



Newsletter May, June, July 2016



We have now come to the end of the first term for both Kindergarten and Shristi. Transition for the nursery and toddlers took a while, which is a normal phase, but all is quiet and settled now. We are grateful to all the staff and parents who have patiently walked through this phase of adjustment.

IKG updates

Swimming season:



One of the joys of summer is taking the children to the swimming pool. The toddlers and some nursery children took their first plunge. Initially they were reluctant but eventually very enthusiastic. While the LKG, UKG and first graders took it with a confident stride and enjoyed splashing and racing across the pool. Swimming season is over and will not continue after the summer break. Bills will be sent out shortly.

Field trips

With the rainy season gradually coming to a close, the weather will be favorable to take children for field trips according to their themes. UKG and Grade 1 went to a paddy field in Khokona village to plant rice. Some were super excited, while others were not too happy getting wet and muddy. But, it was worth the experience - learning more about the world around them.



Homework

Holiday homework will be sent out for children of Nursery, LKG, UKG and Grade One. All work given are based on lessons already taught in class, hence the need to let the children do it themselves. For grade one children, subject based homework will be included with a greater emphasis on “READING AND CREATIVE WRITING,” in both Nepali and English. Please ensure that they complete their work with gentle guidance from parents.

Shristi updates



Grade 1 started from this academic year and will continue to be upgraded each year. We are excited about this expansion of International Kindergarten as we



believe in education beyond text books. We believe in sowing good seeds for tomorrow by investing in lives today.

The Grade 1 children are doing a variety of subjects that interest and challenge them to become good students and curious learners. Our lessons engage their minds and analytical skills rather than writing/copying pages of lessons. For science, they did several experiments that enabled them to see science in everyday life. Their interest and curiosity about things around them are stirred. Social studies intrigued them to think about “Early Humans” as unique people with a strange life style. They had no TV, iPads, camera, cakes and candies, no cars, and nothing that we had? could it be possible? something to think about. Computer classes are becoming a lot more comfortable as they begin to recognize its many keys and functions. A variety of online academic games and brain teaser will soon be introduced.



Besides their regular lessons the Grade 1 children are also involved in:

Taekwondo Classes



Taekwondo lessons are being offered once a week. It has been the highlight of our children’s interest and discipline as they jump, shout and burn their energy as well as develop a sense of structure and focus. Since then, many



LKG and UKG parents have expressed interest for their children too. Having talked to Ayesha Teacher, she is open to give time to the kindergarten children who are interested but with an additional basic fee. We are glad to have Mrs. Ayshia Shakya as our instructor, who will gradually become our PE instructor too. Interested parents please contact the school office.

Japanese Language and Origami

Mrs Yuka Timilshina is from Japan who teaches Japanese language and origami each Friday.

Singing and Dancing: is offered each week, which keeps their sense of music, rhythm and love of music alive and vibrant. Some children are already so musical and gifted. We would also like to welcome Prajuwal Sir, as our new Music teacher, who has a Music degree from Trinity College of London.

Swimming: Children went for swimming each Friday morning and enjoyed it very much.

Futsal:



Visit to the **Baneswore futsal** in June was a new venture for all of us. It was a much loved activity, for both the kids and teachers, it will probably become a fortnightly event.



There has been some

positive feedback from both parents and children alike hence we will send updates on the next dates for the futsal visit. We hope to take LKG and Nursery also in consultation with the parents. Information will be sent to all parents nearer to the time of a suitable date.

Reading Program: We hope to begin a Reading Program where Grade 1 students will read to children at IKG.

Volunteers from the US



We are grateful to Mr Andrew Mengal who was with us from 11th June to 11th July 2016. He spent a great deal of time with Grade 1 children teaching them Math, English (grammar), science and social studies. We look forward to welcome Mr Timothy Naisby after the summer break.



Grade One building is located about 20 meters from IKG in the same lane as IKG. It has been convenient to share resources and manage logistics between two sites. We are glad for ample space for various classes and activities.



Summer Splash:

Children enjoyed the splash day with their friends and teachers. It was a fun day for all of us. Thank you parents for sending children prepared.



Summer Break

Please mark your calendar, last day of school for this term will be **Tuesday, July 19th 2016**. Summer break will begin from **Wednesday, July 20, 2016**. School will reopen from **Monday, 1st August, 2016, Shrawan 17, 2073**.

Communication:

Please note that during sudden strikes and emergencies it is difficult to relay information to all the parents individually. During such times please follow the procedures below:

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