

CPASS EAST NEWSLETTER

Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School (East)

2024/Term 3



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,

After the lull and rest through the June holidays, the students were roaring to start Term 3 with energy and hope. Term 3, like all the other terms of the school calendar was again packed with enriching activities designed by the teachers for the students. It was also in Term 3 that we had the Teachers' Day celebration. Parents were busy preparing little gifts of appreciation for the teachers.

Teachers were also busy preparing the programme of entertainment and fun for the students. It was always so heartening to see the energy of the people in CPASS running and their engines never sputter. In my short time here, I have learnt a lot from the wonderful teams of teachers who showed dedication, conviction, and commitment, even under pressure. Around the same time as the national Teachers' Day celebration, there were also the awards for teachers. The President Award for Teachers and the LEAP (Listening Educator for Advancement and Progress Award) were among the two pinnacle awards given in Term 3 of the national school calendar.

This year, we are happy to have our own CPASS East teacher, Ms Nurul Irdayu Shukor, as one of the 15 winners of the LEAP 2024, chosen from 234 nominations! Well done, Nurul!

Whichever the programme a student belongs to, there was no lack of attention paid to them. Even in their enjoyment of school life. Our teachers are always striving for newer and newer ideas to stimulate their learning. They spared no effort in transforming the learning spaces, large or small, into close-to-authentic learning spaces to stimulate learning in a simulated environment, filled with sensory stimuli. It was always very heartening to see the creative imagination of our amazing teachers doing this for our students.

Even the SPED students themselves lend their helping hands to help one another learn. Read about them in article within – Raising Funds through Creativity and Collaboration, a fine example of what our PWDs could do to make our community and society better, because they could also learn to "Pay It Forward."

As with other organized activities, partners and volunteers were always part of the action. We encourage more parent and volunteer involvement in our activities. As Singapore becomes increasingly more inclusive, this inclusivity must always begin from within our hearts, heads and hands of everyone in Singapore.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Boo Hian Kok
Principal, CPASS East

High Support Programme (HSP) Arts Festival

Written by Ms Zerline Goh, Teacher

In the last week of Term 3, an Arts Festival was organized for the High Support Programme. Immersive activities, such as Mark Making Corner, Multi-Sensory Performance and Sensory Art Kits, created shared experiences for the students, and this encouraged social interaction amongst students and promoted expressive responses from the students.

Mark Making

At the Mark Making Corner, students were invited to explore the art of creating marks on the water-reactive paper using water and various tools provided. This activity encouraged students to express themselves freely without the constraints of traditional art techniques.

Multi-Sensory Performance

With the interactive drama performance by the Multi-sensory Drama CCA and Music and Movement CCA, the lines between audience and performers were blurred as students participated in the story by feeding the caterpillar and using musical instruments to create sound effects. This fostered a sense of collective imagination and connection with the story.

Sensory Art Kits

Constructed by the Sensory Stimulation CCA, each class was given a set of air-dry clay and tools to create art pertaining to the Multi-Sensory Performance of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Students were given the opportunity to engage in the exploration of creating art through clay at their own pace and time.

The Arts Festival served dual purposes, namely creating art and creating connections. Through diverse forms of expression, a space was created for all to explore their own creativity, foster collaboration with one another and make unique contributions. Heartfelt gratitude to members of the HSP Art Domain, Multi-Sensory Drama CCA, Music and Movement CCA, Sensory Stimulation CCA, teachers and students who participated in the event and made it a success.



Multi-Sensory Performance on The Very Hungry Caterpillar, brought together by Multi-sensory Drama CCA and Music and Movement CCA.



Activity boards from the Mark Making Corner were removable and teachers had the freedom to bring them back to class for students to explore at their own pace.



Demonstration video on how to use the Sensory Art Kits by Sensory Stimulation CCA.

Singapore 59th National Day Celebrations

Written by [Mr Yang Jun Wei, Teacher](#)

As Singapore celebrated her 59th birthday on 8th August, 2024, so too at CPASS East, everyone marked the island nation's day of independence in a vibrant celebration. The celebration kicked off with the 'Observance Ceremony' by the Scouts. In a sea of red and white, the school hall filled to the brim as CPAS staff and students donned the colours of the Singapore flag, and raised their voices to sing the national anthem during assembly, followed by the National Day message by the Minister of Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing.

Next, students from the academic classes shared about their experience, thoughts and feelings of the National Education Show at Padang. They also presented a montage of photographs of the NE Show that they had taken using their own handphones. Tampines Meridian Junior College (TMJC) also invited CPASS East to join in their school's anniversary celebration this year. CPASS East teachers and students spent an hour interacting and participating in the various games created by the TMJC students. Everyone had an enjoyable time. Happy 59th birthday, Singapore!

Scouts holding our Singapore flag getting ready for the march.



Intensive brainstorms over the word relating to SG food, landmarks etc. to enact upon.



We can always rely on teacher, Ms Shannice to re-enact the actions with gusto when no one can guess the correct answer!



Staff and students striking a pose at the NE show at Padang.

Can you spot the Dark Gray Submarine created by student, Adam Rezqi Bin Muhamad Reduan (Eagle GA)?



One of six illustrations for the NDP 2024 Pack.

LEAP Award 2024

Written by *Ms Irene Ho, Transition Planning Coordinator (TPC)*

On 29th August 2024, Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan (SHHK) honoured 15 exemplary teachers with the annual LEAP Award. The LEAP Award, which stands for Listening Educator for Advancement and Progress Award, was launched by the late President S R Nathan in 2011.

Guest-of-Honour (GOH) Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education, presented the LEAP Award to the 7 primary school teachers, 6 secondary school teachers and 2 special education teachers at the annual Teachers' Day Appreciation Dinner cum LEAP Award Presentation Ceremony. It is a recognition of the positive impact exceptional teachers have made in nurturing their students from the heart. The naming of the award signifies a leap of faith for a teacher to believe that students have the potential to excel beyond their capabilities.

This year, 154 schools nominated 234 teachers for the LEAP Award – 101 primary school teachers, 108 secondary school teachers and 23 special education teachers, with each school limited to a maximum of two nominations. 4 schools saw their first ever LEAP Award recipients, namely, CPASS East, East Spring Primary School, Zhonghua Primary School and Pasir Ris Secondary School.



Congratulations to Ms Nurul Irdayu Abdul Shukor, for winning the first LEAP Award for CPASS (East)!

You may read more about Ms Nurul's message to all educators at [Happy Teacher's Day: Paying Tribute To Extraordinary Educators](#).

Ms Nurul Irdayu Abdul Shukor receiving the award from GOH Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education.

The LEAP Award winners of 2024



Smile! You are Happy LEAP Wefie!



Find out who are the LEAP Award 2024 Recipients at [LEAP Award 2024 – Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan \(shhk.com.sg\)](https://shhk.com.sg)

Love Of Language

Bringing Nature To Life With Terrarium Creations

Written by Mrs Lee-Tan Chor Hui, Senior Teacher

On Tuesday, 27th August 2024, both Functional Junior and Functional Senior classes participated in a special Love of Language session, where students had the opportunity to connect with nature through a hands-on and enriching experience. As the theme for this term was Nature, Mr Nagib from City Sprouts, endearingly called 'Uncle Nagib' by the students, guided the students through the fascinating process of creating their own terrariums.

Each class created two terrariums, with Uncle Nagib demonstrating how to layer sand, soil, pebbles, and gravel into containers to create the perfect environment for two Fittonia plants. Students eagerly participated in adding each layer, followed by decorating their terrariums with coloured sand. They then carefully watered their plants and sealed the containers, learning that these self-sustaining ecosystems only require occasional watering, as moisture is naturally retained within the container.



Uncle Nagib explained that it is even possible to see 'tiny clouds' form inside the terrarium, a phenomenon that intrigued the students. He also encouraged them to touch the soil, highlighting the differences between sand and soil. The soft, therapeutic texture of the soil was a highlight for many, with Uncle Nagib noting that working with soil can help reduce stress.

While most students enjoyed scooping the materials and getting their hands dirty, a few were hesitant, preferring to keep their hands clean. Despite this, the activity was a hit, offering everyone a chance to engage with nature in a creative and meaningful way.



Mr Najib helping student, Mohamad Shan Rusyaiddi Bin Mohamad Yusri (Eagle 6A) pour soil into the plant pot.



Cheek Wen Hao Danzel (Eagle 6B) admiring his plant.



Senior class students, Refqy and Bravienne working together to pot a plant.



Students of Eagle 22A listening attentively to instructions.

Students of Eagle 4B listening attentively to instructions.



Eagle 21A VIA Project

Raising Funds Through Creativity and Collaboration

Written by Ms Nur Irdayu Binti Abdul Kadir, Teacher

The students of Eagle 21A recently held a digital art workshop for CPAS staff as part of their VIA project to raise funds for Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home. The workshop provided participants with a unique opportunity to learn from the students. Participants learnt how to design a waffle ice-cream vector using Keynote, gaining valuable hands-on experience in digital art. As a keepsake of their creativity and support, the designs were printed as stickers.

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of the participants, Eagle 21A successfully raised a total of \$520 for the Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home. The digital art workshop not only allowed the students to share their skills but also to contribute to a meaningful cause that benefits the community. Additionally, the CPAS HR Department supported this effort by offering the students a wonderful opportunity to design badges for the HRLDC Learning Festival held on 26th of August, 2024. All proceeds from the badge designs were donated to the Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home, further contributing to the students' VIA project.

The students of Eagle 21A are deeply grateful to everyone who participated and supported their initiative. They felt empowered by witnessing the positive impact they could create through their creativity and collaboration.

Students from Eagle 21A visited various departments to promote their initiative.



They dropped by CPAS Executive Director, Ms Latha's office too!



Asher Reign Das gave the presentation and guided a group of staff during the workshop.



Lee Xun Yi showing his participants how to create a design on the iPad.

Badge design for HRLDC Learning Festival



Printing our participants' designs into stickers!



Teachers' Day Celebrations 2024

Written by *Ms Siti Nageah Binte Shamshul Bahrin, Teacher*

On Thursday, 29th August 2024, the school hall buzzed with excitement as staff and students gathered to commemorate Teachers' Day. The celebration kicked off with a heartfelt speech from our principal, Mr Boo Hian Kok, who applauded the daily efforts of the staff and underscored the importance of collective effort in making CPASS East a supportive environment for both students and staff. The Character & Citizenship Education (CCE) team had meticulously planned for this special occasion to celebrate the teachers' hard work.

A series of engaging activities was organized for the day, starting with a collection of video submissions from classes across all three programmes. This initiative received enthusiastic participation from students eager to show their appreciation for their teachers. Some classes went above and beyond, performing live during the celebration, adding a personal and emotional touch to the event. Three exciting and interactive quizzes delighted and entertained both staff and students. The first segment, "Guess Who?", invited students to identify staff members based on clues about their body parts, personal items, or voices. This game was a hit, offering fun facts about each staff member and a great opportunity for students to learn more about their teachers. The second and third games introduced new elements to the celebration. In "Masked Singers", teachers took to the stage to perform while masked, challenging students to guess who was behind the disguise through their singing and dancing. The third game, "Are You Smarter Than Me, Teacher?", saw students presenting riddles and jokes to staff, testing their wits in a playful exchange.

This year's Teachers' Day celebrations ended on a high note, with everyone leaving the school hall beaming with joy and appreciation. The event truly captured the spirit of gratitude and fun, making it a memorable day for all!



Eagle 5A & Eagle 6A gave a live dance performance 🥰



Eagle 7B gave a live singing performance 🥰



School staff receiving token of appreciation from Vice-principal, Ms Suzana Ahmed



Masked Singer... Guess who ??



Contact Tracing and Important Dates

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Parents, please take note.

In case of emergency and effective communication, please update class teacher for any change to the following:

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

IMPOrtant Dates in 2024 TERM 4 (9th JUN 2024 to 15th nov 2024)

Friday, 4 th Oct	Children's Day
Monday, 21 Oct 2024 to Monday, 4 Nov 2024	Progress Report Meetings
Thursday, 31 st Nov	Deepavali
* Friday, 15 th Nov	Graduation Ceremony
Saturday, 16 th Nov to Sunday, 31 st Dec	School Holidays
* No school session on Graduation Ceremony Day.	