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Home-School Collaboration

Positive Behaviour Interventions & Supports (PBIS)



At Katong school, we adopt Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS), as our foundation in guiding our students towards self-regulation.

PBIS is a proactive approach, to create a safe, responsible and respectful environment for our students to learn. It focuses on teaching and reinforcing positive behaviours based on a belief that all students can learn pro-social behaviour when provided with clear expectations and consistent support.

In this issue, let's take a look at how PBIS creates a culture of safety in Katong School.

1. Setting Clear Expectations

PBIS begins with establishing clear expectations for expected behaviours in school. By defining what it means to be safe in various school settings, such as the classrooms, foyer, and the canteen, students know exactly what is expected of them. This helps to ensure that everyone understands their role in maintaining a safe environment.

2. Adopting a Proactive Approach

PBIS takes a proactive approach to safety by teaching and reinforcing pro-social behaviour. Through explicit instruction, modelling and practice, students learn to make safe choices. By emphasizing on pro-social behaviours, PBIS helps mitigate potential safety concerns before they escalate.

3. Speaking a Common Language

Ensuring safety within the school environment is a collaborative effort that involves students, staff and parents. Using the PBIS approach as an entire school community, helps to provide a set of baseline habits and behaviour that is expected in our students.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2 after a successful completion of Term 1. In this newsletter, we'll recap some of the key highlights in Term 1 to share insights into our students' learning and their role in keeping Singapore safe.

In February, we commemorated 40 years of Singapore's Total Defence with energy and water disruption exercises as well as learning journeys to various community places.

At the Prefects' Investiture, led by Head Prefect Alisha Hadirah, our student leaders pledged to uphold leadership and service values.

We are grateful for your support in maintaining a safe learning environment. Let's look forward to more memorable learning experiences for our students in Term 2.

Mdm Ng Puey Koon
Principal

Parent-Child Activity



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Parents!

5 Healthy Habits to Nurture PBIS: **Being Safe @ Home and in the Community**

1. Establish Clear Expectations

Set clear expectations for safe behaviour at home. Discuss with your children what it means to be safe in various settings, such as at home, in public, or online. Make sure your expectations are age-appropriate and consistently reinforced.

2. Model Safe Behaviour

Children learn by example, so it is essential for parents to model safe behaviour in their daily lives. Demonstrate safe practices such as wearing seat belts in the car, using traffic lights when crossing the street and following safety guidelines at home. Explain the reasons behind safety rules and the importance of making safe choices.



Hey Students!

Saw your friend showing safe behaviour at the foyer, canteen or hall? Tell us their name, class and the pro-social behaviour that they showed!

Your submission may appear in the next issue of Katong Connects! Submit your story by **24 May 2024**, by scanning this QR code.



3. Use Positive Reinforcement

Recognise and praise your children for making safe choices and following safety rules at home. Use positive reinforcement techniques such as verbal praise, hugs, or small rewards to reinforce desired behaviours. Celebrate their successes and acknowledge their efforts to prioritize safety.

4. Create a Safe Environment

Take steps to create a safe physical environment at home by securing hazardous items, and storing medications and cleaning products out of reach. Teach your children about potential dangers in the home and how to avoid accidents or injuries.

5. Collaborate with School

Stay informed about Katong School's PBIS safety practices and collaborate with teachers to reinforce safety messages at home. Discuss safety-related topics covered in school and reinforce these messages at home to ensure consistency between home and school environments.

PBIS - BEING SAFE @ HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Parents, tell us how you incorporate the above practices into your parenting approach. Share your tips and practices that have worked for you to support your child's holistic development! Attach a photo with your anecdote and your submission may appear in the next issue of Katong Connects!

Submit your story by **24 May 2024** at <https://shorturl.at/dJLX6> or scan this QR code.



2024 TERM 1 KEY EVENTS



Minister Chan's Visit to KS

APSN Katong School (KS) welcomed the Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing, on the first day of school on 2 January 2024. Minister Chan was accompanied by Head Prefect, Alisha Hadirah of Sec 4/1 and the school leaders as he participated in various activities as well as interacted with both students and staff.



A key highlight of the visit was Minister Chan joining students in preparing 'KS Sunshine', a welcome and appreciation mocktail for all staff. Minister Chan then painted his hopes and aspirations for 2024, together with the students. He also had the opportunity to watch our students participate in various sensory activities designed to help them transition back to the school routine.

Thank you, Minister Chan! We are happy and honoured to have you with us!



KS Celebrates Chinese New Year with Siemens Volunteers!



KS Celebrates CNY 2024 with Siemens Volunteers! We are thrilled to share the joy of Chinese New Year with the amazing volunteers from Siemens. This year, Siemens generously sponsored our lively Lion Dance, bringing a burst of energy and festive spirit to KS. They also joined our students for a class-based CNY arts and crafts session. Together, we embraced the essence of unity, diversity, and cultural appreciation.

A heartfelt thank you to Siemens for their sponsorship and to the volunteers for spreading smiles and creating lasting memories with our students. Your dedication has truly made this Chinese New Year unforgettable for KS.



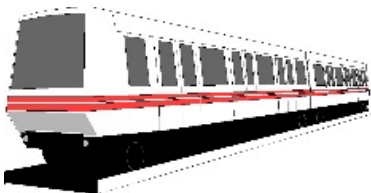
Total Defence Day 2024:

Disruption Exercise & Learning Journey

15 Feb 2024 marks 40 years of Total Defence (TD40) in Singapore, since it was first introduced in 1984. The theme for this year's Total Defence campaign - "Together We Keep Singapore Strong" - focuses on the many ways we can put Total Defence into action in our everyday lives.

KS commemorated the event with a lockdown drill as well as simulated energy and water disruptions.

We went on our first learning journey on 20 February as the Primary School students embarked on a learning journey to Blk 58 Upper Changi Road, Bedok Mall and Heartbeat @ Bedok. Meanwhile, the Secondary School students took public transport to Our Tampines Hub to learn more about how the 6 aspects of Total Defence promotes a sense of national unity, resilience and preparedness.



Secondary 1:

DLS Learning Journey

As an extension of Secondary 1 students' DLS lesson, they embarked on an Independent Travel Training Learning Journey on 27 February 2024 to Bedok Interchange and Tanah Merah MRT Station where they learnt the how to read signs, information boards, where to top up EZ-link cards and who to approach for help. We travelled to Bedok Interchange by bus and returned to Katong School by MRT.

Such learning experiences promoted social bonding among themselves when they looked out for one another during the trip as well as within the wider community (e.g. bus captains, MRT staff who smiled and encouraged them to keep learning).



Key Dates for Term 2

March	28 Mar – Social Competence outing (For Pri students)
April	1 Apr – International Friendship Day 8 Apr – Hari Raya Celebration 25 Apr – Social Competence Outing (For Pri students)
May	6 – 9 May – WPLN Assessments (For Sec 4 students) 24 May – Parent-Teacher Conference
Details on the key events will be provided nearer the dates of the events.	

School Term	18 Mar (Mon) to 24 May (Fri)
Term Break	25 May (Sat) to 23 Jun (Sun)
Public & School Holidays	Good Friday – 29 Mar (Fri) Hari Raya Puasa – 10 Apr (Wed) Labour Day – 1 May (Wed) Vesak Day – 22 May (Wed)

