

PTA ACTIVITIES 2023

During the year, the PTA organised a number of activities. First was the PTA Community Outreach. This charity event held on 25 March in Ang Mo Kio was a heartwarming success, with a total of 45 parent/child attendees coming together to spread joy and support. The main objective of the event was to distribute goodie bags to single elderly individuals and low-income families residing in two blocks of flats.

The next was Project GOOD which stands for Gift Of One Dollar. This annual project by the school's Religious and Moral Education (RME) Staff Committee was organised during recess on 5 and 6 April during the season of Lent to encourage pupils to share God's love and blessings by donating generously. The project was supported by the PTA Management Committee Members who manned the donation station during all the recesses for the three days.

The PTA also organised a "Town Hall" meeting. It was held in the evening on 21 April 2023. The principals of St Joseph's Institution and St Patrick's School were invited to talk about their school programmes and about DSA. The intent was to showcase our affiliated Lasallian secondary schools. Each principal was given 30 minutes each and followed by QnA session lasting 30 minutes as well. Parents of our P5 and P6 boys attended the meeting which was very well received.

The BYO (Bring your own) Dinner & Movie Nite is the PTA's annual signature family bonding event which was held on 19 May. The evening began with families of the SJJ Community bringing their dinner and eating together in the canteen, followed by the screening of "The Ant Bully", an animated movie about a boy who finds new respect for ants after he is shrunk to their size and learns more about them. Popcorn and cotton candy were also provided for the movie-goers for their enjoyment.

The inaugural Mother-Son Glamp was held in the school on Saturday, 8 July for some 154 participants. The main objective of this new initiative of the glamp was to create an opportunity for our boys and their mothers to spend a day together conceiving wonderful new memories and hope to leave the glamp with a closer-knit relationship. This was achieved through the activities and games prepared by an external vendor.

The PTA celebrated Racial Harmony Day with an Amazing Race family adventure for some 26 families. It was held on Sat morning 22 July. Starting from our school, the family teams set about 4 different starting points along a route which took them onto our 4 ethnic places within central Singapore. The race route made up of from the link bridge pavilion in Chinatown, an area near the Indian heritage centre in Tekka, on to playing a popular game of 5 stones also known as 'batu seremban', made popular by the Malay community at Paya Lebar Plaza and including the Eurasian Association, a place where the cultures of East meets West are kept. Our participants

had a good opportunity of seeing our multi racial community come alive. This event was made possible with the collaboration of the SJI Junior PTA and Queenstown Secondary School PSG.

The PTA and parents organised a “Teachers Appreciation Luncheon” in our Staff Lounge on 29 August. Our Staff Lounge was beautifully decorated and set up with scrumptious spread of food and delectable desserts prepared by the parents. Both teaching and non-teaching staff enjoyed the heart-warming luncheon and greatly appreciated the kind thoughts and well-wishes from the parents.

It has been the tradition of the Catholic parents in SJI Junior to come together to pray in the school chapel for the Primary 6 pupils during the entire duration of their 5 days of PSLE written papers. The 2023 PSLE Prayer Vigil from 28 September to 4 October in our school chapel was spearheaded by the Primary 6 Parent Volunteer Catechists.

Children’s Day was a whole-day affair for the boys on 5 October. The highlight of the Children's Day Celebrations had to be the Recess Carnival organised by the PTA Management Committee and Parent Volunteers! The boys enjoyed an extended recess and had fun playing at the various games booths set up at the Recess Carnival. The finale to the day’s programme was a magic show. Popcorn was also provided for the boys’ enjoyment.

The Father-Son Camp was held from 4 to 5 November in the school. 135 Father-Son teams took part in the camp. The programmes included nerf gun challenge, kayaking and Gladiator Challenge at Sentosa Beach and a telematch on the second day. The highlight was a campfire held at night in the school.

Finally, in terms of academic Support, we had the P6 Oral Booster Programme which is a joint collaboration between PTA and the school’s English Language (EL) and Mother Tongue (MT) Departments to provide academic support to our P6 boys in preparation for the PSLE Oral. Many parent volunteers were recruited to be “oral testers” in this 5-week programme. The parent Volunteers (PVs) signed up to help out in the English Oral Booster Programme and for the Chinese Oral Booster Programme. Training sessions were conducted by Mr Vincent Teo (HOD MT) Mr Daniel Kwek (HOD EL) for the PVs for the Chinese and English Oral Booster Program on 28 and 30 June 2023 respectively.

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