

## NEW LIFE CHILDREN & STUDENT CARE CONNECTING WITH U Recap of 2020

### Year of Gratitude

2020 has been a year full of uncertainty! Looking back, we thank God that we pulled through these uncertain times and managed to adapt quickly.

We would like to start off by thanking everyone for their patience and understanding as we navigated through the past year. The Circuit Breaker gave us the opportunity to innovate and get creative! We were able to carry out activities via zoom where we engaged our children in various forms of online activities, from Math competitions, arts & crafts, science activities to movie screenings!

We are blessed to be able to resume operations with safety measures set in place.

\*Some photos were taken pre-circuit breaker



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#### Foreword

Welcome to the First issue of our Newsletter for 2021!

Within the blink of an eye, a quarter of the year has passed! We have been kept busy with adjusting with the new norm and March Holidays!

We are so excited to share with you the many different activities that the children have been engaged in!

God bless,  
Ms Melissa Tan

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# New beginnings, new normal!

2021

We have had a great start to 2021 despite having to adapt to a new normal. Our P1s settled in very quickly and made themselves at home! They quickly got into the classroom routine and learnt the rules and regulations of the centre. In order to keep our children meaningfully engaged, our teachers plan for various activities to be done during the second half of the afternoon. Take a look at some of the craft we have done with them below as part of the centre's in-house Happy heARTs programme as well as the many other activities!



## March Holiday

### Excursion to Gardens by the Bay!

Our children ended their March holidays with a visit to Gardens by the bay organised by our Keppel volunteers. Adhering to the guidelines, our children were split into 2 sessions for the long-awaited excursion and further grouped into smaller groups of 8. Our children boarded the bus excitedly, sharing with each other what they were expecting to see at the cloud forest and flower dome.

Upon stepping into the cloud forest, some of our children promptly put on their raincoats so they could get a closer look of the magnificent waterfall pouring down cooling mist. They excitedly headed towards the stairs, determined to get to the top of the waterfall! Our children were introduced to the various plants and their fun facts by some of our plant enthusiast volunteers during their exploration around the flower dome. While some of our children were fascinated by the bright vibrant colours of the flowers others were thrilled to see displays of their favourite Hello Kitty character!

Their excursion ended with the distribution of goodie bags packed by our Keppel volunteers specially for them which they were so excited to snack on! Thank you to our Keppel volunteers for organising this excursion.



# Lessons of Love

## Acts of Love

We kicked off our first topic of Lessons of Love in 2021 with 'Accepting Differences'. The children were introduced to the story of Zacchaeus, who was accepted by Jesus despite his wrong doings. The story was used to illustrate the value of accepting someone and loving someone unconditionally. Our children put on their thinking caps in a series of discussions where they explored how they would respond and react to others in situations that are not ideal. With the example of Singapore's 1964's racial riot, we shared the importance of accepting differences especially among different races and cultures in a multiracial country like Singapore.

We moved on to our second theme of Acts of love - Gratitude with the focus on showing appreciation. Our children were taught the importance of showing appreciation and how to go about showing appreciation. They had the opportunity to share the various ways they can show appreciation to the people around them. Look at all the beautiful cards they made for their loved ones!



## Student of the Month

Our main mission at New Life Children & Student Care is to build confidence in our children. Therefore, as an encouragement to students who have shown good discipline and behavior, our teachers will pick a student from each class to be awarded the student of the month. Here are our student of the month for January, February and March! Great job!

	January	February	March
P1	Pei Zan	Hazira	Ethan
P2	Kimberly	Jayden Ting	Sarah
P3	Faith	Liu Xiao	Amelia
P4	Letisha	Maximillion	Jonas
P5	Esmond	Rui Xin	Jun Yi
P6	Shanice	Cheng Ling	Yu Xuan

# Changes in Staff Roles!

## Promotions

New Life Children & Student Care has expanded into our third centre this year to Woodlands! As such, there has been some staff movements within our team. We would like to congratulate two of our staff on their promotion:



Miss Marianne Chan will be taking on the role of Cluster Supervisor



Miss Melissa Tan will be taking on the role of Centre Supervisor (BPJ)

## Change in roles



Teacher Hui Ling has stepped up to be our BPJ centre's 2nd in charge, supporting Miss Melissa in the centre's operations.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Teacher Nat for her dedication to our BPJ centre for the pass year as she moves on to New Life Children & Student Care in Woodlands this year.



## Coming Up Next!

### What's happening from April to June!

We would like to thank all Parents for your continuous partnership and support in 2021 thus far and hope to continue partnering with you! Below are some dates to take note of:

Date	Activity / Event
April	Lessons of Love Acts of love Sessions
1 April	Easter Programme in partnership with Covenant Evangelical Free Church
2 April	<b>Centre Closed – Public Holiday (Good Friday)</b>
3 May	Labour Day school holiday: Centre opens 7am – 7pm (Bring own breakfast)
13 May	<b>Centre Closed – Public Holiday (Hari Raya Puasa)</b>
26 May	<b>Centre Closed – Public Holiday (Vesak Day)</b>
19 – 21 May	<b>Centre Closure – New Life Staff Retreat</b>
29 May – 25 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June Holidays: Centre opens 7am – 7pm (Breakfast provided)</li><li>• PANDA Champs Sessions</li><li>• Project-Based Learning</li><li>• 11 June – Excursion (Pending COVID-19)</li><li>• 25 June – Excursion (Pending COVID-19)</li></ul>