



January 2020

Schoolgramme

28th December, 2019

Christmas Message

Dear Parents,

Christmas is always a season for celebration, family reunions and rest. It is also an opportune time to reflect on this year and the forthcoming decade with anticipation and optimism. Despite the challenges of the year, there are still countless reasons to be grateful for. Whilst political turmoil in Hong Kong has brought sadness and division to many, we, in Small World, have found solace in the strong support of our school community. I am very thankful for every staff member in Small World who worked together as a team to provide support structure and routine for our young children and their families during this unprecedented moment in history. As a community, parents, teachers and staff of Small World continues to develop adaptability, resilience and cooperation. Together we enable a nurturing environment for young children to learn and grow into individuals of character, compassion, courage and competence. Our teachers and staff have wholeheartedly committed to provide every child in their care opportunities to safely explore, wonder, learn, and be curious about themselves, others, God and the world. We help enable an environment where young children can flourish and develop in wisdom (academically), stature (physically), in favour with God (spiritually) and men (socio-emotionally).

In November, we had an eventful two-day International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) pre-accreditation visit from Fieldwork Education. Terry Ross, Fieldwork Education accreditor, visited every classroom (morning and afternoon sessions) to observe classroom practices from teachers to learners, and conducted interviews with parents, school leaders and Board members. We are thankful to receive encouraging and comprehensive feedback as we work on a plan of action for the school's accreditation in November 2021. We are grateful for your support and trust in our school's initiatives as we continue to improve learning in Small World.

This Christmas holiday, renovation of the playground is underway. New flooring surface and play equipment are being installed, preparing an enriched outdoor play for our young learners in the second term! Likewise, the



staircase that leads to the backyard garden is being renewed, making it convenient and safe for children and staff to access the outdoors. We are thankful for the many families who have supported these initiatives through their encouragement, prayer, kind generosity and donations. My staff and I look forward to seeing our young learners play and explore more opportunities in our school outdoor space and play provisions.

Reflecting on this year, my thoughts are once again drawn to the many Nativity plays I've joyfully watched in Small World. It is wonderful to watch and listen to children tell the story of the first Christmas. May this beautiful Nativity scene remain engraved in our memories as we contemplate our own families. Once again, thank you for your trust as we continue to forge strong family-school partnerships that help enable children to learn, grow and flourish.

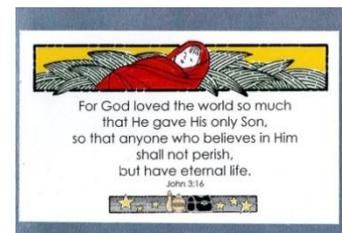
On behalf of our Small World team, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. May the Christmas spirit of love, joy, peace and hope continue to reside in our homes. Have a restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the new term!

With blessings,

Tess Baguio

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School Principal



School Update

Second Term

Monday, 6th January 2020, is Teacher Only Day. The teachers and staff will receive a full-day First Aid training from Hong Kong St John Ambulance.

First day of the second term is on **Tuesday, 7th January 2020**.

International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) Units of Learning

A warm welcome to all our new and returning families—we are glad that you are here! There will be lots of great learning in store for our young learners this term. Children in the Junior Kindergarten will be learning the IEYC units, "Animal Rescuers" & "Going Places", whilst the Senior Kindergarten will focus on "Blast Off". The IEYC's process of learning captures children's natural curiosity as a starting point and balances child-initiated and teacher-scaffolded provision, all within a carefully designed, enabling environment.



"Animal Rescuers"



"Going Places"



"Blast Off"

Learning Outcomes and Assessment

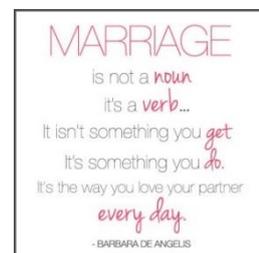
This term, the teachers will continue to document children's learning and development through the Learning Journey. The Learning Journey is composed of three areas of learning: IEYC Learning Strands and Personal Goals, Biblical Foundation Curriculum, and Mandarin. Each Learning Journey is personalised to the individual child and documents what your child has experienced, learned and progressed in. We will continue to create an environment for the children to fulfil our school motto of "Love, Learn, and Live".

Students' annual school reports will be available at the end of June 2020.

"He said, She said" in Love & Marriage

The best gift we can give our children and family is love—and love begins and matures over time with husbands and wives. This course, a case study approach, is designed for married couples of all ages who are committed to gaining greater depth and intimacy in their relationship, hence strengthening their marriage. It involves four processes of learning— individual study, spousal study, team meetings and general sessions. This covers important topics such as:

1. Love Bond
2. Sexual Persons
3. Marital Communication
4. Work and Family
5. Family Life
6. Money and Budget (extra class!)



Dates: **Jan 16th, Feb 20th, Mar 19th, Apr 23rd, May 21st 2020**

Time: **6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Fee: **\$1,000 per couple**



If you are interested, please click [here](#) to register online, and send a cheque to our Office with your name written on the back. We look forward to a relaxing and enjoyable evening reflecting, discussing and planning the next steps in our marriage, from good to great!

School Photos by Techni Photo

School photos will be taken on **Monday, 20th January 2020** for the Panda AM/PM, Giraffe AM, Wallaby PM and Penguin AM/PM Classes and **Tuesday, 21st January 2020** for the Koala AM/PM, Otter AM and Dolphin AM/PM Classes.



School Holidays

The **Chinese New Year Break** is from **24th to 31st January**.

There will be NO SCHOOL on those days. Class will resume on **Monday, 3rd February**.

Eye Screening

The optometrist, Mrs. Suzan Salnikow will conduct eye screening tests on **10th & 11th February**. If you are interested, please fill in the attached form and send it back with a cheque in the amount of **\$220** payable to "**Suzan Salnikow**" to the office on or before **23rd January**.

Red Packet Collection

This term we will be organizing 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. Details will be given out later about the date we will start collecting these red packets.





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.

Re-enrolment for SY 2020-21

As we begin to plan for the coming school year, we would like to invite you to re-enroll in SY 2020/21. Re-enrolment Offers have been sent to families by email on **13th December 2019**. To secure placement, please complete the forms and submit them to the school office no later than **31st January 2020**. Those who joined in Term 2 will be given an offer one month after their commencement date. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

K1 (Junior KG) Spaces available for SY 2020-21

If you and your friends have children born in 2017 or 2018, please come and apply for Junior Kindergarten (K1) in the coming school year! We still have places available—we look forward to seeing you and your child in Small World!



Small World (Generations) Playgroup

Our playgroup is an accompanied program designed for children 18-32 months to enjoy meaningful experiences alongside their caregivers. We provide a stimulating and nurturing environment, supporting your child in becoming a confident, caring, and motivated individual! We are excited to announce that there will be two playgroup locations to choose from in the upcoming Winter Term – one at Island ECC in Quarry Bay and the other at St John's Cathedral in Central. Spaces are still available at both venues! We even offer free trial sessions, and would love to have you join us. You can sign up for a trial session [here](https://www.generations.edu.hk). Please contact playgroup@generations.edu.hk for any questions about signing up or attending a free trial session. You can also follow the Small World (Generations) Facebook and Instagram.



Getting Dressed for Success

In order to cultivate independence and develop self-care skills, please dress your child in clothing that they can easily manage when using the toilet; for example, trousers with elastic waistbands instead of belts, suspenders and overalls, etc.

Changing Clothes

As the weather cools down, please change your child's spare set of clothes in their cubby to winter clothes; and ensure that the items are labelled properly.



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.