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My school. My happiness.

# Infants and Toddlers



Dear Parents,

November was a very busy and important month for our group. Towards the end of the month, I noticed that the classroom had normalized. Children have been busy with their own individual work and I have witnessed a greater independence and more caring and loving children.

We celebrated Elisa's 2nd birthday where children sang the birthday song and shared his cake. It was a beautiful atmosphere. This month, two new members joined our group, Josh and Niki. The other students have been very nice to them by modeling good behavior and helping them in the classroom by showing them where each material belongs.



We also have a new teacher for the infants. Her name is Anisa and she is very experienced in caring for children. She will be a welcome addition to our class. Please welcome her when you see her.

Music time is another interesting time for our group. Each child gets to choose a song and then they sing it all together. They also play musical instruments or show actions while singing.



# Infants and Toddlers

Also, our cooking is getting better and better. This month, we made different kinds of cookies. In the afternoons, on most days, we have been making ornaments for the Christmas Bazaar that is scheduled for December 4th at the Sheraton Hotel.



Regards,  
Ms. Nertila



# Casa Class

Dear Parents,

This month we continued our every day routines in the class. We started our gym programme with Miss Keida on Wednesdays. The kids enjoy it very much. This month, we talked about countries in Europe and made a painted handprint that was presented to our Hungarian sister school. We have learnt about the colours of the flags of Hungary, Albania and Germany, so far. We are using the internet during our circle time where we learn songs, practice the alphabet and numbers. Music plays an important role and we all play different musical instruments before lunch and sing together.





I have started a new system in which we collect the children's work in their folders and send it home with them every Friday. We made gifts for the Christmas bazaar and soon will start our Christmas decorations. We have also started preparations for the Christmas Winter Show.

Kind regards,  
Mr Balázs



## Pre - Elementary

### Greetings from Pre-Elementary!

This is an exciting time for us because we just began our IB Unit on Homes. For the next four weeks we will be studying different types of houses and homes, animal homes, and the construction of homes; and the final week, we will construct our own house!



Now that we have finished studying all the letters and sounds of the alphabet, we will begin our new reading series, Pockets. I would like to begin with an introductory two weeks to Pockets on December 5th, until the end of the semester. When the Spring semester resumes in January, we will work from the book on a regular basis.

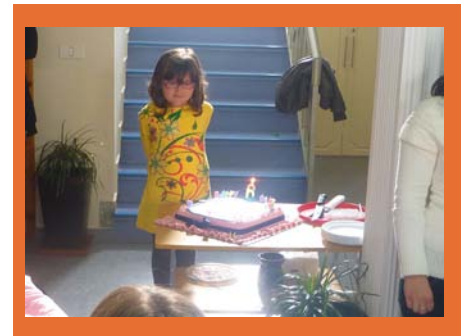


Kind Regards,  
Ms. Sara

## Dear Parents,

This month, we are enjoying the cool, Fall weather and thinking about what we are thankful for. We have been studying nouns, verbs, and adjectives, and as always improving our reading skills. This month in Math we have been learning about flat and solid geometric shapes, symmetry, and building different figures. We are also busy preparing for the Winter show in Music, Dance, and French.

Regards,  
Ms. Amanda



## Dear Parents,

We have begun our second Unit of Inquiry, Who We Are. The students are learning about families, traditions, generations, and timelines. Some activities will include learning about holidays and celebrations from around the world, creating personal timelines, a watercolor painting of a family tree, and an interview of a student's oldest relative. It should be a lot of fun as we learn about each other and about families from around the world.

Ms. Channery





## IB - PYP 3rd Grade

Dear Parents,



November has been a very busy month for my 3rd graders! We have focused on different types of characteristics and personalities that create who we are as individuals. In addition, my class has explored differences in values, opinions, and other points of view concerning both individuals and society as a whole. I am very proud of each student for successfully completing the first Think About It project, "Who We Are". I can't wait to see how they out-do themselves with next month's theme, "Different Places" or "Different Lives".

I look forward to all the planned projects and activities I have prepared for the upcoming month! We are excited about our collaboration with Mr. Thomas Beckett's classroom in China via epals.com. Our "Ming Meets Interesting People" project will showcase a classroom effort to bridge different types of people together under one common, interesting point of view. It is my goal to make December as prosperous as this month in terms of learning through explorations and discoveries.



Thank you!  
Mrs. Poshka



## IB - PYP 4th, 5th Grade



Dear Parents,

This month, we are working on our second unit of inquiry, How we Express Ourselves. We are learning about rhythm and how various rhythmic forms may help us gain a greater appreciation for the arts.

# IB - PYP 4th, 5th Grade



We have studied rhythm as the pulse of life by listening to our heart beats and venturing outside to study nature and listen for sounds that produce rhythmic cadences. We have also discussed rhythm in music and dance. We have seen musical instruments and listened to different types of music from around the world. They also had fun designing and creating their own musical instrument out of simple materials. They had so much fun with this activity, but they really enjoyed playing their instrument to their classmates. We are looking forward to learning more about other forms of rhythm.



Warm Regards,  
Ms. Veta

\*For weekly updates, please visit my website: [www.vnakai.com](http://www.vnakai.com)

## December Calendar

📅 28/11/2011	Independence Day (no school)
📅 29/11/2011	Liberation Day (no school)
📅 4/12/2011	Christmas Bazaar at Sheraton Hotel
📅 8/12/2011	National Youth Day (no school)
📅 15/12/2011	Winter Show (Pre-Elementary & 1 - 5 Grade)
📅 16/12/2011	Mid - Year report (Elementary & 1 - 5 Grade), last day of school
📅 16/12/2011	Winter Show (Early Years, Montessori)
📅 19 - 04/01/2012	Winter Break
📅 19 - 23/12/2011	Winter Camp (Early Years & Pre- Elementary, 0-6 years old)*

\* Please notify per e-mail or call us if your child is attending the Winter Camp

# “SOS” Friends

## Dear Parents,

We are very happy to inform you about a great friendship that started between our students and the SOS Village children. Student’s grade 2 – 5 visited the children at the SOS Children’s Village on Wednesday, November the 23rd.

We saw there their school; library, playground and also their houses where they kids live with their “SOS mothers” as a real family. We met some of the kids and the administration and explained to them about our first project on collecting funds to help them



### 1st project phase

On the 4th of December, “Early Years” (Montessori) and “Primary Years” (IB) students will be participating in the Christmas Bazaar held at the Sheraton Hotel from 11:00 to 15:00

Our students have been working hard to create crafts to sell at the Bazaar. The profits from these sales will go to the SOS Children's Village charity in Tirana. We hope you will be able to join us to support this great initiative. If you are a parent of a WAT student (Pre-Elementary - 5th gradeS), your child/children will be performing at the Bazaar. Parents are also welcome to bring homemade cookies to sell at the Bazaar. If you are willing to help, please let us know.

### 2nd project phase

During the 2nd week of December we will be collecting books for the SOS library by contacting publishing houses and other resources. If you have any idea about collecting books for them, please help with your suggestion.

### 3rd project phase

We will have our “Primary Years” (Pre-Elementary - 5th grades) student’s Winter Show on the 15th of December. We will invite our SOS Friends to the show, where we can celebrate together a great Holiday Season. Details on our Winter Show will be sent to you during the 1st week of December.

### 4th project phase

We will prepare boxes with Christmas Gifts for the SOS Children. We appreciate in advance your collaboration about this initiative and will let you have more information on this.

### 5th project phase

WAT teachers and administration will participate in another Bazaar during the Holidays which will be held at the American Embassy on the 20th of December. All the collected money will go again for our SOS friends.



Thank you in advance for you support during the holiday season. We hope to meet you at the Christmas Bazaar on the 4th of December.