



Union Church 18/F Sunlight Tower 248 Queen's Road East Wan Chai Hong Kong

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## Yang Fumai

**Age:** 16

Birthdate: 06/14/2005

Centre: Hengyang

Home: Magnolia

Gender: Female

HYP0001311



### Xin nian kuaile! Happy New Year!

Here in China the Year of the Tiger began on February 2nd, and the children were very much looking forward to it. The caregivers and staff busily cleaned the homes and prepared new clothing for the children to usher in the most important celebration of the year - the Spring Festival. More about that in a minute, but first let's look back on what Yang Fumai (affectionately known as Maizi) has been doing over the last few months.

From Monday to Friday, Maizi participates in the circle activities designed by the Therapy Department. Everyone sits around to play and interact together. The activities include a name song, choosing toys, singing and playing percussion instruments. Maizi likes the song about the fluffy and brightly colored Hello Kitty. The little trains are also some of her favorite toys. Playing with toys, feeling the beauty of music, and being in close contact with her friends, circle time is Maizi's favorite time of day.

In December, the annual Christmas festivities once again created an opportunity for the children to show their talents. With fewer foreign staff and the local staff shouldering more responsibilities, this year the young people took a bigger role in planning and carrying out the holiday parties and the Christmas Eve caroling. Everyone gathered together, singing and dancing, playing games and enjoying food. Maizi participated in the Christmas celebrations and gathered together with many of her brothers and sisters. After the event each child also received a gift! Maizi also received an exquisite Christmas gift - a Bear. She was so happy, shaking her head and dancing.

At the end of December, the Spring Centre's Hope Farm had a good crop of yellow radish. The





young people worked together to harvest the radishes under the guidance of the teacher. After harvesting, some washed the leaves, and some took the leaves to feed the chickens, so that the chickens can also enjoy the bounty; nothing goes to waste. The yellow radishes from the farm are large, juicy and sweet and provide fresh ingredients for the Centre's cooks.

And then it was time to get ready to hang lanterns, buy New Year's goods, and welcome the New Year with joy! This year someone donated special gifts for the children: Winter Olympic mascots for younger children, and thermal cups and music box for older kids.

We had some wonderful sunny weather just before CNY, and the kitchen staff were busy air drying beef, bacon, sausages and smoking them in big tins with their special recipe. These would be part of the sumptuous meals we have during the holiday because nothing is like the family dinner enjoyed on the lunar new year eve! The Lotus, Cherry, Sunbird and Dolphin families enjoyed the company of the foreign volunteers.

Maizi has particularly good balance. She enjoys swinging freely on the swing; her face shining brightly. However, the caregivers will still pay attention to her safety, reminding her that she shouldn't swing too high.

In the last quarter, Maizi was in good health, had a normal diet, and slept well.

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### Yang Hengqi

**Age:** 16

Birthdate: 09/19/2005

Centre: Hengyang

Home: Sunbird

Gender: Male

HYP0001397



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In Qiqi's home economics class, the teacher explained each step of the cooking process. After each step, Qiqi asked the teacher, "Can I do it?" For simple steps, the teacher tried her best to let him participate. Peeling garlic is what Qiqi is good at. He first put the garlic on the table and rubbed it, then picked it up and started to dig down from the garlic head, layer by layer, and methodically peeled the whole garlic piece by piece. Qiqi also put salt in the pot. He used his index finger and thumb to pinch a handful of salt from the salt pot and put it into the pot. He told the teacher that the salt felt very delicate in his hand.

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Qiqi is very dependent on his caregiver, and he is reluctant to do many things by himself. After Mr. Huo returned to work, the situation improved, and he didn't get too upset. He now goes to the bathroom with his friends every morning, brushes his teeth, washes his face, eats breakfast at 7:30, and chats with Suisui in the corridor. We hope Qiqi can always maintain this positive and healthy attitude towards life.

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# Yang Longyun

Age: 10

Birthdate: 01/09/2012

Centre: Hengyang

Home: Little Pandas

Gender: Male

HYP0002071



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Yunyun likes the circle activity very much. When the teacher interacts with him, he will be very happy. After the activity, he will be silent, and he is sad that it is over.

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The tradition of wearing new clothing, shoes, and receiving red packets were the highlight on new year's day. The children and young people walked around showing off their new clothing and some even asked to have their pictures taken. The youth all had big smiles on their faces, blessed each other with new year greetings, and a couple of them even shook hands with their guests showing their appreciation and happiness. In the afternoon there was a showing of the movie "Narnia" and the youth made snacks.

Usually Yunyun will play with toys in his hand, and sometimes he will smile at you when you tease him.

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# **Yang Junrong**

Age: 6

Birthdate: 03/10/2015

Centre: Hengyang

Home: Little Pandas

Gender: Male

HYP0002072



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Every time Rongrong does circle activities, he is in a very relaxed state. Whether the activity is not noisy or noisy, Rongrong will quietly watch everyone during the activities.

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Rongrong is a quiet and beautiful child who occasionally sends you a smile. Rongrong is in good health this quarter.

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