

P6 CAMP AND OUTINGS

During the PSLE (Primary School Leaving Examination) marking days from 19-22 October 2010, CITY organised a one-night camp and other outings for the P6 students from our Befriender Clubs.



An Overnight Camp 19-20 October 2010

By Eunice Wong

Cycling on a sunny day, playing beach games with fellow peers, enjoying delicious barbeque food under the moonlight – there is simply no better way to celebrate the end of PSLE examinations!

Befrienders Club P6 students from Gan Eng Seng Primary School, North View Primary School and MacPherson Primary School came together on 19 October 2010 for an overnight camp at Aloha Changi Chalet. It was a fun time of hanging out, watching a movie and playing Wii games together.

For some of them, it was their first time at a beach or having a barbeque.



Bowling Outing 19 October 2010

By Kenneth Ernest



Six P6 students from East Coast Primary School went bowling at East Coast Parkway.

The children really enjoyed themselves as most of them have few or no opportunity to bowl. Despite trying it for the first time, some of them were actually quite good! They were really excited to beat the teacher's score!

After that we went for a MacDonald's meal where we had a good time of sharing and looking forward to their next phase of life: the different secondary schools and how they would miss their friends.

Fun@Sentosa 22 October 2010

By Hambali Leonardi

It was a day of fun and sun at Sentosa for about 40 P6 students from the Townsville Primary School and White Sands Primary School Befrienders' Clubs. It was a chance for the children to relax and have fun playing ultimate frisbee and relay games.



HOLIDAY OUTINGS

During the year-end school holidays, CITY organised holiday outings for some of our Befrienders Clubs.

Marina Barrage with MacPherson Primary School 10 November 2010



It was a warm sunny afternoon for 30 Befrienders from MacPherson Primary School at the Marina Barrage, home to Singapore's first reservoir in the city. We

had a sumptuous picnic styled MacDonald's lunch. We flew kites on the sunny deck and played soft ball on the roof of the Marina Barrage. Before the end of the day, we splashed around in the water fountains on the ground level and enjoyed ourselves thoroughly with our teachers and friends.

Changi Airport Outing 22 November 2010

By Emily Wong

Fifteen students and one teacher from East Coast Primary School went to Changi Airport for a day of fun and tour of Terminal 3. The students went to the Aviation Gallery which is a multi-sensory zone with hands-on interactive displays. They also took rides on The Slide@T3, made their own woodblock and ended the day with an Amazing Race!

Our First Sports Befrienders Club

CITY launched its first Sports Befrienders Club (BC) with more than 20 students from East Coast Primary School on Thursday, 17 February 2011. Sports BC is part of our Befrienders core programme. But it differs from our usual Befrienders Clubs: it uses mainly activities and sports as a platform to mentor and befriend the children. Group games and a team sport are organised weekly from 3-5pm. The students are very eager to play with their friends!



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Befrienders Alumni (BFA) 23 November 2010

By Zeng Liwei

In a bid to catch up with our Befrienders who have graduated to secondary schools, CITY organised an outing solely for these graduated students. The outing held at Pasir Ris Park started with an inline skating course where they learnt inline skating basics like gliding, braking and falling drills.

After inline skating we had a barbeque at the barbeque pits.

A guest speaker was invited to share his experiences in jail to remind these children about the importance of choices they make in their lives. The outing ended on a high note with the youths promising to get together again and stay connected. We certainly hope to keep in touch with them. This will be the first of many outings.



Xilinx Brings Science to some of the Befrienders Clubs!

By Arianne Roldan from Xilinx Asia Pacific

Xilinx Asia Pacific (XAP) partnered with CITY Community Services to bring science and engineering to four of the Befriender Clubs at East Coast Primary School, Eunos Primary School, Gan Eng Seng Primary School and Naval Base Primary School last October.

The XAP Design Engineering team's objective was to foster an interest in science and engineering through a community project. The team enjoyed putting together goody bags and prepared four science experiments for the students:

- Experiment with basic closed loop circuit using a hand-made switch and a light bulb
- Create different densities of liquid using sugar, water and paint, to make a rainbow in a glass
- Build a simple electric motor using batteries, magnets and wires
- Watch a test tube sink or float in a bottle, like a submarine



Spending an afternoon with the students was a very meaningful



Editor's Note

CITY started its first Sports Befrienders Club as part of our core befriending programme this year. Sports is a wonderful platform for befriending and building rapport with the students. It's also a very healthy way to keep fit and engage the more active children in our Befrienders Clubs. So far, it's been very well received by the students!

Have a happy read!

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and learning experience for the engineering team. It made us realised that contributing time may be more effective than money or other resources. It was also felt that befriending young students was best done regularly to have a more lasting impact.

Kidz Ark – CITY's First Student Care Centre

By Chan Wing Man



CITY's first student care centre - Kidz Ark - was officially launched on 19 November 2010 with 37 children from P1 to P4. The teachers and staff of North View Primary

School (NVPS), and the parents of Kidz Ark were invited to the open house. The opening day was filled with excitement and fun as the children prepared 3 songs for their performance. Kidz Ark even performed their very own theme song with special instruments and actions!

After the opening speeches given by Mr Ng Yeow Ling, the principal of NVPS, and Ms Vivien Chen, the chairperson of CITY Community Services, all were invited to a sumptuous buffet lunch. It was a good start to many days of learning, growing up together, playing, caring and sharing for all the children of Kidz Ark.



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CITY Orientation Camp 2011 – WHOOSH!



More than 120 students from 10 of our Befriender Schools joined us for our CITY Orientation Camp 2011. Held from 14-16 March 2011 during the one-week school break at North View Primary School premises, the students were taught the three values that would undergird our Befrienders Clubs sessions for this year: teamwork, respect and commitment.

Group games and activities were organised to reinforce these values. All the students were organised into eight groups and encouraged to apply the values practically.

The CITY Orientation Camp is an annual camp that helps to orientate the students from all our Befrienders Clubs from various schools, to understand what Befrienders Club is all about, what we do and why we do what we do.

The children enjoyed the camp immensely and so did the CITY teachers and facilitators.

From the students ...

"Commitment: Do our best. Do the work that we promised to do. Teamwork: Understand each other learn how to work together. Respect: We respect each other. We respect



the teachers. Thank you, all teachers for helping and taking care of us! Thank you! See you next year." - Tan Li Zhen from North Vista Primary School:

"I like to come to this camp because this camp has 10 different schools. I get to make friends from other groups." - Diyana from White Sands Primary School:

"It was fun and I want to come again next year. I also like the food that the aunty and uncle cook. This is also my first time camping with air-con." - Afiq from Bukit View Primary School

"I love camp and I would like to come back again if I have the chance!" - Elicia Lim from Townsville Primary School:



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Miss Goh Soh Ngee, Full Time School Counsellor, Eunus Primary School:

"Many thanks to [CITY] for organising the camp and imparting useful skills/values to them. Our Eunus pupils who attended the camp had a wonderful time. They really look forward to another camp where they could have the opportunity to interact with their peers from other schools. Some of them had made new friends.

To me, it was interesting to see some pupils who did not like to do class work sitting down still and quietly penning their reflections on paper. They did not copy from others and what they wrote showed they had learnt what had been taught at the camp."



Mr Michael Au, HOD Pastoral Care and Pupil Development, North Vista Primary School:

"I understand that our participants had such an enjoyable time that many actually tear when it was time to 'break camp'. From the testimony written by Li Zhen, I could also appreciate the deep learning and friendships forged over the past three days."

CITY would like to thank all the schools who have supported us in making our camp such a success and especially to Mr Ng Yeow Ling, principal of NVPS for allowing us the use of their school premises as a campsite.



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