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A happy new year to all at PCF!

Mr Gan Kim Yong,
Chairman of PCF Executive Committee

"A happy new year to all at PCF! First let me commend all of you for your hard work and dedication. Over the last few years, there have been significant and challenging developments and changes in PCF. Preschool, our largest service, has forged ahead in their quest for higher professional standards. Today, almost 80% of our Kindergarten Principals have obtained their Leadership Diploma and have their appointments approved by MOE. For our teachers, about 77% of you have obtained either the professional teaching certificate or the diploma. Well done and keep up the excellent work. We must embrace lifelong learning and continue to improve our professionalism.



Our journey with the young children continues. More than a year ago, we began our work with children who may have some special needs. This area of work is growing because of greater awareness and the desire to do more for our children. We hope to work with some centres to pioneer new initiatives targeted at helping these children with special needs so that they too can benefit from preschool education.

I would like to place on record our appreciation for Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee who has made major contributions to the PCF and brought it to new heights during his tenure as the Chairman of the PCF Exco.

There will continue to be challenges ahead and I look forward to your commitment and support as we address these challenges together."



Thank You Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee

Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee or Prof (as he is affectionately known) retired as Chairman of PCF Executive Committee with effect from 1 December 2006. He has served as Chairman since 1996 and has led PCF through many milestones these 10 years.

Thank you, Prof, for all that you have done for PCF.

PAP and PCF HQ held a celebration to bid him "adieu" on 22 November 2006 at PCF HQ.

Prof continues to serve as a Member in the PCF Council of Management.

Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister of State for Education, is the new Chairman of the PCF Executive Committee.

Visit to Ju Eng Home for Senior Citizens

PCF Punggol Central Branch celebrated Teachers' Day differently this year

PCF Punggol Central celebrated Teachers' Day differently this year. Instead of the usual performance put up by the children for the teachers, the Branch decided to celebrate with the senior citizens at Ju Eng Home for the Senior Citizens.

Ju Eng Home for the Senior Citizens is run by a charitable organization with about 300 elderly citizens who are from low income families and who are not able to take care of themselves. Most are either bed-ridden or have difficulty with mobility.

On 31 August 2006, 140 children from all levels went to the Home to perform to an audience of about 60 senior citizens. While the children danced and sang, their audience clapped along with them. The K2 students even gave their drawings to each of the senior citizens.

The children had a great time performing for the senior citizens who were equally appreciative of what the children had done for them.

For the teachers, what a great way to celebrate Teachers' Day by sharing the joy with the less fortunate in our society. Way to go, Punggol Central!.



K2 students wishing the residents well.



PCF Zhenghua's teacher, Ms Siti Noorjulilah Bte Hassan was presented with the Public Spiritedness Award by Singapore Civil Defence Force for her selfless act in rendering first aid to a senior citizen outside their centre at Blk 620 on 4 August 2006.

She is indeed a role model for our children. Her act truly demonstrates the Good Samaritan through that little gesture of assistance.

NEA's Pre-School Environment Dance Competition

PCF Kampong Glam Branch received the merit prize

In conjunction with the Clean and Green Week 2006 Schools' Carnival, the National Environment Agency, in collaboration with Nanyang Girls' High School, organised the Preschool Environmental Dance Competition 2006 on 15 November 2006 at Singapore Expo.

K2 students from PCF Kampong Glam Branch participated and received the merit prize for their dance item called "Kumpulan Glamour". The colourful costumes worn by the children were made from recycled materials. Well done Kampong Glam for coming up with such a marvellous idea to save the earth through recycling!



SHINE PROJECT

PCF Whampoa teachers involved in "SHINE" project

By Ms Ng Lay Tin, Principal, PCF Whampoa Education Centre

PCF Whampoa is honoured to be given a chance to be involved in the "SHINE" project organised by MOE on 17 August 2006.

The workshop included a presentation on "Assessment of Individual Child's Portfolio", followed by a site visit to Blk 112 PCF Whampoa Centre.

The process of preparing the presentation on "Assessment of Individual Child's Portfolio" has enhanced my understanding about the importance of assessing children's learning and teamwork among the colleagues.

This "SHINE" project allowed me to exchange feedback and share experiences in running a kindergarten with 80 principals from PCF and private kindergarten, the MOE officers, parents and of course, my own teachers. It was greatly beneficial to all of us.



Ms Ng Lay Tin (2nd from left) with Ms Leong of MOE (1st from left) and some participants at the "Shine" project.

PAP Community Foundation (PCF) Family Day



10 December 2006 was PCF Family Day at Downtown East with Mr Lim Boon Heng, Minister, Prime Minister's Office as the Guest-of-Honour.

PCF Family Day is an annual event for PCF students, their parents and party supporters to gather and bond.

PCF Study Award

The annual PCF Study Award 2006 was given out at the PCF Family Day.

A total of 50 polytechnic students received the awards from Minister Lim Boon Heng.



Students from Singapore Polytechnic with Minister Lim Boon Heng.

VISITORS FROM THAILAND

By Ms Zarinah Bte Ismail, Principal, PCF Bedok Education Centre



Fourteen visitors from Yamsa-ard School, Thailand visited PCF Bedok Education Centre at Blk 30, New Upper Changi Road on 25 October 2006.

"It was an interesting visit. Although we are from a different background and culture, we hold the same principles of wanting to provide quality programmes for our children" said Ms Zarinah.

Mushroom Farm At PCF Centre ?

By Mdm Suraya Saidon, Principal, PCF Kreta Ayer – Kim Seng Education Centre



The cultivation of mushroom in the dome-shaped artpiece made of cardboard.

In March 06, Roger MacDonald (the curator for this event – an American artist based in Japan), officer from NAC and a few artists were looking for a suitable venue for exhibiting the art projects in HDB heartland when they chanced upon my “not-so-great-experimental” mini-farm.

They asked me regarding the concept of my farm. I explained that my learning objective was to let the chil-

National Arts Council organized Singapore’s first international showcase of contemporary visual art, Singapore Biennale 2006, from 4 September to 12 November. This event is also the anchor cultural event for Singapore 2006 IMF and World Bank Group Annual Meetings.

dren experiment in planting. It did not matter if the plants did not grow well as it was the experience that counts.

They were quite impressed with the “experimental” idea and decided to have the mushroom farm at our centre.

The project involved all 58 K2 pupils in the “information-art” by constructing a dome-shaped art piece that is combined with the cultivation of mushrooms. The idea is to make farming possible for land-scarce Singapore.

In early August, the first 2 artists, Julio Castro from Mexico and Rikke Luther from Denmark, (they are from Learning Site, an international art company) came down to get the project started with workshops and painting of the classroom. Cecilia Wendt from Sweden and other volunteers later joined them. In 2 weeks, the construction of the dome-shaped art piece materialised. The mushroom cultivation then started.

The children helped to water and harvest the mushrooms, followed by the cooking lesson. The pupils enjoyed the process which lasted for a month.



Chocolate Making Workshop for Children

PCF Bedok Education Centre pupils had great fun in chocolate making workshop

Pupils of PCF Bedok Education centre participated in a chocolate making workshop on 5 October 2006. The workshop was filmed by a production firm for telecast in a Channel 5 programme, Heartland Getaways.

20 K2 pupils, 3 teachers and 3 parent volunteers were involved in the chocolate making workshop. They were introduced to the workshop conductor, Ms Dion Toh who gave a brief introduction on the origins of chocolate and how the first piece of chocolate came about. With melted chocolate, she cre-



ated different designs of chocolates.

Each pupil was then given a piece of heart-shaped chocolate. The pupils created different kinds of designs and shapes on their piece of chocolate. They were excited when the TV presenter asked them to talk about their “masterpiece”. At the end of the workshop, they were presented with “chocolate lollipops”.

They had great fun throughout the process !

