



# OCTOBER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

**What an eventful month October has been!** Now that the children are all more settled and ready to learn, they have started taking part in various new & exciting activities. In addition to having their first 'mini field trip' of the Academic Year to Al Maya Supermarket, they have also been introduced to weekly Kiddie Gym sessions this month. **Kiddie Gym** is a structured multi-sports programme that gives children a chance to further enhance their physical skills through fun & hands on activities. Talking about physical development...as the weather is now getting better, the children have started spending some time outside too. **DO ensure that you send a labelled cap for your child on a daily basis for him/her to wear during outdoor play.**

We ended the month with an exciting **Halloween celebration!** During this event the children had a great time 'trick-or-treating' and taking part in a Halloween Costume Parade. They were also very excited to help me carve real pumpkins, which were then used to decorate the school. A **BIG** thank you to all parents for dressing up your child for Halloween. ☺ The children looked amazing!!!

Looking forward to another fun-filled month ahead!

Carol Oliveira

Principal at Toddlers International Nursery DSO



## Arrivals - Reminder

We've noticed that quite a few children have been arriving late and, consequently, are missing out on some important activities that take place in the mornings. To help your child make the most of their nursery experience, please ensure that he/she is here on time on a regular basis. **Our arrivals take place from 8:00 am - 8:30 am.**



## Pumpkin Carving Activity



## Sick Policy Reminder



As the weather starts to change, many children tend to fall sick in Dubai. To avoid illnesses from spreading, we aim at always maintaining high standards of hygiene and ensuring the proper cleanliness of our environment, toys & materials on a daily basis. However, we cannot prevent illnesses from spreading on our own and would like to request for the support of all parents: **If your child is unwell - with fever, rashes, vomiting, eye discharge or diarrhoea, - please DO NOT send him/her to school. Children should be free of the above mentioned symptoms for 24 hours (without the use of medication) before coming back to the nursery.** We do understand that many of our parents are working and this can be a problem. However, there is no other way of preventing these illnesses from spreading. Your help with this matter is truly appreciated.

Please note that all contagious illnesses should also be reported to the Nursery so that other families may be informed and watch out for any symptoms. The child is welcome back once seen by their paediatrician. **A written note MUST accompany the child upon his/her return to the Nursery.**

Ms. Carol Oliveira  
Principal

Ms. Jacqueline  
Nurse



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**Toddlers International Nursery  
Dubai Silicon Oasis**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We also have a NEW Facebook Closed Group accessible to DSO families only.

If you still have any queries regarding how to join the group, please contact our Admin office.

## What will we learn about in November?

Our theme for the month of November will be **'My Dubai'**.

This theme is meant to start preparing the children for National Day and help them develop a greater understanding of this amazing place where we all live. Through this theme the children will also have a chance to talk about the UAE Flag, the Arabic language, and the different emirates that make up the UAE. They will also learn more about many amazing landmarks of Dubai and explore/talk about the desert.



## Important Dates

- ❖ Monday 05/11 - UAE Flag Day
- ❖ Wednesday 07/11 - Diwali Celebration
- ❖ Monday 19/11 - Dentist's Visit
- ❖ 25/11 - 29/11 - UAE Celebration Week
- ❖ Thursday 29/11 - UAE National Day Celebration
- ❖ Friday 30/11 - Martyr's Day  
(\*Holiday Date to be confirmed)
- ❖ Sunday 02/12 - UAE National Day Holiday  
(Nursery will be closed)
- ❖ Saturday 08/12 - Parent Teacher Meetings
- ❖ Tuesday 04/12 - Wed 12/12 - Winter Concert  
(Date & Time for each class still to be confirmed).
- ❖ Thursday 20/12 - LAST DAY of Term 1
- ❖ Winter Camp - 23/12 - 03/12
- ❖ Sunday 06/12 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day Term 2 ☺

# Monthly Newsletter

## Brilliant Bears



Dear Parents,

Time has flown! We have now come to the end of our theme of the month **"Fruits, Vegetables and Healthy Eating"**. The main purpose of this theme was to encourage our young learners to develop healthy eating habits starting from an early age, whilst also learning more about different fruits and vegetables. To further support the children's learning of this theme, they were given many opportunities to take part in fun & hands on activities meant to help them gain a better understanding of what fruits & vegetables are, how they grow and where they can be found.

Additionally, as the weather is getting better, the children have started to explore the outdoor area and take part in various fun physical activities/games outside too. They are also enjoying our weekly Kiddie Gym sessions which will further enhance their fine and gross motor development.

Furthermore, we continue to practice rhyming, sorting, counting and one-to-one correspondence, positional concepts, and various games during circle and learning center time activities. In Phonics, we've learned the sounds and songs for s/a/t/i/p. **If you wish to have extra practice at home with your child, please use <http://jollylearning.co.uk>.** Throughout the month, the children have also been involved in activities such as colouring, painting, free play, dance and movement, games, as well as arts and craft activities related to the theme of the month.

The Halloween celebration at the Nursery was a big hit! The children were very excited about dressing up for the event and talked about what they were wearing on that day. They also participated in our Trick-or-Treat activity, which they enjoyed a lot.

One of our children, Layal, celebrated her 3rd Birthday with her family and friends in the classroom this month. Thank you to Layal and her family for celebrating this special day with us! ☺

I would like to thank all the parents for their constant support and cooperation!



Best regards,  
Mrs Vandana  
Brilliant Bears (Classroom Teacher)

Below is a brief outline on how we have worked throughout the month towards developing all areas of learning:



## Personal Social and Emotional Development

- ❖ Encouraging children to be aware of their personal hygiene (Cover your mouth with your hands or elbows when you sneeze, using a tissue to wipe our nose, mouth, face)
- ❖ Encouraging children to use their magic words: "Please", "Sorry", "Thank you".
- ❖ Importance of eating fruits and vegetables on a daily basis to be healthy and strong.
- ❖ Supermarket visit: Waiting & taking turns choosing the items to be bought, using coins to pay at the cash counter.



## Physical Development

- ❖ **Gross:** Stretching, moving in different ways: walking backwards and forwards, fast and slow, etc. Bowling game, jumping, obstacles track. Dance sessions.
- ❖ Kidde Gym session on Sundays. Daily stretching, breathing and crossing the middle line movement exercises.
- ❖ **Fine:** Play dough, cutting activities. 'straws and hair clips' activity, making paper crumbs. Mark making using whiteboard markers.
- ❖ Putting rubber bands around a cup using thumb and index fingers, newspaper tearing; for those who are ready, introduce scissor cutting skills ( making snip on newspaper).

## Communication/Language and Literacy



- ❖ Exploring and learning all about fruits and vegetables.
- ❖ Introduction of the letters and the sounds : "S s", "A a", "Tt", "I i" and "Pp" through the Jolly phonics story, song and action.
- ❖ Learning new vocabulary words related to the theme. Identifying the fruits and vegetables flashcards.
- ❖ Listening to different sounds and trying to guess what they are (a telephone ringing, a lion roaring, a dog barking, musical instrument, horn, etc.).
- ❖ Seasons introduction: Talking about different colors of trees and how trees change leaves during different seasons.







## Understanding of the World

- ❖ "Watermelon Day": Watermelon tasting activity.
- ❖ Fruit Show & Tell Day.
- ❖ Banana peeling activity. Yellow Day.
- ❖ Introduction to the concept of 'Fruit': What is a fruit? Some fruits grow on trees and others on the ground: vines.
- ❖ Introduction to what vegetables are. Explore certain vegetables.
- ❖ Halloween Costumes' Parade. Celebration of Halloween with harvest concept .



## Expressive Art and Design

- ❖ The letter and the sound "a", "s", "t", "i" and "p" 'crafts. "Watermelon' 'and "Fruit Basket" crafts. "Halloween" craft.
- ❖ Vegetable printing.
- ❖ Dance and movement.
- ❖ "Five Little Pumpkins" role play/ making a "pumpkin" mask. Mixing colors. If we mix red & yellow, which color will we get?
- ❖ Stories & Role Play: "Handa's Surprise", "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", "The Enormous Turnip" , "Oliver's Fruit Salad".



## Mathematics

- ❖ Introduction of the numbers 1 to 4 along with identification and counting.
- ❖ "Dice game": placing numbers of seeds on "watermelon" using dice. Rote counting 1-20. Counting how many girls and boys are in the classroom.
- ❖ Introduction of the shape: square, circle, triangle, rectangle and diamond.
- ❖ Matching the shapes with the numbers game.
- ❖ Number movement activity: look at the card and follow the actions clap 1 time, pat your head 2 times, jump 3 times... until number 5.



Here are a few photos of what  
we have been up to this month...

# Sneak Peak From October





# Pink Day

## Vegetable salad activity







# SUPERMARKET FIELD TRIP





# Halloween

# Fun

