form and donations to class teachers by 12th of April. Announcements for Top Fundraisers will be made once all donations have been finalised. All money collected will be handed to CFC (Caring for Cambodia) at the end of the month.

Medical policy

Thank you for your support and compliance with our medical policies. We are grateful that the Covid19 situation in Singapore has remained stable however the Ministry of Health has advised the preschool sector that community cases of gastroenteritis are on the rise so we will continue to remain vigilant to ensure a healthy environment for all. Please refer to the next page for a reminder on our health policies.

<u>Important Dates to Remember</u>

May Day Holiday - Monday 3rd of May (school holiday in lieu of Labour Day)
Hari Raya dress up party-Wednesday 12th May (Normal school hours)
Hari Raya holiday and scheduled school holiday - 13th & 14th May (Thursday and Friday)
Vesak Day Holiday -Wednesday 26th May
Holiday Programme- 31st - 4th June Monday to
Friday 8.30am to 11.30am
Teacher Parent Meeting - Last week of May
Last Date of Term - 28th May
Term Break -31st May to 25th June

Last Date for Withdrawal

Please take note that if you would like to withdraw your child from school a withdrawal letter is required by 30thof April

This letter will serve as one month's notice before you withdraw your child from our program. Any withdrawal notice after the stipulated dates will mean that your refundable deposit will be forfeited.

Medical Policy and Covid19 Measures

- All children must wear a mask or faceshield to school
- Children who are unwell with fever, chesty persistent cough, runny nose with green /yellow mucus or any other contagious illness such as HFMD, chicken pox, diarrhea or vomiting are to stay away from school and will require a 'fit for school note' from a doctor before returning to school.
- Children presenting only mild symptoms such as a slight runny nose will not require a doctor's note but need to be symptom free for 24hours before returning to school.
- Please update the school if you have a household member who has been sent for a COVID 19 swab test or issued with a 5 day MC for Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI), Home Quarantine Order (HQO) or Stay home Notice (SHN)
- Children with a household member who has been sent for a COVID19 swab test or issued with a 5 day MC for an Acute Respiratory illness ,HQO or SHN will be issued a Leave of Absence (LOA) aligned to the period of the affected household member.
- Any child with an older sibling who has been told by any authority to stay away from school due to an outbreak of Covid19 at their institution will have to stay home and comply with the directives given.
- Please update the school if you have travelled or plan to travel this term.

I am taking a conservative approach towards managing the dynamic nature of Covid19 in Singapore. I appreciate your patience and cooperation in helping to keep our Little Oaks Community a safe environment for all.

On our part we will continue to do the following:

- Maintain health checks upon arrival and throughout the day
- Remind children to wash their hands regularly and to wear their masks/faceshield
- Change masks that are damaged or soiled
- Practice safe distancing during class and routines
- Disinfect materials twice a day
- Disinfect toilets, tables and playground equipment regularly throughout the day