

Newsletter
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Dear Parents

What a catastrophic year – terror attacks, earthquakes, financial crisis, escalating war casualties. I am sure we are all glad it is over and look forward to a peaceful, happy year ahead.

Events in 2009

Little Mandarins in the news!!



We are delighted that our philosophy of teaching Mandarin the fun way has attracted the media's attention.

In March 09, The Straits Times dedicated a half page on Little Mandarins, detailing the way we teach and the success we have achieved with our students.

In November, we were invited as one of 3 panel guests on Mediacorp's Talking Point on Channel NewsAsia. Topic discussed "How we can teach Mandarin successfully".

We were also featured in 4 different print publications, all of which mentioned our success on teaching Mandarin the fun way.

We also started teaching Mandarin in yet another International school in Singapore, as an after school activity. We are indeed proud that Little Mandarins continue to be selected to work with some of the best International schools in Singapore to help their students achieve better and higher grades in Mandarin.

Academic success – 2009 Promotions

We are very proud of the students who were promoted in 2009. More than 50 students were promoted during the year to the next higher level, and some did so well that they moved on to a whole series of books as well. Congratulations!! Little Mandarins will continue to give the best for our students, while ensuring that learning Mandarin is always fun, yet effective.

Our "Mad & Wild Mandarin is Fun" Camp

More than 100 students participated in our camps held over the June and Dec holidays. What a blast we had!! Many new fun activities were added to our already busy & extensive programme – including learning about silk and wool weaving, making naan in a real tandoori oven, Thai cooking, tap dancing, Tang dynasty poems, United Nations day – all these in addition to the famous Ben & Jerry's outings, tennis clinics, Chinese calligraphy, etc.... Our next camp starts over the Easter holidays. Sign up soon to avoid disappointment.

Our notice boards are for you too !!

If you have visited our school, you would have noticed the nicely decorated notice boards outside the classrooms. Apart from sharing information about our school with you, it is also a great platform for YOU to showcase your ideas, business, promotions or any charities that you wish to broadcast to our parents. Please feel free to use our notice board. Just submit the materials to us and we will put it up – absolutely no charge.

Just for You – Special Offers from our neighbours @ Dempsey



Lotto Carpets*

- 1) An exclusive hand loomed Kashmiri silk shawl – featuring unique motifs is yours **free!!** No purchase needed.
- 2) If you make any purchase, a complimentary door carpet made of Kashmiri wool, measuring 3ft by 5ft is your gift.
- 3) You will also enjoy 25% off for any washing, restoration and repair work on any carpets.



The Clay Oven*
(Indian restaurant)

- 1) *Complimentary Dessert with every order of over \$50 OR
 - 2) *15% per cent off total a la carte food bill
- Just bring along our brochure or one of our name cards to enjoy the discounts.

*** Merchants' terms & conditions apply**

Magazine distribution point

Due to demand, we are now officially the distribution centre for The Finder, Absolutely Parents (retails at \$6 at newsstands). **Pick up your FREE copy anytime.**

New Year, New classes for all students

We have added many new classes this term. Why not tell your friends about our new classes, or form a class with your friends today!!

Mums & Tots – we have classes for our tots (from 20 mths) to learn the language with speech and drama, music and movement, arts & crafts – great way to introduce the different tones of the language at a young age. **Mon & Tues mornings.**

Playlessons – new timeslots for this very popular programme. Great for learning Mandarin through play, storytime, dance & drama. The fun is endless!! From 3 years old.

Stepping Stones (SS) – to prepare our older students taking Mandarin as a foreign language for their GCSE. Emphasis will be on oral, reading and comprehension. Our small class is conducive (for 12 year olds & above) to learn together to achieve good results. Local students and students from International Schools join us at this level to prepare for their O levels.

Adult class – want to learn Mandarin in a group? We will form a group of 4 for you and start a class to suit your schedule. Leave your name with us and we will be starting one soon in January.