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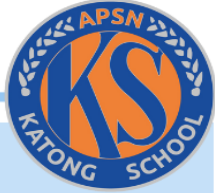
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## Home-School Collaboration

Building a respectful community



Parents want their children to behave respectfully. One way to do so is by modelling it. Consider these tips:

### 1. Be a mirror

Your child looks up to you for guidance, so model the behaviour that you expect. For example, if your child sees you being calm when you are stressed or angry, he/ she will be more likely to do so as well when upset. Make it a point to talk through your actions. You might say, "I had a difficult customer at work, earlier. I am going to relax by reading a book and having a hot cup of tea."

### 2. Make rules together

Children find it easier to remember and follow rules that they have a role in creating. Sit down together with your child and create a list of pro-social behaviour. Be sure that your child understands the reason behind each rule. For instance, ask, "Why shouldn't we use unkind words when we are angry?" (Because someone could get hurt by our words)

### 3. Highlight success

Emphasise the good feelings that your child gets when he/ she is being respectful. Take a moment to praise your child. Doing so gives your child a sense of accomplishment. That feeling of pride will encourage children to repeat the behaviour in the future.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school has successfully completed Term 1. We welcome our students back for Term 2, after the school holidays.

In this newsletter, we share with you the key happenings from Term 1, as well as, the students' learning and their perspectives on the roles they play in keeping Singapore safe.

In Feb, we commemorated Total Defence Day with a series of drills for emergency preparedness and activities that were aligned to the central theme of "Together, We Keep Singapore Strong."

At the prefects' Investiture, the student leaders took the Prefect's Pledge, led by our Head Prefect, Fauzan.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that the school remains a safe place for learning.

We look forward to having your continued support to provide many memorable experiences and bring out the best in our students, your children.

**Mdm Ng Puey Koon**  
Principal

# Building a Respectful Community

## Parent-Child Activity



### Respect Contract

- Discuss why respect is important
- Brainstorm together what respect looks like at home and what words or actions make you feel respected.
- Choose a handful that all family members can agree with and adhere to.
- Make a final list and have every family member sign it. This can be done with a signature, thumbprint, painted handprint or whatever you like!
- Put this 'Respect Contract' up somewhere at home, so that everyone can see the recipe for a respectful home.
- Take a picture and send it to us!



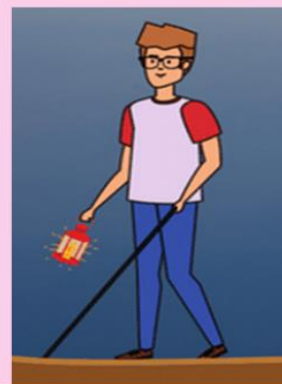
### *A Man with a Lamp*

Once there was a blind man who lived all alone, in a small town. He always carried a lamp with him.

One day, he was passing by the street when a group of young travelers saw him with a lamp. They started to make fun of the blind man. One of them laughed, saying, "Hey, look at the blind man with the lamp."

The man heard it and replied to the young travelers, "I am carrying this lamp, not for myself, it's for people like you who can see but don't notice that I'm blind. When I carry this lamp, people would see me and not push me as they are in a hurry."

The young travelers felt ashamed of their behaviour. They apologised to the blind man for being disrespectful.



# 2023 TERM 1 KEY EVENTS

## Circus Arts CCA: APSN Charity Fashion Party



The *Circus Extravaganza* team worked really hard to put on an amazing show for the APSN Charity Fashion Night, which was held at \*SCAPE The Ground Theatre on 11 January 2023. The event was graced by President Mdm Halimah Yacob.

They performed various circus-related acts, such as diablo, spinning plates, balancing on the Rolla Bolla and a 6-men gym ball throw performance. It was a great experience for our *Circus Extravaganza* performers to be part of the event, working hard together to put up an exciting show for the audience.



## Total Defence Commemoration Week 2023



Total Defence commemoration week started with police officers from the Community Policing Unit (CPU), visiting the school to conduct an assembly talk, explaining the different units and what they do to keep Singapore safe. The police officers also exhibited the police patrol car and equipment, where students had the opportunity to try on the helmet, bullet-resistant vest and riot shield. Students from Bedok View Secondary School's National Cadet Corp (NCC) also performed a rifle drill as part of the assembly programme.

From 15 to 17 February, students learnt about the six pillars of Total Defence and how to keep Singapore safe and strong. This was done during the morning assembly programme for Secondary students and by the Form Teachers in class for Primary pupils.

**Together We Keep  
Singapore Strong**







# Unified Arts: Community Inclusion through Arts



Katong School (KS) carried out a Unified Arts event with Anglican High School (AHS) on 1 February 2023, to promote Community Inclusion through Arts. Twenty-one pairs of students from KS and AHS collaborated to design as well as paint a pouch. Under the guidance of the art instructors, the students created artistic and unique hand painted pouches using stencils, paints and markers.

This collaboration has enabled the school to harness creativity and teamwork in our students as well as stimulated friendly interactions amongst KS and AHS students through arts.



## Key Dates for Term 2:

<b>Apr</b>	3 Apr – International Friendship Day
<b>May</b>	8 May – Hari Raya Puasa Celebration 10-11 May – WPLN Assessments (For Sec 4 students) 26 May – Parent Teacher Conference

Details on the key events will be provided nearer the dates of the events.

<b>School Term</b>	20 Mar (Mon) to 26 May (Fri)
<b>Term Break</b>	27 May (Sat) to 25 Jun (Sun)
<b>Public &amp; School Holidays</b>	Good Friday – 7 Apr (Fri) *Hari Raya Puasa – 22 Apr (Sat) Labour Day – 1 May (Mon) Vesak Day – 2 Jun (Fri) *24 Apr (Mon) is a school holiday

## Public & School Holidays