

Greetings from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians ,

Greetings from all of us at APSN Katong School and wishing you a Happy New Year.

On 2 Jan 2020. we once again warmly welcomed our students back to school for another exciting year of learning.

Our orientation programme during the first two 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.

Ms Nitya Raman and Mr Winston Wee joined us in Dec as a Speech Language Therapy Aide and Operations Manager respectively.

We thank Ms Deanna Lee, our teacher aide who retired on 31 Dec 2019 and Mr. John Raj, our Operations Manager who will be retiring on 7 Jan 2020.

In this newsletter, we present the school's key events and activities in Term 4, 2019. We thank you and our partners for the strong support given to our staff in curating memorable experiences for our students.

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*

2019 Completed Events in Term 4

Children's Day—3 October 2019

Katong School celebrated Children's Day on the 3 Oct 2019 (Thursday). The celebration kick-started with our very own 'Katong Got Talent' where 7 students demonstrated their various talents on the stage (song/dance/piano) much to the loud cheers of the rest of the Primary Cohort. This was followed by 3 concurrent movie screenings – Frozen, Toy Story and Finding Nemo. Students were given the opportunity to select the movie of their choice, 'purchase' the movie tickets and popcorns and find their seats in the 'movie theatre' which are actually special rooms in Katong School (The Safari, AVA room and Music Room). This movie experience provided a platform for students to practice movie etiquette as well as positive social behaviour. The celebration ended with a mass "Walk for Rice" at the field of Bedok View Secondary School. Besides having all the fun, KS students also got to do their part to contribute back to the society. This made for a very meaningful and memorable Children's Day 2019.





Aydin singing "A Whole New World"



Students with their movie ticket and popcorns

SingTel Carnival—9 October 2019

On 9 October 2019, SingTel invited our students for Katong School for a carnival at the Singapore Expo. 26 Secondary 4 and all Primary school students participated in the event and had a rolling time at the different game stalls that were set up in the hall with prizes to be won at every game stall. Those who were not keen to play at the game stalls could enjoy themselves at the bouncing castle, sand art, tattoo making and train ride as well as food stalls serving snacks like chicken nuggets, sausages, mashed potatoes and sandwiches. There was even an ice cream stall for dessert and a claw catching machine.

Every 2 students were accompanied by 1 SingTel volunteer to help them at the game stalls or to get snacks for them. Each student returned home with a bag filled with prizes and snacks. Singtel also provided some HP laptop bags for the staff.





Kermerton having some fun!



David trying out some sand art



Let's play and win!!!

Deepavali Celebration– 23 October 2019

On the 23 Oct 19, Katong School celebrated Deepavali for the Primary and Secondary students. Students gathered in the hall to learn more about traditional customs, practices of Hindus through a skit put up by selected student and teacher actors. Secondary students participated enthusiastically in a mini quiz that followed while the Primary students had pre-event colouring activities. Students were excited and cheered loudly when they were given the opportunity to try out the Bollywood dance to the Hindi song 'First Class' after watching the performance by Secondary three students. Through the celebrations, teachers and students learnt more about Deepavali and had a great time together and immersing themselves in the dance.



Mrs Pinto explaining the Dos and Don'ts during Deepavali

Awards and Appreciating Day- 13 November 2019

Katong School celebrated the annual Awards and Appreciation Day on 13 November 2019. "Every Child, Every Opportunity" was the theme to celebrate our students' achievements, partner's contributions, and showcase the school's various programmes and initiatives in delivering a holistic education for our students. A total of 73 recipients received the different categories of the MOE School-Based Achievement Awards. Mr. Max Loh, Managing Partner of EY was invited as the Guest-of-Honour. Included in the programme is our appreciation for the numerous volunteers and donors who have generously supported the school.



Students participating in the quiz



Mrs Pinto sharing about ethnic wear



Our school's dance choir showcasing their multi-talent of singing and dancing to various songs

2020 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 on the 2 and 3 Jan as well as from the 13 to 16 Jan 2020. 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.



Mr Max Loh, managing partner of EY giving a speech



Primary 2/2 student, Nur Cahaya in a wide smile as she receives her award.

Key School Events - 2020 Term 1

- Chinese New Year Combined Celebration:
24 January (Friday)
- Primary Social Competence Outing:
28 February (Friday)

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.

2020 Important Dates in Term 1

School Terms & Holidays 2020

Term 1	School Term	2 January (Thurs) to 13 March (Fri)	
	March Holiday	14 March (Sat) – 22 March (Sun)	
	Public & School Holi- days	Chinese New Year	25 January (Sat) 26 January (Sun) 27 January (Mon) will be a public holi- day & 28 January (Tues) will be a school holi- day

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