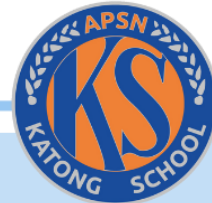


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Home-School Collaboration

Getting Ready for the New School Year



Welcome to a new school year! As our children begin a new school year, we can support them in countless ways. While the back-to-school season can be overwhelming, there are several ways this transition can be made as seamless as possible. Here are some ways to support our children as they navigate the new school year.

1. Create a safe space

Create an emotional safe space at home, where you can have regular conversations with your child about their feeling, as this will encourage them to open up to you. Emotional safety is crucial to their learning and growth.

2. Get involved

Getting involved in your child's school activities and providing them with support in completing daily tasks is a great way to stay connected and support their education. By being involved, you have a more significant impact on your child's educational experience.

3. Stay Positive

Easing your child back into school routine can be challenging. Be positive and encourage your child to do the same. Remind them of their strengths, encourage them to make new friends and support them when they face challenges. A positive attitude can boost your child's confidence and help them unlock their full potential.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings from APSN Katong School! We extend our best wishes for a Happy New Year. In the first week of school, our students will be warmly welcomed back through orientation and transition activities, to be ready for another exciting year of learning.

Our commitment to maintaining a safe and positive environment for learning at APSN Katong School remains steadfast.

2023 ended very well with much celebrations and recognition of achievements. This edition of Katong Connects! highlights the key school events and activities from Term 4, 2023.

We anticipate another year of continued support from you. Together, we will provide our students with many joyful and memorable experiences, nurturing them to achieve their best.

Mdm Ng Puey Koon
Principal

Parent-Child Activity



Starting School Right

Here are some ways to help prepare your child to cope with the transition. Remember to enjoy the experiences and memories formed together as these are the moments that your child will cherish!

1. Goal setting

Help your child think about what they want to achieve this year. These goals could be as simple as establishing a sleep routine, reading more, or even making healthier food choices.

2. Develop good habits

Create a conducive home environment for your child to revise and complete their homework. Encourage your child to lead a healthy and balanced lifestyle by modelling it.

3. Build excitement

Make school something that your child looks forward to. Here are some examples:

- Teach your child to pack his/ her own school bag
- Practise the route to travel to and from school or where to wait for the school bus, and what to do if he/ she gets lost or misses the school bus
- Create a list of things to look forward to, such as new subjects or making friends



Parent's Network



The Parent's Network was started in 2019 for parents to connect, care and build a community of parents who collaboratively contribute to the growth and well-being of our children.

Joining the Parent's Network provides a great opportunity for you to play a more active role in the school environment as well as your child's educational journey.

Do write to us at ks.ap@apsn.org.sg, if you would like to be a part of our growing Parent's Network.



Breakfast@KS on 20 January 2024

We would like to invite you to join us for breakfast on 20 January (9am to 11am) at Katong School to find out more about the Parents' Network as well as interact with the school's key personnels and other parents.

You may register your interest to attend Networking over Breakfast using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/bc8Kr1ikym>

Registration closes at 5 pm, 10 Jan 2024.



2023 TERM 4 KEY EVENTS



Children's Day Celebration

On 5 October 2023, the school celebrated Children's Day with an exciting Games Carnival. The day began with our teacher emcee, Mr. Faris, introducing the programme, setting the stage for a day of unforgettable experiences. We were honoured to have the support of volunteers from Zhi Zhe Charity Association. They not only acted as our station masters but also brought in a highly energetic singer who led the sing-along session by belting out catchy popular English, Malay and Chinese songs.



The highlight of the event was a heart-warming video showcasing the incredible talents and skills of our Katong School students. The Games Carnival, featuring activities like Sand Art, Shoot the Duck, and Air Hockey brought smiles to the faces of our children. Together with the volunteers, 20 secondary prefects managed the games stations and were involved in a mass distribution of cupcakes from Delta Senior School to all the primary level students. This celebration truly embodied the spirit of Children's Day, reminding us all of the importance of laughter, fun, and the well-being of our cherished students.



Ground Deployment Exercise

The Ground Deployment Exercise (GDX) was conducted on 19 October 2023 to test the readiness of our staff and students in responding to emergency situations. Our staff and students responded swiftly and the exercise concluded successfully.

This exercise served as a valuable test of our emergency procedures, demonstrating effective communication, cooperation, and response protocols. The presence of external observers from other Special Education (SPED) schools added significant value to our preparedness efforts.



Integrated Learning Journey to Bird Paradise

Our students had the opportunity to immerse in the symphony of colours at Bird Paradise. Learning journeys play an important role in a child's education by nurturing their curiosity. APSN Katong School's integrated learning journey experience was a good opportunity for our students to discover more about the characteristics and habitats of the wide variety of birds, as well as learn about the conservation efforts to protect some of the endangered species.

From the eight walk-through aviaries, our students also got the opportunity to get up close and personal with the birds. The stunning landscape coupled with lush greenery and water features created a tranquil environment for our students, helping them immerse themselves in the interactive experience and gaining a stronger appreciation of nature.



Term Feature:



Awards and Appreciation Day 2023



OUR S.T.A.R.S

As part of a blended celebration, there were live performances by our Primary 5, Secondary 1, Secondary 4 graduating students, Circus Arts CCA as well as a joint dance item by our Secondary 2 students and Bedok View Secondary School.



Mdm Ng Puey Koon (right) presenting a token of appreciation to our Guest of Honour, Dr Anthony Fok for his generous contribution towards the creation of our school song.



Bedok Youth Carnival



On 25 November 2023, 12 students from the Circus Arts CCA performed at the Bedok Youth Carnival held at Bedok Town Square. The event was graced by Mr Tan Kiat How, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications, and Information and Ministry of National Development. The students wowed the audience with their skills in Poi, balancing acts, and diabolo. Our students also participated actively in the various booths set up, including the police game and cyber security booths.



This event served a dual purpose of showcasing our students' talents and reaching out to the community. Such initiatives underscore the school's commitment to cultivate well-rounded individuals, foster community connections, and offer opportunities for youth development.



Key Dates for Term 1:	
Feb	9 Feb – CNY Celebration (Combined)
	19 Feb – Total Defence Day Commemoration
	23 Feb – Parent Teacher Conference
	26 Feb – Prefect Investiture
Details on the key events will be provided nearer the dates of the events.	

School Term	2 Jan (Tues) to 8 Mar (Fri)
Term Break	9 Mar (Sat) to 17 Mar (Sun)
Public & School Holidays	New Year's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Jan (Mon)
	Chinese New Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 - 13 Feb (Sat - Tues) *
* Mon, 12 Feb will be a public holiday and Tue, 13 Feb will be a school holiday and a designated day off-in-lieu.	

