

NEW LIFE CHILDREN & STUDENT CARE CONNECTING WITH U Easter 2021

Jesus is Alive!

This year, we were very fortunate to have not one but two different groups of volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to plan a fun-filled Easter program for our children. As part of their outreach program, a group of students from IDMC Uni volunteered to carry out an Easter program with our P1 students. Our children had a joyful time participating in various games and activities, giving them a better understanding of this celebration.

At the same time, our P2s skipped excitedly to their church classroom and were welcome by a group of volunteers from a cell group from Covenant Evangelical Free Church. They were engrossed in the volunteer's enthusiastic storytelling of the Easter story before participating in the exciting games planned. Our volunteers even prepared bags of goodies to be won by our children from the games! The session ended with a simple art & craft session in which our children put in so much effort in personalising them.

Not forgetting our P3-6 children who participated in our very own in-house Easter program. They spent their afternoon recapping the easter story before playing "Pass the egg". At the end of the program, our children went home with their very own Easter bunny cups filled with the goodies they won from the games. Look at the adorable bunny cups!



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Foreword

Welcome to the second issue of our Newsletter for 2021!

June holidays have passed, and school is back in session. We hope everyone have had a good first half of 2021!

God bless,
Ms Melissa Tan

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June Holidays

Panda Champs

Our children had a fruitful Panda Champs session this run, where the activities and games were anchored on the values of 'Self-Discipline' and 'Perseverance'. In the first session, we introduced a simple story on self-control before attempting to challenge their self-control with some delicious Kit Kats. Most of them did a great job showing self-control and were rewarded with a second Kit Kat at the end of the session! We put their perseverance to the ultimate test in the following sessions through various challenging activities. Our children did not back down from the challenges and persevered through each of them!

Our children persevered through trying to colour blindly on a paper plate based on their partner's directions stacking plastics cups from challenging angles, making tangrams and even tossing and catching a ball with backs leaning against each other's. Our P2s had so much fun that they took up the challenge of trying some of the more challenging variations of the activities.

Even though we were unable to hold the sessions where New Life Children's Programme team and volunteers were on-site interacting with them, we are truly grateful that we were still able to hold the sessions via zoom. Kudos to our teachers and our Children's Programme team who worked so hard in synergy to make these hybrid sessions possible!



Project-Based Learning

This year, our Project-Based Learning centred on the theme of kindness, following up on Kindness day on 21st May 2021. Our children learnt about the Singapore Kindness Movement, the non-profit organisation behind Kindness day, and their mission of building a gracious Singapore by encouraging individuals to internalise courtesy, kindness and consideration.

In the first session, our children had a discussion on small acts of kindness. They thought of various small acts of kindness applicable to themselves based on a short video story we shared with them. Our older children had the chance to learn about the struggles of people with disabilities through some research. At the end of the session, the children shared their findings. In the second session, they had discussions on responding kindly to difficult situations they might face. They had many bright ideas!

In the last two sessions, we took time for a hands-on approach in showing kindness to others. Our children made appreciation cards for our frontline nurses at Methodist Welfare Services. They designed various creative cards and put in a lot of effort in decorating the cards. Our children also designed keychains for their loved ones to show their appreciation to them.



Art & Craft

June holiday is a great time for our children to explore their creativity in the arts. This holiday, they had the chance to explore the art of origami during their weekly art & craft sessions. Their patience and fine motor skills were put to the test as they had to follow attentively to the teacher's instructions for every delicate step. We were proud to see their determination in completing the origami and see their faces light up when they realise that they managed to finish them. They were taught to fold different origami such as ladybugs, dogs, dinosaurs and even a watch! Some of our children even asked for more challenging folds after they were done. On the third session, we took a pause to spend some time for our children to express their love for their fathers with a simple Father's day card making session. Our children chatted about things they love about their father while they put their love for their fathers into their cards.



Art Program

Our children were tasked with a series of worksheets specially curated by our teachers to explore expressing their emotions and creativity.

In their first session, they had the opportunity to create their fictional characters. Our children came up with characters that were one of a kind!

In the following two sessions, they explored the expression of their emotion through identifying situations for the various emotions given to them. They also had the chance to articulate their emotions with patterns and colours in a 'Wheel of emotions'.

In the last session, they had to use both their creativity and expression of emotions in their drawings to design a 6-frame comic strip with the theme of Kindness. Look at all their wonderful work!



Dance workshop

Our P1 children were blessed to pick up some dance moves from a pair of talented volunteers Regina & Andrey, who are award winning dancers, to teach them a dance choreography to the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams.

Our children had a lot of fun learning the various dance moves and were most enthusiastic of moves that required them to jump or wave their hands in the air. Even though some of the dance moves were challenging for them, they showed perseverance by not giving up even if they didn't get it right the first time. Some of our children with dance backgrounds even helped to guide their friends along.

Look at some of their moves and do check out our Facebook Group for videos of their dance workshop.



Our Staff!

Our intern teacher, Teacher Alister

Hi everyone! I'm Allister and I've been an intern here at NLSCC since April. I'm currently taking a Diploma in Psychology Studies at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. Although the course is psychology, most of our modules pivot around the social service sector. During my free time, I enjoy bouldering which is a fun sport that I do very often. I have joined two competitions so far, although I would've joined more if not for covid.

Throughout my time here, I've learnt a lot. This is the best internship option for me as it brought me out of my comfort zone and forced me to go through new experiences that I wouldn't have chosen. Before coming to NLSCC, my comfort zone was around youths as I felt like I would relate to them very well and understand how to work with them. But as I was unable to get an internship placement at the youth organisations, I had to choose another option. Amidst my panicking if I was going to be able to get an internship, New Life opened a door for me that I was initially a little scared and anxious to walk through but I did anyway. It was a very fulfilling experience that I do not regret.

This journey of being an assistant teacher-mentor where I learn to mentor the children brought me back to my time in primary and secondary school when I wanted to become a teacher. Unfortunately, that thought was washed away by what I thought was more "realistic" for me but working at NLSCC brought it back to light. These new experiences made me realise that I do enjoy teaching and working with children a lot more than I expected, maybe even more so than youths.

Ending my internship in August, I'll be sure to never forget my journey here at NLSCC as it has been one of the most fulfilling and genuinely fun experiences for me

Coming Up Next!

What's happening from July to September!

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
July	Lessons of Love Discipline Sessions
5 July	Centre Closed – Staff Planning
20 July	Centre Closed – Public Holiday (Hari Raya Puasa)
6 Aug	National Day Programme
9 Aug	Centre Closed – Public Holiday (National day)
3 Sep	Centre Closed – Teacher's Day
6 Sep – 10 Sep	September School Holidays: Centre opens 7am – 7pm (Breakfast provided)

