

KATONG CONNECTS!



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GETTING YOUR CHILD READY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Starting a new school year can be both exciting and stressful for you and your child. It is a big transition and adjustment for everyone.

Here are some strategies to prepare your child for the transition:



1. Prepare your child for changes

Discuss with your child some of the similarities and differences they might experience in the new school year.

Conversation topics can include:

- School environment
- New expectations
- Peer relationships
- Concerns about the new school year

The most important thing to do is LISTEN. Be empathetic and acknowledge their concerns about the changes.



2. Build skills

Teach your child skills that will help them cope with the demands of the school.

Skills include:

- Self-care
- Organisation
- Developing and practising routines
- Social and communication
- Decision making and problem solving

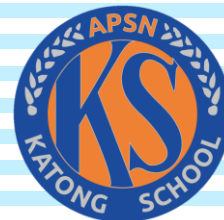


3. Collaborate with the school

A strong home-school partnership is important for your child's transition and learning.

The school can better support when you:

- Share information
- Communicate regularly with the teachers
- Discuss appropriate strategies to support your child's need



FROM THE

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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

On 3 and 4 Jan 2023, we warmly welcomed our students and staff back to school for another exciting year of learning.

We will continue to ensure that Katong School remains a safe and positive place for learning where both students and staff are treated with respect.

In this issue of Katong Connects!, we will share some of the key school events and activities carried out in Term 4, 2022.

2022 ended very well with much celebrations and recognition of achievement.

We look forward to yet another year of having your continued support to give our students many happy, memorable experiences and to bring out the best in our students

Mdm Ng Puey Koon
Principal



2022 Term 4 Key Events

Children's Day Celebration

Theme: Hansel and Gretel

Children's Day celebration kick-started with the delivery of the Children's Day message, which highlighted the values of caring, sharing and resilience. It was followed by a skit by the upper primary students, who reenacted a scene from the Hansel and Gretel story.

The exciting plot as well as the many colourful props certainly kept the students entertained. The skit was a fun way to engage students in practising expressive communication skills as well as boosting their confidence when speaking in front of an audience.

After the skit, students went on to participate in station games, building their ability in motor skills and counting skills. The celebrations ended on a high with students receiving a variety of gifts. These included cupcakes made by Delta Senior School (DSS) and a stationery set by Amalgamated the Union of Public Employees (AUPE).



Integrated Learning Journey

S.E.A Aquarium



After a two-year hiatus, Katong students were excited to embark on an Integrated Learning Journey (LJ), on 17 and 18 October. They visited S.E.A Aquarium at Sentosa, where they learnt about various marine animals and marine conservation.

We are grateful to DBS bank who sponsored the admission tickets and guided tour. The students also had a good time interacting with DBS volunteers during the LJ.

Deepavali Celebration

Festival of Lights



The Deepavali celebration in Katong School was held from 25th October to 31 October 2022. The students enjoyed an exhibition put up by students to share about Deepavali customs and decorations.

Students watched educational videos to understand the importance of Deepavali. During the combined assembly celebrations, students watched a skit cum quiz produced by the Secondary 4 students and were taught a simple bhangra dance.

The students were also treated to Suji Halwa, a typical Indian dessert, prepared by the Vocational Education Department.



Term Feature: Awards and Appreciation Day 2022

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As part of a blended celebration, there were three live performances by the Primary 6 and Secondary 4 graduating students and Circus Arts CCA.



Mdm Ng Puey Koon (right) presenting a token of appreciation to our Guest of Honour, Mr Mohamed Ismail Gafoor (left)

Mr Mohamed Ismail Gafoor with Muhammad Hafazha Bin Abdullah Jailani, recipient of the Lee Kuan Yew – Exemplary Student Award 2022



Opening of the Visual Arts (VA) Room



On 10 November, a ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the official opening of the Visual Arts (VA) Room.

We were delighted to have Mr Mohamed Ismail Gafoor, CEO of PropNex Limited during the ceremony.



KS is grateful for the kind donation from PropNex Limited towards the refurbishment of the VA room.



| Key Dates for Term 1: | |
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| Jan | 20 Jan – CNY Celebration (Combined) |
| Feb | 15 Feb – Total Defence Day Commemoration |
| Mar | 6 Mar – Prefects Investiture 10 Mar – Parent Teacher Conference |
| Details on the key events will be provided nearer the dates of the events. | |

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| School Term | 3 Jan (Tues) to 10 Mar (Fri) |
| Term Break | 11 Mar (Sat) to 19 Mar (Sun) |
| Public & School Holidays | New Year's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Jan (Mon) Chinese New Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 & 24 Jan (Tues & Wed) |