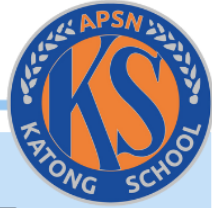


# Katong Connects!

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## Home-School Collaboration

Inculcating the Value of Commitment



Commitment is like a pathway that leads us towards our goals in life. Making and keeping commitments help our children to achieve their goals and maintain meaningful relationships in life. If, "I want to quit!", is a chant that you hear in your children, then consider the following ideas and apply some techniques for them to learn the value of commitment!

### 1. Start with family commitments

Family commitments can help to get every member of the family on the same page. Simple promises that the family makes to each other, help children to see the bigger picture of how commitment transforms promises into reality. The best part of it is when children see that every family member keeps their commitments, they follow the lead and grow into committed adults.

### 2. Assign household chores

Every commitment requires work. When children participate in chores, they learn the value of ongoing commitment to keep the home a clean and safe environment. Assign some age-appropriate household chores for your children and use the home environment as a practice field for them to learn the value of commitment.

### 3. Have them take care of a pet or a plant

Whether it is caring for a family dog or a plant, the daily responsibilities of ownership certainly teach the value of commitment. Everything requires upkeep. Teach your children to work rather than depend on you. Make it more fun by being present and giving encouragement when your child is working towards meeting their commitments.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our students have successfully completed Term 3.

We hope that you enjoyed a restful break and cherished quality moments with your children/ wards.

In this newsletter, we wish to emphasise the key role you play in instilling the value of commitment in your children/ wards. To facilitate this, we encourage you to allocate some time for the Parent-Child activity (The Commitments Jar) featured on the following page.

Term 3 concluded on a positive note, with students and parents who joined us physically or online during the Teachers' Day celebrations, expressing their heartfelt appreciation, not only for the teachers but also for our dedicated security guards, school operation staff, school bus drivers and canteen operator.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Muhammad Fauzan Bin Dulkifli, who received the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew - Exemplary Student Award on 29 August 2023.

We look forward to having your continued support to bring out the best in our students and give them many happy and memorable experiences.

**Mdm Ng Puey Koon**  
Principal

# Parent-Child Activity



## The Commitments Jar

- Label a mason jar or a clear container as 'The Commitments Jar'.
- Add a cotton ball or pom-pom to the jar when you or your child notices a family member being committed.
- Make a big deal out of it and praise the family member who was being committed.
- Decide together what the prize will be once the jar is full.
- Enjoy the experience as a family. Take a picture and send it to us!



## Dream Big

Lily is a little girl, who used to be shy and reserved. She enjoys playing football. Her friends and classmates ridiculed her for her interest in football. Nonetheless, she was committed to pursue her passion and become a successful football player.

Every day without fail, after returning from school, Lily quickly finished her homework and practiced football. Her mother understood the love that she had for the sport and supported her in every way.

When the interschool competitions were announced at the school, Lily decided to participate. She took part in the selection trials, and her classmates mocked her once again. However, they were shocked when Lily performed well and the judges selected her to represent the school.

Lily's commitment and hard work helped her achieve even the toughest of goals, despite the ridicule by others.

# Commitment

# 2023 TERM 3 KEY EVENTS

## *Our School Our Voice Initiative: KS celebrates Youth Day*

Students celebrated Youth Day on 7 July 2023 as agents of change by contributing to the school's sustainability drive. The Secondary 1 and 2 students showcased their creativity and innovation by transforming recyclable materials into functional and sustainable products. Their creations were then proudly presented to their peers by class representatives, who shared how their products contribute to environmental sustainability.

As part of the school's "Our School, Our Voice initiative", the Secondary 3 and 4 students launched a community recycling drive in collaboration with Bedok Ixora Residential Centre. The students were joined in the recycling drive by volunteers from Qualcomm. Residents responded enthusiastically by packing their recyclables neatly at the designated collection points.

Given the necessary support, the students too can contribute to a greener and sustainable Singapore.

## *NEA Award 2023: Performance by Artist Inc.*

Primary 5 students from the Artist Inc. CCA performed at the National Environment Agency (NEA) Awards Ceremony on 11 July.

Thirteen dedicated and talented students took to the stage with an energetic and fearless dance performance. The audience showed their appreciation for our students through their applause at the end of the performance.

The event provided our students with a fantastic platform to actively engage with the community and showcase their talents.







# National Day



In conjunction with the Katong School's National Day celebration, students expressed gratitude towards our school bus drivers and SBS bus captains by creating thank you cards and baking cupcakes.

The school celebrated National Day on 8 August together with students from Bedok View Secondary School (BVSS) who participated in the march in as well as volunteers from Panasonic. Students from BVSS and volunteers from Panasonic also danced together with KS students as part of the GetActive! Fun Play dance segment.

Wishing Singapore a "Happy 58<sup>th</sup> birthday!"



*Congratulations!*

*Celebrating Achievements  
of Katong School's  
S.T.A.R.S!*

Katong School would like to congratulate Muhammad Fauzan Bin Dulkifli, from Sec 4/1, who is the recipient of the Lee Kuan Yew – Exemplary Student Award 2023.

As a Head Prefect, Fauzan conscientiously fulfils his responsibilities and provides guidance to junior prefects.

Well Done, Fauzan!

**THE LEE KUAN YEW  
EXEMPLARY STUDENT AWARD**



# Upcoming event: SPED Learning Festival for Parents and Caregivers

The biennial Special Education (SPED) Learning Festival for parents and caregivers will be held on 4 November 2023 from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

The theme for this year is **See Possibilities, Inspire Community, Empower Dreams.**

Seeing possibilities in a changing landscape is the starting point of making the seemingly impossible a reality. When we see with new eyes we see unexplored possibilities for our students.

When the community (parents, partners, employers) comes together to embrace these, they are enthused and inspired to work together as ONE, making these possibilities into reality and empowering our students to realise their dreams.

Come join the practitioners in their online workshops and hear directly from them how you can impact the life of your child through the things that you do as a parent and caregiver! Professionals will share how to support and encourage your child towards independence.

More details on the registration will be released at the end of September. Stay tuned!



Key Dates for Term 4:	
Sep	25 Sep – Integrated Learning Journey 28 Sep – Social Competence Outing (Pri)
Oct	5 Oct – Children's Day Celebration 30 Oct – Deepavali Celebration
Nov	2 Nov – Parent Teacher Conference 9 Nov – A&A Day 2023
Details on the key events will be provided nearer to the dates of the events.	

School Term	12 Sep (Tue) to 17 Nov (Fri)
School Vacation	Sat 18 Nov (Sat) to 31 Dec (Sun)
Public & School Holidays	Teachers' Day Scheduled School Holiday – 11 Sep (Mon)
	Children's Day – 6 Oct (Fri)
	*Deepavali – 12 Nov (Sun) *13 Nov (Mon) will be a public holiday

