

CPASS EAST NEWSLETTER

Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School (East)

2024/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,

The busiest term of the year before the 2024 closes would be Term 4. A busy term for the students - fun-filled activities that fan their excitement as the weeks unfold. Each with its activities for the various programmes in the school. These planned activities were curated to further enhance their learning in different experiences. They were designed to enhance their learning and widen their realm of experiences. Each one of them exciting, Each stimulating in its own way.

All of these activities were rolled out in quick succession as the term progressed. These added on to the workloads of the teachers who were also preparing the students for assessment, IEP/ITP reports and providing feedback to the parents and guardians. All the activities required the teacher to put in extra work and sourcing for the relevant resources. The teachers and staff left no stone unturned as they tried to heighten the experiences of the students more than those from the year before. This was how the activities scale up each year in terms of variety. My salute to these teams of teachers who worked with great excitement with their respective events. Such experiences helped the teachers learn from the previous team's work, make improvements and add in new flavours. The teachers worked hard at such heart-work. Thank you, teachers, and aides! That is the kind of giving SPED teachers make, giving of themselves for the sake of the children under our charge.

For many of these events, corporate partners were involved, namely Singtel, Lego, Republic Poly, TMJC and many others. Careful thought went into roping in the relevant partners for each of these events. The corporate partners brought their teams of volunteers from amongst their staff who were doing their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The volunteers learnt to interact with the different students with their ranges of capabilities and challenges. At the end of each event, they would always leave with the rich experience of engaging the students in the various ways. Both the Children's Day Celebration and Singtel Carnival are key events that students looked forward to. Not just for the gifts and prizes they stand to win, but the snacks and treats they would get through their programme of activities. And from our teachers' perspectives, the students learnt to interact with people around them in the community and organizations.

It was also in Term 4 that the major sports competitions were held. CPASS East School did pretty well in representation and also in winning prizes at these competitions. Our strength in Boccia brought about several medals by our competitors in the Tiger Balm National Boccia Championships 2024. Our younger Boccia athletes were also fielded. As novices, they learnt so much about graciousness in competition and respect for the fellow-athletes in the competition they are pitched against. They did not falter under the pressure and always maintained their high spirits with graciousness. We are very proud of you, CPASS students! Our youngest swimmer, Siti Nur Iman showed her courage and unwavering confidence in putting the coach's teaching into action.

The stars of the year would always be the graduating students! For the students from the Academic Programme, despite the pressures of the PSLE looming in the horizon, they remained positive, cheery, happy and full of enthusiasm learning together and experiencing the richness of the CPASS calendar events with full engagement! It was also great to see them bantering and laughing just before the commencement of each examination day. These graduating students enjoyed their annual camp and of course, the Graduation Ball!

When the results of the PSLE were announced, the students were ecstatic! All of them qualified for postings to mainstream secondary schools. Congratulations, CPASS Acad!! We wish you all the very best in your new schools and learning experiences!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Boo Hian Kok
Principal, CPASS East

CPASS East Children's Day Celebration 2024: A Musical Extravaganza!

Written by Ms Nur Maisarah Binti Burhanuddin, Teacher

On 3rd October 2024, CPASS East students across both AM and PM sessions celebrated Children's Day with a vibrant musical theme, "Music & Songs." Thanks to the enthusiastic support of Republic Polytechnic, LEGO, and Loomis volunteers, students were treated to an extraordinary day of laughter, music, and joyful memories. The celebration offered a diverse range of activities designed for a memorable and inclusive experience.



Students enjoying an exciting rhythm challenge on the Taiko Drums in the Arcade Room, creating beats and having fun with this musical arcade experience!



A magical moment from the sensory performance Toby's Journey, held in the school hall, where students experienced an engaging, multi-sensory adventure.



Staff, LEGO volunteers, students, and caregivers enjoying a lively session in the Karaoke Room, singing their hearts out and creating unforgettable memories together.

The Arcade Room became an arena of fun and friendly competition, where students enjoyed musical games like Guitar Freak and Taiko Drums. The room was filled with laughter as students tested their skills on these musical arcade games right in their own school. In the Karaoke Room, a cozy karaoke lounge was set up with speakers and microphones, where students could sing their favourite songs. For our non-verbal students, teachers delighted them by singing their favourite tunes, making the experience inclusive and unforgettable. The Culture Exploration Room introduced students to musical traditions from around the world. Set up with multiple stations, students had the opportunity to learn about different cultural music and instruments, sparking curiosity and appreciation for diverse sounds and rhythms.



In the Foyer and outside of Class 10, students enjoyed LEGO Carnival Games such as Table Bowling, Race to Cover the Baseplate, Wacky Kart Race, the Free-Play Table, and Falling Bricks. Generously sponsored by LEGO, these games inspired creative and imaginative play. Each student also received three LEGO gift packs to bring home, spreading the joy beyond the day's events. A variety of snacks added to the festivities, with Ice cream and Churros booths set up alongside delicious bento boxes for students and staff. For students on PEG tube feeding, specially curated gift sets, including a wet bag and water bottle, were provided to ensure everyone was celebrated.

Students immerse themselves in creativity and fun at Game 4 – the Free-Play Table, building and exploring with LEGO bricks.

The day was capped off with a vibrant Photobooth station, where students and staff posed with musical props, capturing snapshots of the day's joy. A

highlight of the celebration was the Sensory Performances organized in collaboration with Republic Polytechnic's School of Technology for the Arts. Seven captivating performances took place in the School Hall, featuring an immersive play titled: Toby's Journey. The extended stage, enhanced lighting, and interactive props made this a sensory-rich experience for students across all programs. These performances not only entertained but also deeply engaged students, creating treasured memories that embodied the spirit of Children's Day. In a nutshell, this year's Children's Day celebration brought joy, learning and unforgettable moments for everyone involved, creating a musical extravaganza that will be remembered fondly by students and staff alike.



CLASS EAGLE 3B



Students and teachers delight in their treats from the free-flow ice cream booth, sharing smiles and sweet moments together.

CLASS DOVE 14A



Say cheese! Students and teachers strike a pose with vibrant musical props, capturing a joyful moment from the celebration.



Our Principal, Mr Boo giving out a token of appreciation to Republic Polytechnic.

Our Vice-Principal, Ms Suzana giving out a token of appreciation to LEGO volunteers.





CPASS East School Camp

Written by *Ms Nur Aqilah Binte Amran, Teacher*

2024 graduands spent two days and one night in the annual CPASS East School Camp on 11th and 12th October 2024. It was a memorable camp for them because the students were involved from the beginning of the planning for the camp. Each student drew a star to uniquely represent themselves and this was printed onto the camp's T-shirt.

Campers enjoying the activities in SuperPark.



Staff from Macdonald's volunteered for the camp and they accompanied students for an extremely fun time at the SuperPark at Suntec City. Both students and volunteers enjoyed the activities at the SuperPark and everyone had great fun together. After a tiring day at the SuperPark, students were treated to a good lunch and this fueled their energy for the next activity, camp BBQ! Everyone looked forward to the highlight of the camp, and that was the barbeque. What fun the students had, a rare opportunity for the students to cook their own meal, over the grill and under the stars! They enjoyed the time together with their schoolmates and teachers. As night fell, students bathed, in pajamas and hugging their favourite soft toys and pillows, with tired sleepy eyes, all was ready to sleep and rest for the second day.



Day two was filled with fun activities too! After morning exercise and breakfast, students and teachers participated in team-building activities. Laughter filled the school hall as students and teachers competed in games and everyone had fun together. Camp closed with certificate and prize presentations. Students, Nur Aleesya Binte Abdullah (Eagle 2A) and Bhramarueban Premakumar (Eagle 3A) won the Best Camper, while student, Kamilia Syuhada Binte Sophian (Eagle 9A) won the Most Helpful Camper. All the best to the graduating students of 2024.

Hip-hip Hooray!



Morning exercise before breakfast



Campers all ready for bed



**▲ Most Helpful Camper ▲
◀◀ Best Campers ▶▶**



Visit to Park View Primary School Primary 6 Children's Market

Written by *Ms Catherine Tan, Job Coach*

On 6th November 2024, a group of eleven CPASS East senior class students had the exciting opportunity to join the students of Park View Primary School (PVPS) in their event, "Primary 6 Children's Market". This event was the culmination of a collaborative effort between PVPS and CPASS East, which began in October. Students from both schools collaborated in the planning and organization of the market.

The students were thrilled to be involved in the event from the very beginning. On the day of the market, each CPASS East student was paired with a PVPS student, creating meaningful opportunities for interactions at many levels. The pairs spent the day exploring the school campus, participating in fun-filled activities at game booths, and making purchases from the craft booths set up for the event. This collaboration not only gave students a chance to enjoy a day of games and crafts, but also allowed them to build friendships and better understand one another's communities. It was a heartwarming experience as both groups of students got to know each other, fostering connections that will surely last.

We are grateful for the continued partnership with Park View Primary School and look forward to more opportunities to collaborate in the future.



Job Shadowing Day 2024

Written by *Ms Zahirah Binte Abd Rahim, Job Coach*

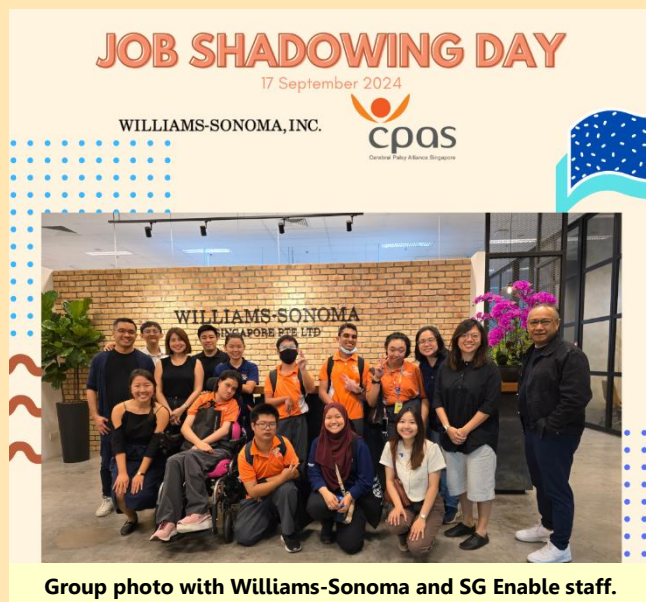
Job Shadowing Day is a yearly initiative organized by SG Enable that provides students with the opportunity to discover different job roles within a company. This year, five senior class students and three staff from CPASS East participated in the event.

One month prior to the event, a series of virtual planning sessions were conducted between CPASS East and Williams-Sonoma Inc. to lay the groundwork for a successful experience. Proposed activities were meticulously reviewed to ensure that the activities were engaging and appropriate for the students. Students involved were:

1. Kamilia Syuhada Binte Sophian (Eagle 9A)
2. Ayra Rezzan Binte Mohamad Fuad (Eagle 23A)
3. Muhammad Irphan s/o Mohaiyadin Shah (Eagle 23A)
4. Liew Jia Jun (Eagle 23A)
5. Tan Zhi Xiang (Eagle 23A)

On 17th September 2024, CPASS East students and staff visited Williams-Sonoma Inc., a US-based furniture retailer, located in the bustling area of Tai Seng. The visit was scheduled to take place from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, providing the students with a two-hour window to explore the inner workings of the company and gain valuable insights into the furniture and retail industry. As the students arrived, they were greeted by the staff from Williams-Sonoma Inc. The learning journey began with an introduction to the history of Williams-Sonoma Inc. and the different types of home furnishings catered to different demographic groups. Next, representatives from Human Resources, Finance, and Quality Assurance discussed their roles and responsibilities with the students and staff of CPASS East. Their presentation concluded with interactive activities designed for the students, such as Mentimeter and role playing.

Finally, the students enjoyed snacks prepared by Williams-Sonoma Inc., they also received a goodie bag at the end of the visit. Overall, the visit to Williams-Sonoma Inc. was a memorable and educational experience for the students, provided them with a unique glimpse into the furniture and retail industry.



Activities after the sharing from HR, Finance and QA teams.



Job Coach, Ms Catherine Tan presenting the token of appreciation to Mr Koh Wen Xiang, HR Generalist, Williams-Sonoma Inc.

Tiger Balm National Youth Boccia Championships

Written by Mr Yap Feng Kai, Head of Programme (ICT & Assistive Technology),
Teacher-in-charge, Boccia

Boccia CCA Students, Aloysius Gan (Eagle 21A), Ryan Chandru (Eagle 1A), Rajendran Atchayakumaran (Eagle 8A) and Heidi Neo Hui En (Eagle 7B) took part in the Tiger Balm National Youth Boccia Championships 2024 held on 22nd September 2024 at the OCBC Arena.

It was Atchay and Heidi's first time competing in an official competition, both students did us proud by displaying CPAS School Values of Resilience, Integrity, Respect and Confidence when playing against older opponents. Both students were also excited to be competing with Ms Chloe Tan Suan Zi and Mr Dineysh S/O Jegathesan, who served as their sports assistants. When asked about the experience, Heidi shared: "It was fun playing with my teacher and friends".

Aloysius Gan and Ryan Chandru brought home the silver and bronze medals in their sporting category respectively. Well done to all teachers and students.

Confident and respectful towards fellow competitor, resilient and integrity in competition performance.



Teachers, Ms Chloe Tan Suan Zi and Mr Dineysh S/O Jegathesan, served as their sports assistants to students, Rajendran Atchayakumaran (right) and Heidi Neo Hui En (left).

Aloysius Gan (right) and Ryan Chandru (left), won silver and bronze medals respectively.



Haw Par National Youth Para Swimming Championship 2024

Written by *Ms Hafidah Binte Mohamed Yacob, Teacher-in-charge, Swimming CCA*

Every year, Swimming CCA students competes in the Haw Par National Youth Para Swimming Championship. This year the competition was held on 28th September 2024 at Singapore Sport School. It was very exciting for the three athletes especially because they had been putting in a lot of effort and attending additional training sessions to get ready for the competition.

Siti Nur Iman Binte Shaharudin, one of the athletes who participated in the competition for the first time, had to learn a new swim stroke for the competition. The seats were packed with spectators who came to support the competitors, and the athletes were eager to get started. The athletes exceeded the coach's expectations in terms of timing, even though they were in their own category. All three of them took home the gold medal in the 50-meter freestyle. Although Mohamad Shan Rusyaiddi Bin Mohamad Yusri only began competing last year, it was the third competition for him and he broke his previous record and in doing so, he demonstrated tenacity during his training.

The youngest competitor was Sit Nur Iman, her courage and self-assurance in learning a new swim stroke demonstrated her potential for further success. Liew Jia Jun, a most diligent swimmer, swam in his last competition before graduation. Younger athletes would be stepping up to fill his shoes in the future to demonstrate their capabilities.



Swimming athletes, Mohamad Shan Rusyaiddi Bin Mohamad Yusri, Siti Nur Iman Binte Shaharudin and Liew Jia Jun showing off their hard-earned medals proudly.

2024 Singtel Carnival

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

The annual event, Singtel Carnival, a day of fun and games specially organised by Singtel for all MOE SPED Schools in Singapore was held on 9th October 2024 at Singapore Expo, Hall 5, from 8.30am to 5pm. There were over 50 games, rides, food and drink stalls, and with over 2000 staff volunteers from Singtel Over 200 students and 180 teachers and caregivers from CPASS attended the carnival. It was awesome, just look at the collage of pictures!



2024 Primary School Leaving Examination

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

In 2024, 9 students from the Academic Programme at CPASS East sat for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE), a national exam in Singapore that students take at the end of their primary school education. The PSLE assesses students' academic strengths and provides them opportunities to transition to mainstream secondary schools to further their education.

Based on the three posting groups (i.e. Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3) in secondary schools, 7 students qualified for Group 1 posting, 1 student qualified for Group 2 posting and 1 student qualified for Group 3 posting. 100% of the students passed the PSLE and qualified for mainstream secondary school placement. It was the first attempt at PSLE for all of them. Our students would be continuing their academic studies at the following schools:

- ✚ 3 students at Spectra Secondary School;
- ✚ 1 student at Seng Kang Secondary School;
- ✚ 1 student at Punggol Secondary School;
- ✚ 1 student at Changkat Changi Secondary School;
- ✚ 1 student at Junyuan Secondary School;
- ✚ 1 student at Loyang View Secondary School; and
- ✚ 1 student at CPASS East.

Congratulations to the students for their PSLE results were astounding! Thank you to all the Academic Programme Teachers, Teacher-Aides, Trans D team Allied Professionals and Head of Programme. All the best for your future endeavours, dear students!

All the best to the students from the Academic Programme Teachers



Proud students with their PSLE certificates



A proud moment for students and Trans D Team

Thank you for the memories, goodbye CPASS! Hello world!

by Class 2A & 3A



What I love about is my friends and teachers. I will miss my friends the most as I had many fun times with them. As for my teachers, thank you for your support for all these years.

- Dahny -

Thank you for the amazing memories in CPASS. I will always remember the fun times and teachers I had from EIPIC till I was in Primary 6. I would like to thank the CPAS teachers for helping me learn new things.

- Aleesya -



Goodbye CPASS! I remembered the first day I came to this school. I was nervous and excited to start my primary school life. Teachers are creative in planning interesting lessons for an example I learnt about money using a mock-up ATM machine. I will miss learning in CPASS!

- Louis -

I like CPASS! Thanks for the memory. I like the teachers here as they are not as fierce as other schools. I will come back to visit the teachers!

- Guang Hui -



Thanking CPASS for planning interesting outings. It is still fresh in my mind when my Primary 1 teacher encouraged me to finish my buns prepared by my mom even though I am full. I will visit CPASS during special celebration.

- Wayne -

Thank you, teachers and friends for the memories in CPASS. Not forgetting, the OTs and PTs that have helped me to be independent in many things. Now, I am able to travel on public transport all by myself! I will miss all of you!

- Muzayna -



Thank you for the memories. I came to CPAS in January 2017. I would like to thank all the teachers who has taught me throughout my primary school journey till PSLE. I will always remember this memorable journey.

- Hardik -

I will miss my teachers and friends from EIPIC all the way to Primary 6. I will miss school's events especially Children's Day and Singtel Carnival. I will visit CPASS someday!

- Rueban -



I've had a lot of memories with my teachers and classmates. The best memories are from outings and being in the school bus with my classmates. I remember going to the Hay Dairy Farms in 2018 and feeding goats with my friends and teachers. I also enjoyed being in my Track and Field CCA. I'll never forget running with my friends, teachers and coaches. Another memorable thing is listening to music with my classmates on Friday after CCA, before our normal lessons. Overall, I made a lot of good memories in CPAS and I am thankful for all of them.

- Persis -



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 2025 Term 1 (2nd Jan 2025 to 14th Mar 2025)

Wednesday, 1 st Jan	New Year's Day
Thursday, 2 nd Jan	Start of New School Year
Wednesday, 29 th Jan to Thursday, 30 th Jan	Chinese New Year
Monday, 17 th Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration
Monday, 24 th Feb to Friday, 7 th Mar	IEP Meetings
Saturday, 15 th Mar to Sunday, 23 rd Mar	School Holidays