

MONTESSORI ACADEMY BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

We hoped everyone enjoyed the Chinese New Year Assembly and “Bai Nian” ceremony. Our students have worked so hard for the show and we are so proud of their achievements.

In March we will be starting up our Organic Farm again and we will celebrate reading with Book Week activities. Casa students will be taking a field trip to Bangkok Sea Life Ocean

World on March 31st. Elementary students will be taking a field trip to the National Science Museum on April 1st.

Book Week. We will hold Book Week between March 16-20 to celebrate reading for pleasure and to encourage children to read more. Parents will have a chance to be involved in

Last Month Highlights
Chinese New Year

Upcoming
Book Week
Casa Field Trip to Ocean World

assisting your children through the activities of Book Week.

- *No Media Pledge:* The children will be making a pledge not to watch any TV or play with electronic devices (such as the ipad or





ELEMENTARY

Elementary had a busy February rehearsing for the Chinese New Year production for the first two weeks. The students really enjoyed having multiple roles in the production and worked exceptionally hard to ensure a successful outcome. They were very proud of the work they did! The students also completed their research projects on Space! Each student chose a topic to learn more about after our outing to the NASA exhibition. The students did an amazing job and had a lot of fun presenting the new information they had gathered. At the end of February we were able to discuss the water cycle. We welcomed Chanya to our class as well, but we are sad to say goodbye to Tomas who is returning to Finland.

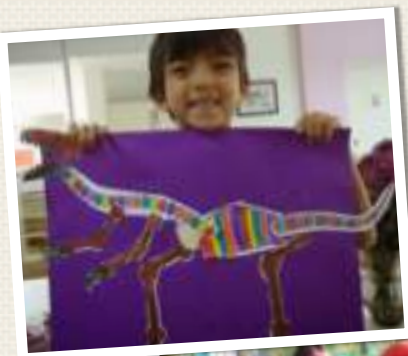
CASA GREEN

The children immensely enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year and had an amazing show to celebrate this special time of year! We welcomed Natcha to our class. The children have been gracious and very helpful towards her. In our geology unit we talked about dinosaurs and we will continue with natural disasters into next month. We are all looking forward to our upcoming field trip to Ocean World and if any child would like to share books or items related to this topic, they are welcome to do so.



CASA PURPLE

This month was busy with birthdays and celebrations! We celebrated Zaki's, Aaryan's, Isabel's, Jean's and Naja's birthdays! We had fun celebrating Chinese New Year with our beautiful show in the new auditorium and gymnasium. We also celebrated the actual New Year's Day by exchanging oranges for red envelopes with parents and teachers. All the children are doing wonderfully and have really settled into things. They are getting more and more work done every day, and are making huge progress in their academics, daily chores and responsibilities, and social interactions. Our team is very pleased with the results in the first part of semester two. Thank you parents for allowing us to work with your amazing children!



iphone) during the week, but will instead be reading books.

- **Readathon:** How many books can you read in one week? Please help your child keep track of the number of books read during book week.
- **Book Swap:** Your children's old books can be somebody else's new books. Children will be encouraged to bring in books they no longer read to exchange for a new one. During book week, let your child take their books to Khun Nice in exchange for book coupons. On Friday March 20, all the books will be displayed, and the children can use their coupons to redeem the books they are interested in.
- **Book Donations to Your Classroom.** Teachers will set up a registry of books they would like to add to their class and / or school collection. Parents can donate a book by choosing from a book on the registry and making the payment at the Finance Office during the week of March 16th. MABIS will make the physical procurement from the vendor. Books that have been donated will include a plaque on the inside cover that states the following: "donated by child's name & family."
- **Elementary:** Book report and field trip to the National Library (in April).
- **Casa:** Thumb / finger print story telling.
- **Toddler:** Favorite author focus.
- **Book Mark Making.**
- **Book Character Mask Parade.**

Organic Farming. We are excited to re-energize our Organic Farm after a hiatus due to the construction. All students will be involved in the production of the organic fertilizer, composting and planting of different kinds of vegetables from mid February onwards. Students are invited to bring in fruit and vegetable scraps for our compost starting March 9th (please no seeds, dairy, meat in the compost).

TODDLER BLUE

February was an exciting month celebrating Chinese New Year with the Year of the Goat! The children rehearsed for weeks with the Chinese teachers singing, "Gong Xi Gong Xi." Surprisingly, they all sang their hearts out for the show and seemed to have enjoyed being on stage! The new kids in Toddler Blue have settled and are now learning to follow our class rules and routines. We started the Five Senses theme by learning the names of our body parts in all three languages. We also talked about and practiced the importance of sneezing and coughing in our elbows, using tissue to clean our noses and washing our hands thoroughly. Cooking and art activities this month include making a face-shaped snack, apple muffins, hand and footprint flowers, Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year crafts.



TODDLER YELLOW

Our focus this month has been on learning about our body, our 5 senses and in particular "sight." For Art we went outside to paint our hands and feet and created an image of a flower.

To celebrate Chinese New Year Yao Laoshi worked with our toddlers on a craft based around the Year of the Goat. On Valentine's Day we worked with our sense of touch and painted our hands to create a heart shaped hand print and this week we made binoculars which our toddlers loved as we used them during circle time to talk about sight. For cooking we made ginger bread men, created a face using fruit, chocolate spread and raisins on bread then we baked delicious heart shaped apple muffins and this week each toddler made their own rainbow colored cookie!



Parent Observation – Elementary Class. We would like to invite parents who are interested in seeing the Elementary class in session to sign up with Khun May for an observation. We welcome parents between 9:30-11 a.m. Monday – Friday.

Parent Education. The parent education session will be “Reward & Motivation” on March 25th.

Montessori Association of Parents (MAP). MAP will hold its next meeting on March 16th from 8-9 a.m.

School Directory. If you have not submitted your authorization form for the School Directory, kindly do so at the Finance Office as soon as possible.

Unwell Children. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation to keep unwell children at home. Kindly refer to the MABIS Health Guidelines should you have any questions.

CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE GOAT

