

April Monthly Newsletter

2019

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The third and last term of the Academic Year is now upon us. How fast time has gone by! On behalf of the staff team, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families as we start this new term. Please feel free to come and see me whenever you feel the need to do so. At TIN we have an 'Open Door Policy' and I am always truly glad to get your feedback and hear your comments.

April was already a busy month, full of hands-on activities and celebrations: The children had a chance to take part in a planting activity during 'Earth Day' and explore different sensory bins and fun games when briefly introduced to **Easter**. Have a look at the lovely photos of all of these activities and many more which your child's class teacher has added to this newsletter. ☺

Most of our new children have now settled in beautifully and are starting to make new friends. Others are still getting used to the new routines. If that is your child case, don't worry & be patient! To better support your little one, please **DO** ensure, however, that you establish an **early bedtime routine** for him/her at home. Children who had a good night sleep tend to settle much faster than those who have not. If you have any questions with regards to this, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

Looking forward to a wonderful month ahead in which we will introduce Ramadan to our children!

Best regards,
Carol Oliveira
Principal at TIN DSO

Ramadan Timings

As I am sure you are aware, the Holy month of Ramadan will start at the beginning of May. As a result, there will be some alterations to our nursery timings.

The timings for the Holy month of Ramadan will be as follows:

- Arrivals for Breakfast Club children will be at 8am.
- Arrivals for all remaining children will be between 8.30am - 9.00am.
- Our bus children will be leaving the nursery at their normal time.
- Our noon dismissal will remain the same (12.10pm - 12:30pm).
- Our 2pm dismissal will remain the same.
- All remaining children will need to be collected by 4pm latest.

We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Ramadan Kareem to all
of our families!

Important Dates - May

- ❖ 02/05: World Book Day Celebration - Book Character Dress up Day
- ❖ 06/05: Ramadan Begins (**Date may be subject to change).
- ❖ 08/05 & 09/05: Splash Day!
- ❖ 30/05: Farm Animals & Pets Dress up Day





Ramadan Activities that Parents can do with their Children...



Decorate your home together: Encourage your little one to help you make your home look even prettier for the Holy month of Ramadan. They can make their own crafts to use for decoration too.

Make Paper Lanterns: Work together on this craft project by providing different materials for your child to use & explore while making his/her own paper lanterns. Lots of samples & ideas can be found on the internet.

Promote Little Acts of Kindness:

We should always be kind to others, but let this be a month in which we truly promote this concept to our children: Encourage them to be kind to their friends, siblings and relatives through some small acts of kindness. Give them ideas on how to do it and role model it too!

Learn more about the Moon: As the moon plays an important role during Ramadan, take this opportunity to teach your child a bit more about it. Do some research on the phases of the moon and what they symbolize during Ramadan and take time to find the moon & observe the sky together.

Read Ramadan Children's Books: There are lots of books for children that can teach them about Ramadan and/or the importance of kindness and charity. Read to your child before bedtime.



Important Reminders

- **Food:** A good diet is particularly important for young children as it affects their growth & development. At TIN we promote healthy eating so please ensure that you only send nutritious meals to school. Cut-up fresh fruits or vegetables, yoghurt, cheese or a simple sandwich are examples of appropriate healthy snack choices. Carbonated drinks, chocolate & chocolate spread, sweets and crisps should NOT be sent to school.
- **Uniform:** If you haven't bought your child's uniform yet, please remember to do so. All sizes are now available at our Admin Office. The school uniform must be worn from Sunday to Wednesday. Thursday is a casual day.
- **Backpacks:** Please do not send oversized bags to the Nursery. We are encouraging children to become more independent. Therefore, each child will be encouraged to manage their own belongings.



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Dubai Silicon Oasis**

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

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

What will we learn
about in May?

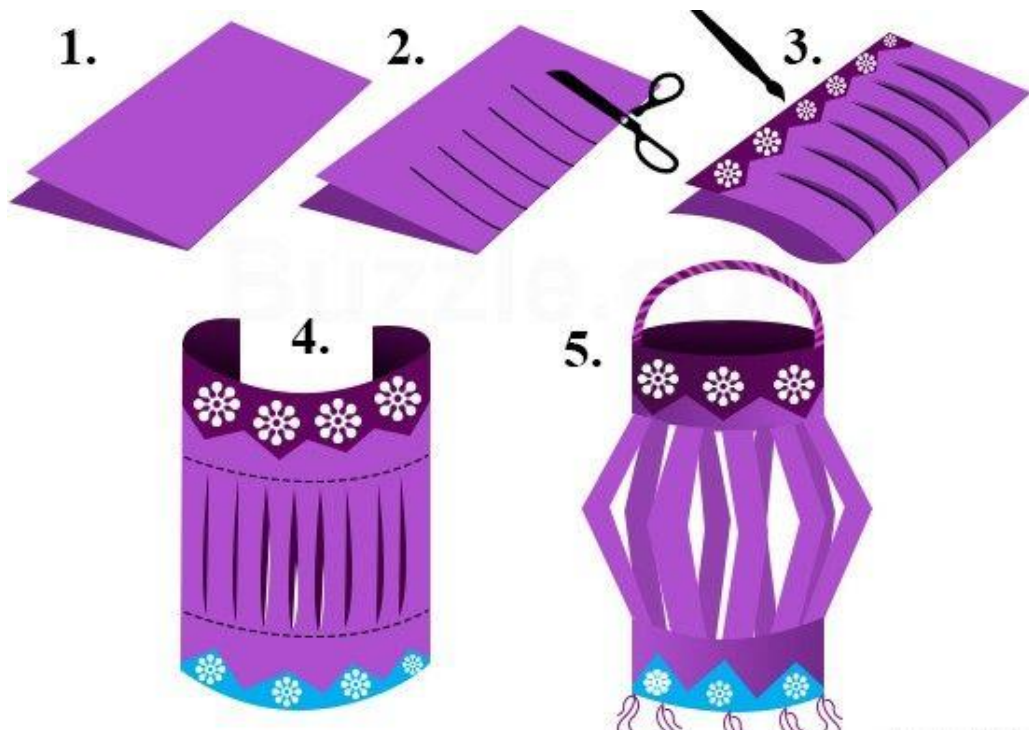


Farm Animals & Pets

How to make a Ramadan Paper Lantern



Would you like to make a Ramadan paper lantern with your child?
Simply follow the instructions below!



This activity will help your little one exercise his/her fine motor skills while folding and cutting the paper and if using sequins & other small materials to decorate the lantern. It will also help them enhance their hand-eye coordination. Most importantly, it will further boost their personal and emotional development if they have a chance to work on it together with mum & dad. 😊

Happy Hippos – Nursery Programme

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing and fun Spring Break with your families. Our returning children looked well-rested and were very excited to be back at the nursery and see their friends again. We also have a few new friends who have joined our classroom this term. I would like to welcome Mariam, Yanvi, Saanvika, Anvika, Japanjot, Saakshi, Lamar, Marley, Muhammad Sibtain, Adam, Yousuf and Radhika to our Happy Hippos class. Looking forward to seeing you explore, enjoy and make lots of new friends in the coming days.

As you are aware, the theme for this month was "**Spring and Insects**". The children were introduced to the changes that you see in the Spring season, namely, flowers, insects and occasional April showers (Rain). The children enjoyed talking about the flowers that are blossoming, singing songs about the weather and learning about all the different insects and baby animals that come about in spring. We had fun taking nature walks in the mornings and looking at the weather, birds and flowers. We investigated by "digging for pretend worms": during this activity, the children explored sand and soil using magnifying glasses and looked for toy bugs and worms of different sizes. The children were also encouraged to pick up fallen leaves during our nature walk which we then used for a leaf rubbing craft. There were leaves of many different shapes and sizes! This activity led to lots of lovely conversations.

Additionally, our Happy Hippos class had a great time while taking part in lots of fun activities meant to further enhance the children's fine motor skills. They also enjoyed taking part in projects featuring beautiful spring flowers, butterfly printing, and using playdough with flowers and seeds, etc. Moreover, we have also read exciting stories related to this topic. These include: "Guess How Much I love You in Spring", "Hungry Harry", "The very Lazy Ladybird" and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

We also had an exciting **Earth Day**. A big thank you to all parents for sending your child in blue and green outfits. **Easter** was also celebrated with fun filled activities. ☺ The children had an amazing time this month!

Looking forward to the start of a new month with many exciting topics for our class. ☺

Ms Ayesha

Home Connections

To help our children understand more about this month's topic, on weekends or free time you can visit Parks with your little ones! You can also try some planting activities at home too! Please feel free to ask for more ideas ☺.

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





