

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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**Toddlers International Nursery
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?

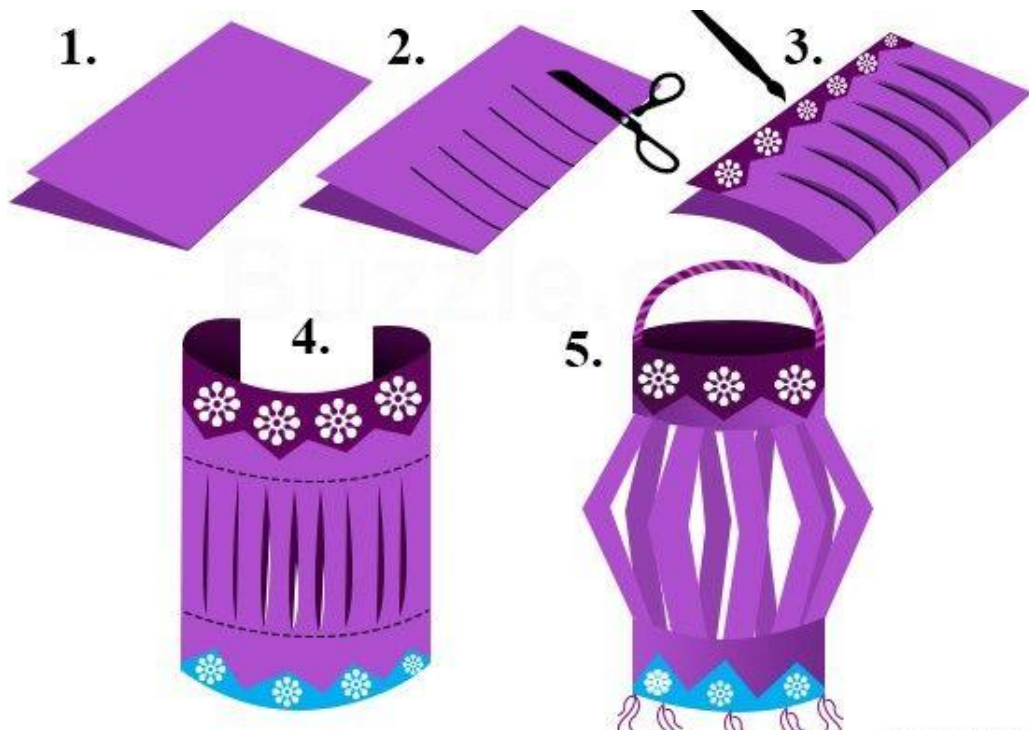


Farm Animals & Pets

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. 😊

Playful Pandas – Nursery Programme

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Dear Parents,

The Playful Pandas Class had lots of fun in April! Our topic this month was about "Spring and Insects". The children had great fun exploring frozen toy insects in sensory bins and they loved learning about the spring season during circle time too. We have also learned about insects and made fun butterfly sponge painting crafts.

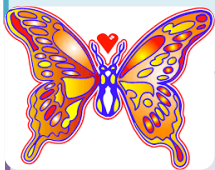
Additionally, our little Pandas had a wonderful time while celebrating Earth Day. On this special occasion, the children learned about the colours of the planet and took part in an amazing planting activity. They also learned a bit more about the planting process and were introduced to the different resources/materials we use for planting, such as: water, soil, seeds and sunlight.

It has also been wonderful to see how our little ones enjoy physical activities more now than they did before. They always ask to have dance and yoga sessions now ☺.

Looking forward to starting a new month with lots of new exciting activities for our Playful Pandas Class! ☺



Best wishes,
Ms. Shahy, Ms. Ailen and Ms. Patricia
(Playful Pandas Team)



Home Connections

We can always support our children's learning at home by preparing fun activities for them. Spring is an amazing topic to learn about flowers and trees. You can collect some flowers, leaves and sticks, place them in cups or small bowls, add some water and place them in the freezer. Next day, put them in a big container and let the children explore the texture of the ice and encourage them to use spoons or wooden hammers to try and get the different materials out from the ice.

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



