

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents,

CPAS School constantly works toward "equipping our students with a holistic education to Live Meaningfully, Learn Continuously, Work Productively." Besides developing and implementing three customised curriculums to cater to the diverse needs of our students, we have constantly emphasized the importance of values education through an experiential approach. In recent years, the School has provided numerous opportunities for the students to learn about the 3 'Rs' namely Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in our efforts to save the Earth.

Our initial efforts in learning about the 3 'Rs' started off with our collaboration with Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) in 2019 when OBS Alumni came on board through various projects such as the making of orange enzyme detergent, tote bag, eco-bricks, bokashi and vermicompost. We believe that through such experiential activities, students could learn better about the concept of going green.

Students have learnt that orange enzyme detergents made from orange peels are environmentally friendly as well as cost-saving as compared to those which are commercially purchased. Since then, this CPASS 'home-made' enzyme detergent has been used in all our classrooms' daily washing. This has resulted in huge cost savings in our school's expenditure, especially during the pandemic as we practised greater personal hygiene by washing our hands more regularly.

Another green project spearheaded by the Gardening Professional Learning Team (PLT) for Teacher Aides was the making of bokashi compost and vermicompost. On days when School serves bananas for snack, students would collect the peels for the PLT to make bokashi compost and vermicompost. When the compost is ready which usually takes a few weeks, the team would use it on the vegetables planted in the Vege Pots in CPASS. These Vege Pots are managed by classes who volunteer for the job, on a termly basis to grow vegetables such as cai sim, kai lan, and spinach. Through this experience, students learn responsibility and resilience as they diligently water their crops daily. A sense of pride and achievement could be seen in the student volunteers as they watch the vegetables grow every day, and finally, on the day of harvest, they are able to consume the vegetables during snack time and some students would bring some vegetables home to share with their families.

Through these learning opportunities, students have an increased awareness of their roles to Mother Earth. Their efforts, now, to 'save our Earth' may seem minuscule, in the future, they would grow up with a gigantic mindset to have influence. Therefore, I urge all parents to join us in this 3Rs journey - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, in their homes. Saving our Earth is the responsibility of everyone on this planet and every effort counts. Let us constantly remind ourselves "to go green as there is no planet B."

Have a great September holiday and stay safe!

Yours sincerely, Mrs Koh-Lim Ai Lay School Principal

National Day Parade (NDP) 2022 – President Engagement

Written by Ms Michelle Chin, Head of Programme(Curriculum Development), teacher-in-charge of Special Arts CCA

In the beginning of this year, SG Enable invited all the Social Service Agencies (SSA) in Singapore to participate in the 2022 National Day Parade tote bag design competition, and CPASS was one of them. The theme for the competition was "Stronger Together, Majulah!"



All members of Special Art CCA participated in drawing a design for the competition, and student, Dang Yun Ying (Eagle 21A)'s design was selected by the CCA teachers as entry for the competition because they felt that her design depicted the theme very well. Twenty-two designs were selected, and Dang Yun Ying was amongst them. To create a digital art, the design was drawn on paper and then scanned into the computer and completed using Microsoft Paint application.

Design printed on the NDP tote bag

Below is an excerpt written by student, Dang Yun Ying, on her experience at the Istana Open House on 17 July 2022. Yun Ying visited the Istana with her sister, Ms Jodie Dang.

"I was waiting for this day to come. 17th July was the day I got to go to Istana to meet the President. I was feeling super excited, even weeks before the actual day! When we arrived, the staff and officers were so friendly, they kept talking to me to check if I was okay and gave me a lot of encouragement. They also congratulated me on my achievement. There were 21 other artists' drawings being displayed. I toured around with my sister around the Istana. I was delighted to receive the NDP pack with my own drawing on it! I was even more thrilled to find a note specially written to me with the President's signature on it. Thank you to all the teachers and staff in CPASS. I would not have dreamt of a better way to wish Singapore a happy 57th birthday! I was very proud and honoured to be there, especially representing my school at the event."

Dang Yun Ying, student of Eagle 21A







National Day Celebration 2022

Written by Ms Nurul Asyigin Abdullah and Ms Goh Wan Hua Zerline, Teachers



National Day Parade (NDP) 2022 National Education (NE) Show

On 9 July 2022, twelve graduating students attended the NDP 2022 NE SHOW at The Float @ Marina Bay; the NE Show is essentially a preview of the National Day Parade. The twelve students were excited and had great anticipation for the event because it had been a two-year hiatus, due to the pandemic, since school students were invited to The NE Show.

For Singapore's 57th birthday, celebrations centred around the theme of "Stronger Together, Majulah!". The NE Show began with the "Strength of the Nation" segment, highlighting our Total Defence Display of capabilities and a virtual choir performance of this year's theme song, "Stronger Together". The Show segment of "The Story of Us" also depicted our country's journey and how we emerged stronger from challenges and struggles we faced. The students were in awe as they watched the parade and most of them shared that their favourite segment was the fireworks.



Students Muhammad Junaidi Bin Johari (Eagle 21A), Edara Vasishta Choudary (Eagle 20A), and Teacher Ms Nur Azira Binte Syed Ahamad Shah had a lot of fun watching the fireworks at The NE Show.



"It was a joyous occasion for me this year. The senior classes went to The NE Show at The Float @ Marina Bay. I saw the fighting jet fly pass, and many different types of rescue vehicles and army tanks. I feel happy as it was my first time that I went to The Float @ Marina Bay. I would like to go there again, if I have the chance."



Mohammed Junaidi Bin Johari, student of Eagle 21A

"The graduating students from Functional Programme and High Support Programme went to The NE Show at The Float @ Marina Bay. We went there by school bus with the teachers and staff from our school. When we reached the Marina Float, there were many people wearing red and white clothing. We sang National Day songs in four languages. We all felt very excited. It was a nationwide celebration. The first parade was an army of soldiers, marching in their uniform. They looked smart as they carried their rifles. We also watched the parachute performance by The Red Lions.

It was an exciting event. I enjoyed the dance and act by the performers who showed how Singapore handled the Covid pandemic. The NE Show ended with fireworks. We all felt very proud to be a Singaporean."

> Keertana Chandran, student of Eagle 22A

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National Day celebration

On 4 August 2022, CPASS conducted a pre-event activity for National Day, according to the theme 'The Streets of Singapore'. Food booths lined the hall, with traditional foods from the four main races in Singapore, namely Chinese, Malay, Indian and Eurasian. This served to remind us of the importance of racial harmony and unity. The food served at these booths were roti prata, ondehondeh, scones and siew mai.









On 8 August 2022, CPASS celebrated our Singapore's 57th birthday and students from both sessions commemorated the event together for a 2-hour celebration. National Day celebrations started with a march-in and flag raising ceremony by the Scouts. Event emcees, Ms Nurul Asyiqin Abdullah and Ms Nur Raudhah Binte Jamaludin led the celebrations with a power-point slideshow, played a quiz with the students and the Performing Arts CCA presented an item and invited staff and students on stage to join in the sing-along session. Through these activities, students learnt that harmony, strength, and unity are important factors for Singapore to overcome challenges and forge ahead to a better future.



Teacher Ms Anabelle Wang and Head of Programme Ms Michelle Chin at the Chinese booth in the hall.

Teachers Ms Nurul Asyiqin Abdullah and Ms Charmaine Hon at the Malay booth in the hall.



ASEAN PARA GAMES (APG) 2022

Written by Ms Lanny Kwok, Head of Programme (ICT), National Coach Boccia

From 30 July 2022 to 6 August 2022, the 11th ASEAN Para Games (APG) was held in Solo, Indonesia. Singapore was represented by a contingent of thirty-seven athletes who competed in nine sporting categories. It was indeed an honour that CPASS student, Aloysius Gan Kai Hong (Eagle 9A), with three CPAS Alumni, Jeralyn Tan, Neo Kah Whye and Toh Sze Ning were chosen to be a part of Team Singapore Para.

For the sport of Boccia, our athletes garnered one gold medal, two silver medals and one bronze medal. Aloysius Gan performed well for his inaugural APG, he won two medals, a silver for Individual event and a gold for Pair event. For his efforts in the individual event, he competed against strong opponents from Thailand and clinched a silver medal, and for the pair event, he teamed up with Singapore National athlete, Toh Sze Ning, to clinch the gold medal. His achievements were remarkable, and this could only be brought on through the unwavering belief and efforts from his coach, Ms Chew Zi Qun, and the staunch support and dedication from his ramp assistant, his father, Mr Kagan Gan, as well as the Boccia CCA teachers during all these years of training.

Being able to improve his skills by learning from his senior and team captain, Toh Sze Ning, Aloysius Gan felt grateful and happy. He also expressed his delight in meeting and forming new friendships from different countries, such as Indonesia and Thailand who have the same interests in the sport of Boccia.

Aloysius's father, Mr Kagan Gan summed it succinctly, "It is not just about winning a medal, but it is also about enjoying the whole journey and the valuable lessons learnt."

Congratulations to Aloysius and Sze Ning, and all the CPAS Athletes!

Aloysius Gan expressing his joy and thanks to his coach, Ms Chew Zi Qun. Photo credit: SNPC / Goh Si Wei



Aloysius Gan and Toh Sze Ning doing the cheer "Singapore Team, HUAT LA!" before the competition. *Photo credit: SNPC / Goh Si Wei



Our Boccia athletes: Neo Kah Whye, Jeralyn Tan, Gareth Ho, Toh Sze Ning and Aloysius Gan with Professor Teo and all the Boccia officials and supporters. *Photo credit: SNPC / Goh Si Wei

Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) Team of the Year Award 2022

Written by Ms Lanny Kwok, Head of Programme (ICT), National Coach Boccia

For the first time since the pandemic began, the SDSC Team of the Year Award ceremony was held at Park Royal Hotel on 6 July 2022. This ceremony seeks to honour the achievements and contributions made by groups and individuals in the disability sports community. Thirty nominees were featured in nine award categories.

Aloysius Gan Kai Hong and Yan Jia Yi (Eagle 9A), who won the first Boccia medal for Singapore at the 2021 Asian Youth Para Games (APG), were honoured for their excellent performance at the Boccia competition. The pair received the SDSC Team of the Year Award. Aloysius Gan had won a gold medal for his BC3 Individual category and together with Yan Jia Yi, they had won a silver for the team event BC3 Pairs. Both athletes shared that they were thankful to the numerous people who had helped and supported them in their sporting journey, especially, parents and teachers who performed the role of ramp assistants or in every way possible.

From the experience of participating in sporting competitions, Aloysius Gan learnt to concentrate in each game, persevere, and not give up easily. As for their aspirations, Yan Jia Yi shared that she hoped to win a gold medal for Singapore in the future, just like her friend Aloysius Gan whom she admires.

Team of the Year award with Principal and teachers

Congratulations Aloysius Gan and Yan Jia Yi, Well done!

Our Personal Experience at 2021 Asian Youth Para Game

From 2 to 6 December 2021, the 2021 Asian Youth Para Games was held in Manama, Bahrain. It was the fourth edition of multi-sport event for Asian athletes with different abilities. There was a total of nine sports, and we participated in Boccia. We trained hard to prepare for the competition. We also had training on weekends. We teamed up to compete in the BC3 Pairs event. There was a total of four countries competing in this category. They were Iran, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, and Singapore. During the competition, although we felt nervous, we reminded each other to be confident and resilient. We managed to clinch the Silver Medal in the BC3 Pairs category. Aloysius also competed in the BC3 Individual category and won a Gold medal.

We received the Team of the Year Award 2022 by SDSC. The award presentation ceremony was held on 6 July 2022 at PARKROYAL on Beach Road. We felt very happy to receive our award and to meet with other para-athletes. We had a very fun time. We would like to thank our ramp assistants and families for supporting us. We will continue to train hard, and we look forward to upcoming competitions.

> Written by Aloysius Gan Kai Hong and Yan Jia Yi, Students of Eagle 9A



Aloysius Gan and Yan Jia Yi with Coach

Ms Lanny Kwok and

A Day Out with Fong Ruo En

Written by Ms Charmaine Hon, Teacher



Fong Ruo En (Eagle 4A) gave a short introduction of herself during Asia Partner Leadership Conference.

In April 2022, CPASS was invited to attend the Asia Partner Leadership Conference by National Council of Social Service (NCSS). The conference was held at Sentosa. This conference was attended by potential corporate donors to meet under the Community Chest initiative.

CPASS student Fong Ruo En (Eagle 4A) was chosen to do a short presentation at the conference, which she prepared in three days. Facing an audience whom she had never met before, with the help from her speech therapist and class teacher, Fong Ruo En confidently navigated the communication app on her iPad, and gave a short introduction of herself which she had prepared with her mother. Everyone present were spellbound by the experience, it was awesome! Fong Ruo En used her voice and presence to spread awareness of how Assistive Technology has helped her communicate with others, as well as help her access leisure activities.

Singtel Art Exhibition

Written by Mr Yang Jun Wei, Teacher

On 17 August 2022, CPASS student Mohamed Razig Bin Mohamed Zin (Eagle 4A), CPAS Executive Director, Ms Latha Kutty, Principal Mrs Koh-Lim Ai Lay and Teacher Mr Yang Junwei attended the launch of Expressions Through Art exhibition by Singtel. The art exhibition was the first exhibition that featured artworks from all 21 local special education schools; it was a platform for special education students to showcase their creativity and artistic talent to the large community. It was held at the National Gallery Singapore.

During the opening, Mohamed Raziq Bin Mohamed Zin had the honour to share about his artwork 'Three Happy Fishes in the Pond' to Madam President Halimah Yacob. He spoke with confidence and clear articulation. He replied enthusiastically to queries from teachers and students from other schools as well as



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Three Happy Fishes in the Pond by Mohamed Raziq Bin Mohamed Zin (Eagle 4A)



Mohamed Raziq Bin Mohamed Zin (Eagle 4A) - front row, with CPAS Executive Director Ms Latha Lutty. Teacher Mr Yang Junwei and Principal Mrs Koh-Lim Ai Lay - back row from left, before the start of speech by the CEO of SingTel and the 2nd Minister of Education, Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman.

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Artworks from CPASS Special Art CCA was also displayed at the exhibition. Each artwork was created by the students during CCA under the intensive guidance from Special Art CCA Coach, Mr Patrick Yee. On 19 August 2022, all members of Special Art CCA visited the National Gallery Singapore to view the artworks.



A collective artwork by Nur Aleesya Binte Abdullah (Eagle 5A), Dang Yunying (Eagle 21A) and Md Aiman Bin Abdullah (Eagle 22A)



A collective artwork by Zayden Tan (Eagle 1A), Nur Aleesya Binte Abdullah (Eagle 5A), Dang Yunying (Eagle 21A) and Keertana D/O Chandran (Eagle 22A) Team Special Arts posing in front of the preserved colonial architecture of the National Gallery.





Singtel

Colourful Flowers in the Night

Artist: Dang Yun Ying Age: 18 Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School

"Flowers can be colourful, even in the night." I use bright colours to make the flower pop in the night.

Livin' in the Zoo,

(Eagle 22A) and

(Eagle 22A)

a collective artwork by

Keertana D/O Chandran

Md Aiman Bin Abdullah

Colourful Flowers in the Night by Dang Yunying (Eagle 21A)



Artist: Mohamed Aiman Bin Abdullah (13), Keertana D/O Chandran (18)

Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School

Inspired by scene of the zoo, the students cocreated a series of animals with acrylic paint and black marker.

School-To-Work 2023 Selected Student – Muhammad Ryyan Zufayri Bin Mohamed Sani

Written by Ms Irene Ho, Transition Planning Coordinator

CPASS would like to congratulate student Muhammad Ryyan Zufayri Bin Mohamed Sani (Eagle 22A), for his successful selection into the SG Enable 2023 School-to-Work (S2W) Transition Programme. The 2-year programme will begin after graduation in 2022, from 2023 to 2024.

SGE S2W Transition Programme has 3 pathways, namely, Supported/Customised Employment, Project-IN and Further Training. The first programme is for clients with a ready job placement, while the latter two are for those requiring further training, which is conducted at Enabling Village. The difference between the two is the length of time of training as well as the group size. Every client in SGE S2W is supported by a job coach during their S2W Transition Programme.

On 14 July 2022, a multi-agency meeting was held virtually amongst SG Enable officers, CPASS team and Ryyan's family to discuss his proposed pathway for SGE S2W, to get to know Ryyan and his support needs, as well as to answer any queries from his family. SG Enable emphasised the importance of the roles of the families, as well as their support to help their child succeed in the training efforts and sustainability at employment.

Muhammad Ryyan's work experience includes work attachments at food & beverage (F&B) outlets such as The Food Platelets @Blood Bank HSA Building, and Foreword Coffee, as well as in Pan Pac Serviced Suites under Pan Pacific Hotels Group.



Values In Action Project - School Bazaar Sale By Functional Senior 1 Students

Written by Ms Nurul Irdayu Shukor, Teacher

On 15 August 2022, Functional Senior (FS) classes 4A, 7A, 8A, 9A and 10A collaborated to organise a bazaar sale to raise funds for Lee Ah Moi Home as part of their contributions to CPASS Values-In-Action (VIA) project.

Preparations for the bazaar began in April to June 2022, with a call-out to all school staff and teachers to contribute their pre-loved items that were still in good condition for resale. Donated items included new unused bottles, clothes, jewelries, smart watch and even a go-pro! FS students took to collect these donated goods from the general office and sort them into categories during their project-based lessons.

On the day of the bazaar sale, FS students from the organizing classes began to set up the hall from as early as 9am. They assisted their teachers to paste the prices on the items and displayed them neatly for sale. A queue started to form outside the hall from 10.30am as students, CPAS staff and caregivers prepared to go into the hall to buy their ideal purchases. Teachers and students felt happy to see such enthusiastic response to the bazaar sale.

Students learnt purchasing, marketing and even the process of selling during this bazaar. Each class had to manage a booth and students learnt money skills such as receiving money for purchases and making change as well as packaging the paid items to the customers. In total, there were five sale item booths at the bazaar. Sale prices ranged from \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20. There were henna booths, hot drinks corner, plant booth and even artwork displays for bidding! A big thank you to all teachers, teacher aides and job coaches for their contributions, and to everyone for the generous donated items that made up the sale. The bazaar was indeed a resounding success, and we managed to raise \$1670.20!





Students from Eagle 9A managed their booth to display framed artwork made by their classmates.





Students Nor Ryzqy Khalaf Bin Norhafis and Janelle Han Xin En (Eagle 7A) worked together to sort donated items for display during the bazaar.





and Ms Sharmila Begum Bte





Janelle Han Xin En (Eagle 7A) and Teacher Ms Sharon Tan worked together to sort sale items according to the sale price

CPASS Outdoor Education Programme @ Xperiential Learning Centre Written by Ms Aifaa Liyana Binte Norazhar, Teacher-in-charge Scouts CCA

On the 19 August 2022, students from Track & Field CCA, Swimming CCA and Scouts CCA visited Xperiential Learning Centre (XLC) at Republic Polytechnic to participate in a one day outdoor programme.



The XLC at Republic Polytechnic is an inclusive outdoor facility that provides opportunities for students of different abilities to try elements such as rock climbing, abseiling, roller glider as well as the challenge ropes course. CPASS was the first SPED school to visit the centre since it opened. Our students had plenty of fun when they tried rock climbing and the challenge ropes course. Although many students felt frightened initially, they were willing to try, and persevered despite the physical challenges they encountered. It was heartening to see the students display school values of resilience and confidence. Even though they had hand or foot function challenges, the students persevered to climb the rock wall, assisted by teachers and facilitators there. Students in wheelchair were also included in the rock climbing activity, as well as every inclusive high element. The three-storey high element was a big challenge, especially for those with a fear of heights. Our students bravely took up the challenge and completed the course at their own pace.

Each student was encouraged to set a goal for themselves, keep focused and continued climbing amidst the support from everyone around. All teachers were encouraged to see the strong side of the students and felt very proud of every student. All the students cheered for one another, regardless of the CCA they were in and they celebrated every achievement and success. It was a fulfilling day for both teachers and students as they overcame their fears and experienced new challenges together. We are looking forward to future adventures that awaits us!

Contact Tracing

To ensure that we can contact all parents/guardians/caregivers for emergencies and to help the School in communicating effectively, please inform your child's teacher of any change in the following:

- Contact details (mobile /email address/home telephone number)
- Home address

Important Dates in Term 4 (12 September 2022 to 18 November 2022)

Friday, 7 October 2022	Children's Day
Monday, 17 October 2022 to Friday, 28 October 2022	Progress Report Meetings
Monday, 24 October 2022	Deepavali
Friday, 18 November 2022	Graduation Ceremony
Saturday, 19 November 2022 to Friday, 31 December 2022	School Holidays

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