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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF J&J PRE-SCHOOL



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Most students are back now after months of remote learning. To all the new students who just joined us, welcome to Jack & Jill! We would like to extend our greatest heartfelt appreciation to parents and guardians for their confidence and trust in us.

Anyone who does anything to help a child in their life is a hero to me.

- Fred Rogers



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## A message from Teacher Aster,

Tick-tock, tick-tock.....the hour has finally come! Most of our familiar and adorable faces are back to school. Their eyes were beaming with eagerness and enthusiastic greetings filled the air as they stepped into the school. Indeed, excitement and anticipation welcomed the month of March. School was once again filled with laughter and giggles.



Teachers tapped into their previously undiscovered creativity to design their activities and lessons while keeping the SOP in mind. With the thematic learning approach, kids learnt much about birthdays and they were exposed to birthday celebrations in other cultures. Classrooms were colourful with the art and craft decorations of these little hands.

We appreciate the efforts of parents who have devotedly walked alongside your kids to take on the thematic approach. Some kids submitted their theme-based projects and have benefited tremendously from the commitment of their parents. One of the topics in the professional development for teachers is "The 5 Love Languages". We learnt that each one of us has different ways of expressing and receiving love: affirmative words, quality time, thoughtful gifts, acts of service and physical affection. It describes the way we feel loved and appreciated. With these insights, we can understand the little ones a little better and decode their preference to receive love and motivation. It will be good for parents to know how to communicate love to their children depending on their love language so that they genuinely feel loved. It will strengthen your bond and starve off unwelcome behaviour. Here is the link to your discovery; <https://www.5lovelanguages.com/quizzes/>

I will pen off here. See you in the next newsletter.

Regards,  
Teacher Aster



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# • THEMATIC MONTH •

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Learning about birthday celebrations around the world is interesting and eye-opening! Children learned about special food and traditions during birthdays in some countries such as England, Denmark, China, Brazil, India, Canada, Poland, Nigeria, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, Vietnam and Russia. They now know that not every country sings the "Happy Birthday" song that they are familiar with. What a discovery month!



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# March Golden Star Students

March golden star students. You are incredible!



**4 Joy**

**Wong Shun Ai (Luvia)**



**5 Kindness**

**Samarth Lakshmanaprabu**



**5 Peace**

**Mikaellynn  
kquincey trias  
mayo**



**6 Goodness**

**Ng Yi Ern**



**6 Faith**

**Keshava Devraj**

# TODDLERS



Our little ones had so much fun exploring different medias in their cake decoration.



Little hands with great work! Look at how engrossed they were in wrapping their presents.



Now we know our 1,2,3,4 and we will keep counting!



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# TODDLERS

Bright colourful balloons add joy to children. Looking at the balloons, counting made fun !



"Now I know my ABC, next time wont you sing with me!" From singing to sorting out letters in upper and lower case, we enjoy them all!



The 3 Grace rising stars, recently, accomplished their mission to create this huge 3-tier cake. Good job to their tremendous effort!



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# 4 YEARS OLD

The donkey pinata in the making. The children designed their pinata crafts patiently and surely their smile hidden behind the face mask was testament to their joy! The pinata game is popular during birthday celebrations in Mexico. Children learned that during their craft lesson recently.



Never-ending fun in learning. Tangrams, one of the development tools, help children to learn about spatial relationships, and develop stronger problem solving abilities.

Resource Room is a place of discovery for our curious children!



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# 4 YEARS OLD

Mexico, China and Australia. The pinata, longevity noodles and fairy bread. Respectively, this is the popular traditional practice in a birthday celebration! That's the theme behind their collaborative project. Beautiful!



Indeed, it was super entertaining and amusing playing balloons outdoor, Imagine how balloons were held tight in their hands or else they would be blown away! Children learn to embrace nature while having great time being outdoor. Time to stay quiet and time to swing into action; a good lesson of self-control.



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# 5 YEARS OLD

Instead of baking a cake for a birthday party, Australian parents make fairy bread as a treat for their child! Here our children were learning how people from different parts of the world celebrate their birthdays.



Party hats mean birthday celebrations. We made our own party hats to celebrate friends' birthdays!

Following instructions is an important life skill for children. Craft lessons train children to attend to detail in spoken language and sequence the information in the appropriate steps.



Cake designers in the making. Cakes are decorated to mark a special celebration; birthday, wedding or any other celebration. Children are naturally artistic!



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**Learning one more and one less in Mathematics. Object lesson with big blocks help children to grasp the concept more effectively.**

**Teaching children with more and less concept is essential to compare the number of objects and identify which is more and/or less.**

**Bringing nature to the classroom, learning Chinese is further inspired. Soil in Chinese, 土, was the lesson of the day. Up close with plants and soil, they learnt how to grow with soil and young plants. They were reminded to nurture the plants with love too!**



**Number bonds reflect the 'part-part-whole' relationship of numbers. Number bonds show how numbers are split or combined. Here, 5 years old children were learning what combination of numbers makes 10. 5&5, 6&4, 7&3 and few more. Such object lesson helps children to develop the mental problem-solving strategy.**



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# 6 YEARS OLD

**Sending our sweet blessings in these candy gift baskets to all the March babies! Made wholeheartedly for you!**

**Exploration of origami can stimulate our memory, non-verbal thinking, attention, 3D comprehension and imagination. Children learn in fun activities as such.**



**Chocolate cake, among other flavours, is the most-picked favourite of 6 Goodness. Being introduced to graphs at an early age can help children to understand huge mathematical concepts such as sorting, organizing, counting, comparing, and analyzing.**



**Show and tell sets the stage for children to become comfortable when speaking in public. It builds confidence and helps children develop effective communication skills. The sharing speaks volume of their masterpiece !**



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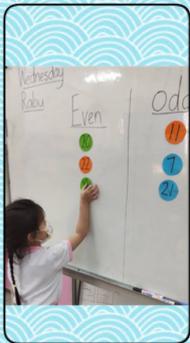
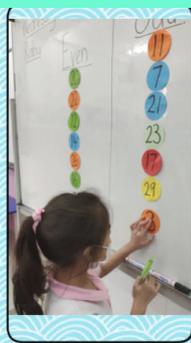
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# 6 YEARS OLD

From January to December, the months are put together in sequence in their multi-tier cake to mark the birthday dates of children in 6 Goodness.

Making of pop up crafts allow children to work on something constructively. Here children were working diligently on their pop-up birthday cards.



It is easier for children to see the 'odd one out' when there are three objects or more. 'Who is alone?' 'Who doesn't have a friend?' 'Who is the odd one out?' That's how children learn about even and odd numbers.

'An even number of people means the seesaw works, an odd number of people the seesaws don't.'

Gradually the children will learn to look for the 'ones' place to decipher larger numbers, whether they are even or odd numbers.



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# AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CRAFTS

Craft lessons serve a purpose besides being fun. Teach children how to follow steps in a process, working on fine motor skills, and learning about spatial intelligence to name a few. Children develop self-confidence in their creations.



Mini handbag craft from step one to fruition. Children were seen playing with them with pride.

Sea creatures puppet sticks craft turned out well! Using easily available materials, the sea creatures came alive!



Children had fun making this monkey craft using the recyclable toilet rolls and this finished product indeed becomes a chatty 'monkey' friend!



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Science experiment introduces children to the concepts of observation, prediction, and testing. Water is unique as water exists in all three states of matter. Here children were learning how to make ice cubes after exploring on the states of liquid, solid and gas.



Craft lesson encourages children to create in a fun and relaxed environment. It helps to build levels of manual dexterity too. Mission accomplished in their ice cream cones and cakes making! Marvellous!



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# ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES



Chinese Fun Learning - So much of laughter and giggles in this Chinese strokes-guessing game! We aim to make learning Chinese fun and exciting.

Creative thinking skill is practised in our recent domestic science activity. Children learned to make spring rolls with the basic pantry essentials.



French toast is a great way to get our children to eat eggs. Cracking eggs takes a bit of training, but it's a great practical life activity.



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