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EDIBLE CELL PROJECT IN SCIENCE

Secondary 1 and 2 got to show off their creativity and kitchen skills for the edible cell project. Using their knowledge of plant and animal cells students created these delicious models, which were quickly consumed. At least the pictures survived!



Incredible Edible Cell



IB LEARNER PROFILES

International Baccalaureate or IB is an internationally recognized education system with primary, middle, and diploma programs. These programs promote higher level thinking and questioning, global mindedness, and seek to cultivate a child's natural curiosity. Here at ESCA we are working toward authorization for the IB Diploma Program and as such are introducing the students to the IB Learner Profiles. These Learner Profiles are a set of traits that include attitudes, understandings, and skills that are necessary to participate actively and responsibly in our ever changing world. Learning about these profiles can help students develop a better understanding of themselves and others as well as reflect on their own learning processes and skills. The traits include being: an inquirer, a communicator, a thinker, a risk-taker, knowledgeable, caring, balanced, reflective, open-minded, and principled.



IB OPEN-MINDED AWARD FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

In September students at ESCA were introduced to, and asked to consider, the trait of being open-minded. Being open-minded is important for our international school as it helps us appreciate our own culture while being open to others', demonstrates a willingness to think about new ideas, grow as an individual, and listen to and consider other people's point of view. This idea was introduced at our first school assembly, small cards and posters were put up around the school, and incorporated into various lessons and discussions. During the Secondary assembly on Friday three students were recognized for their open-mindedness and their ability to take on new ideas and consider others' perspectives. Congratulations Joshua, Grace, and Danijar on demonstrating this important trait!



SECONDARY SCHOOL STAR ACHIEVERS: AWARDED ON 25 SEPTEMBER

IGCSE 2	ARGO	For starting the school year with serious intent and dedicated effort in all classes
IGCSE 1	AKBAR	For contributing positive energy and attitude in his first month at ESCA
SECONDARY 3	GRACE	For showing a positive attitude and willingness to take on difficult tasks as an English language learner
SECONDARY 1/2	KAITO	For efforts above expectations on ESCA Open Day



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Please see the below list of class representatives for this school year. Your class representative is the person to contact if you would like to organise any whole of class activity, or if you need contact details for anyone in your child's class. It is also the person to contact if you have an issue that you think affects the whole class.

There are still four classes without representatives, if you would like to do this role, or if you would like to join a class representative for a class that already has one (it's always great to have a back-up!) please email: parentsassociation@esca.kg

CLASS	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	CONTACT INFO	SPOKEN LANGUAGES (If you need assistance with translation please email parentsassociation@esca.kg)
IGCSE 2	AINURA MAMBETOVA	amambetova@yandex.ru	Russian, Kyrgyz
IGCSE 1	KANYKEI BRIMKULOVA	642064@gmail.com	Russian, Kyrgyz, English
SECONDARY 3	Representative still needed	parentsassociation@esca.kg	Russian, Kyrgyz, English
SECONDARY 1 & 2	NURGUL OSKONBAEVA	oskonbaevan@gmail.com	Russian, Kyrgyz, English
PRIMARY 6	Representative still needed	parentsassociation@esca.kg	
PRIMARY 5	LIZ DUGDELL	lizdugdell@gmail.com	English
	JANNIE AASTED SKOV-HANSEN	jannie.aasted@gmail.com	Danish, English
PRIMARY 4	VICTORIA WHALL	vwhall@yahoo.com	English, Russian, French
PRIMARY 3	ANTONIN FRANK	antonin.frank@gmail.com	Czech, Russian, English, basic Mongolian
PRIMARY 2	Representative still needed	parentsassociation@esca.kg	
PRIMARY 1	RINA DESJARDINS	rina.desjardins@hotmail.com	English, Indonesian, French
	NASIMA KARIM	nasima.abbas@gmail.com	English, Urdu, Wakhi, Kiswahili
PRESCHOOL 3	Representative still needed	parentsassociation@esca.kg	
PRESCHOOL 2	IZABELA BONTE	pyzunia@hotmail.com	English, French, Polish
PRESCHOOL 1	EMMA GOATMAN	ejgoatman@gmail.com	English

PLAYSCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that we are re-launching Play School for children from age 1 to 4 starting from Friday 2 October. Play School will be held on Fridays from 8:30 to 10:00 with Preschool Teacher Ms Libby and Head of Languages Ms Makiko in the school hall. The program is as follows:

8:30 to 8:40 - Arrival

8:40 to 9:00 - Dancing, Finger Plays, Riddles, Games (Group Time)

9:00 to 9:10 - Story Time

9:10 to 9:30 - Craft/Activity

9:30 to 9:45 - Free Play Time

9:45 to 10 - Snack Time

If you wish to join Play School, please inform us via reception@esca.kg

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have anything you want to discuss or suggestions for the school, please contact the Class Representatives or the Head of Education, Ms Erin McRaith via emcraith@esca.kg. You can also meet during the office hours on Monday-Friday from 13:30 to 14:15 or you can set up an appointment.

MENU

ESCA will offer Menu A from 28 September to 2 October. Please follow the [link](#) to see the menu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 21 October: Parent-Teacher Meetings

Friday 23 October: UN Day

Friday 23 October – Monday 2 November: Half Term Break

PRESCHOOL

This week has been really fun in preschool. Everybody is well settled, having fun and building new friendships. We enjoyed talking about our families and looking at our pictures so much last week that we decided to continue with the topic this week as well.

In preschool 1 we talked about family members both in English and Kyrgyz. We practiced a lot of gross motor movements outside the classroom enjoying the nice weather and inside the classroom with some new songs. We also played with shadows; the ones we preferred were from cars, planes and dinosaurs.

In preschool 2 we welcomed two new friends. It has been a terrific week with the letter T! We have been learning about the letter T and we made a little classroom tree together. We talked about dental health and the importance of brushing our teeth. We did an exciting 'Tooth Activity' using a toothbrush to paint. We also had fun singing and learning new songs and using props to sing along. We created a Toy Store with five little toys, train, tea set, tools, teddy and truck and sang Five Little Toys. "Puff Puff, Choo Choo Off We Go!"

In preschool 3 we continued to talk about our families. We also learned all about the letter T through T words, T crafts and T songs as "I Am A Little Tea Pot", "Teddy Bear", "Twinkle Twinkle", and "T is for Tennis!" In Math we continued working with patterns and recognizing our shapes. Every week we have a guest, this week Mr Comar, Head of Math Department, came to visit us and showed us extra math fun activities.

Next week preschool will learn all about feelings and how we can control them to build stronger friendships and have even more fun at school!

We would like to remind all parents that we always need to have a water bottle, sun hat, towel, change of clothes, diapers (if applicable), wet wipes, and all items must be clearly labelled. Let us always be prepared to enjoy school no matter what the weather is!



