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# Schoolgramme

## February 2012

Dear Parents,

We just celebrated Small World's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday last January 13<sup>th</sup>. We thank God for giving us another year and for blessing us with a community of wonderful parents and staff who continue to support Small World in various ways. Please read Terri's exciting Developing News report at the end of this newsletter.

Kindly take note of your child's class calendar for the topics that they will be learning this February.

Wishing you all a joyous and peaceful Lunar New Year!

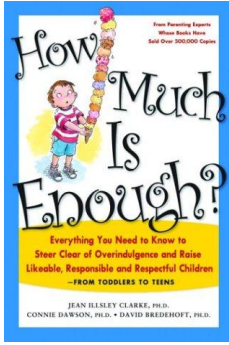
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Jesus called the children to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not stop them for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."  
Luke 18:16





## Lessons from Nature

- An excerpt from the book "How much is Enough?"  
by Jean Illsley Clarke, PH.D.

"Young Samuel watched, fascinated, by a butterfly's struggle to get out. With the intent of being helpful, the boy cut away the chrysalis. But, to his dismay, Samuel's butterfly, released from its struggle, couldn't fly!

Often, for good reasons, we do things for children that they can do for themselves. We may be in a hurry, or maybe they are stressed, or today we want something done in a certain way. Helpful, loving reasons all. So we dress the child or make the bed or do the chore or make the phone call. But, if we do that too often or too long, we keep our children from flying.

Over-nurturing gives the child a message that she lacks the skills or abilities to solve problems and act wisely on her own behalf. When parents over-function for a child able to function for herself, the child tends to under-function. As the parent tries harder, the child's efforts fall back. Over-nurturing is a sure way to create trained helplessness and learned incompetence.

There are many ways that well-intentioned adults do things for their children that they should do for themselves. Some instances of over-nurturing look benign, others extreme, but they all deprive children of chances to learn how to care for themselves and others."

# School Notices

## Chinese New Year Break

January 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 is our Chinese New Year break. There will be NO SCHOOL on these dates. School will reopen on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2012.

## Red Packet Collection

This term we will be organizing a "Children Helping Children" Red Packet Campaign at Small World Christian Kindergarten. This will form part of the fundraising drive for all children at Changing Young Lives Foundation (CYLF). CYLF is a local charity that identifies underprivileged children and youth with the hope to change their lives for the better through development, education, participation and protection programmes. Please encourage your child to donate one of their red packets to the foundation. We have sent CYLF red packets inside your child's art folder last Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 2012. Collection will end on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2012. Every dollar will be sent to Changing Young Lives Foundation. Thank you for your support.

## Helper's Courses

We are happy to announce that the Helpers Course on Raising Great Kids will begin on Tuesday, **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012** and shall run for 5 consecutive Tuesdays --- **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>**. For those who have signed up, the course will be from 9:30 to 11:30 in the morning at the kitchen.

## Re-enrolment for SY 2012-13

We would like to remind our current K1 & K2 families about the re-enrolment confirmation for SY 2012-13. Families seeking to confirm their place will need to return the re-enrolment form along with payment of one month's tuition fees plus the Capital/ICT Levy on or before **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**. Thank you!

## School Photos

The dates for school photos will be on **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** for classes K1, K2, K3, UA1, UA2, & UA3 and **Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** for D1, D2 & D3, Upper K3, A1, A2, & A3 classes.

## Leaving Small World

As Small World children are being interviewed for Year One in different schools, please advise us in writing as soon as your child's place has been confirmed. Also if your child will be leaving Small World before the end of the Second Term, kindly take note of our School Policy on early withdrawals, i.e. subject to two months written notice of withdrawal.

## Vigilance against Influenza

There is an increase in influenza activity in Hong Kong and the Education Bureau has asked us to remind families to monitor the temperature of children coming to school. If your child has a fever and symptoms of influenza or other respiratory infections, please consult the doctors immediately and keep your child at home until healthy.

## Taste of Culture

Please mark the Taste of Culture on your calendars. It will be on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012. This is our annual family cultural day where children come dressed in their national dress and bring tasty food from your culture. There will be more details to follow.



# Developing News!

Hot off the presses...we can begin to accept applications for Island Christian Academy!

Application forms, completion instructions and fees are available on our website! As a reminder, we will start the 2012-13 academic school year with primary level Years 1-3 only. The class break down will be: two Year 1 classes of 22 students each; two Year 2 classes of 25 students each; and, one Year 3 class of 25 students.

For the application form please follow this link:

<http://www.generations.edu.hk/admissions/admission-procedure/>

Download the application, complete it and provide all supporting documents as requested in the instructions, then mail the complete package by 15 February to our office at:

**Generations Christian Education ATTN: Enrollment Officer  
10 Borrett Road 1/F, Mid-levels, Hong Kong**

Interviews will take place through the last two weeks in February 2012 and potentially into March 2012. Successful applicants should receive an offer by March 2012 latest.

School tours will be difficult to arrange as we will begin large scale renovations at the site just after Chinese New Year holidays, in order to ensure a completed school by next academic year.

Please watch this space for fundraising activities throughout the next few months to provide additional financial resources to enhance the school's equipment and classroom resources.

We are also looking to recruit teachers, educational assistants and ancillary teaching staff. If you are, or want to refer, a qualified, experienced, Christian primary school staff member please direct them to the staff application for Generations Schools

<http://www.generations.edu.hk/working-with-us/current-openings/>

Or send inquiries to [recruit@generations.edu.hk](mailto:recruit@generations.edu.hk).

Thank you for your patience and prayer support during this long waiting process!!  
We very excited and look forward to partnering with the community as we begin  
to grow a new Christian primary school on Hong Kong Island.

Blessings,

*Terri Appel*

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