

Greetings from the

Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians ,

Greetings from all of us at APSN Katong School.
We wish you a Happy New Year.

On 2 Jan 2019, we warmly welcomed our students back to school for another exciting year of learning.

Our orientation programme during the first three days of school has helped the students to transit well into their new classes and prepared them to be ready to learn in the new year.

In this newsletter, we present the school's key events and activities in Term 4, 2018. We thank our staff, parents, partners and students for the memorable experiences which were so aptly reflected in the theme of our Appreciation and Graduation Day, "The Child Is At The Heart Of All We Do".

Special thanks goes to Mdm Yazilah, our former Principal who returned to MOE in mid-Dec and to Mrs Pang, our teacher aide who retired at the end of Dec after serving KS for 40 years.

Once again, we thank you for your strong support. We look forward to yet another year of having you as our Partners-in-Education to bring out the best in our students, your children.

Mdm Ng Puey Koon

Principal

2018 Completed Events in

Term 4

YMCA Upper Primary Camp – 7 to 9 Sep

The inaugural 3 days 2 nights camp organised by YMCA for upper primary students was held during the September holidays from 7th September to 9th September. Leading up to the commencement of the camp, students were abuzz with anticipation and excitement. For many students, it would be the first time they would be staying overnight away from their home and loved ones.

On the first day of the camp, our students trooped off to the camp's venue at Ping Yi Secondary School armed with their camping necessities and sleeping bags. There, they were met with fellow camp participants from Chao Yang School, Mountbatten Vocation School, AWWA School, Rainbow Centre and Metta School as well as their camp facilitators from YMCA. Ice breaking activities commenced with students getting to know their peers from the other schools as well as their dedicated buddies from YMCA that would act as their personal chaperones during the entirety of the camp.

The camp was in full swing on the second day of the camp as activities lined up one after another which included an amazing race and water games at AWWA school's swimming pool. As the day wound down, the day's events concluded at Rainbow centre with a quintessential element of any camp, a campfire. Students revelled as they sang and danced till the dying embers of the flames signalled that it was the end of another eventful day. Whatever anxiety the students

may have had the night before about sleeping in an unfamiliar place was surpassed by the exhaustion from the day's activities as students promptly retired to their sleeping quarters.

Although glad that they would be returning home, it was a bittersweet moment for all involved on the last day of the camp as they bid goodbye to their YMCA buddies and peers from the other schools. There was a final group activity and memento making to remind the participants of the happy memories they had made during the camp. Our students were resilient when faced with the camp's challenges and showed that they were up to the task as they practised their independent life and social skills. Overall, the camp was a great success and we hope for a return to this opportunity!



Happy memories made during the YMCA camp

Lego Making Workshop - 26 Sep 2018

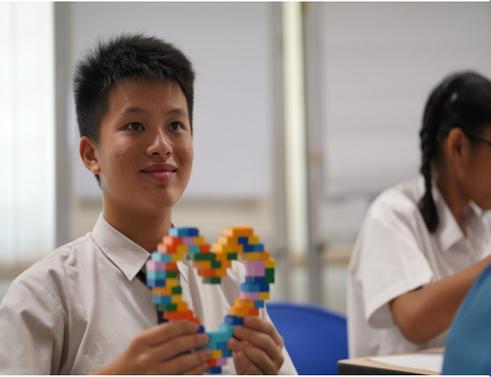
On the 26 September 2018, 29 secondary 4 students participated in the Lego Making Workshop, initiated by South East Community Development Council (SE-CDC). The workshop provided the opportunity for our students to give back to the community by creating a meaningful gift using LEGO blocks. The final product will be used to congratulate Corporate and Community partners who have contributed cash or in-kind products and services to the residents in South East District. With the help of pictorial visual of the completed figurine, students followed closely, using their preferred colours of LEGO bricks to build the heart-shaped LEGO. The students had lots of fun playing LEGO and interacting with their classmates. Upon completion, the students held their heart-shaped LEGO and have their photos taken. Mr Sam Lee, Mrs Kalai, Ms Suhaidah and Ms Swari also have their heartfelt appreciation messages filmed. The final LEGO product will be framed and given to the various Corporate and Community partners, while the appreciation messages were played during the Mayor's Appreciation Luncheon on 18 Oct 2018.



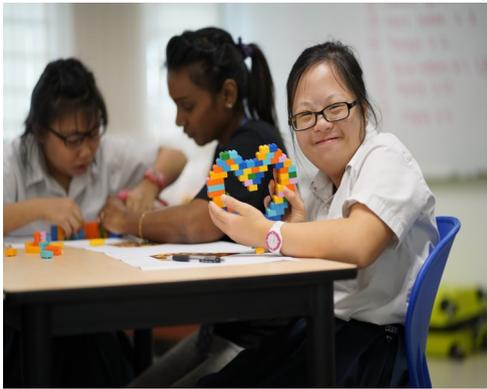
Students building the heart-shaped LEGOs

Upper Primary VIA Programme
(Maintenance of Nparks' Kitchen Garden)
— 28 Aug and 27 Sep 2018

On 28 August and 27 September 2018, Primary 5 and 6 students participated in Maintenance of Kitchen Garden, a horticulture programme, with support from the NParks. This is also a Value-In-Action (VIA) programme where our students played a part in managing the landscapes in parks and gardens. The students worked closely with Nparks horticulturists and support them in the gardens through pruning, watering and picking fallen leaves. Before the students started on the horticulture activities, they were given a tour around the garden to learn about the various plants and their characteristics. These activities also provide an opportunity to improve students' motor skills, encourage positive social interactions and connection with nature.



Andrew posing with his heart-shaped LEGO



A group shot with all the heart-shaped LEGOs



Children's Day - 4 October 2018

Katong School celebrated Children's Day on the 4th Oct 2018 (Thursday). Students in the Lower Primary classes participated in a variety of activities centred on daily living skills. They were given opportunities to practise their skills in a fun and interactive manner. They also learnt about the values of Respect, Resilience, Integrity and Commitment. 28 volunteers from Panasonic interacted with our students as they went about the different learning stations and brought much joy to each and every one.

Students in the Upper Primary classes watched the animation movie 'Small foot' at FilmGarde Cineplex Kallang Leisure Park. This community-based experience for students in the Upper Primary classes provided the platform for them to practice appropriate social behavior in public, as well as movie etiquette. In this animation movie, students were introduced to themes such as friendship, courage and the joy of discovery. This movie screening was made possible by the generous contribution of Thinkers Alliance, who also joined our students to watch the movie and made the day very memorable for our students. At the end of it all, all students also received a coin-bank as their Children's Day



A Panasonic volunteer teaching our student to zip the jacket



Megan and her beautifully decorated cupcake



A group shot with the Panasonic volunteers— Say cheese!

Deepavali Celebration - 30 Oct 2018

The Secondary and Primary students celebrated Deepavali on the 29 November and 30 November respectively. The celebration started off with a Bhangra Dance Performance by the Secondary 3 students. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 Secondary classes in the Kolam contest. Prizes were also given to 6 Primary students who won in the colouring contest. Students had a fun time trying out costumes at the Photo Booth and eating Murukus during recess.



Students trying out traditional Indian costume.



A student posing enthusiastically in a traditional Indian costume.

Secondary 4 Transition Programme– 30 Oct 2018

The Student-Led PTC was held on Tuesday, 30 October 2018, where students had the opportunity to showcase various programmes they went through in Semester 2. Exhibition booths were set up in the AVA Room to display photographs and samples of their work done during the Work Immersion Programme, Social Media Workshop, Transition Programme and Ceramics Workshop. Besides developing students' sense of ownership for their own learning, the activity also aimed to build their confidence in presentation and public speaking skills. This activity served as a good platform for parents/guardians to network with one another, as their child/ward transits to post-secondary education.



Students talking about ThirsTea Café.



Student showing her mum what she has accomplished.

Graduation, Appreciation & Prize Presentation Day—12 Nov 2018

2018's Prize-giving, Appreciation & Graduation Day had lived up to its theme: The Child Is At The Heart Of All We Do. Indeed, whatever the staff in Katong School did was student-centred, as showcased by the succinct video which was able to let the audience know that its many initiatives were for the good of the student. As such, this year-end concert was an appropriate platform to celebrate the students' achievement and the staff's efforts.

As one walked along the corridor to the hall, one would be attracted by the photographs of the Secondary Four graduates which were creatively designed such that they not only brightened up the hallway, but they would be given to the graduates as mementos on the last day of school. Indeed, the child is at the heart of what the staff at Katong School do.

This year's concert also scored a few firsts. The ushering-in of the GOH was made special by the Bhangra dancers and the little robots which paved the way. The latter were the latest to the Robotics Club. The concert started off with the debut angklung performance by the Sec 2 students. The Sec 3 Bhangra dancers livened up the atmosphere with their vibrant dance and bright costumes. It was also the first time for our Secondary One students to perform an Acapella number. The Primary School's Artiste Inc's lively dance to 'Can't Stop The Feeling' set many feet tapping. The drama by the Primary 6 pupils were impressive too.

After about a month of intensive training and rehearsal, the students did not fail to marvel the audience with their resilience and 'can do' spirit and put up a performance that was aptly described by our GOH as 'a wonderful celebration' of their journey of learning.

As usual, our Circus Arts 'Circus Extravaganza' held us mesmerized with a member skillfully rolling a magic ball in her hands. This time, instead of one brave person swinging the balls of fire, we had at least four of them doing this stunt together. It was truly a spectacle to behold!

It was also the first time we had a speech given by our valedictorian, Andrew Lim. The Sec 4's Hopes & Dreams rounded off the celebrations well as it encapsulated the students' learning in Katong School



Our Principal Mdm Yazilah with the Guest of Honor



Circus Arts mesmerizing the audience with a fire stunt.



Our Secondary 4s putting up a performance one last time in Katong School.



The graduates posing with their teacher.

Secondary 4 Graduation Celebration—16

Nov 2018

‘Shine like Stars’, was the theme of the Secondary 4 Graduation Celebration that took place on the last day of school, Friday, 16 November 2018. On this special day, students came dressed in their best outfits, as they commemorate their four years of secondary education with staff and schoolmates. This activity provided an organised and structured platform to socialise with them. Most importantly, it is a celebration of the students’ milestones and honouring their accomplishments. We wish our graduates all the best in their future endeavours!



The proud students receiving gifts from our Principal, Mdm Yazilah.



Best dancers of the afternoon with Ms Joanne

2019 Upcoming events in Term 1

- 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 2 Jan to 10 Jan. 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 - 2019 Term 1

- * Chinese New Year Celebration - 4 Feb (Mon)
- * Total Defence Day - 18 Feb (Mon)
- * Social Competence Outing (P1-P6):
 - 30 Jan (Wed)
 - 26 Feb (Tues)

FamilyMatters@School, Enriching Parents @ KS

The schedule for parenting talks conducted by FamilyMatters@School in Term 1 will be provided by the coordinator, Ms Phyllis, at a later date.

2019 Important Dates in Term 1

School Terms & Holidays 2019

Term 1	School Term	2nd Jan (Wed) - 15th Mar (Fri)	
	Mar Holiday	16th Mar (Sat) – 24 Mar (Sun)	
	Public & School Holidays	New Year	1st Jan
Chinese New Year		5th—6th Feb	

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