

CPASS EAST NEWSLETTER

Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School (East)

2023/Term 4



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

key Tenets of the School

School Vision

A school that empowers students to be active learners in the community.

School Values

Confidence
Integrity
Respect
Resilience

School Mission

To equip our students with a holistic education to
Live Meaningfully,
Learn Continuously,
Work Productively.

School Culture

To Build a Culture of Care and Empowerment

School Beliefs

Everyone...
can Learn
can Serve
is Special

Dear Parents,

Term 4 of 2023 was filled with lots of events and activities which kept our students and teachers very busily engaged. There was a little something for each and every one of the students in the various programmes. Do read about them in the pages of this edition of our newsletter.

For the graduating students, including those who were sitting for their PSLE, all of them had time to prepare for the most significant celebratory event of their time in CPASS – The Graduation Ceremony, complete with a dinner and dance party to cap the completion of their final year in CPASS School. The Graduation Ceremony was a key highlight of the year, with nothing spared to give the graduating students the evening they will remember for a long time. Emotions ran high through the evening, with reminiscences of the great times experienced, the tearful farewells and the excitement of the grand party all rolled into one evening. For this priceless experience, we have our various generous sponsors to thank for their support in giving the students the best time they have had in CPASS.

Events in CPASS are curated and organized with the intent of giving the students a great and enjoyable time within a safe environment and under the watchful eye of our teachers and staff so that our students have a memorable experience. When the teachers see the students' thrills and excitement during the events, teachers feel that their hard work are indeed worth their while. Annually, the events that the teachers tirelessly put together to broaden the students' experiences are the CPAS Sports Day, Children's Day Carnival, Graduating Students' Day Camp, Sunset Cruise, and the various Learning Journeys.

Our corporate and community partners play a very important role in providing our students with varied opportunities and meaningful experiences that will benefit them tremendously. We thank Park View Primary School for welcoming our students to the Children's Market. We are deeply appreciative of their invitation to the SIA Cares Open House, where our students were given the rare access to top-flight cabin and behind-the-scenes experiences, including being in a real airplane's cockpit and as well as interacting with the pilots and air stewards and stewardess. SIA capped the experience with a generous donation to CPAS for school development.

CPASS students are indeed fortunate to be part of many activities, both large and small scale, and one of them was the mega event, The Purple Parade, which saw strong participation and interaction with SPED schools and organizations supporting Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

Another glorious event is the Special Education Learning Fest (SPED LF) 2023, where 3 of our CPAS Teams won the innovation awards and our teacher, Ms Nur Idayu bte Abdul Kadir, was awarded the MOE-SG Enable Promising SPED Teacher Award (PSTA) by Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education & Foreign Affairs.

As the year comes to an end, preparations for the intake of new students for the new year have already begun, with enrolments and parents' orientation, all these to ensure that CPASS will be ready and prepared for our new students who will be beginning their academic life at CPASS East.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Boo Hian Kok
Principal, CPASS East

CPASS Children's Day Celebration 2023

A Unifying Extravaganza!

Written by *Ms Nurshameera, Teacher*



Republic Polytechnic Multi-Sensory Show

On 5 October 2023, students from CPASS East and CPASS West came together to celebrate Children's Day. It was a remarkable day because the major school event was planned jointly by both schools. The celebration was testament to the power of collaboration and unity, bringing students and staff from sister schools together for an unforgettable day. The theme for the

celebration was 'Games', and the day was filled with exciting activities that filled the children with joyful memories.



Student playing bowling arcade game with Teacher, Ms Neo Sheau Li assisting.

There was a diverse range of activities and stations that had been meticulously planned for the students. At the Arcade Games, students immersed themselves in a world of fun and competition, testing their skills at various arcade games, and at the Bouncy Castle, students bounced and played to their hearts' content, as laughter and excitement filled the air. At the Ball Pool, students played in a sea of colourful balls, providing endless delight for all, and at the LEGO station, generously sponsorship by LEGO, students engaged in creative and imaginative play, and every student received a delightful LEGO gift pack to bring home, and finally at Chill-out Area, students could unwind on numerous beanbags to enjoy a movie.



Students playing Super Mario Racing Cart.

CPASS also collaborated with Republic Polytechnic School of Technology of the Arts to offer ten captivating sessions of multi-sensory performances as part of the High Support Programme. The highlight of this collaboration was the enchanting play titled "Ah Boy and The Beanstalk." This unique and immersive experience allowed our students to interact with props specially designed for the play, creating an engaging and stimulating environment. The collaboration brought joy and enriched the lives of the students by creating lasting memories. On 28 October 2023, Republic Polytechnic extended an invitation to our students who were unable to watch the play during the initial event. They were invited to watch a sensory show specially curated for our students in collaboration with Reflections-RP's Community Arts Festival. The students and their parents had a wonderful time experiencing the play, further enhancing the impact of this memorable collaboration.

Students enjoying themselves in the ball pit.



Principal, Mr Boo Hian Kok giving out token of appreciation to Republic Polytechnic.



Teacher, Ms Raudhah and a group of student's building LEGOs together.



CPASS School Camp 2023

Written by Ms Esther Leow, Teacher

From 13 to 14 October 2023, CPASS conducted a school camp for the graduating students of 2023. The morning of the first day of camp began with icebreaker games that ignited friendships among the camp participants, revealing shared interests amongst everyone. Everyone had loads of fun, and after a sumptuous breakfast which rejuvenated all the students as they geared up for the first adventure of the camp, namely The ArtScience Museum.



I am ready for the future!

At the museum, students were mesmerized by the many innovative digital displays, especially those where sketches transformed into vibrant lifelike displays on the big screen. Next, the school campers had lunch by the tranquil banks of the Singapore River. The lunch was accompanied by a panoramic and majestic view of the Singapore skyline. Then, in the afternoon, the students excitedly went shopping at the Giant megastore to purchase items for dinner. At the supermarket, the students examined their shopping lists, and made careful efforts to locate the items amongst the many aisles in the supermarket, and purchase the correct quantity of items required. The students displayed brilliant teamwork, they practised their problem-solving skills, as well as their choice-making skills. For dinner, the camp participants cooked up a storm in the Lifeskills room. Hearty comfort foods such as ABC soup, rice, nuggets, hotdogs, and onion omelettes were whipped up by the talented chefs and their assistants. That night, all the tired campers wound down to a cosy movie session with tents being pitched in the hall.

On the morning of the second day of camp, everyone had a scrumptious breakfast, followed by a lively karaoke session and prize presentations. It was a memorable and cherished event in the lives of the students, volunteers and teachers. Every camper had the time of their lives, and hopefully enduring memories for years to come!



Group photo of 2023 School Camp



Principal, Mr Boo Hian Kok and student, Annabelle Ang (Eagle 25A)



Buying groceries is sure hard work!

Cooking time



We can cook up a storm if we want to!



Doing dishes is FUN



Yummy yummy food in my tummy tummy



PACER Meet International 2023

Written by Mr Abhinav Joshi, Teacher

On 30 September 2023, nine students from CPASS (East and West campus) Track and Field CCA participated in the PACER International competition, Under-13 category, at ITE College West Sports Complex. Though the weather was overcast, it did not dampen the spirits of the CPASS athletes, they had worked hard and raring to go, they were ready for the competition.

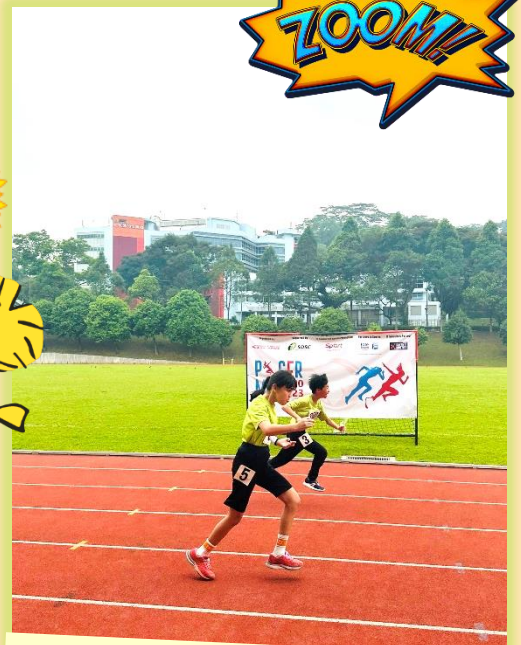
CPASS athletes competed against four SPED schools in various Track and Field events, such as Sprinting and Mixed Relay. They were excited to showcase their abilities gained from weeks of preparation and training. During the 6 x 50 meters Mixed Relay event, CPASS athletes displayed excellent teamwork as they passed their batons to their team-mates smoothly to finish the race with aplomb. The CPASS team amassed a stunning total of fourteen medals in this year's competition, and we would like to congratulate all the students for accomplishing such an amazing feat! Throughout the event, the students demonstrated good sportsmanship and camaraderie, they shook hands with their competitors after each event and cheered them on throughout the competition. CPASS team displayed confidence, respect and resilience.

The presence of supporters from all the participating schools contributed positively to the atmosphere of the event this year. It was particularly heart-warming to see CPASS staff and parents who came to ITE College West Sports Complex to cheer the CPASS team, and they would like to express their gratitude for the support!

Rain, rain go away! Nothing going to stop us winning our medals!



CPASS athlete, Muhammad Noor Shazuan Bin Muhammad Izzuan (Eagle 1B) proudly showing his hard-earned medal.



Raeburn Persis Estella (Eagle 24A) and Lim Kai Ning (Falcon 4C) sprinting to the finish line.



CPASS athlete, Cheng Wei Xuan Phoebe (Eagle 23B) receiving her medal with pride.

Park View Primary School (PVPS) Children's Market Collaboration with CPASS Functional Senior Programme

Written by *Ms Aifaa Liyana Binte Norazhar, Job Coach*

Every year, after the national Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE), Park View Primary School (PVPS) would organize a post PSLE activity, the PVPS Children's Market, for their primary 6 students. PVPS students would plan and prepare game booths and craft items for sale to the school staff and students. Proceeds from the sale would go CPAS School.

In Term 4, 15 students from PVPS visited CPASS for a school tour and spent an hour with class Eagle 7A making perler beads keychains during their project-based learning lesson. The students designed the keychains together and interacted with each other. The PVPS students then made similar products, such as the keychains, for sale at the PVPS Children's Market.



Students and staff from CPASS East and PVPS celebrated the collaboration by having a picture taken together at Park View Primary School.



CPASS student, Wee Zhi Qing Bravienne (Eagle 5A) at the class booths selling accessories.



CPASS student, Aidan Fabian Chan Zihong (Eagle 7A) played at the game booth at the PVPS Children's Market.



Students from Park View Primary School and CPASS student, Hooi Ji Woo Celine (Eagle 6A) designed perler beads keychain together.

On 9 November 2023, 4 Functional Senior classes and 4 students from the primary 6 class of the Academic Programme participated at the PVPS Children's Market. Our students also played at the game booths and purchased items such as bookmarks, accessories, and stationery from the craft booths. Everybody had a jolly good time doing happy things together.

My Flight of Discovery with Singapore Airlines: SIA Cares Open House

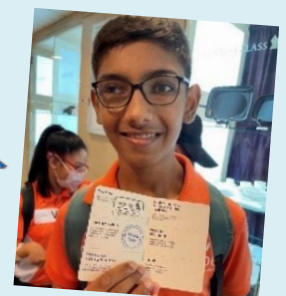
Written by *Kumara Manohara Hardik, Student of Eagle 24A*

On Saturday 23 September 2023, my teachers and schoolmates visited the SIA Cares Open House. When we arrived, we were greeted by many air stewards and air stewardesses. Before our tour began, each of us was given a mock passport and told that we could get chops at every station. We began the tour by getting a chop at the "boarding gate" and walked to the area with mock up cabins. I leapt with joy when I saw the mock up cabins. Once we were done with our experience in the mock up, an air steward showed us a display of the children's amenities and the items they use on board the flights. Next, we went to the plane simulator, and they showed us how they conduct their pilot training. Finally, we went for the cheque presentation ceremony. I found the experience very educational and would recommend it to others.

Our journey begins here.



"I'm taking off!"



SIA Roadshow

Co-written by *Wee Zhi Qing Bravienne, Student of Eagle 5A* & *Ms Seow Jia Ying, Teacher*

I went to the SIA Roadshow last Saturday, 23 September 2023. I explored the planes like the economy class, business class, first class, suites and the engineering room, I sat on the comfortable seats of the first class. I talked to the airline staff such as the pilot and cabin crew to learn how they do their jobs. The flight attendants wore uniforms. Their uniforms have many detailed patterns, and it was very stylish. I chatted with the minister, Mr Masagos Zulkifli. I also ate airplane food. There was chicken pasta, pandan cake, satay and ice mountain water for us to drink. The food was very delicious. It was a fun and great experience.



Group photograph with SIA pilot – what fun it is to wear the pilot's hat! ✈️

✈️ Students, *Wee Zhi Qing Bravienne (Eagle 5A)* and *Tan Zhi Xiang (Eagle 10A)* having a fun time with the SIA pilot and air stewardess.



SIA Cares Open House 2023: A Memorable Journey through Singapore Airlines

Written by *Raeburn Persis Estella, Student of Eagle 24A*

On 23 September, I went to SIA Cares Open House 2023. It was very fun and interesting because I got to go on a tour of the training centre. I saw the flight attendants training in the mock up cabins. I also got to talk to real pilots and captains and interact with crew members. I got to speak to a Minister of Parliament, Mr Masagos Zulkifli. I talked to him about my school, and he was very friendly. I think it is very generous of Singapore Airlines to financially support the building of facilities in CPAS School.

I was also honoured to appear in The Sunday Times. It was a fun experience being interviewed. Since the journalist was taking written notes of what I said and not doing a video recording, I wasn't very nervous. It was fun seeing my face and name appear in the news. Now, whenever I Google my name, the article appears in the search results! But I'm really just a normal school student who is very fortunate to get the opportunity. Overall, I had a great time!



Beautiful interior of the Training Centre!



Speaking with Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health & Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

CPASS Booth Sales at Purple Parade 2023

Written by *Ms Aifaa Liyana Binte Norazhar, Job Coach*

The Purple Parade is a signature celebration that supports inclusion and celebrates the abilities of persons with disabilities. 4 December 2023 marked the eleventh year for the movement and a turnout of more than thirteen thousand people attended the event. Since 2021, CPASS has had successful booth sales at the outdoor carnival, and once again CPASS held a booth in the Purple Parade 2023.

Students from Functional Senior classes and members of the Photography club CCA contributed to the parade sales by making products for sale. Preparations started in Term 3 during project-based lessons, students and teachers discussed and decided on the product they would make for sale, these included tote bags imprinted with designs made by our students, towel art, keychains, handmade beaded bracelets as well as digitally printed calendars with photographs taken by our Photography Club CCA. Organic soil produced by the Gardening Professional Learning Team (PLT) was mixed and packed by the senior class students. Functional Senior class students from CPASS West planted and decorated terrariums which were put on sale at the Purple Parade.

On the day of the event, student volunteers, Tan Zhi Xiang and Nur Andreana Ashmoon from CPAS East, Luthfil Hadi and Janelle Han from CPAS West and several teachers manned the booth. Our students interacted confidently with customers, and completed sales procedure under the guidance of the teachers present. Two of our students interacted with the guest of honor, Mr Lawrence Wong, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore when he came by our booth during the walkabout and took part in a media interview by the event organizers. All products were sold out and the total sales amounted to two thousand six hundred and fifty-six dollars.



The CPASS booth at the Purple Parade offered a variety of products made by students from the Functional Senior classes.



Tan Zhi Xiang (Eagle 10A), our Head Prefect, interacting with guest-of-honor Mr Lawrence Wong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.



Luthfil Hadi Bin Azman (Falcon 5C) sharing his thoughts on how Singapore can make inclusion a way of life during a media interview.



Job Shadowing Day 2023

Written by *Ms Catherine Tan Hui-Moi, Job Coach*

Students are shown the process of printing corporate cheque.



Students learned about the cheque clearing process.



Students on the tour around the back-end office.



Students learned about the chat services on the website and chat mobile.



Job Shadowing Day (JSD) is an annual event organised by SG Enable for students of SPED schools in Singapore. Through a visit to an employer's worksite and interacting with the employees, our students get the opportunity to better understand the concept of employment and what working life entails.

In order to ensure that JSD visit remained meaningful for our students, virtual sessions were set up two weeks before the actual day to discuss suitable activities that the students can participate in at the employer's premise and to confirm the programme flow. This year, 6 senior level students and 3 staff visited The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC). The students were, from CPASS East, Ayra Rezzan Binte Mohamad Fuad, Muhammad Irphan s/o Mohaiyadin Shah, Yan Jun Jie Lucas, Nur Andreana Ashmooni Binti Mohamed Randy Ashmooni and Yap Wei You, and from CPASS West, Janelle Han Xin En.

On 21 Sept 2023, students visited the HSBC bank located within the Mapletree Business city from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. As the premise was under tight security, every student and staff were given the bank's access card to enter. Students were spilt into 2 groups and were brought on a tour to 3 different departments. They are also given the opportunity to have the hands-on trial with the different work tasks. The 3 departments were

- 1) The back office, where they get to see the cheque processing operation.
- 2) The call centre where they are given to role play as the chat banker to use the mobile app chat to assist the customer.
- 3) IT department on how the technology aids in the operation of remote troubleshooting and other IT matters.

HSBC also hosted the students and staff to a tea break cum chit chat session with the employees. Students shared about their experiences about the tour and chatted happily with the employees. At the end of the visit, every student was also given a goody bag. All the students agreed that JSD had indeed been an eye-opening and memorable event for them.

Student Lucas Yan (Eagle 6A) shared his thoughts about the tour.



HSBC staff, SG Enable staff, and CPASS students and staff at the HSBC staff café.



HSBC staff with cerebral palsy (lady with spectacle) shared about her working experience at HSBC corporate initiatives.



Learning Journey to City Sprouts

Written by *Ms Catherine Tan Hui-Moi, Job Coach*

On 2 November 2023, senior level students from Functional Programme went on a learning journey to City Sprouts, and learned all about urban farming. City Sprouts is a social enterprise which develops educational programs and rejuvenates urban spaces by bringing together socially-minded individuals and businesses to create communities that inform, educate and support action on social and environmental issues.

During the learning journey, the students toured around the urban farm to learn about nature and biodiversity. The farm was designed with many multisensory touchpoints. Students engaged in hands-on activities such as identifying herbs through scent and feeding the aquaponic fishes. Students also learnt about various edibles, local herbs and got up-close with some furry friends at the chicken and duck coop. They learnt about the science of composting through the farm compost system. Students also had hands-on opportunities to plant their own pot of plant, from a variety of seeds such as peanuts and maple peas.

It was a meaningful and engaging learning journey with the friendly and funny facilitators, and all the students had loads of fun and everyone went home happily.



Students get to smell and taste the passionfruit.

Students had hands-on experience and planted their own pot of plants with peanuts and maple peas seeds.



Everyone went home happily with their own plant pot.

Tan Zhi Xiang work attachment at City Sprouts



Removing the plastic bags around the plant for planting.



Preparing the soil around the plant.



Covering the plant roots with soil.



Cutting stems of plants in preparation for planting.



Weeding the plants



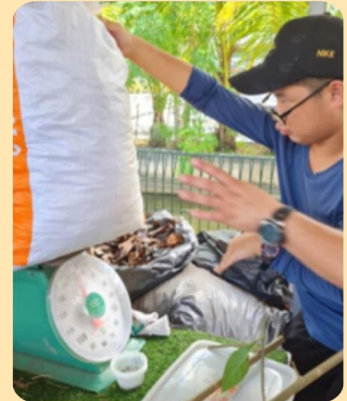
Pruning a plant



Cutting the leaves into smaller pieces.



Placing the plants pots into the ground for planting.



Weighing the bag of plant leaves for sale.



Feeling so proud of himself 😊

Cruise Outing for Graduating Students from CPASS East

Written by Ms Ivy Aw, Teacher



We are from CPASS East & West!

On 9 October 2023, students and accompanying teachers and staff went on a cruise outing sponsored by Wanderlust Adventures Cruise. The students were Koh Ling Yun and Adlina Adawiyah (Eagle 25A), Tan Zhi Xiang, Syed Amsyar, Muhammad Irfhan and Liew Jia Jun (Eagle 10A), and the accompanying staff were Teacher Ms Ivy Aw, Teacher Aide Ms Hamidah Binte Idris, Senior Teacher Ms Wang Ai Ling, and Job Coaches Ms Aifaa Liyana Binte Norazhar and Ms Catherine Tan Hui Moi. Some students and teachers from CPASS West joined the cruise outing too.

It was the first time for the students to be on board a yacht and everyone was looking forward to the experience. Upon reaching Sentosa Cove, the personnel from ONEo15 Marina showed us to the destined yacht and we were in awe - the majestic yacht was huge! We sailed to the nearby St John's Island where the students were taught how to fish with the fishing rod. The more adventurous students tried fishing and managed to catch a few fishes which they brought home after the trip. After St John's Island, we set sail for Lazarus Island for a stroll. The students saw the 'Tiny Houses' which was rented out for staycation.

Although the weather was hot and sunny, many photographs were captured to remember the trip. Though the whole cruise outing lasted for four hours, it was time to go home. Everyone enjoyed themselves, it was fun and we all had a good time. It was certainly a treat to be on the cruise outing! ... So, when is the next cruise?



Walking on the dock towards the yacht - weather is hot and sunny, but we are excited!



Meeting CPASS West students and teachers in the cabin.



We are at Lazarus Island; the sun is out but we are having loads of fun!



Hold the rod tightly & don't let go...see, I am fishing!



I can drive a yacht!



Gotcha! Mom, see what I caught for dinner!



Goodbye...

2023 Graduation Ceremony

Written by *Ms Nur Hidayah Binte Othman, Teacher*

On the evening of 17 November 2023, CPASS held its Graduation Ceremony for the graduating cohort of 2023. Everyone was filled with mixed emotions, immense pride as the remarkable achievements of our ten graduating students were celebrated, for they had traversed significant distance in their education, excitement for the graduants as they embark on the next chapter of their lives, and a tinge of sadness to see them leave CPASS. Everyone at CPASS was filled with anticipation for the diverse paths that laid ahead. The graduating students from the Academic program would be continuing their education at a MOE Secondary School, while the students from the Functional Programme and High Support Programme would be continuing at an Adult Service Agency, either DAC or Sheltered Workshop, of their choice.

On the evening of the graduation ceremony, dedicated volunteers who consistently put in hard work and devoted their time to assist class teachers in various activities, including community mobility, water play, haircutting sessions, etc., were also honoured.

Finally, as CPASS bade farewell to the graduating students and their family, the school year has come to a close on a sombre yet exhilarating note. Let us welcome the new year with anticipation. See you in 2024!

Graduating student, Koh Ling Yun (Eagle 25A), giving her farewell speech.



Principal (CPASS East), Mr Boo Hian Kok, speaking words of encouragement to the graduating students and their families.



Principal (CPASS West), Mrs Koh-Lim Ai Lay congratulating graduating student, Syed Amsyar Alhamid (Eagle 10A).



Volunteer, Ms Manisha Doshi, receiving token of appreciation from Dr Janice Wong, CPAS School Management Committee (Chairperson & Supervisor).

2023 Parents' Orientation

Written by *Ms Wang Ai Ling, Senior Teacher*

On 6 November 2023, the CPASS hall was abuzz with excitement as 27 new students and their parents attended the 2023 Parents' Orientation for 2024 intake to CPASS East campus. The School Management Team (SMT) hosted the event, CPASS Social Work department, the CPASS uniform vendor, and CPASS transport vendor were also present.

The orientation kicked off with a presentation about CPASS from Principal Mr Boo Hian Kok. Next, Head of Programme (HoP) from Academic Programme, Functional Programme, and High Support Programme, shared about their programmes' focus and expectations. Then, parents and students were brought on a 30-minutes tour around CPASS, which also included a brief visit to the classes from their respective programmes. The orientation concluded with the purchase of school uniforms and discussions with school social workers and engagement of transport services.

School Principal, Mr Boo Hian Kok shared about CPASS East.



From the feedback gathered, all parents agreed that the orientation programme was beneficial, and school staff were knowledgeable, helpful and courteous. New friendships were formed among children and parents. Everyone was looking forward to and are eagerly counting down to the start of an exciting new school year, and having a wonderful 2024 at CPASS East!

2023 Progress Report Meetings

Written by *Ms Shobana Karuppiah Thandavam, Senior Teacher*

As it was the first year for CPASS using Client Information Management System (CIMS), an online information management system, we had to ensure that the processes for Progress Report Meetings were clear for our teachers and allied professionals so the meetings would be conducted smoothly and seamlessly with parents and caregivers.

During the planning phase, School Management Team members from East and West campus held meetings to discuss the timeline and workflow for the meetings. Prior to the meetings, drafts of the Progress Reports were vetted and acknowledged electronically via the CIMS platform. All important documents such as summary notes of the meetings, transition planning documents were collated and uploaded into the CIMS, for easy reference and retrieval for the future. With the new working norms of face-to-face meetings or online meetings, Progress Report Meetings were held through both platforms, to the convenience of the family and caregivers. Some senior students attended their Progress Report meetings which empowered them to self-advocate and take ownership of their educational goals.

Meetings were held with West and East SMT members to plan smooth progress report meeting processes for our Trans D members in both schools.



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Class Eagle 24A Teacher, Ms Esther Leow held progress report meetings with her students involved either via zoom or face to face.



Head of Programme, Ms Korine Chung facilitated the Progress Report meetings for some Academic Programme classes.



Hi, my name is Muzayna. I am in Primary 5 and from Class 24A. I enjoyed being part of my own Progress Report Meeting because my teachers and parents talked about my past, present and future goals. I think taking part in my meeting is good because I can learn something new about my goal. I felt grateful for being involved in the meeting because they helped me to understand my goals for next year.



Class Eagle 1A Teacher, Ms Shermaine Goh, conducted meetings through zoom or face to face to update families and caregivers.

Progress report is a good time to round off the academic year as we gather in our TransD teams to discuss student progress with the parents! It was good to have the student portfolio on littlelives to show parents along the way!





MOE-SG Enable Promising SPED Teacher Award Ms Nur Irdayu Binti Abdul Kadir

CPASS would like to express our warmest congratulations to Ms Nur Irdayu Binti Abdul Kadir, on being the first from CPASS to receive the prestigious award in the SPED teaching fraternity. Let us get to know Ms Nur Irdayu better as she shares about herself.



PSTA recipients with Dr Maliki Osman, Minister, Prime Minister's Office and 2nd Minister for Education & Foreign Affairs.



Ms Nur Irdayu Binti Abdul Kadir from Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School (East)

Student creating an artwork under Ms Nur Irdayu's guidance

The MOE-SG Enable Promising SPED Teacher Award (PSTA) is an inaugural award that recognises the achievements and contributions of exemplary SPED teachers with the potential to be inspiring leaders and/or mentors. The PSTA is for teachers who have three to five years of teaching experience. The award ceremony took place during the SPED Learning Festival 2023 held at Republic Polytechnic, on 3 November 2023. I was notified of the nomination through my Reporting Officer in January, and was informed that I was selected for the selection interview in June.

The physical selection interview was held in July.

Featured during Address by Minister Dr Maliki Osman.

My 'Why'

Being a SPED Teacher gives me the opportunity to support and empower students who face unique challenges. It is rewarding to witness my students overcoming these challenges for their personal growth. In addition, the strong bonds with my students, their families, my colleagues and our community partners continue to motivate me to make a positive impact to my students.

About myself

I have been in CPAS School since 2017 and became a trained SPED Teacher since 2019.

Earlier on, I was a fresh graduate from university who chanced upon a position for a SPED Teacher. However, staying in this profession is definitely by choice.

Challenges on being a SPED Teacher & how I overcome them

One of the challenges SPED Teachers may face involve adapting teaching methods to cater to individual student needs. However, it is important to keep an open mind and embrace challenges, recognising them as opportunities for growth.

"It takes a village to raise a child." I believe the saying speaks volumes. In addition to working closely with my students and their families, I am thankful to be able to seek guidance from talented colleagues and experienced mentors who share their experiences, challenges, successes and provide valuable advice.



A wifie with Member of Parliament Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan and all PSTA & Outstanding SPED Teacher Award (OSTA) recipients.

My inspiration

My parents serve as one of my sources of inspiration. They are my first teachers. Hence, I invited my mother to be my guest for the Award ceremony during the SPED Learning Festival. I am forever grateful to them for raising me in a safe and loving environment, which laid the foundations of my learning even until today.

Words of thanks for colleagues & school leaders

I want to express my gratitude to my colleagues for their support, guidance and openness to new ideas. I appreciate this acknowledgment, and I strive to improve further.

Words for my students

You inspire me and I admire your resilience in facing challenges. Thank you for believing in me, both in and out of the classroom. I look forward to witnessing your continued growth.

Moving forward

Receiving this award serves as a motivation for me to engage in deeper reflection on how I can make meaningful contributions to CPASS, our stakeholders, and the special education (SPED) community.

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Contact Tracing and Important Dates

note ON Contact TRACING

Parents, please take note.
In case of emergency and effective communication.
parents, please update
class teacher for any
change to the following:

- ❖ Mobile number
- ❖ Home number
- ❖ Home Address
- ❖ Email Address

IMPORtant Dates IN 2024 TERM 1 (2 JAN 2024 to 8 MAR 2024)

Monday, 1 Jan 2024	New Year's Day
Tuesday, 2 Jan 2024	Start of New School Year
* Saturday, 10 Jan 2024 to ^ Sunday, 11 Jan 2024	Chinese New Year
Thursday, 15 Feb 2024	Total Defence Day Commemoration
Monday, 19 Feb 2024 to Friday, 1 Mar 2024	IEP Meetings
Saturday, 9 Mar 2024 to Sunday, 17 Mar 2024	School Holidays
* Tuesday, 13 Jan 2024 will be a school holiday. ^ Monday, 12 Jan 2024 will be a public holiday.	