

# November 2019

# Schoolgramme

1st November, 2019

Dear Parents,

Our **Open Day**, on 19<sup>th</sup> October, was a huge success! We are very thankful for everything–the weather was perfect for our outdoor activities, such as gardening, sand and water play. A big thank you to all those who have made this event successful–our parent volunteers who selflessly offered their time and support as well as to our hardworking teachers and staff!





This week, we had a lovely time having fathers come and participate in our afternoon session's **Dad's Date**. It was a really special time for the children and the parents alike. We completely understand that some Dads wanted to come but were unable to due to work travels or meetings. Rest assured, there will be other opportunities in the future.

As the school term is quickly moving along, we are happy to see our children (and parents!) adapting and eagerly learning in school! Our young learners are busy exploring their IEYC units, learning and playing with others beyond their immediate friendship groups.

There are lots of school activities in store for the months of November and December, so please mark them in your diaries.



# International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) -Pre-Accreditation Visit



Small World pioneered IEYC in 2016 and over the course of these past years, has been working hard to improve learning and meet the IEYC criteria. An IEYC evaluator will visit our school on 6<sup>th</sup> November. During the whole day, she will speak with various members of our school community, the staff and the children, observe classes, and look over our paperwork. On 7<sup>th</sup> November, she will conduct training with the staff, celebrating our strengths and suggesting improvements, guiding us towards our goal — the IEYC Accreditation. We are grateful for the opportunity for self-reflection and improvement, whilst looking forward to celebrate this great learning experience.

## **Teacher Only Day**

Thursday, **7<sup>th</sup> November**, is a Teacher Only Day. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on that day for all our children. Our teaching staff will be having an IEYC (International Early years Curriculum) bespoke training.

#### **Scholastic Books**

Scholastic book orders submitted last September will be brought home through your child on **Friday**, **1**<sup>st</sup> **November**. Thank you!

# **Box of Hope**

Every year, we collaborate with the organizers of Box of Hope, an annual charity project aimed at providing useful, educational gifts for underprivileged children in Hong Kong & Asia. This project is aimed at encouraging children as young as 3 to develop an



awareness of the needs of their environment or community, enabling them to practice empathy and generosity to others.

You and your child can participate in the Box of Hope project by filling an old shoe box with new, interesting and educational gifts at home and dropping them off at Small World from **4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November**. The Box of Hope team will collect and deliver these boxes directly to the children in need. To learn more about how to pack the shoe box, please click <u>here</u>. Thank you for your kindness.



#### Student Interns

This month, we have student interns joining us from the Hong Kong Baptist University's Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education), and Yew Chung Community College's Higher Diploma in Early Childhood Education programmes. They will be assigned to different classes, teaching and learning with the children and our qualified and experienced teachers. We will be working closely together so that consistency and quality of our practices continues. Our best wishes to them as they have just begun their first phase two weeks ago.

## **Ear Screening**

Ear screening will take place on **25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November**, Monday and Tuesday, respectively. Please complete the attached application form if you would like your child to participate in our ear screening test. The reply slip with a cheque of **\$230**, payable to "**AlphaHearing Healthcare Limited**", should be returned to our school office by **Monday**, **18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. Thank you!

# Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC)

Our first PTC will be held on Friday, <u>22<sup>nd</sup> November</u> for AM classes and on Friday, <u>29<sup>th</sup> November</u> for the PM classes. Parents are invited to register for a 15 minute session, between 8:00am and 4:20pm, on the scheduled date. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on these dates. To streamline the registration process, we have an online booking system hosted by . This online booking will open from 8 am on <u>Monday</u>, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

To book a Parent Teacher Conference, please go to the Small World parent portal at <a href="https://www.smallworld.edu.hk">www.smallworld.edu.hk</a> and follow these quick, easy steps:

- 1. Click on "Book a Parent-Teacher Conference".
- 2. Click on "Obtain PIN/Password" (which is located on the right hand side directly above the 'Log In' button).
- 3. Enter the e-mail address that your Schoolgramme is sent to and click 'Send email'. (If you have given us multiple e-mail addresses and your first attempt fails, please enter your other address the system only allows one address)
- 4. Check your e-mail to retrieve your unique 5-digit PIN.
- 5. Return to the web-site, log-in (you'll just need your e-mail address and the 5 Digit PIN) and follow the prompts.
- 6. Find the time that suits you best and book it.

You can also book a 10-minute session to meet with the Mandarin Teachers through our school office.



# **Christmas Play**

Each class will hold their own special nativity play. Kindly take note of your child's Christmas play schedule. The teachers will send you class related information at a later stage. We hope to see you during these special performances!

Christmas Play Dates	Start Time	Morning Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (Tue)	10:30 AM	Penguin AM Giraffe AM
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Wed)	10:30 AM	Otter AM Panda AM
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Thur)	10:30 AM	Koala AM Dolphin AM

Christmas Play Dates	Start Time	Afternoon Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (Tue)	2:30 PM	Penguin PM Wallaby PM
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Wed)	2:30 PM	Panda PM
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Thur)	2:30 PM	Koala PM Dolphin PM





# Congratulations on the new born baby!

Our Office Administrator and Playgroup Facilitator, Mrs. Phebe, has given birth to a baby boy, Hudson, on 21<sup>st</sup> October. We thank God for this lovely addition to Phebe's family. May Hudson grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men!





## "He said, She said" in Love & Marriage

This programme adopts a case study approach, designed for married couples of all ages who are committed to gaining greater depth and intimacy in their relationship hence strengthening their marriage. It covers the following topics:

- 1. Love Bond
- 2. Sexual Persons
- 3. Marital Communication
- 4. Work and Family
- 5. Family Life
- 6. Money and Budget

Dates: Jan 16th, Feb 20th, Mar 19th, Apr 23rd,

May 21st 2020

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm Fee: \$1,000 per couple is not a nown
it's a verb...
It isn't something you get
It's something you do.
It's the way you love your partner
every day.

-BARBARA DE ANGELIS

If you are interested, please click <u>here</u> to register online, and send a cheque to our Office with your name written on the back. Thanks!

With blessings,

Tess Baguio

Tess Baguio School Principal





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.