

Ladybird Weekly News

L A D Y B I R D P A T T A Y A I N T E R N A T I O N A L K I N D E R G A R T E N

W E L C O M E T O N U R S E R Y , K I N D E R G A R T E N 1
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W H A T A R E T H E H I G H L I G H T
A C T I V I T I E S O F T H E W E E K ?



Ladybird
Pattaya
International
Kindergarten

All classrooms focus on "School Routine", which involved;

1. Hello and Goodbye in the morning and afternoon Routine
2. Washing hands after activities to keep ourselves clean
3. After finishing our food, we tidy up by putting our plates and glasses into the washing bucket
4. We say "Can I...?" when we want to ask for something and "Thank you" when we want to show that we are thankful.

Cooking Class:

Nursery class
Strawberry Cookies
Kindergarten 2
Monkey Cake



Games, Songs & Dance:

Nursery Class
Gong Xi Gong Xi & Five Little Monkeys
Kindergarten 1
Gong Xi Gong Xi & The Boat Song
Kindergarten 2
Gong Xi Gong Xi



Arts & Crafts:

Nursery Class
Handprint Monkeys & Chinese Drums
Kindergarten 1
Chinese Fans, Monkey Boxes & Yachts
Kindergarten 2
Zodiac Posters



Literacy & Numeracy

Kindergarten 1
5, 6, 7 & 10, 11, 12; the 'e' phoneme
Kindergarten 2
Phonics flip binder



WHAT DID WE DO IN NURSERY CLASS?

Dear Nursery Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Chinese New Year celebration! In nursery class we have been learning a lot about Chinese New Year, and exploring different stories that are associated with it. We read the story about the 12 Zodiac Animals, and learned how each animal reached the finish in order to determine their ranking. We also read about the Nian, and how they terrorized villages until the villagers learned that Nian were afraid of loud noises and bright colours—hence the vibrant nature of Chinese New Year celebrations!

During the week, the children also got to make fun arts and crafts that were theme related to the Chinese New Year. The children got to make a cute Monkey hanging from a vine with their



handprints, in order to celebrate the year of the Monkey. They also learned how to make a Chinese drum out of paper plates, a chopstick, and beads. They really loved the loud noise it made and got to use it during our Chinese New Year song, 'Gong Xi Gong Xi.' After learning about Nian, the children creatively finger-painted their own scary Chinese Dragons. On Thursday we made yummy Strawberry cookies for cooking class, which were a delicious treat!



We definitely ended this week with a bang. The children seemed to have lots of fun all week and especially during the Chinese New Year celebration. Next week we'll be exploring and learning about our 5 senses through lots of hands-on activities. On Friday, in celebration of Valentine's day, we'll be having a small classroom Valentines party where the children will get the chance to pass out their candies. (More info will be provided in their books). Hope you have a great weekend and see the children on Monday.

Kind Regards,
-Teacher Kalia



WHAT DID WE DO IN KINDERGARTEN 1?

Dear K1 Parents,

This week has been very busy, as we have been preparing in anticipation of our Chinese New Year Celebration! We crafted monkey boxes, Chinese paper fans and read the story of the Zodiac, exploring the concept of Chinese New Year and why it is celebrated. It was wonderful seeing everyone dressed up in bright colours for the day, and they sang 'Gong Xi Gong Xi' very well, preparing for it all week.



We have been counting a lot this week, with group 1 focusing on 5-6-7 and group 2 focusing on 10-11-12. To practice, we traced the numbers, wrote them on the whiteboard, and played a number recognition game with flashcards! In regards to phonics this week, we learned about the phoneme 'e,' and recapped on 'c' and 'k' from last week.



For our boat project this week we learned about yachts. We discussed how large we thought a yacht would be, conveying size through steps around the classroom. We also introduced some fun actions into our boat song, and each drew our own yacht.

Chinese New Year was a lovely celebration, and I would like to thank you all for joining us. Along with our fun craft activities and 'Gong Xi Gong Xi,' the Lion Dance was a definite highlight—although it left some of us quite startled! I hope you have a nice weekend.

Kind Regards,
-Teacher Ragini



WHAT DID WE DO IN KINDERGARTEN 2 ?

Dear parents,

We've had a very exciting week looking forward to the Friday celebrations of the Chinese New Year. Most of our handiwork you will have seen on Friday hanging up downstairs, such as the red and yellow posters depicting the children of K2's Chinese Zodiac sign, as well as a few traits that were brought forth by themselves as well as their peers. We have mostly bunny rabbits in our class when it comes to the Chinese Zodiac, but also one tiger and one fierce dragon.

The children have all been responding well to using our new phonics flip binder to learn how to read, and in some cases it has caused change in leaps and bounds. That is why I will be giving each family their very own phonics flip binder so that as well as at school, the children can practice at home and I'm sure that it will help greatly.

The past few weeks we've also been looking closely at our "Help me to behave" books during reading time. These have been helping the children enormously in class. They are starting to recognise their own behaviour as well as their friends, and it helps them to understand the feedback from their teachers.

We've also been spending a few lessons on creating the beautiful monkey cards that we gave out on Friday - they were made just for you in celebration of the year of the monkey! The children all worked very hard and very independently on their cards, and we're thrilled with the results.

For our cooking class we made a cake that you must have seen on Friday! Again in keeping with the theme of Chinese New Year, we thought it would be a fun twist to make a monkey shaped cake, as well as some Chinese treats.

I hope you have a splendid weekend and a great Chinese New Year!

Kind Regards,
-Teacher Florence



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**LADYBIRD PATTAYA INTERNATIONAL
KINDERGARTEN****PARENTS REMINDER**

Parents, please send your child's swimming suit, towels and plastic bag in to school with them on their scheduled day Water Play so they do not miss out!

The sun is bright and strong even when it is February. Please send in your child's hat and sun-screen for their outdoor play.

Please remember to always check your child's contact book—this is a fundamental channel of communication between you and your child's teacher, as well as the school.