

Greetings from the

Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We welcome our students back to school after the short one week Sept school holidays.

Thank you for attending our inaugural Learning Festival on 4 Jul, which provided our students with opportunities for engaged learning beyond the classrooms.

We were honoured to have President Halimah Yacob on 5 Jul at our Youth Day celebration and to launch the Istana Inspired Cookies in commemoration of Istana 150. The artwork of five students was featured on the packaging of the Istana Cookies and badges on each packet of Istana Cookies. On 2 Aug, for the 3rd consecutive year in Project SPHERE, our students brought cheer to the seniors living in rental flats by interacting with the elderly and helping to clean their homes. Besides the school's National Day celebration on 8 Aug, I planted a tree in Anglican High School, witnessed by the soccer CCA team to signify our desire to grow the school partnership. On 29 Aug, our students enjoyed the Water Carnival at Heartbeat@Bedok ActiveSg Swimming Complex.

Term 3 ended very well on Teacher's Day with much appreciation shown by the students and parents not only for the teachers but also for the security guards, school attendants and bus operators.

Once again, we thank our staff, parents and partners for giving our students many memorable experiences. We continue to look forward to having your support to bring out the best in our students.

Mdm Ng Puey Koon
Principal

2019 Completed Events in

Term 3

Learning Festival – 4 July 2019

APSN Katong School launched its inaugural Learning Festival on 4 July 2019. The Learning Festival, a collaborative effort by the Numeracy, Literacy and Vocational Education department, was aimed at providing both primary and secondary students with the opportunity for engaged and purposeful learning beyond the four walls of the classroom. The Learning Festival also provided a platform for Katong School to meaningfully engage key stakeholders – parents, corporate partners and staff and students from both sister schools; Tanglin and Chao Yang.

Parents took part and supported the festival by accompanying their child, which not only served as a parent-child bonding session, but a platform to further understand key learning concepts their child are exposed to in class. Corporate partners, DBS and Celanese (S) Pte Ltd, supported the festival by manning the learning stations, while Gallop Stable and Takara Pets, provided students the opportunities to learn and interact with a pony and various species of parrots. The joy of learning was reflected on the faces of the students, and most significantly, the APSN values of resilience, respect, integrity and commitment were shown as students worked in groups in completing the various stations.

The success of the event was achieved through teamwork of our dedicated staff, and the generosity of our partners. Katong School

looks forward to the next Learning Festival as we strongly believe that not only can learning be fun, but we can provide our students with an enriching experience that will accompany the for life.



Students completing an activity as part of the Vocational Education station



Learning beyond the four walls of the classroom



Working together to overcome challenges – a key element of the Learning Festival

Istana Inspired Cookies Launch @ APSN Katong School – 5th July 2019

5 July 2019 was an eventful and memorable day for staff, parents and students from APSN Katong School. We were honoured to have President Halimah Yacob visit Katong School for Youth Day celebration and to officiate the launch of the Istana Inspired Cookies in commemoration of Istana 150. The Istana 150 is a good platform to showcase the talents and passions of the special needs community.

President's Office and Pine Gardens partnered with APSN Katong School to feature the artwork of the students from the KS Arts Biz on the packaging of the Istana Cookies. Their designs are also made into badges that comes with each packet of Istana Cookies. These designs were inspired by the rich flora of the Istana grounds.

The students put in great effort and perseverance in coming up with the designs for the packaging. A great sense of pride was seen on their faces when President Halimah Yacob shook their hands and conversed with them. This is APSN Katong School's 3rd Partnership with the President's Office following the internship opportunities at the Istana, in 2017, for students from APSN Katong School.

This experience was nonetheless another opportunity for our students from Katong School to showcase their talents and passion.





Mdm President, Mdm Ng (Principal of Katong School) and students involved in the cookie launch



Mdm President viewing students art pieces that were on display



Getting ready for the Istana Cookies Launch!

Sensory story-telling by National Library Board (NLB) – 10 July 2019 and 14 August 2019

In collaboration with NLB, two sensory story-telling sessions were conducted for primary school pupils. With the intention and aim to create the joy of reading, sensory story-telling sessions provided pupils with the opportunity to not only be exposed to reading, but to be part of the story.

Through sensory props and activities, the librarians from NLB were able to engaged pupils from the ASD to MID classes in the primary level. Pupils show keen interest in participating in the various activities, while accessing the stories read to them. Significantly, it sparked their curiosity as the stories came alive in the school library – Our Safari. Such continuous collaboration also provides an opportunity for staff to learn and understand how stories can be made engaging through sensory props, as well as to promote reading to students.

As we gear towards a *Caring Nation, Inclusive society*, key collaborations with NLB will help to bridge the gap for our students to eventually be able to access community libraries, both independently and with their family members. Such initiatives also provides our partners key opportunities to learn more about our students, and their needs, which can help them in the re-designing of spaces in community libraries to promote inclusivity.



Hari Raya Celebration 2019 – 12th July 2019

This year, Katong School celebrated the Hari Raya Festival as one big family on 12 July 2019. The theme, “Celebrate the joy of Ramadan through renewal of relationships” was emotionally strong and it succinctly captured the essence of the occasion.

Representatives from each class and of different races took turns to share using a powerpoint deck of the celebration photographs, taken earlier by the students. The photos were vivid and candid, many of them showing colourful festive clothes, visits to the mosque for prayers, pay respects to elders and relatives, sumptuous meals, with fun and laughter filling the day. The young ones would receive ‘duit raya’ or packets filled with money after seeking forgiveness from the elders. Not to be outdone, the primary students weaved ketupats out of paper as part of class activity.

Earlier, students received cookies in customised festive packing, procured from Centre for Adults, a sister centre. The finale was special as students from both sessions watched the Angklung performance staged by Bedok View Secondary students with renditions such as “Rasa Sayang”. It was indeed a memorable occasion as students and staff from all races and cultures mingled together as one big happy family to strengthen bonds and renew friendships.



Racial Harmony Day 2019 – 19th July 2019

Katong School Celebrated Racial Harmony Day on 19 July 2019 with the theme “Unity in Diversity.” The event aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To respect one another and appreciate differences in a multi-racial society.
- To create awareness of different tradition, culture, costumes, language and delicacies.
- To understand the importance of living in harmony to maintain peace and safety in Singapore.

Two weeks prior to the event students from the secondary school worked collaboratively with their classmates and made beautiful posters for the poster making competition depicting on our Racial Harmony Day theme, “Unity in Diversity.” The primary school students took part in colouring competition.

Our principal Mdm Ng wore a beautiful light green Baju Kurung, teachers and students were also beautifully adorned in their ethnic costumes on the day of our celebration.

The racial harmony day event committee members planned interesting and engaging activities for our students to provide opportunities for students to foster a greater understanding of the uniqueness of the different cultures in our community. Our students indeed had a good learning experience on the history and the importance of Racial Harmony through the opening address by Mdm Ng our principal and also through the presentation by Mr Hairul and Mr Sangeet.

There were exhibits with write-up at the gallery walk section on different customs, tradition, costumes and food of diverse ethnic community living in Singapore. Student learned how to play traditional games such as gasing, five –stones, chaptek, pick- up –stick and Indian art work kolam making. They enjoyed tasting traditional

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It was evident that on the day of our Racial Harmony Day celebration the relevance and importance of racial harmony in Singapore was deepened in Katong School students as they engaged in a variety of activities meaningfully.



Students trying traditional games



Teachers dressed in ethnic costumes

YMCA Proms @ the Park - 20th July 2019

Every year, YMCA brings persons with special needs and volunteers together to a fun-filled carnival. 15 Katong School pupils participated in the YMCA Proms @ the Park event held at Gardens by the Bay on the 20th July 2019. YMCA Proms promoted social inclusion by pairing each Katong School pupil with a volunteer from Raffles High School and College, with the aim of bringing joy to special needs pupils through various interaction with volunteers in a carnival-like setting. Katong School pupils and volunteers were bonded over interesting performances by different special needs schools and exciting carnival games, booths and activities. Towards the end, pupils seemed to have emerged as more empowered individuals interacting with the volunteers and other members of the community. Katong School would like to thank YMCA and the great team of volunteers for providing the pupils with an enriching and fun-filled experience!



Students having fun outdoors

Project Sphere VIA Programme - 2nd Aug 2019

On the 2nd August 2019, 20 students (4 Secondary 3 and 16 Secondary 4 students), 5 staffs and 20 volunteers from Siemens, participated in Project Sphere for the 3rd consecutive year. Project SPHERE, is a community programme initiated by HDB, with support from the Ministry of Education and Singapore Pools. 'SPHERE' stands for Students, Singapore Pools, and HDB Enriching and Reaching out to the Elderly. By incorporating this project into our Value-In-Action (VIA) programme, our students played a big part in bringing cheer to seniors living in rental flats, showing their care, commitment and compassion for others.

The students able to make use of the vocational and communication skills learnt in school to make positive contribution to the community. The students expressed delight and sense of fulfilment seeing that elderly's flat units were clean and tidy. Overall, the project was smooth sailing and was a success. Special thanks to the 20 volunteers from Siemens who helped to chaperone the students, Thye Hua Kwan Bedok Radiance SAC for coordinating with the elderly and finally our own KS Student Well-being Committee for putting it all together.



Student helping to clean the mirror



The proud and happy participants

PE Learning Journey to the Inclusive Sports Festival (ISF) - 2nd August 2019

On 2 August 2019, Katong School had a PE Learning Journey to the Inclusive Sports Festival (ISF) at Our Tampines Hub. Inclusive Sports Festival (ISF) is Singapore's largest inclusive sports event. ISF is an opportunity for people from all walks of life to try out disability sports and learn how sports can build an inclusive society. Our students got the opportunity to try out many adapted sports like archery, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball, and blind race. Both students and staff had the chance to experience



Student helping to clean the sink

how individuals of various disability participate in sports to lead a healthy lifestyle. They were also fringe activities like airbrush tattoos and digital caricatures which our students were able to bring home as souvenirs. The students had a fun and enjoyable time trying out the different stations and sports.



Students posing with the event mascot



Student attempting archery with the help of the volunteers



Students challenging themselves to a game of table tennis

Tree Planting Celebrations at Anglican High School and National Day Celebrations - 8th Aug 2019

On 8th August 2019, Principal, Mdm Ng, together with 12 Soccer CCA members who participated in the Play Inclusion programme, attended the Tree Planting Celebrations at Anglican High School. The Tree Planting ceremony commemorates our Singapore Bicentennial, emphasises the collective ownership of Singapore where Singaporeans are living the dreams of our pioneers and we are now pioneers of our future.

In conjunction with the tree Planting Celebrations at Anglican High School, Katong School held the celebrations for both primary and secondary school students. Our students went through a series of fun-filled activities, kicking off with quizzes on Kahoot about National day and a slide show presentation by our secondary students on what National Day means to them followed by a Stop-motion video by the Digital Arts CCA to the National Day song "Home". Subsequently a representative from ActiveSG conducted an exciting and energetic Zumba workout for our students. After the workout there was a dance routine performed by our very own Dance Choir CCA. All students brought home a national day goodie bag filled with items like hand clappers, Singapore flag, wristbands, water bottle and pens.



Students Participating in the ActiveSG workout



Students following the Zumba dance moves



Happy and sweaty students and teachers after the workout

Water Carnival on Thursday - 29th August 2019

On the 29th of August 2019, Katong School (KS) had our biennial Water Carnival at Heartbeat@Bedok ActiveSg Swimming Complex. This event was supported by ActiveSg and SportCares.

The Water Carnival was attended by KS staff and students, alongside with corporate volunteers from Panasonic and students volunteers from Raffles Girls School. It was a fun and enjoyable half day with water activities and games' stations such as Kick-board race, Aqua-float race, Life-vest experience, Water Basketball and Treasure Hunt. Complimented by perfect weather, students were able to experience all the stations with much enthusiasm

and excitement! Through this sporting event, students were given the opportunity to experience a variety of water sports, as well as to develop water confidence and water safety skills. It is hoped that students would find the activities appealing to pursue lifelong physical activities.

Thank you to PE dept. for organising such a wonderful event and it was indeed a splashing success!



Students having fun with the various activities



Primary school students playing water basketball



Student enjoying himself on the float

Teachers Day Celebration - 5th Sep 2019

For this year Teacher's Day celebration, the office staff and Aps organized the event for teachers. The primary school had games in the hall while the secondary school students had a class party with their form teachers in their classrooms. They did some handicraft for Teacher's Day and they were presented to the teachers at the end of the session. Earlier on, they had a combined celebration in the hall. It was also a time to appreciate the security guards, school attendants and the school bus vendors for their hard work. They were each given a fruit basket. After the students had left, the teachers gathered in the AVA room for a sumptuous buffet lunch which everyone enjoyed.



Students participating in games together with their teachers

2019 Upcoming events in Term 4 *- 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 16th Sept to 19th Sept. 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.



Special Performance by our students



Showing appreciation to our security guards and school attendants.

Key School Events - 2019 Term 4

- Children's Day celebration: 3rd Oct (Thursday)
- Deepavali celebration: 23rd Oct (Wednesday)
- Primary Social Competence Outing:
 - * 27 September (Friday)

FamilyMatters@School, Enriching Parents @ KS

The schedule for parenting talks conducted by FamilyMatters@School in Term 4 will be provided by the coordinator, Ms Phyllis, at a later date.

2019 Important Dates in Term 3

School Terms & Holidays 2019

Term 4	School Term	16th September (Mon) to 15th November (Fri)	
	Dec Holiday	16th November (Sat) – 31st December (Tues)	
	Public & School Holidays	Children's Day	4th October (Friday)
Deepavali		28th October (Monday: Public Holiday)	
Christmas		25th December (Wednesday)	

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