

Newsletter
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Term 1 : Aug 16 – Dec 10, 2010



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Dear Parents

Welcome to a brand new academic year! We have a lot lined up for this new 17 week term. Read on...

Renovation of our Classrooms

All our classrooms are newly painted, and have new floorings. The classrooms feel much brighter and lighter now. The matching orange venetian blinds add a warm glow to each room. Classrooms are redecorated, and spaces have been reserved for our students to contribute to the 'wall art'. We hope you will all like the "new look"!

Progress Reports

We apologise for the delay in sending out the reports last term. In our first attempt to "Go Green", we had underestimated technological delays. We are taking steps to ensure that it will not happen again next term. Meanwhile, if you have any feedback on the reports/comments, please feel free to contact us for a meeting to discuss your concerns anytime.

Promotions to new levels/ new books

We are pleased to report that a total of 30 students were promoted last term. Well done! 5 students were promoted from Playlessons to F1, 21 students from F1 to F2, and 4 students were promoted to F3. In addition, 9 students will be graduating from the "pink" to "green" series. Emails have been sent out to inform you of the changes.

N/B: Due to the promotions, there might be inevitable changes to the timetables. While we have done our best to keep your existing timings/teachers, please let us know if there are problems and as always, we will solve them together with you.

17 weeks- 4 new books this term!

We shall be teaching 4 books this term. Kindly remind your child to bring in the Green folder each week to store the worksheets/homework/artwork. As per normal practice, we will notify parents each time there is a change in books via email.

New Teachers

We are happy to report that after more than 2 years with us, Carol Chen Laoshi has gone home to China to get married. Congratulations! She says she misses all her students at Little Mandarins and hopes to visit Singapore again some day.

We are pleased to introduce 2 new teachers – **Elaine Yu Lin Laoshi** and **Xin Xiaomei Laoshi**. Both hail from China and have worked with English speaking students extensively in Singapore and elsewhere. Elaine has worked in Hong Kong and Paris, while Xin Laoshi was a teacher in another International School in Singapore. They are both bilingual and we are indeed happy to have them on board.

Summer 2010

"Mad & Wild Mandarin is Fun" Camp

We added many new fun activities this summer and the children had a blast! We had lots of fun & laughter and the children learnt Mandarin in an educational non conventional manner. Our campers left with lots of prizes, souvenirs and great memories. Check out our website and Facebook for videos and photos of our camps. The next winter camp starts in Nov 2010.

Our website – NEW changes!

You can read all past newsletters on our website. In addition, we have created a link to our Facebook site so that you can view our camp videos and photos easily! Videos of our TV interviews have also been uploaded. Enjoy viewing!

GCSE Mandarin – Full Steam Ahead

We are pleased to announce that after months of consulting and fine tuning, we will be rolling out our full GCSE programme in Term 1. This programme is to prepare our students who will be taking the GCSE (Edexcel or IGCSE) exam when they turn 14-16 years old. As encouraged by the exam boards, we will be using internet, blogs, CDs and movies to help us teach the various topics. We are excited to teach this course and we hope our students will benefit greatly from the new teaching methods adopted. The class size shall remain small to ensure maximum attention is given to each student.

NO Food/Drinks/Toys/Handphones in class

We appreciate your cooperation that above items are not brought to class. This is to ensure insect free classrooms and helps to limit distractions to all students.

Mums & Tots

Is your child 20 months old? Come join us in this magical 1 hr journey of music & movement, fun & games, speech and drama together with your tot! You may even learn a few words/phrases yourself!

Adult Conversation Class

We have classes for groups or individuals from Basic, Intermediate, Advanced to Business Mandarin, all conducted by our bilingual teachers from Taiwan and China. Gather your friends to sign up or we can form a group for you. We are also happy to customise a class to suit your timings and favourite topics. Give us a call for details.