

Greetings from the

Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians ,
Time flies and before you know it, we are in Term 2.

This can be a 'challenging ' term as our students will be having their first Semestral Examination. Nevertheless, let us not be bogged down with results. What should be closest to our minds is instilling the love for learning in our students.

To achieve that , the staff of KS were engaged in training during the March holidays , to upgrade our skills so that real and meaningful learning takes place in the classrooms.

One of the approaches that the teachers have explored is the use of Big Story Books for reading together, learning about values and role-playing. Shared-book is part of an approach called STELLAR . It stands for **ST**راتيجيات for **E**nglish **L**anguage **L**earning and **R**eadng. Thus far, the teachers who have used the approach have found that our students love the stories that they read and they enjoy dramatizing the stories. We will continue to explore ways of leveraging STELLAR to develop our students to be confident and effective users of the English language. KS has also revisited the way we teach Numeracy and Science. This , we will share in future editions of the KS Connect.

Take Care

Mdm Yazilah Amir

2017 Completed Events in

Term 1

Satellite Partnership with Bedok View Secondary School

School leaders from APSN Katong School (KS) and Bedok View Secondary School (BVSS) and MOE Psychological Branch met up on 14 February to endorse the year-long programme drawn up by both schools for Satellite Partnership 2018. The satellite partnership received an enthusiastic start in 2018 when Katong School (KS) and Bedok View Secondary School (BVSS) started off the tooth-brushing programme for Primary 1 to 3 students on 5 February. BVSS provided the toothbrush kit for the students. The tooth-brushing buddy programme aimed to create awareness of dental hygiene and proper tooth-brushing techniques. Admirably, both buddies and our students related well with one another with use of a graphical chart that depicted clearly what each step of tooth-brushing entailed. During the activity, it was evident that both buddy and learner remained fully engaged to maximise learning outcomes. During another occasion to mark Total Defence Day on 14 February 2018, BVSS NCC students performed gun drills for KS primary students. The students were very excited and watched the high precision and well-coordinated postures with amazement as they enjoyed each movement made by the NCC students.

Breakfast @ KS —27 January

KS had its first school-home networking session for 2018 on Saturday, 27 January. School leaders, HODs and relevant staff turned up to support the event which was held from 8.30am to 12.00pm for parents/ caregivers of both primary and secondary school students. A total of 36 parents and 20 students participated in the event. Group discussions revolved around SPED living outcomes related to food preparation, personal grooming, independent travelling, engaging in leisure activities and managing personal finance. The discussions proved beneficial as parents too provided inputs to strategies on how to teach and apply the skills to their children, both at home and in the community.

While parents attended the session, the children were engaged through craft work and a Zumba session conducted by a qualified vendor. A satisfaction survey conducted with the participants showed that 100 % of parents were satisfied with the event and activities organized for their family. They also found the group discussions on SPED living outcomes to be very beneficial. Feedback from the parents were shared with the KS community (parents and staff), and uploaded in the KS public website, as well as SharePoint. The feedback would also be weaved into the curriculum to nurture the desired living skills in our students.



Sharing by our Vice— Principal Mrs Alice Teo



Presentation by parents after group discussion



Group photo with parents and staff of Katong School

Prefect Investiture – 9 February

Friday, 9th February 2018 marks the day of the official appointment of 33 Secondary and 15 Primary level prefects. We are proud to announce Nur Ardillah (Sec), Daeng Andi Putra (Sec) and Mohamed Hady (Pri) as our Head Prefects. They are assisted by the Vice-Head Prefects, Mikayla Lee (Sec), Ahmad Syaadad Khan (Sec) and Muhammad Fauzan (Pri).

Our Principal and Vice-Principal, Mdm Yazilah & Mrs Alice Teo, delivered a short speech during the opening of the ceremony for Secondary and Primary Prefect Investiture Ceremony respectively. In their speech, they addressed the prefects on the importance of being positive role models to other students and to take pride in carrying out the duties that has been assigned to them. The prefects were also reminded of the four school values that they are expected to display – Respect, Resilience, Integrity and Commitment.

After the speech, form teachers presented their class prefects with their badges and certificates. The ceremony ended with Nur Ardillah and Daeng Andi Putra, leading our prefects with the Prefects' Pledge. We hope that as ambassadors of Katong School, our prefects honour the words in the pledge and model our school values.



Our school Principal, Mdm Yazilah with the secondary school Head Prefects.



Primary 5 prefects with their proud Form Teachers.



Our vice principal, Mrs Alice Teo giving out certificates to our Secondary school Vice Prefects.

Total Defence Day - 14 February

‘Together We Keep Singapore Strong’ is the theme of this year’s Total Defence Day. In commemoration of this significant day, students from the Secondary level visited the National Museum of Singapore to learn more about the history of Singapore. Through the various exhibits, the students learnt about the evolution of our country. Students also learnt the significance of Total Defence Day and why it is important for us to keep Singapore safe and strong. During the museum visit, students were also involved in a Photo Scavenger Hunt, where they were required to locate and photograph various historical items.

Students from the Primary Level commemorated this special day in school through various activities. Bedok View Secondary students from NPCC and NCC started off the day with their impressive drill. Our school value, Resilience, ties in very well with the theme this year. The students participated in the Singapore workout and prizes were given to those who displayed resilience throughout the activity. They also tried the various booth activities like, ‘Spot the Danger’, ‘Using a Stretcher’ and ‘What’s in a First Aid Box?’ which helped them understand how they can be involved in Total Defence.



Primary Students actively participating in the Singapore workout



Primary 6 students trying to guess what's inside the First Aid Box



Secondary School Students at one of the exhibits in the National Museum of Singapore

IMDA Lab on Wheels 1—2 March

The Primary 5 & 6 students as well as the Secondary School students participated in hands-on learning through workshops on the bus. The students came on board to learn about robotics and programming with Ozobot and Hackball. Basic programming concepts on algorithms and programming logics were taught. (i.e.: Events, if and else statements.) The workshop also allowed students to develop logical thinking and problem solving skills by breaking down problems into bite-sizes. Students collaborated in groups and learned through peer-learning. It was an enjoyable experience for all who participated.



Students programming their hackball by adding sounds and lights to the ball.



Chinese New Year Celebration — 15 February

APSN Katong School celebrated Chinese New Year on 15 Feb 2018. To usher in the year of the Dog, we were delighted to have our corporate partner, Siemens Pte Ltd to join in the celebrations. The highlight of the day was filled with festive activities such as dressing-up cum parade of Fortune God and calligraphy art exhibition where all students participated with enthusiasm. The celebrations ended on a festive note with Mdm Yazilah and Mrs Alice Teo distributing oranges to all as a token of prosperity. Each student also received a cutlery set sponsored by Siemens.



Staff of Siemens and teachers of Katong School helping students with the calligraphy



Students dressed up as Fortune God. Volunteers from Siemens helping student in the dressing up activity



Parade of Fortune Gods

Leadership Camp — 21 February

On 21st February 2018, Wednesday, 34 Secondary and 15 Primary prefects participated in the Prefects' Leadership Camp. During the camp, students experienced a range of enjoyable and engaging activities, designed to develop their leadership skills and qualities in the areas of (i) being positive role models, (ii) communication, (iii) values of responsibility, resilience and confidence, (iv) teamwork. The training also equipped our prefects with specific skills & competencies to carry out the daily prefect's responsibilities to the best of their abilities.



Activities that build communication skills and school values



Ms. Korinn guiding prefects on flag raising duty

Post Walk-For-Rice — 5 March

18 Katong School Secondary level students participated in the Post-Walk for Rice event at Bedok Radiance Senior Activity Centre on 5th March 2018, Monday, where they distributed packets of white and brown rice, which the school has helped to raise for the needy residents in Southeast District last year, between September to November 2017. The students also held an engagement session of Chinese Brush Painting for 31 elderly. With the guidance of our students, the elderly were able to complete their painting and thoroughly enjoyed the session. This engagement activity provided an opportunity for KS students to contribute and connect to the community.



Engagement session of Chinese Brush Painting



Primary School Camp — 7 March

As part of our school's effort to provide a holistic education for all pupils, Primary School Day Camp was organized on the 7th March 2018, where 29 pupils from P1 to P4 participated in it. The objectives of the camp was to provide our pupils with greater exposure to the music & movement, develop soft skills and inculcate values in them. All our pupils went through safe and holistically challenging programme on expressive art, life skills, teamwork and self-confidence.

The camp was held at Katong School and our pupils participated in a whole host of activities, including Pass the hoops, Balloon Tennis Warm wind blows and the finale, All-Star dance competition. These activities allowed pupils to practise turn-taking, sharing, communicating and expressing through dance. Moreover, the camp integrated fun and a wonderful learning experience for all the primary school pupils.



Differentiated ball-pass for the Lower Primary students



Puzzle Game Time!



The Primary 4 students working together to pass the hoop



Primary 4/2 class won the All-Star dance competition

2018 Upcoming events in Term 2

- Key Highlights

Katong School's Emergency Readiness & Operations

Temperature Taking

The school will conduct a visual screening and temperature-taking exercise for all students from 19 March to 22 March. We would also like to seek the assistance of all parents/ caregivers, to ensure that your child/ward is well before attending school. If he/she is unwell, please seek medical attention and refrain from having your child/ward attend school. As always, please keep the school informed of the reasons for absence. Thank you for your support and cooperation. Together, we will ensure our school is safe for all our children.

Key School Events - 2018 Term 2

- International Friendship Day – 6 April (Fri)
- English & Math learning Journey —6 April (Fri)
- Sports Fiesta — 11 May (Fri)
- KS Public Talk —11 May (Fri)
- Parent-Teacher Conference (PIE & PTC) - 22 May (Thurs)

Social Competence Outing (P1-P6)

29 March (Thurs), 30 April (Mon) & 25 May (Fri)

Semestral Assessment 1

P1-S4: T2 W6 (24April - 26April) - Math & EL

P1-S4: T2 W5 (16April - 20April) - VED

WPLN for Secondary 4 Students

T2 W7 & W8—(3May - 4May) - WPN

T2 W7 & W8—(7May - 10May) - WPL

FamilyMatters@School, Enriching Parents @ KS

The schedule for parenting talks conducted by FamilyMatters@School in Term 2 will be provided by the coordinator, Ms Phyllis, at a later date.

2018 Important Dates in Term 1

School Terms & Holidays 2018

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| Term 2 | School Term | 19 Mar (Mon) - 25 May (Fri) | |
| | June-School Holiday | 26 May (Sat) - 24 June (Sun) | |
| | Public & School Holidays | Good Friday | Fri 30 Mar 2018 |
| | | Labour Day | Tues 1 May 2018 |
| Vesak Day | | Tues 29 May 2018 | |

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