



SmartKids Street 10 Talk

Written by
Lynn Delesha
Location Manager — St. 10

Year 5, Issue 3
June 2013



TRANSITIONS TO A NEW SCHOOL OR A NEW COUNTRY

At this time of year, we prepare the children for their upcoming transition. The children who move from the Big Kids to an International School in August have already been to their new school and saw their classroom and met their new teacher. A number of children are moving back to their home country and their teacher is preparing the children for their big move.

PARENT/CHILD GROUP

Our Parent/Child Group is a great way to accustom your child to the SmartKids philosophy of learning through play. It is also a chance for children to make their first steps to socialize and play with others. Next year we will continue to have the Parent/Child Group Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 8:30 am until 10:00 a.m. at the Street 10 Location. It is also a good way to meet other parents and to find out about living in Saigon. Please call or e-mail to find out more information.



Important dates to remember

- Thursday June 20th, 2013 Last day of school.
- Friday August 16th, 2013 Orientation day and coffee morning for all children and parents. Please join us from 9:00 am—11:00 am.
- Monday August 19th 2013. First day of school for 2013-2014 school year.



June is transition month for both children and adults. I am very happy to tell you that I am moving to my hometown in Minnesota, U.S.A. I have a new position as the Director of Peace of Mind Early Childhood Center. I am very excited to begin my new job and I look forward to being home with my family and friends.

Ms. Sara will attend a dance/movement therapy

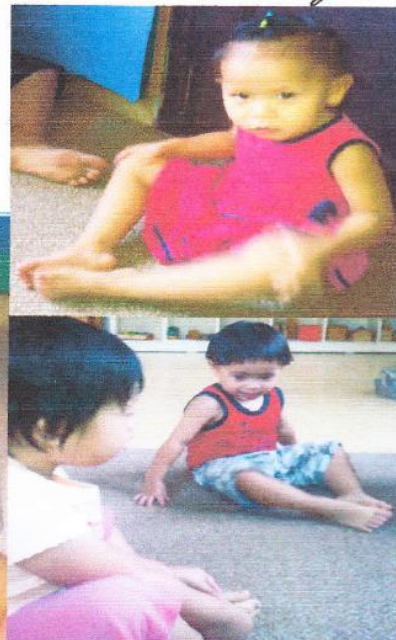
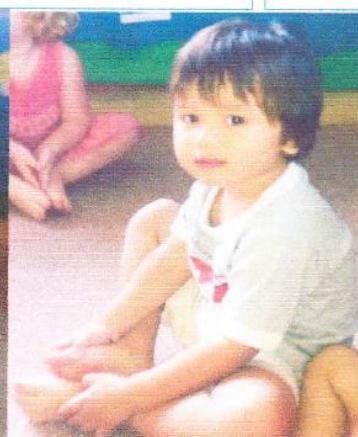
professional development session in S. Korea, visit her family back home in Wales and continue her career as a Dance Movement Therapist. We wish her well.

Ms. Olga has recently been married and will move to Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates for the next phase of her life. Congratulations!

Ms. Cathy has undergone the biggest transition of us all. She is pregnant with

twin girls and she is due in October. We wish her and the twins all the best. Ms. Chloe will be the Location Manager next year at St. 10. All the best Ms. Chloe. As life moves forward we all have a lot of exciting new adventures to look forward to.

Ms. Lynn



Dear Parents,

It is already the end of another year! Time is flying! We are all part of an ever changing environment. In all locations families and children but also some teaching staff will leave SmartKids to go to other schools, or leave Vietnam for new challenges elsewhere. We are working on replacing our departing staff with new enthusiastic staff and we will make sure we will be ready for a new and exciting year. I wish you a good holiday and I hope to see many of you and your children back in August.

Best regards,

Joke Otter - Van Zuijlen, pedagogue

Children benefit from Yoga. Physically, it enhances their flexibility, strength, coordination, and body awareness. In the Kiddies class I recently began teaching yoga. The children enjoy the song "Fly Like a Butterfly." In the Big Kids, I teach a yoga pose to correspond to the Jolly Phonics letter that the children learn each week as well as simple yoga postures including dance and movement. I am using the book "the ABC's of YOGA for KiDS by Teresa Anne Power.



Charity Arts Evening

Throughout the year the SmartKids children have been immersed in the topic of *'Exploring Our World'*. They have learnt about themselves and their families, their local communities, which countries they come from, and their changing world and how they can care for the world in the actions they are involved in.

To compliment this, the SmartKids children prepared group art pieces created within their classes to be auctioned to raise money to support the Van Phuoc Kindergarten in Phu Yen Province, through the Loreto Vietnam Australia Program. The Charity Arts Evening held on 9th May 2013 exhibited the children's art work, as well as donated items for sale to support the project. With the music provided by local musicians, Hung and Damien, and the support of parents and donors, SmartKids was able to raise over \$3,570 for the Van Phuoc Kindergarten (to be renamed the Xuan Thanh "Successful Spring" Kindergarten). It was a wonderful effort and an enjoyable evening! Thank you to all who attended!



Thank you to all who donated items towards this event:

Harvest Baking, Loaves and Fishes, Mastro designs, Albetta, Pure Heaven, Mekong Merchant, DLS, Wade Brackenbury, Golden Hands, Saigon Pony Club, Harmony Salon, Aya Salon, Banyan Tree, Maya's parents, Vilde's parents, Tofunmi's parents, Liam's parents, Nami's parents, and to all the children who donated shoes and their creative talents towards the evening.

