



# Connects

Dear fellow parents,

Term 4 has passed in the blink of an eye. It always seems like a shorter term, with PSLE examinations, home-based learning, PSLE marking days, and Semestral Assessments taking place. Of course, not forgetting the day all the children look forward to - Children's Day! As we start winding down for the year, let's take a step back and reflect on what PATH has been up to this term.

## Mid-Autumn Festival (15 September 2023)



The first week of the term marked one of the school's major events of the year, the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Preparations commenced months in advance. The planning committee, consisting of representatives from the school, Alumni, and PATH, held multiple meetings to ensure a memorable and enjoyable event for everyone. We express our gratitude to the parents and children who participated in running game booths and the gift redemption counter. Booth ICs arrived at school by 3:30 p.m. to set up the booths, before the rest of the volunteers arrived to familiarise themselves with the game rules.

Everyone then proceeded to the canteen to enjoy the bento sets provided by the Alumni. At a quarter to 6p.m., we started welcoming our first guests. The next 2.5 hours were a blur as we worked non-stop to ensure everyone had a chance at the games.





What a great turnout at the 6 game booths, as adults and children alike had their turn at the games. Towards the end of the festival, there was a massive rush at the gift redemption counter.



We sincerely appreciate all the volunteers for their selfless contributions and for letting go of their chances to participate in the activities planned by the other stakeholders. We are open to ideas for new games for next year, so do reach out to us!



At the highly popular Terrarium workshop, current and graduated Mee Tohians were enlisted by their PATH parents to assist participants in crafting their unique terrariums to take home.



## Children's Day Celebrations cum Sports Carnival (5 October 2023)



The lower primary students gave their all in the games stations, which were carefully designed by the PE teachers so students can apply the techniques taught during PE lessons.

This is unquestionably the most significant day in the calendar for the children. The upper primary students dedicated their best efforts to practise and strategise ways to score in the inter-class games.





PATH volunteers arrived early at school, accompanied by their children, all eagerly anticipating the games. We received a briefing from the teacher-in-charge about the stations and safety rules before the carnival commenced.











The work was indeed back-breaking, but witnessing the children's smiles and happy faces made every moment worthwhile. After wrapping up the games, each volunteer was rewarded with a medal and a reusable bag – this year's Children's Day gift for all students. For those volunteers whose children's classes did not secure a top spot, the medals became precious tokens of encouragement.

## P6 Swimsafer Program (19 October - 7 November 2023)

The P6 students participated in Swimsafer during curriculum hours following the PSLE. PATH volunteers played a crucial role in chaperoning the children to and fro the school and Seng Kang Swimming Complex. Their responsibilities included ensuring the safety of the children in the pool and overseeing their well-being in public restrooms.







We are grateful for the commitment of non-P6 parents who braved the humidity and UV rays to ensure the smooth execution of the Swimsafer program. Some volunteers were scheduled for two sessions back-to-back in a day, while others were at Active Play before accompanying the classes in Session 3 to the swimming pool. Despite the potential fatigue, we maintained watchful eyes on all the children and we received reassurance from the swim coaches about our students' excellent behavior. Keep an eye out for our recruitment message if your child will be in P6 next year.

## Deepavali (10 November 2023)

Curious about the diverse talents of our PATH volunteers? Wonder no more. Volunteers, including those on their maiden henna-drawing venture, stepped up to the challenge of creating henna tattoos on the children's hands. With shaky hands, we initiated our artwork on our first students who chose their desired designs from the template provided by the PATH event in-charge. Once we overcame our nervousness, our creativity took over as we drew non-stop for the children. We were sorry to have to turn away many disappointed children as they had to return to their classes at the end of recess.





## Active Play / Recycling Wednesday (Daily scheduled)

No amount of words can express our heartfelt thanks to our team of dedicated volunteers for joining us during recess to oversee the students' safety during Active Play at the field. Without you, the children would not be able to demonstrate their impressive ball play or work on improving their teamwork. Also, a special shout-out to our committed team on Recycling Wednesdays. Without you, the recycling corner in school would be in a less than desirable state!



## P1 Orientation Recruitment Booth (15 November 2023)



During the P1 Orientation Day, our PATH Chairperson provided an overview of who we are and what we do. For those of you who came with your incoming P1 children, you might have spotted our nicely decorated PATH booth at ISH Level 1. If you know of friends, relatives, or neighbours who missed out on our recruitment effort, please direct them to the School's website or look out for the PG letter next year for registration. We welcome new and existing parents to contribute to the school activities and events.



## PATH Appreciation Dinner (15 November 2023)

Our final and most significant event of the year was the PATH Appreciation Dinner. We extend our gratitude to the school for coordinating this special gathering, dedicated to expressing appreciation to PATH volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort throughout the year. The dinner featured a delightful spread of vegetarian dishes. Without the presence of children, PATH volunteers had the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely meal and engage in conversations with fellow like-minded parents in a relaxed and distraction-free setting.



We enjoyed a captivating video montage skillfully crafted by our PATH Chairperson, showcasing photos from all 23 events and activities we participated in this year. Heartfelt thank-you speeches from Principal, Mrs Wang, Vice Principal, Mr Lee, and PATH advisor, Mr Loo, resonated with sincerity. A special segment featured three parents sharing their thoughts and feelings about being part of the PATH family. Serina, your heartwarming words took us on a nostalgic journey through your six years dedicated to PATH. Jin Feng, your unexpected comedic side and the story of your journey from applying as a parent volunteer during P1 registration were truly entertaining. Robin, thank you for building connections with the school from your role in the general office to deepening your involvement as a PATH member.



Certificates and appreciation cards were also presented to the PATH Champions and Supporters. These serve as the icing on the cake, as we genuinely value the relationships forged with the school leaders, teachers, parents, and students. We are delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to the school's activities and events. Grateful to play a role in enriching the children's experience and growth during this crucial part of their educational journey, we take pride in being a member of PATH.







To our incredible team, a heartfelt thank you for your unwavering support throughout this year. Each one of you has made a remarkable impact, and without your dedication, our children wouldn't have had the opportunity to participate in such a diverse range of activities. Take a restful and well-deserved break during this holiday.

We eagerly anticipate your presence next year. Keep an eye out for our first PATH event, the Dharmaratna Festival (La Ba Festival), scheduled for January 18, 2024. This unique event is a highlight for our school, and updates will be shared on the PATH Telegram.

Congratulations to parents with P6 children for reaching this significant milestone. We extend our best wishes to all children for their future endeavors.

Yours sincerely,  
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If you would like to sign up as a member of **Parents As Teachers' Helpers**, click this link, <https://tinyurl.com/2p829rw3>, or scan the QR code. We look forward to your registration.

