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# News from the Green Group!



By: Ms. Stephanie

The Green Group has been up to so much since our last newsletter. It's been a busy few months, full of celebrations for Christmas, Tet, and several birthdays. We've welcomed two new friends, Jorrin and Po Hau, and said goodbye to our friend Wakana. We have also welcomed another member of the Green Group teaching staff, Ms. Daisy.



Jorrin



Welcome!



Po Hau



## A Note from Ms. Daisy



Hi I am Ms Daisy! I began working at SmartKids in November 2015, I am from London, UK.

I am trained in dance and teaching and I am passionate about engaging children in their early development. I love working in the Green group alongside Ms Stephanie in the mornings and helping to take care of the Kiddies in the afternoons. I am excited for the new year ahead!

## Christmas Party

We were excited to invite moms and dads to our classroom Christmas party. Santa also took some time out of his busy schedule to come join the festivities! It was a fun party, filled with Christmas carols, special presents from Santa, and lots of delicious treats.



Maxi's turn to help decorate the tree



Singing with Santa



Santa Ananda!



The Green Group ready for parents and Santa to arrive!

## Happy Tet!

We commemorated the Year of the Monkey in style, with a monkey obstacle course! We conquered the balance beam, climbing wall, slide, and crawling tunnel, all while wearing our handmade monkey headbands! Obstacle courses are fun and they are also great for our development! Obstacle courses not only provide physical challenges that improve our strength, balance, and gross motor skills, they also help develop our sequencing and memory skills as we focus on completing the course step-by-step. Our listening skills are sharpened as we respond to directions and instructions about how to complete the course and our self-confidence is boosted when we realize what we can accomplish. We feel so proud when our friends and teachers cheer us along! Check out these Green Group Monkeys in action:



Diego



Alicia



Aidan



Elisabeth



Jorriin



Bao



James



All dressed up and ready to go to the Dragon Dance at SmartKids Tran Ngoc Dien!



Rosalie (L) and Rio (R) putting on a dragon dance of their own!

## Happy Birthday to:



Long, 4



Alva, 2



Alicia, 3



## Dates to Remember:

- Parent Teacher Meetings: March 17-24
- Spring Break: March 26- April 3