

Finnway Newsletter: 29 September 2024

LEARNING CAFÉS

Reflection on Our Recent Kindergarten and Primary Learning Cafés

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Kindergarten and Primary parents who joined us at our recent Learning Cafés. Your enthusiastic participation and support made these events truly memorable and enriching.

The Kindergarten Learning Café, focused on **"Exploring Finnway Excellence,"** offered parents a showcase of play-based learning. Led by our dedicated teachers, T. Anniina, T. Lindsay, T. Pao, and T. Thalia. The session provided valuable insights into how our teachers engage students in fun, hands-on activities that nurture their curiosity and foster a love for learning.

It was wonderful to see parents connecting with our staff and each other, as they explored strategies to support their children's educational journey.



We are so grateful to have had you all come and support us during our Learning Café. It was wonderful to see your interest towards your children's learning and our learning materials.

Your presence means so much to us, and we are truly excited to continue cooperating with you.

The Primary Learning Café centered around **Project-Based Learning (PBL)**, with the theme of **“Exploration: The Way We Learn and Action: The Impact We Make.”** Hosted by T. Dan, T. Margot, and T. Sharri, parents experienced first-hand how PBL is integrated into every aspect of our students' lives.

The event encouraged meaningful discussions about developing life skills, positive learner profiles, and the importance of inquiry and real-world connections in education. The enthusiasm from parents and staff alike created an inspiring atmosphere, reinforcing our collective commitment to student-centered learning.



Both sessions were filled with insightful discussions, showcasing how we, as a community, can work together to support our children's development. We are incredibly grateful for the excellent turnout and look forward to more opportunities to collaborate and share our vision for student learning and growth.



Once again, thank you for your involvement and for making these Learning Cafés a success!

PRIMARY LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Lunchtime clubs are an integral part of our school community, offering students a diverse range of activities that enrich their daily school experience. These clubs provide a space for students to explore new interests, develop valuable skills, and connect with peers outside their usual classroom setting.

Participating in these clubs helps students build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Whether it's sports, arts, technology, or games, each club nurtures a different aspect of a child's growth, allowing them to pursue their passions and discover new hobbies. They also contribute to a well-rounded education, supporting students' social, emotional, and physical development in a fun and engaging way.

We are proud of the variety of clubs we offer and the dedication of our teachers who make these lunchtime activities possible. From active sports to creative arts and technology exploration, our students have the opportunity to explore a range of activities that support their overall growth and well-being. We encourage all students to take advantage of these opportunities and join in the fun!

Please see the attached schedule for details on each club.

MONDAY

CLUB	TIME	LOCATION	TEACHER
Football G1-2	11:35	Gym	T. Pat
Football G3-6	12:20	Gym	T. Pat
Dance/Zumba K2-G2	11:35	EAL Room (2nd Floor)	T. Briane
Dance/Zumba G3-6	12:20	EAL Room (2nd Floor)	T. Briane

TUESDAY

CLUB	TIME	LOCATION	TEACHER
Football G1-2	11:35	Gym	T. Pat
Football G3-6	12:20	Gym	T. Pat
Computer G3-6	12:20	Technology Room	T. Kevin
GLEE Club G1-2	11:35	Music Room	T. Arianne
Kitchen Garden Open for all	10:00	Garden	T. Margot
Drama Club G3 - 6	12:20	MPR	T. Kayla

WEDNESDAY

CLUB	TIME	LOCATION	TEACHER
Football G1-2	11:35	Gym	T. Pat
Computer G1-2	11:35	Technology Room	T. Kevin
GLEE Club G3-6	12:20	Music Room	T. Arianne
Kitchen Garden Club Open for all	10:00	Garden	T. Margot

FRIDAY

CLUB	TIME	LOCATION	TEACHER
Football G3-6	12:20	Gym	T. Pat
Drama Club G3 - 6	12:20	Grade 3	T. Kayla
Board Games G3-6			T. Briane
CHESS BOGGLE SCRABBLE	12:20	EAL Room (2nd Floor)	

IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE DURING RAINY SEASON

As we enter the rainy season, certain illnesses become more common, including influenza, COVID-19, RSV, pneumonia, the common cold, and Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD). Many of these illnesses share similar symptoms, but HFMD can include additional signs such as mouth ulcers or blisters, drooling, fever, or changes in behaviour. Students should remain at home until they stop drooling and no longer have exposed open sores.

Please follow these guidelines when deciding whether to send your child to school:

- Do not send your child to school if they show any signs of illness or are unable to participate in the normal school day. Sick children can spread illness to other students and staff, causing disruption for other families. Your cooperation is essential in preventing this.

If your child becomes ill during the school day, you will be contacted to pick them up immediately. We understand the challenges this may cause, but it is important to prevent the spread of illness.

Symptoms requiring removal from school:

- Fever: Defined as a temperature of 37.5°C or higher. Your child must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school.
- Fever AND: Sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhoea, earache, irritability, or confusion.
- Diarrhoea: Watery or bloody stools, or two or more loose stools within four hours.
- Vomiting: Two or more instances within 24 hours. If your child vomits during the night, please keep them at home.
- Breathing trouble, sore throat, swollen glands, continuous coughing, or discoloured nasal discharge.
- Irritability, continuous crying, or needing more attention than we can provide without affecting the care of other children.

During an outbreak of contagious illnesses at the school, we implement the following precautionary measures:

- Surveillance and Screening: Our nurse and teachers will closely monitor students for flu-like symptoms, including conducting temperature checks at the school gates.
- Classroom Precautions: The affected classroom will have separate activities and break times to minimise contact.
- Keeping Sick Students at Home: If your child exhibits flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home until they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication.
- Hygiene Practices: We are encouraging frequent handwashing, avoiding face-touching, and covering mouths and noses when sneezing or coughing.
- Enhanced Sanitation: We are intensifying our efforts to sanitise common areas and frequently touched surfaces throughout the school.

If you suspect your child may be ill with a contagious illness, please consult a doctor for an accurate diagnosis. Your child's health and safety are our top priorities, and we are committed to maintaining a healthy learning environment.

Thank you for your understanding and kind cooperation.





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UPCOMING EVENT

★ Early Childhood Education and Care Plan Meeting ★

The ECEC goal setting meetings will take place throughout next week
30 September - 4 October 2024

These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for us to collaborate on setting personalized goals for your child.

If you haven't yet scheduled your time for the meeting, we kindly ask that you reach out to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to connecting with you!

