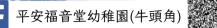
# 平安福音堂幼稚園(牛頭角)

### Peace Evangelical Centre Kindergarten (Ngau Tau Kok)





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**CHILREN** 



Principal Koo Mei Sze

What do you do in your free time? Play video games at home, go out with friends for shopping, go hiking, or do sports? Which activity brings more happiness? Early childhood is the foundation of lifelong development, with far-reaching impacts. UNICEF recognizes that play promotes the physical and mental well-being of young children and is a fundamental right of every child. This year, our kindergarten hopes to use play to help children build positive values, equipping them with resilience for the future and reducing the likelihood of tragedies.



Some have shared the benefits of video games, explaining that gaming allows them to explore different roles, boost creativity, and build relationships with teammates, fulfilling social needs. It also offers an escape from reality, a way to forget worries, and opportunities to learn new things. While targeted, moderate gaming may aid learning, research shows that young children, whose minds are still developing, struggle to distinguish between reality and fiction. Excessive gaming can lead to addiction and a loss of interest in other hobbies. Often, the root cause is loneliness, boredom, or low selfesteem, driving children to unconsciously seek happiness through gaming.

We recommend parents engage in fun, simple activities with your children using everyday materials—such as making dough figurines, trying snacks, water-pouring games, blindfolded ball scooping, Jenga, or block-stacking. They can also visit free playgrounds across Hong Kong. The government has noticed the lack of play opportunities for children and has recently built exciting playgrounds in various districts, including: the Geometric Wonderzoo in Sau Mau Ping, Kai Tak Station Square Park, Sham Shui Po Park's Inclusive Playground, Kwun Tong Tung Yan Street Playground, Cha Kwo Ling Promenade and San Po Kong's Shung Ling Street Playground. We hope parents will cherish the holiday season with meaningful playtime, filling their children's lives with joy while also recharging their own positivity.



### Jul- Aug Thank you for your love

# 2023-2024 Birthday Party









# 2024-2025 Birthday Party

Sep: Celebrate the National Day with Chinese creations



Oct:





Oct: English Fun Fun Fun













### Do You Know Whose Birthday We're Celebrating?

#### **Pastor Liu Chi Ming**

Christmas is a season of global celebration, for it commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. But why does His birthday warrant a longer holiday than National Day? To understand this, we must first know who He is.

[Savior]-He is the Lord who rescues humanity. Why do we need saving? Because we "all have sinned," and sin leads to death-a fate no human can escape on their own. Yet "God so loved the world" that He could not bear to see us perish. He sent His only Son from heaven to earth, where Jesus, though sinless, took our place and died on the cross.

[Jesus]-His name means "He will save His people from their sins." This very name reveals His mission and purpose on earth.

[Christ]-This is His title, meaning "the Anointed One." In ancient times, only figures of supreme honorprophets, priests, and kings-were anointed. Jesus alone holds all three roles: As Prophet, He speaks for God before people; As High Priest, He intercedes for humanity before God; As King, He reigns above all kings. Yet this glorious Jesus chose humility, born in a manger!

When we truly grasp who Jesus is, our Christmas celebrations will transform. And when we accept His love, our lives will never be the same!





I'm so happy to join the PECK (Nau Tau Kok) family and to meet every parent and child here–I believe every encounter is special. Looking back on my journey from Peace Evangelical Church Kindergarten to now serving at Ngau Tau Kok Campus, God's grace has been with me every step of the way, just like my sign language name: "Rainbow", a reminder of His constant presence. Every day at this school, I feel God walking alongside me and the children. Growing together with them is a precious gift and the deepest source of my joy! I love calling each child "treasure", and I cherish praying with them. My hope is that the blessing of walking with God will overflow into every family, and that this year, I can journey closely with both parents and children!



At last, here's a Bible verse that I love:

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances..." (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18). Even in challenges, choose joy. Parenting will have its ups and downs-moments of struggle, but also sweetness. Remember: God's grace is enough for each new day!

Miss Mei Yee



Hello! My name is Jodi and I am from sunny South Africa. I believe that we should always try to be kind, positive and smile. I love to travel, and I am so happy to be living and working in Hong Kong. In my free time, I like going to the beach and doing water sports, such as paddleboarding and kayaking. I also like to try new things, like trying interesting new food, or fun activities that I can do with my friends.

Being a teacher is great, because I can help the students to enjoy learning English, by teaching in a fun and educational way. English is fun! Together can do it!



## **School Events**

#### MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

The Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration is a joyful and heartwarming event designed to help children understand the cultural significance of this traditional holiday. Carrying lanterns they crafted with their parents, the children parade alongside their teachers creating not only cherished memories but also passing down the spirit of the festival to the next generation.











Through this event, children explore Chinese culture with delight, diving into the rich diversity of its culinary traditions. Our kindergarten transforms into a vibrant food fair, featuring traditional delicacies from across China from Tang Yuan (sweet rice balls) and floral teas to sugar coated haws allowing children to discover the origins and preparation of these ingredients firsthand.

Families from the community are also invited to join the open day, where they can tour our Montessori-inspired learning environment and gain insights into our educational philosophy.

















# "LANGUAGE" AND "CHILDHOOD" HAND IN HAND CAMPUS LANGUAGE EDUCATION

This academic year, our school is committed to promoting language education, fostering children's listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through diverse approaches. By integrating Montessori language education, the Parent Volunteer Shared Reading Program, the Parent-Child Reading Reward Scheme, and enhanced daily storytime, children learn language in a joyful and relaxed environment. Teachers design interactive activities to encourage children to express their thoughts and experiences, boosting their confidence. Through read-aloud sessions and role-playing, children not only enhance their verbal expression but also cultivate imagination and creativity.

### EXPANSION OF THE MONTESSORI LANGUAGE EDUCATION AREA

The expansion of the Montessori Language Education Area aims to provide a richer and more inspiring learning environment to support holistic language development in early childhood. The space will be equipped with age-appropriate books, interactive teaching materials, and diverse educational tools, encouraging children to explore and learn independently.









## PARENT VOLUNTEER & CHILDREN CO-READING PROGRAM





Parents can volunteer at the kindergarten to read thematic stories with the children, sharing the joy of reading and key language concepts. Through one-on-one interactions, parents guide children to ask questions and engage in discussions. This activity not only strengthens language and comprehension skills but also allows parents to model effective reading techniques, helping children develop proper reading habits.

## ENCOURAGING PARENT-CHILD READING AT HOME

The "Treasure Hunt Adventure" Program encourages parents to enrich their child's language learning in daily life, creating a more immersive linguistic environment. These efforts will lay a solid foundation for the child's future learning journey.









Parent-child trip: Building a loving family together

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Beach Play offers countless benefits for children, providing a wonderful opportunity to connect with nature. The sunshine, sea breeze, and waves allow them to experience the beauty of God's creation.

"Building a loving family together" Sandcastle Competition. Kids, parents, and teachers collaborate to create unique sand sculptures! Beach activities also enhance children's motor skills-strengthening muscles, improving balance, and boosting coordination. Playing on the sand with friends, teachers, and family creates cherished memories that last a lifetime!





Toy Library

Family-friendly places to recommend

Located in the Hong Kong Central Library, the Toy Library introduces a fresh concept of "Enjoy Reading, Value Playing", offering a shared space for children (aged 8 or below) and parents to bond through reading and play. Parents can guide kids to unleash creativity through games while nurturing a love for reading.

Managed by professional playworkers, the Toy Library is child-centred in all respects including the themes of the play area, recommended books, selected plays, parent-child workshops and various play sessions. Themes and plays are regularly changed to enhance novelty. Parents and children are welcome to make reservations to visit the Toy Library, the only one of its kind in the territory, in order to enjoy reading and value playing in a relaxing, nature-inspired environment.









To know more:



Address: 2/F of the Hong Kong Central Library
Reservation: Users may reserve play sessions in person at the Toy Library or by telephone (2921 0386) during the opening hours within four days prior to using the service. Each child can only use one session per day