

ALIVE!

with New Life

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FOREWORD

Dear Parents,

The first quarter of 2022 has passed in the blink of an eye! We are elated to see that the new children have settled in comfortably into the New Life Student Care routine.

In the 2nd issue of our Newsletter, we would like to share with you the joy of learning and building positive relationships at our centres. We look forward to working and partnering with you for the 2nd quarter of 2022!

Blessings,
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First week of school!

2022!

Our children had a slow start to 2022 with the staggering of their first official school day. We took this opportunity to give our Primary 1 children a warm welcome on Monday, 3rd Jan 2022! They spent their morning getting to know each other, and by lunchtime, the classrooms were filled with joyful laughter and conversations of our children!

Our P1 children took some time in the afternoon to familiarise the class rules and regulations with their teacher-mentor in charge, Ms. Rose. They spent the remaining afternoon having a 'Get to know you' session through various games and activities planned by Ms. Rose.

What a great start to a new phase in life!



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Lunar New Year!

Beautiful bright lanterns!

In the spirit of the Lunar New Year, our Teacher-mentors shared with our children the origins of the Lunar New Year including some of the myths like the story of "Nian" and how firecrackers were used to scare it away.

After which, we had a lantern making session where our children were given some inspiration to design their lanterns. Our younger children used Red packets to craft their lanterns while our older children designed their lanterns from a template cut-out. What a fun way to learn about culture!



March Holidays!

NYJC Program

We were blessed to have students from Nanyang Junior College (NYJC) organise two sessions of life skills activities. In the first session, our children could not wait to get started with ice-breaker games to get to know our student volunteers. The theme for the first session was 'Food education'! Our children learnt about healthy eating habits and how they could portion their plates for a balanced meal. They made "Healthy plates" during the session to remind them of a healthy balanced meal. Following that, our volunteers shared more about healthy food such as vegetables and how they are grown. Our children got their hands dirty and planted their very own green bean plants!

In the second session, our volunteers planned the session around Financial literacy. They shared with our children tips and tricks on portioning. They learnt how they can portion their pocket money to have savings in the long run. Our children built a piggy bank which they could bring home to start their journey of saving! In the second half of the activity, they further emphasised the importance of proportioning through slime making. It was our children's favourite activity for the day! The classroom was buzzing with excitement as our children could not wait to start on their slime. With the patient guidance of our volunteers, our younger children successfully created their slimy slime!



Parenting Philosophy

"Behind every young child who believes in himself is a parent who believed first." – Matthew Jacobson

March holidays!

Jolly Volunteers

Over the march school holidays, our children had their afternoons filled with activities planned by our volunteers. Our Keppel volunteers conducted sessions of virtual activities catered to the various levels. Our children participated in activities like Hang Man, Spot the difference, Charades, Pictionary and they even had a quiz on their general knowledge. Of all the activities, our children seemed to enjoy "Watch and move" the most as they could stretch their arms and legs and get active!

We also had volunteers from Singapore Polytechnic's SP-BP mentoring club join us at the centre this holiday after more than a year of having virtual sessions! Our upper primary students were overjoyed to finally see them again in person after such a long time!



Lessons of Love!

Acts of love - Self-respect and Self-care

Through the story of Elijah in the wilderness, our children learnt the importance of self-respect - loving themselves through self-care. The children created Self-care plans where they brainstormed on various ways to care for themselves. Our children thought of ideas from the basic needs of drinking enough water daily to having healthy habits when under stress.

In the following session, we introduced the concept of respecting others by taking good care of them. Our children learnt how their actions affect others and to *"Always do to others, as you would have them do to you"* from Luke 6:31 of the bible. They gained a better understanding of how a small act of sharing or giving compliments is a way of respecting others.

In the final session, we highlighted that when mean words are said or mean acts are done, the hurt and damage is done, and it is impossible to take back. We put their understanding of respect to the test! Our children created posters from their thoughts on what respect means to them. The children learnt that respect is mutual - when you give it, you also receive it!



Joke Junction

Why did the girl toss her alarm clock out the window?

Ans: To see time fly!

Student of the Month for January – March 2022

Shining Role models!

Part of our mission at New Life Student Care is to build confidence in our children. As an encouragement to students who have displayed positive PANDA values, we award a student from each class the 'Student of the Month'. Here are our shining stars for the months of January, February and March! Awesome job!

Level	January	February	March
P1	Yan En	Jia Yi	Ren Ze
P2	Zi Li	Shi En	Zhi Xian
P3	Yu Wen	Clarissa	Kai En
P4	Joy & Yu Tong	Crystal	Amelia
P5	Letisha	Brayden	Ryden
P6	Esmond	Tzer Wei	Rui Xin

COMING UP NEXT!

What's happening from April to June!

We would like to share with you the many exciting programmes which your child will be engaged with during the period of April to June 2022. We seek your cooperation in taking note of the dates and encouraging your child's participation. Thank you!

Date	Activity/Event
Thursday, 14 April	Good Friday & Easter Programme (4pm – 6pm)
Friday, 15 April	Centre Closed: Public Holiday (Good Friday)
Monday, 2 May 2022	Centre Closed: Public Holiday (Hari Raya Puasa)
Tuesday, 3 May 2022	Centre Closed: Public Holiday (Labour Day)
Friday, 6 May 2022	Hari Raya Puasa Programme
Wednesday, 11 May – Friday, 13 May	Centre Closure: New Life Staff Retreat
Monday, 16 May 2022	Centre Closed: Public Holiday (Vesak Day)
Monday, 23 May – Friday, 27 May	Parent-Teacher Teleconference #1
Monday, 30 May – Friday, 24 June	June Holidays Centre opens 7am – 7pm (Breakfast provided) <i>Programmes include PANDA Champs (Character Building Programme), Art Programmes, Project-Based Learning and many more!</i>

Fun Fact Factory!

Octopuses have blue blood and nine brains.