

News letter

Jing Jing International Kindergarten & Nursery

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A message from Mrs. McHugh.....

Dear Parents

I'm sure those of our families that came to our Spring Picnic will agree it was a fabulous success. The weather was kind to us enabling families to lay down picnic rugs and make the most of the beautiful environment. Obviously, the highlight of the morning was our Concert. The children were amazing, singing and dancing their hearts out. To see their confidence and big smiles was a delight. It goes without saying that to get the children to perform in such a relaxed manner doesn't happen overnight. Our teachers work so hard preparing the children that I would like to publicly acknowledged their hard work and commitment.

As a staff we are so proud of our Kindergarten and Nursery that we would love to share with you and the wider community the fabulous things that go on during a typical morning. We plan to have an Open Morning on June 4th. This will give those that are not familiar with our wonderful Kindergarten the opportunity to see firsthand the children in action as well as meeting the teachers, finding out more about our curriculum and exploring our school environment. We are very keen that the morning will run as a 'normal' morning and the children will be able to go about their normal routines. Please do feel free to pop or indeed spread the word!

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Upcoming events.....

- ❖ 4th June-Open Morning
- ❖ 7th June Tuen Ng Festival
- ❖ 14th June-Parent Teacher Meetings
- ❖ 16th June - Graduation
- ❖ 17th June-Day off in Lieu
- ❖ 19th June-Fire Drill



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Upcoming Events.....

Graduation 16th June

This week we started rehearsing in earnest for our end of year Graduation Ceremony. We will be performing (along with our other 3 branches) an adapted version of Billy No Buzz by Niki Davies This is a delightful story of a Bee who is rejected because he can't buzz, but is eventually accepted for being himself. More information with regard to costumes and times will be sent home in the next couple of weeks

Bits and Bobs.....



We are now on Instagram!
Please follow us
On
[@jingjinginternational](https://www.instagram.com/jingjinginternational)



Our Spring Picnic and Concert



Out and About.....



Our Nursery and K1 students really enjoyed their trip to The Academy of Performing Arts to see Elmer The Patchwork Elephant Show

Curriculum News...

Cultural Topic:
Music from around the World

Main Topic
Once upon a time...

Children need to play

Modern science is now backing up what parents, educators and play therapists have known for eons. Children need to play.

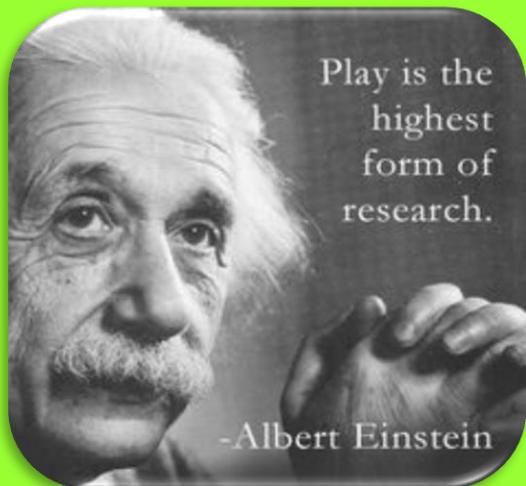
Better still; children need plenty of free play!

Free play is the sort of unstructured, self-directed play that occurs when children choose for themselves how to do it. It is very different from structured learning activities or passive entertainment and is essential to whole-child development.

Essential elements of free play are:

- * Children make their own decisions
- * Play is intrinsically motivated
- * Children become immersed in it
- * It is spontaneous and not overly organized

Play is fun



Parents.....

Doing Less is Often More

As a parent, encouraging free play is often more about what you don't do rather than what you do. Left to their own devices children are innately capable of wondrous imagination, intent exploration and silly fun.

From stacking blocks or kicking leaves, to pretending to be a princess or making a blanket fortress, unimpeded imagination knows no bounds.

But here's the thing...

In our modern culture, digital media has become ubiquitous and now there is growing pressure to enrol kids in structured "enrichments" activities, such as violin, swimming or academic tuition. While these can be valuable, sadly it is free play that is often squeezed out of the daily schedule.

So what can we do.....?

Paradoxically, to win back free play and its benefits for our kids, the answer is can be to do less, not more! So let's all make space in the diary for our children's free play. Write in it and then guard it preciously.

These times, when screens are put to one side and adults take a back seat, are the very times that bring huge rewards to children and their families and caregivers. Indeed, they are some of the most meaningful, developmentally rich and joyous times of our children's lives.