

One World International School Newsletter



From the Head of School

Prep and our EC2 children started the week with more fun-packed and high quality swimming lessons at the SIA pool on Monday. Grade 4 students should be congratulated for their excellent presentations this week on what they had learnt in their Unit of Inquiry on The Middle Ages. Not only did they show how knowledgeable they were on the subject but also how skilled they were in their use of Powerpoint and how articulately they were able to explain. Great presentations - well done Grade 4!

Many thanks to the parents who attended our morning tea on Wednesday. The meeting was positive, productive and I hope a vehicle for making new friends. Next week, we will have our final board meeting for the year and we will be finalising our strategic plan for the future, in particular those relating to secondary school. On Thursday 2nd December the Chair of the Board, Mr Garodia will be joining me in a Morning Tea session when we will informally present a brief outline on the school's direction and vision for the future to parents. If you are interested in joining us, please email office@owis.org by Tuesday 30th November. For those unable to attend the meeting, an outline of the plan will be provided in the school newsletter.

Units of inquiry

Our PYP programme of inquiry includes six units of inquiry a year for Prep to Grade 6. The EC2 classes inquire into four units per year and the EC1 class

are currently focusing on skill development and will start their units of inquiry next term.

The EC2 classes are continuing their inquiries for their second unit. These are currently linked to the central idea that children develop language through listening, telling and dramatising stories. EC2A are inquiring into traditional tales and EC2B are inquiring into pirate stories. Their final assessment tasks will involve them in developing their own stories and sharing them in different ways.

Prep to Grade 6 start their new units of inquiry on Monday.

Prep will be inquiring into transport systems and how they meet the needs of a community. They will be finding out about different forms of transport, different needs for transport and how transport systems work. Their final assessment task will be to design a transport system to meet a particular need.

Grade 1/2 will be exploring how significant individuals have had an impact on our lives through their contributions to society. Their lines of inquiry will be what makes someone a hero; what we learn from the experiences of the past and how they can aspire to be heroes. Students will create their own hero and write a narrative about their hero as their final assessment.

Grade 3 will be finding out about how rainforests provide finite resources and how the choices people make about how to use them affect living things. They will be considering what rainforests are, resources that originate in rainforests, the consequences of using rainforest resources and personal choices that can sustain rainforests. Their final assessment task will be to choose a product or resource



Grade 4 presentations



from the rainforest and develop a graphic organiser to show the effects it has when removed.

Grade 4 will be carrying out an inquiry into how human activities can affect the survival of a species. They will consider the ways species are suited to their habitats, food chains and webs, patterns of events that lead to endangerment, and how people can help species survive. As a final assessment task they will be demonstrating their understanding by taking on the role of an environmentalist and creating a story about a way that someone's actions cause a change in the life of a species for a website.

Grade 5/6 will be inquiring as scientists using a cycle of testing and modification in order to develop their ideas. They will be finding out how scientists use test results to modify and improve ideas and manipulating variables in order to effectively test theories. Their final assessment will be to conduct a series of experiments to test a hypothesis they have developed, keeping a diary recording the process.

Parent link network

To develop our community and further develop communication

between parents and school, we will soon be establishing our parent link network. Thank you for authorising us to provide your email address to all parents in your child's class. If you have any concerns, please email judith@owis.org before school starts on Monday morning.

Dates to remember

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Thu 2nd Dec, 8:40am
Morning tea with Head of School and Chair of Board, Music room

Fri 3rd Dec, 8:40am
Events committee meeting, Back office

Thu 9th Dec, 1:30pm
Christmas celebration, Hall

Fri 10th Dec
\$1 Uniform free day/disco
Last school day of 2010

2011

Mon 24th Jan, Time TBA
Curriculum, cheese and wine evening

Wed 2nd Feb
Chinese New Year Celebrations



Pre-Early Childhood from January

We will be starting a Pre-early Childhood programme from January. If you or your friends are interested in your 2-3 year old attending a new Pre-EC1 class, please contact us now for details! This is especially designed to prepare children for EC1 in August 2011.

Early Childhood

For those of you, who have children in the Early Childhood 1 class, please note that as from next year we will be implementing the Early Childhood 2 programme as a full-time programme. We have carefully reviewed the programme this year, and believe the part-time option on offer has not always enabled us to provide the quality of education we would like for all children or been beneficial for individual children. Please note also that in Early Childhood 1, we will be introducing a no-swap policy, where those on the part-time programme will not be able to exchange attendance days. If you have any queries or concerns about these changes, or would like more explanation, please don't hesitate to come and discuss the matter with the head of school.

CPE form

If your child started school after December 2009 and you have not returned the CPE student advisory form, please do so as soon as possible.

Grade 3 will be running a bake sale at the bazaar on Thursday 9th December. We are hoping

Swimming

Please note that as the company we use to teach swimming cannot guarantee us swim coaches on a regular basis after 6th December. This will be our last swimming session for this year. We are pleased to advise you however that from next year, we will be using Aquaducks company to run our swimming lessons with lessons on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st January for EC2 and Prep.



Prep & EC2 ready for swimming



After school tennis club

Christmas/Year-end events

If you are interested in running or helping to man a stall at our bazaar on Thursday 9th December, please contact karen@owis.org

Grade 3 will be running a bake sale at the bazaar on Thursday 9th December. We are hoping

that all students in the upper grades (3-6) can donate some baked item for sale on the day. The Grade 3 students will run the stall and hopefully we can raise some money for charity. If you do provide something for the bake sale, please can you or your child bring it to school on the day? Thanks for your support.

On Friday 10th December, Grades 5/6 will be holding a disco at first and second breaks in Mrs Mizuguchi's classroom. They will combine the disco with a uniform free day. It is a dollar coin donation for the uniform free day. All proceeds will go towards a local charity so dress your children up in their coolest disco outfits!

Yoga

This week our students eagerly resumed yoga classes after a five-week break and had a stretching time with Judit, our new instructor. Judit who is a familiar face to our students as she partnered with Krisztina last term, comes qualified with a European Yoga Instructor Certificate. Please do take note of the scheduled lessons for this term and kindly contact Karen at karen@owis.org if your child is interested in joining. Dates: 24th Nov; 6th Dec, 8th Dec (two classes this week to make up the class scheduled for 1st Dec); 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Jan; 2nd Feb.

School improvements

In the near future there will be several improvements to our facilities. There will be installation of a shade cover and replacement of safety matting for the playground. The basketball court will be repainted with non-slip paint. We will be making improvements to the Early

Childhood section, including installation of a canopy in the back outdoor area and fitting internal toilet and washing/shower facilities for the Early Childhood classrooms. Please always feel free to make any suggestions you have for improvements.

News from the Events Committee

We would like to start planning now for our Chinese New Year Celebration! Please get in touch if you would like to join a working party to plan the day and activities. We are also looking for contacts with individuals or groups in Singapore who could perform or help teach our students a Lion Dance, other Chinese dance, or any cultural activities. We are also starting to plan for our school fair which will take place in May. If you would like to be on the organising committee, we also would love to hear from you! Please email info@owis.org and if you are able, come along to our next meeting on Friday 3rd December.

Updated bank details

Please note that these are our bank account details with effect from 1st Jan 2011. The parts in red have changed.

Bank: OCBC Bank
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Branch: 7339-654
Account No: 817733001