LITTLE OAKS MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER TERM 1, 2025





Happy New Year!

We hope 2025 brings you happiness, peace, and good health. It is great to see everyone back at school with smiles, looking happy and refreshed from the year end break.

Our theme this term will be 'At the Farm'. The children will be learning about different types of farm animals, their unique characteristics, traditional and modern farming, the role of a farmer, and identifying farm machinery.

This term will be an exciting one as we welcome the Year of the Snake. In addition to Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day, the coming weeks will be brimming with engaging activities, music, and crafts that will enhance our Montessori curriculum. Throughout the term, projects and crafts will be sent home with your child along with a variety of other creative works so that they can share their knowledge and learning experiences with you.

Please send in any special storybooks or items that are associated with our theme/celebrations for sharing or show and tell. Thank you for your continuous support.

Programmes

If you would like to make any changes to your child's current schedule, please contact our administrator Ms. Rahma as soon as possible. Most of our programmes or requests for additional days may involve a waiting list, so working in advance will allow us time to accommodate requests.

Punctuality

In order for your child to reap the full benefits of school, punctuality is essential. It also helps us to organise our day and settle the children as a group without the interruption of latecomers. Please be on time for pick-up and inform the school if you are running late.

Immunisation Requirement

The ECDA and MOH require all students at pre-school to be immunised for measles and up to date with their immunisation schedule. Please ensure that the school has a copy of your child's immunisation records. A doctor's letter will be required if your child has delayed their immunisation schedule for medical reasons.

Our Medical Policy

Please take note that all children who are not well and presenting flu like symptoms or signs of a contagious illness should not attend school. Children presenting only mild symptoms should stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours before their return. Children presenting more severe symptoms and have missed more than 5 days of school will need to see a doctor. All children who have recovered from flu like symptoms are strongly encouraged to do an ART test before returning to school.

Covid-19 Measures

We are mindful that COVID-19 situation in Singapore may change at any time and need to remain vigilant. In line with the national posture, masks will be optional for staff and children. However, if a staff/child becomes unwell in the school, they are advised to exercise social responsibility to wear mask and promptly leave the premises to seek medical attention. The school will need to be informed of any household members who have tested positive for COVID-19 so that we are able to monitor more closely the health of the staff/child.

Birthday Celebrations/Farewells

Birthday Celebrations/Farewells are exciting occasions for our children. If your child is planning to hand out invitations at school to his/her birthday party, please make sure to include an invitation for everyone in the class. We need to be sensitive to our children's feelings and we do not want any child to feel excluded. Otherwise, kindly hand out invitations outside of school.

Our children are welcome to celebrate their birthday/farewell here at school with their classmates. We will do a birthday walk for your child. Kindly provide us photographs so that we can share your child's growth in class.

After the birthday walk, we will serve the children popcorn and ice-cream/sorbet. We **strongly encourage you to not** send cakes, cupcakes or other treats. This will apply for farewells too. However, if you want to send edible treats, it has to be individually wrapped and you need to let us know the ingredients used. Some children have dietary restrictions/allergies and we do not want to exclude them.

Last Date for Withdrawal (Term 2, 2026)

Please take note that if you would like to withdraw your child from school, a withdrawal letter is required by

Friday, 14th of February.

This letter will serve as one month's notice before you withdraw your child from our program. Any withdrawal notice after the stipulated dates will mean that your refundable deposit will be forfeited.

Important Dates to Remember

Chinese New Year Dress-Up Party: Tuesday, 28.1.2025 (Single Session for Every Child - 8.30am to 11.30am)

Chinese New Year Holiday: Wednesday to Friday, 29.1.2025 to 31.1.2025

Valentine's Day Dress-Up Party: Friday, 14.2.2025

Coffee Morning: Saturday, 1.3.2025

Last Day of Term 1: Friday, 14.3.2025

Term Break: Saturday to Sunday, 15.3.2025 to 23.3.2025

Reminder: Term 2, 2025 will resume on Monday, 24.3.2025