

ALIVE!

with New Life

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FOREWORD

Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting start to the year 2023!

With new students, volunteers and programmes, the children have been thoroughly engaged with many learning opportunities for Term 1. Learn more about what has been happening in the centre from January to March!

Thank you for partnering with us to enhance and enrich your child's life.

Blessings,
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"New Life Student Care (Teck Whye)"
for more media, announcements & information!

Hop into the new year with a bang!

Tu-gether, We are One!



We are so grateful that we are hopping into the new year with excitement, and we look forward to new things to explore and experience together as a Centre.

We started the year decorating the Centre with Chinese New Year crafts as we celebrated the annual festive together. The children were also ecstatic to receive goodie bags packed with a small token of 'Ang Bao' filled with candies and Mandarin Oranges.

The children learnt to make firecrackers using Ang Bao papers and made paper rabbits to celebrate the year of the Rabbit. Some of them even requested to bring their crafts home to decorate their home for the festive! Here's to another new year of growth and adventure!



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Fun with Origami

Simple Crafts, Happy HeARTS!

Our weekly volunteers from Hwa Chong Institution (HCI) to host origami craft sessions for the lower primary every Tuesday. It is a joy to partner with a new batch of students every year as part of our volunteer partnership with HCI. Every week, the student volunteers will come up with different types of origami for the children to create and explore.

The week of Valentine's Day, children made heart shaped origami and exchanged it with their friends. They also learnt to fold boat shaped crowns and cute puppies that they can take home to show their parents! Being able to learn to fold various origami crafts not only helps them to improve their confidence but it is also an opportunity for them to mingle and make friends with their peers. They also practiced their listening skills by paying close attention to the many instructions given out by the student volunteers. The children gained a sense of accomplishment after every origami session, knowing that with determination and perseverance, they can conquer what seems to be difficult!



Do you know the importance of a school counsellor? Learn more about it here:

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/one-moment-please-while-i-write-a-note-and-other-ways-students-find-support-through-their-school-counsellor>

Creative Expressions during the March Holidays

Sticks and Paper Plates with HCI and CJC!

As part of an integrated collaboration club amongst the various Junior Colleges, the partnership we have with Hwa Chong Institution also enabled us to partner with other schools such as Catholic Junior College. We were glad to have them over during the March Holiday to encourage children to be creative with just simple craft objects like colored ice cream sticks, paper, and paper plates. Taking examples created by the volunteers, the children were encouraged to unleash their creativity and create their own artwork from scratch. Children were given step by step instructions to create their artwork. This session was new for the children as it pushed them to think out of the box using their creativity juices.

Look at their beautiful artworks! The student volunteers awarded two students from the respective groups with prizes, and we made sure to snap a photo of every group. It was a memorable day!



Quotes by Famous People

"I would not call myself 'fun-loving' or 'light-hearted'. But I am not serious all the time. Everyone needs to have a good laugh now and then, to see the funny side of things, and to laugh at himself." - The late Mr Lee Kuan Yew

Creative Expressions during the March Holidays Part 1

Exploring Yarn with SUSS!

This March holiday, the children further explored crafts using different colored yarn. Yarn is a new craft material that the children are not familiar with, so they were all engrossed in creating their own yarn products with just cardboard and colored ice cream sticks. The student volunteers from Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) put in much effort to prepare the materials beforehand. They cut out the first letter of each child's name with cardboard, source for various yarn, and super glued the wooden sticks together to make a template for each child to create a turtle yarn. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session as they explored a new medium and brought it home to show their family members proudly!



JoKe Junction

What was one of the first things an elf learns at school?

Ans: The elf-abet

Creative Expressions during the March Holidays Part 2

Exploding Fun and Exploring Flight with HCI

Students from Hwa Chong Institution (HCI) showed the magic of baking soda, vinegar and soap to the children to produce an exploding volcano! The children learnt the reasoning behind the three ingredients when they were mixed. They also learnt to fold the best origami paper plane and the physics of making it fly before having a friendly competition within their own teams.

Thank you, student volunteers from HCI for your dedication in planning for the volcano experiment for the children and teaching them the physics behind paper planes. They had lots of fun being hands-on and up-close to witness a mini volcanic eruption as well as exploring origami planes with their friends. Simple fun like this does make an unforgettable time for both the student volunteers and the children!



Parenting Philosophy

It's not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It's our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless. – L R Knost

Bringing fun back to the outdoors

Exploring nature, playground, and taking in fresh air!

Being outdoor is beneficial as spending time in nature and basking in natural light can alleviate mood and reduce stress levels. We have been intentional in engaging the children with outdoor activities for the past few months and we are glad to see their beaming faces every time we bring a change of environment for them.



The lower primary thoroughly enjoy their walks in the nature park near the centre while the upper primary prefer bonding over class activities during their outdoor playtime. We also brought the younger children around the neighborhood to learn to appreciate the wall murals inspired by artist such as Vincent van Gogh. We also explored a new playground and they have also learned to admire the nature around us!

Fun Fact Factory!

There is a tree called the Idiot Fruit, it grows in Australia's Daintree rainforest

Time travel at the Children's Museum Part 1

Learning with curiosity with BCA!

During the March Holiday, the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) planned an excursion to the Children's Museum! Our children went on a time-traveling voyage at The Hidden Chamber and Ahoy Singapore to learn and experience the perilous journey our forefathers took back in the olden days.

At the Marketplace, explored the common items in the old days such as the traditional weighing scales used in old shops, the common use of stamps, and a merchant shop selling various traditional costumes as well! In the Maze of Amazement, they also learnt about the various types of flowers and birds that are found in Singapore as well as Southeast Asia.

It was a sensational experience for them to be able to smell the flowers and listen to the different sounds of birds!



Joke Junction

What appears only once in a month, twice in a moment but never in a year?

Ans: The letter 'M'

Time travel at the Children's Museum Part 2

It's a celebration with birthday cakes and goodie bags!

There was also an interesting room called the "Happy Birthday" room for them to explore how the different communities in Singapore celebrates birthdays. Before we ended our day at the Children's Museum, each child was blessed to receive a bag of goodies from BCA. There were snacks from Polar Puff and Cakes, a water bottle, and other little items they got to bring home to remember this memorable fun day.

We would like to thank BCA for the time and effort to bring our children out to the Children's Museum! They brought home not just the goodies but also the knowledge acquired through the exhibitions!



Resuming weekly visits to UWCSEA

Friday Fun with UWCSEA!

We are glad that we have resumed our weekly visits to the United World College South East Asia (UWCSEA) since the start of 2023. The Primary 3 to 5 look forward to every Friday as they get to play and run freely with different sport games such as football and captain ball organized by the student volunteers there. They enjoyed indoor activities such as scavenger hunt, balloon floats, and swat the letters!



What's happening from January to April 2023

Here are some exciting upcoming events and dates to take note of:

Date	Activity/Event
Thursday, 6 April 2023	Good Friday & Easter Programme (4pm – 6pm)
Friday, 7 April 2023	Good Friday Public Holiday – Centre Closed
Monday, 24 April 2023	Centre opens 7am to 7pm Hari Raya Puasa Programme
Monday, 1 May 2023	Labour Day Public Holiday – Centre Closed
Wednesday, 17 May 2023 - Friday, 19 May 2023	Centre Closure
Monday, 22 May 2023 - Friday, 26 May 2023	Parent-Teacher Teleconference #1
Monday, 23 May 2023 - Friday, 23 June 2023	June Holidays (Centre opens 7am to 7pm) (Breakfast is provided)
Friday, 2 June 2023	Vesak Day Public Holiday – Centre Closed
Friday, 9 June 2023	Excursion #1
Friday, 16 June 2023	Excursion #2

Please feel free to contact us at +65 9713 8430 (WhatsApp only) if you have any questions.
Thank you!