



**ISSUE 2**, 2023



#### Highlights:

# The Julia Gabriel Centre Open Day



What a wonderful turnout it was at our Bangsar centre during the Julia Gabriel Centre Open Day on 13th May! We had such an enjoyable time meeting all the new families and getting to know the children as well during our performances and in class when we ran our preview sessions.

Through our Silly Stupendous Spectacular storytelling session of Martin Waddell's Owl Babies, the music and movement, and PlayClub Bears performance to accompany the class sessions, families had the opportunity to experience EduDrama, our unique learning philosophy, and how it empowers our young learners to express their best selves and become confident and expressive communicators. Thank you to all of our Open Day participants for joining our team of specialist educators for an exciting yet educational afternoon with us! We hope to see you soon in class.









### In the Cover

# Silly Stupendous Spectacular Stories JGCxBookxcess



This marks our first foray back into the storytelling scene visiting partner venues for our Julia Gabriel team. And we would like to thank the amazing team at Bookxcess for the invitation we know was going to be hard to resist!

For our first collaboration, we journeyed to Bookxcess at LaLaport, and brought the crowd favourite, Michael Rosen's We're Going on a Bear Hunt to life through our Silly Stupendous Spectacular Stories.

## Extended drama, music and movement

Starting the session with the special
Julia Gabriel way of saying hello had the
children and families waving their hands
from side to side with big smiles
plastered on their faces as they were
eagerly waiting for the music and
movement led by Shoby, Julia Gabriel
Centre's Head of Programmes, to
commence. So we danced, jiggled and
wiggled to our heart's desire as we sang
and performed some of the children's
favourite songs including Row, Row, Row
Your Boat, Mr Sun, and Skidamarink.

#### Going on our own bear hunt

As part of an extension to the story, we went into Dramaland and brought the children along to look for the bear!

Through the grass swishing and swashing away, through the river splashing and sploshing away, and through the mud squelching and squerching, it was so much fun going on that little adventure with them.

#### **NEXT ADVENTURE:**

Time: 3:00pm - 3:45pm Venue: Bookxcess LaLaport, Level 1

Date: 17th June 2023, Saturday

### Celebrating

# Hari Raya & Teacher's Day

#### Of Raya Open House and the special assembly

The mouth-watering scent of nasi tomato, serunding, rendang, satay, roti jala, ketupat and a whole array of kueh and party-favourite drinks championed by the ultimate sirap bandung soda started permeating the room even before the team stepped foot into the feasting hall. Short of being thrown into a food coma, the Julia Gabriel family of staff enjoyed the food spread punctuated with sporadic games and activities to keep the evening going including a special reward for the Most Nurturing Educator (selected through a fun poll) which was presented to Shoby, our Head of Centre and Head of Julia Gabriel Centre Programmes.

in the festivity where all staff and children donned their best Raya or party costumes and came together to celebrate Hari Raya by handmaking creative Raya art and craft, learning about the traditional outfits and varieties of food tied to the culture, and singing the Raya songs!

Chiltern House also hosted a special assembly to bask















#### Earth Week celebration

Absolutely delighted to welcome our host of parent volunteers to our centre this term for a round of stories as part of our Earth Week celebration and mindfulness practices! With this term's focus on fostering an appreciation towards Earth and caring for our planet through mindful actions, our parents from Chiltern House Preschool have been swinging into classes to introduce the children to beautiful stories on kindness, recycling and saving Earth, and taking care of ocean animals amongst some of the themes.

Our warmest appreciation to all parents who have joined us for our volunteering sessions and we sincerely hope that it's been an enjoyable and insightful experience for you engaging with the children in class and getting to know them better. With more opportunities to volunteer coming up, we are excited to have our Julia Gabriel community come together in this ongoing partnership towards forging a more meaningful schooling experience for the children, parents and even the teachers.

#### First assembly post-pandemic

The Earth Week celebration which culminated into a special assembly at the end of the week also marked the first time Chiltern House is hosting an assembly again after the pandemic disruption. To hear the school song being sung again with such zest was a moment to remember, and to hand out certificates of achievement to recognise the children's improvements were just some of the highlights, which includes celebrating those whose birthdays fall during that week.











## Filling up fast: Second **PreNursery (Chiltern House Preschool programme)** starting in Term 3 (August 2023)

Suitable for

Children who are at least 18 months old and turning 2 years in 2023. Timing

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 11:30am

Prerequisite: Pre-admission interview with the Head of Chiltern House to assess child's readiness for the programme.



## New **Speech and Drama enrichment programme** (Nursery One) starting this 20th May

Suitable for

Children who turn
3 years old in 2023.

Timing

Saturdays

9:00am - 10:30am

Prerequisite: Compulsory trial class to assess child's readiness for the programme.

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