

**THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE | ACCREDITED
MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents,

December has been such a fun and festive month for us at The Children's House! We are happy to see the Rainbow class children progressing in reading simple text and the Star class children blending and reading the phonetic sounds to read two and three letter words. We are so proud of the progress the children have made this first term. We would also like to welcome Flynn Havens our new student this month to the Star Class.



With the festive season upon us, we ended the term with the children performing Christmas carols and playing games around the Christmas tree. It was a delight to see the happy faces and excitement of the children singing carols and playing games with their fellow classmates. The students also had so much fun decorating the sugar cookies with red and white icing to commemorate Bahrain's National Day and red, white and green icing for the Christmas season. We also celebrated Bahrain's National Day this month. The children learned all about the customs and traditions of the Kingdom of Bahrain as well as sang the national anthem. We would like to thank the parents and the children for the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts given to the staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**13th December
to 4th January
Winter Holidays**

**15th December
to 2nd January
Winter Camp
(excluding 16th,
17th, 25th
December and
1st January)**

**5th January 2020
Back to School**

The children have been having fun playing while learning their numbers, shapes, colours and phonetic sounds during our winter camp. We have many exciting activities planned such as cooking, movie day, mystery games, music, puppet show, Montessori learning and more. Places are still available for our fun-filled Montessori Winter Camp from 15th December to 2nd January (excluding 16th, 17th, 25th December and 1st January). If you are interested in registering your child/ children, please contact Ms. Mariah, the school administrator.

With the end of the year soon approaching and term one ending, on behalf of all The Children's House teachers and staff, we wish you all a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

The theme of the month for January 2019 will be 'The Earth's Timeline and Dinosaurs'. School will re-open on Sunday, 5th January 2020 for both staff and children.

Warm regards,

Kim Ferreira
Principal



STAR CLASS



Dear Parents,

With the joyous month of December coming to an end, we cannot believe that we have already wrapped up the first term of this academic year. We are very content as we review the performance of our stars over this term, and we truly believe that each one of them has put their best foot forward towards achieving their targets. This month we are glad to welcome Flynn Havens into our star class family. It is wonderful to see him settling and adapting to our classroom environment with no effort.



Over this term, our constant efforts have been towards establishing confidence and independence within our stars. Through various practical life materials and classroom routines, we have helped our stars take an initiative towards achieving self-dependence. We have observed that our stars are more aware of the environment now and do their bit to help in tidying up every day.



Keeping in mind that shapes and colours play a big role in expanding the sensorial skills of a child, we experimented and implied various activities that will help to reinforce the concepts. Understanding the concept of size and its various factors was another important skill the children worked on this term.

In language and literacy, we are pleased to observe that the older children are now familiar with most of the phonetic sounds. We have initiated teacher-led blending and reading lessons, and will focus on intensifying the reading skills of the children over the next term. We are so proud of our younger stars, who have worked hard towards recognizing the vowels and familiar consonants as initial sounds of objects. We are also proud of their progress towards strengthening their pincer grip and wrist control.



Our efforts in numeracy have been to introduce and revise numerals 1-10/20. In order to achieve this, we worked with materials such as cards and counters, spindle box and small number cards frequently. Finding the number before/after/between and simple addition were other numeracy goals achieved by the older children in our classroom.

With the National day of Bahrain celebrated this month, we used pictures and videos to discuss about the national flag, Bahrain's culture, popular landmarks, and the Monarchy of Bahrain. It was great to see the children's enthusiasm to know more about the country they live in. Winter season around the world and hibernating animals were other topics of interest this month.

For our cooking activity, the children had a blast decorating the sugar cookies with red and white icing to commemorate Bahrain's National Day and the Christmas season. The children also had so much fun singing and dancing to the Christmas carols and playing games around the Christmas tree.



As we bid adieu to a fulfilling term and an eventful year, we look forward to the New Year and our second term with endless aspirations and goals for our little stars. We cannot wait to power through the next term and bring out the best in them. We will be back to school in January with Dinosaurs and The Timeline of the Earth as our theme of the month. Until then, we wish you and your loved ones a very happy and safe holidays and a prosperous new year!

Best wishes,

The Star Team



RAINBOW CLASS



Dear Parents,

The month of December was full of enjoyment and excitement! With the arrival of the festive season, we delved into the theme 'Bahrain's National Day and winter season'. Since the weather is getting cooler, our little rainbows learned about the different types of clothes worn during winter, and how winter differentiates around the globe.

Our focus in the areas of numeracy and language were to implement new skills and concepts through arrays of materials. This included, learning fractions, reading clock times and writing the numbers in descending order to help solidify the children's understanding of the basic math concepts. In language, we revised the phonic sounds, spellings and high frequency words to build upon their reading and spelling skills. We also read simple texts and learned the different parts of speech.

To refine the children's perception of dimensions, we introduced our rainbows to geometrical 3D and 2D shapes. These arrays of geometrical shapes provided our children to explore patterns and helped our students to understand the mathematical concept of fractions. This activity further aided our rainbows in naming the geometrical shapes effortlessly. With our theme of the month about the winter season, we introduced thermic tablets and thermic bottles to help the children differentiate between different temperatures. We also incorporated an experiment "melting of ice cubes under room temperature" to give the children an understanding on the states of matter.



In arts and crafts, we made lots of decorations (snowflakes, Christmas cards, Santa Claus decors) for the Christmas season. It was wonderful to see the happy faces of the children as they hung their decorations on the Christmas tree as well as enjoy singing carols, dancing and playing games. We also celebrated Bahrain's National day this month. The children learned all about the flag of Bahrain, the monarchy, the famous landmarks of Bahrain and Bahrain's culture and customs. For the cooking activity, we had the children decorate the sugar cookies with red and white icing to commemorate Bahrain's National Day and red, white and green icing for the Christmas celebration. Our rainbows had so much fun decorating the sugar cookies with their fellow classmates.



As we bid farewell to the end of the year and the end of first term, we would like to thank all the parents for their co-operation. We look forward to the new year and the second term with endless aspirations and goals for our rainbows. We will be back to school in January with our theme of the month about 'The Timeline of the Earth and Dinosaurs'.

Until then, we wish you all happy holidays and a prosperous New Year!



Best wishes,

The Rainbow Team



ARABIC

Star Class

This month we learned about the winter season and talked about Bahrain's culture, its customs and the traditional clothing for Bahrain's National Day. We also continued learning the numbers from (1-25) and practicing writing the number (6). The children have learned to recognize the colour orange and can distinguish the shape of a rectangle. We also read new stories every day and sang the Bahrain National Anthem along with other festive songs.



Rainbow Class

In this beautiful and cold month of December, we talked about the winter season and what we wear during the winter. We also discussed about the characteristics of the country of Bahrain (flag of Bahrain; its customs and traditions; famous landmarks) and sang the national anthem. The children have learned to recognize the shapes of a circle, square, rectangle, triangle and oval as well as the colours white and black. We also learned the letter (T) and some words that begin with the structure of the day during Arabic circle time. Additionally, the children can count from (1-25) and can write the numbers (6 and 7) too.





P.E.



Since the weather has gotten cooler, the children have been exercising their motor skills in their bodies to stay warm during PE. Thank you Coach Amr, for the fun activities you have been doing with our children!



MUSIC



The children did an amazing performance singing and dancing Christmas carols around the Christmas tree! We all felt the musical spirit of this festive month during their practices for both Bahrain's National day as well as Christmas. Thank you Ms. Natalia for all the fun songs you have been doing with our children!





