



February 2019

Schoolgramme

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings to you all! We hope that your children are enjoying the home learning activities provided by their teachers.

Due to the Advancement of Chinese New Year holidays following the instruction of the Education Bureau, this week our premises including all learning materials and equipment are being thoroughly cleaned and disinfected in preparation for classes to be resumed after Chinese New Year holiday on **11th February, Monday**. We have missed your delightful presence at Small World and eagerly await your return!



School Notices

ESF Island School Redevelopment

A separate letter, that outlines ESF Island School's redevelopment which includes construction timeline and other health and safety measures, is attached for your perusal.

School Photos by Techni Photo

Due to the school closure, our school photos have been rescheduled to **Tuesday, 19th February 2019** for the Panda, Giraffe, and Dolphin AM/PM Classes and **Wednesday, 20th February 2019** for the Koala, Otter, and Penguin AM/PM Classes.





Post-Chinese New Year Celebration

We are going to have a post-Chinese New Year celebration on **Wednesday, 13th February**. Children and staff are encouraged to dress in their Chinese costume or they can wear something red/gold on this day. Our Mandarin teachers will lead the children to sing and perform the Lion Dance.



School Holidays

The **Chinese New Year Break** is from **4th to 8th February**.

Small World Gift Policy

Saying thank you is a beautiful way to express gratitude and appreciation to someone, and very often that is the best gift a student can give a teacher. If, however, you or your child wishes to give a small gift as a further token of appreciation, kindly note that cash gifts cannot be accepted, and the value of gifts received is capped at HK\$300 per household.

Red Packet Collection

This term we will be organising a "Children Helping Children" Red Packet Campaign at Small World Christian Kindergarten. This will form part of the fundraising drive for all children at Changing Young Lives Foundation (CYLF). CYLF is a local charity that identifies underprivileged children and youth with the hope to change their lives for the better through development, education, participation and protection programmes. Please encourage your child to donate one of their red packets to the foundation. Every dollar will be sent to Changing Young Lives Foundation.



Eye Screening

The students who have undergone eye screening will be given a report of the results. Teachers will put this report inside the art folder on **Friday, 15th February**.

Scholastic Books

A Scholastic book list and an order form will be placed inside your child's art folder on **Friday, 15th February**. If you would like to place an order, please fill in the form, follow the instructions and return it together with a cheque to the School Office no later than **Friday, 22nd February**. Thank you!





Small World (Generations) Playgroup

We are excited for the launch of Small World (Generations) Playgroup's NEW Quarry Bay location in February! In the upcoming term, families will have the choice of two great venues in Central and in Quarry Bay. Please visit this link <https://www.generations.edu.hk/playgroup/> to find out more! You can also follow their Facebook and Instagram.

Parenting Course - Built for Connection Not Perfection

Join Deborah Holcombe as she guides us through a series on building connection with our children by understanding the impact of stress. These talks are based on Deborah's study of Dr. Stuart Shanker's principles of *Self-Reg.*

This course will cover three topics:

1) Looking Behind the Behaviour

Stressors are all around our children and many are not obvious. Explore the five domains of stress and the impact on behaviour.

2) Searching Below the Surface

Understanding our own hidden stressors and how these contribute to parenting can be a great way to create space for awareness.

3) Uncovering the Keys to Connection

Building security and trust instead of fear and guilt can be achieved with a few good strategies that come from a place of understanding.

Venue: **Small World Christian Kindergarten**

Time : **9:30 – 11:30 am**

Dates : **7th, 14th & 21st of March 2019**

Cost : **\$900**

Spaces are limited. Interested parents, please register at our school office with a cheque made payable to "**Small World Christian Kindergarten**".



Helpers' Course - Built for Connection Not Perfection

Deborah Holcombe will guide the helpers through a series on building connection with our children by understanding the impact of stress. These talks are based on Deborah's study of Dr. Stuart Shanker's principles of Self-Reg.

This course will cover two topics:

1) Looking Behind the Behaviour

Stressors are all around our children and many are not obvious. Explore the five domains of stress and the impact on behaviour.

2) Uncovering the Keys to Connection

Building security and trust instead of fear and guilt can be achieved with a few good strategies that come from a place of understanding.

Venue: **Small World Christian Kindergarten**

Time : **9:30 – 11:30 am**

Dates : **9th & 16th of May**

Cost : **\$400**

Parents who would like to register for their helpers, please send cheque to our school office made payable to "**Small World Christian Kindergarten**".

Taste of Culture

Our 'Taste of Culture' event will be held on **Friday, 1st March**.

This is our annual family cultural day where children come dressed in their national dress and bring tasty food from their culture. Everyone is welcome in the classroom, where you and your child can share about your home country. Don't forget to bring your cameras to capture this memorable moment!

Morning Class Session will start at **10:15 AM** and the Afternoon Class Session will start at **2:15 PM**. Morning Class Parents, please bring your child dressed in their national costume at **10:15 AM** and Afternoon Class Parents, please bring your child dressed in their national costume at **2:15 PM**.



Please save the date and we look forward to seeing you in school during this food fiesta!



Open Day at Small World!

Another event for you to mark on your calendar will be our 2019 Open Day! On **Saturday, 9th March, 2019**, Small World Christian Kindergarten will host an "**Open Day**"! This will be a family-friendly event open to parents who want to know and learn more about our kindergarten. Current Small World students are also invited to enjoy different activities, and even get involved as volunteers! Please feel free to invite your family and friends! They will be able to participate in stimulating and engaging activities prepared by our experienced teachers. More details are on our [Facebook Event Page!](#)

Date: **9th March 2019 (Saturday)**

Time: **9:30 am – 1:30 pm**

May the Year of the Pig bring you and your family joy, peace, good health, and showers of blessings!

With blessings,

Tess Baguio

Tess Baguio
School Principal

Jesus called the children to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not stop them for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."
Luke 18:16



Small World Christian Kindergarten is a proud International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) member. The IEYC is a research-based curriculum recognizing global best practice in early childhood education and the developmental needs of 2-5 year olds.