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Home-School Collaboration

Developing a Strong Sense of Integrity



Living with integrity is an important life skill that children need to learn and embrace. Consider the following tips to teach and inculcate the value of integrity in them.

1. Teach values

Teaching and talking about family values influence children's development in profound ways. Home environment plays a crucial role in teaching values, because children learn about virtues like honesty and compassion through what they watch and listen to at home.

2. Boost Empathy

Teach children about empathy to help them relate to the feelings of others. When they learn to identify the feelings of others, they learn to make the right choices too. Use stories, movies and real-life incidents to nurture empathy in them, because that is what that urges them to take a stand.

3. Walk Your Talk

A great way to teach integrity is to lead by example. They see the actions of the adults around them and instinctively measure them against the words that we say. Through our words, choices and actions, they learn the moral standards. Model it, so that when they think of integrity, they think of you.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our students have successfully completed yet another Term.

We hope that you had a restful break and enjoyed valuable moments with your children/ wards during the school holidays.

In this newsletter, we would like to emphasise the significant role that you play in developing a strong value of integrity in your children/ wards. To facilitate this, we encourage you to spend some time to engage your child/ ward in the Parent-Child activity on the next page.

We are also excited to share with you three event in Term 2 - International Friendship Day, Hari Raya celebrations, and our unique student agency initiative 'Our School, Our Voice.

We look forward to your participation in our Parents' Network activities. Your continued support is invaluable in enabling us to provide memorable experiences for your children/ wards.

Mdm Ng Puey Koon
Principal





The Integrity Dish

- Discuss about the meaning and importance of integrity.
- Create an integrity recipe with ingredients which describe actions, words, and deeds that demonstrate how to live with integrity.
- As a family, place all the ingredients into a bowl to be displayed on a table or counter top.
- Add some colours by asking your child to draw, paint or decorate their ingredients.
- Display your integrity dish somewhere that is easily visible at home, to serve as a reminder to act with integrity every day.
- Take a picture and send it to your child's/ward's FT!



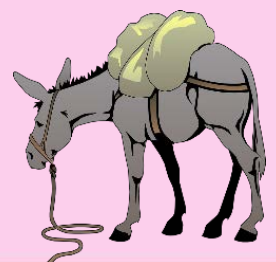
The Lazy Donkey

A man had a donkey that was meant to help him transport goods for his business. The donkey was loyal but lazy.

One day, the donkey was tasked to carry sacks of salt on his back to the next village. As they were crossing a river, the donkey slipped and fell into the water. To the donkey's pleasant surprise, the load on his back suddenly felt lighter. The salt inside the sacks had been washed away by the water.

For the next few days, the donkey would "slip" and fall into the water. His master noticed that he was doing this intentionally. It frustrated him, so he decided to teach the donkey a lesson.

On their next trip, he filled the sacks with cotton. Not knowing this, the donkey again fell into the



Integrity



2023 TERM 3 KEY EVENTS

International Friendship Day *Respecting Diversity, Living in Harmony*



Katong School commemorated International Friendship Day (IFD) on 3 April. This event aimed to nurture our students with the spirit of friendship and collaboration among different people in our neighbouring countries (ASEAN) and beyond.

Students explored stories from different ASEAN countries, and learned about various cultures and traditional games, with their friends during PE and sensory lessons. Through playing these traditional games, students learnt to appreciate their friends' positive traits and unique characteristics, demonstrate care, love, respect and appreciation. This demonstrates an example of how to live in harmony in diversity through the value of respect for other cultures and beliefs.



Hari Raya Puasa Celebration



On 8 May, Katong School celebrated Hari Raya Aidilfitri during school assembly. One of the highlights of the celebration was the combined cultural performances presented by our talented students together with Bedok View Secondary School (BVSS) students. They showcased their singing and dancing skills, entertaining the audience and spreading the joyous vibes of Hari Raya.

Leading up to the Hari Raya celebration, students played Malay traditional games such as congkak, chapteh, gasing and batu seremban during recess, promoting teamwork and camaraderie. Both Primary and Secondary students also tried Hari Raya goodies such as Kuih Tart Nenas, Biskut Dahlia, Cornflake cookies and more.





Our School Our Voice Programme: KS Commemorates Earth Day



Earth Day was commemorated in Katong School on 19 May to promote environmental conservation and sustainability amongst our students. Students learnt to express themselves in creative and fun ways while playing their part to save the earth. Our secondary students participated in an educational gallery walk. Secondary 1 and 2 students put up photographs of themselves practising the 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle), while Secondary 3 and 4 students created informative collages to educate others to recycle correctly using the common blue recycling bins.

Our celebrations culminated in an exciting 3Rs Superhero fashion show. The chosen class representatives paraded their creative and colourful costumes confidently on stage to loud cheers from their teachers and classmates. The costumes were made from recyclable materials through a collaborative effort from the students in every class. The costumes were judged based on their use of recyclable materials, presentation and creativity. The event ended with a bang with the prize-giving ceremony for our top three winners.



Key Dates for Term 3:	
July	2 Jul – NE Show 7 Jul – Youth Day Celebration
Aug	8 Aug – National Day Celebration 31 Aug – Teachers’ Day Celebration
Details on the key events will be provided nearer the dates of the events.	

School Term	26 Jun (Mon) to 1 Sep (Fri)
Term Break	2 Sep (Sat) to 10 Sep (Sun)
Public & School Holidays	Hari Raya Haji – 29 Jun (Thu) Youth Day – 3 Jul (Mon) National Day – 9 & 10 Aug (Wed & Thu) Teachers’ Day – 1 Sep (Fri)

