

# CANOSSIAN SCHOOL REACH

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



*Center of excellence for the education of children with hearing loss* May 2021

### From the Principal's Desk

On 26 April 2021, Minister of State at the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social and Family Development visited Canossian School (CS). She was accompanied by officers from the Division of Special Educational Needs, MOE

At the visit, she observed an Art lesson at Canossa Catholic Primary School (CCPS) for Primary 5 students from CCPS and CS. She then observed a Science lesson for Primary 3 students at CS. This was followed by a series of dialogue sessions during which she met a group of parents from the school, a group of 10 staff, and then went on to an engaging discussion with some members of our School Management Committee.

This was her first visit to the school. Through the visit, she was given an insight to the challenges faced by students with hearing loss and their families. She also had a glimpse of the needs of our students and how the school supports them in their learning.

On a separate note, we are coming to the end of the term with a one-month break. Do continue to be vigilant and socially responsible in keeping our guard up in our fight against the COVID-19 virus.

Canossian School would also like to take this opportunity to wish all Muslim staff and students and their families Selamat Hari Raya Aidil Fitri.

God Bless!

**Christina Michael**  
Principal

A visit to Canossian School and Canossa Catholic Primary School  
At Canossian School - Canossa Catholic Primary School Inclusion Programme



Canossian School P5 Art Inclusion Lesson at Canossa Catholic Primary School

P3 English Lesson at Canossian School



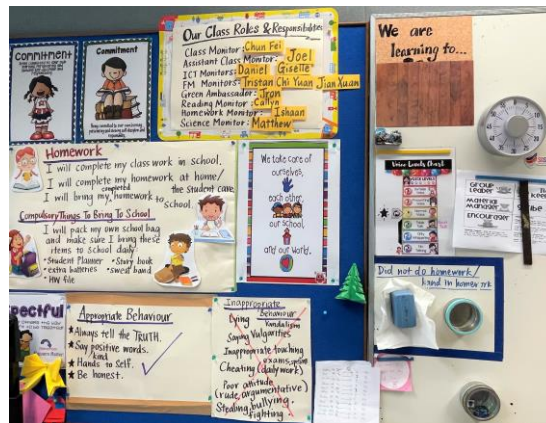
## Highlights in April

### Creating a Positive Learning Environment

Classroom environment is one of the most important factors affecting student learning. Simply put, students learn better when they view the learning environment as positive and supportive.

Canossian School adopts aspects of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework for designing the goals, methods, materials and assessments to optimise the learning for all learners. This includes the design of the physical learning environment to promote flexibility. This is why you can see flexible work spaces for students within the classroom. This spaces include learning centers, quiet individual work areas, and small or large group work areas.

Materials are made accessible for all types of learners by reducing barriers to instruction. Visuals are prominently displayed, schedules and routines are clearly visible which enable students to become self-directed learners and be independent in a familiar setting.

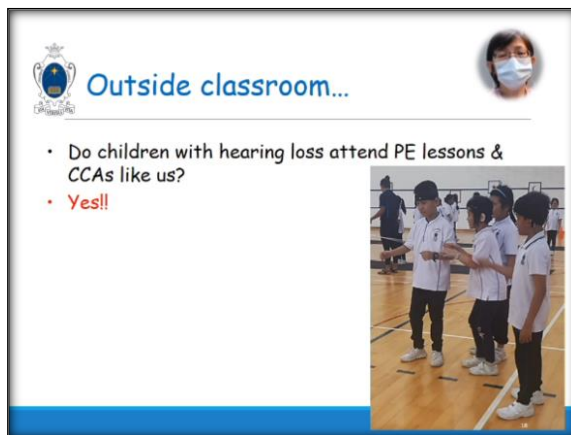




## Raising Awareness of Hearing Loss

Canossian School (CS) recently partnered with Princess Elizabeth Primary School (PEPS) in a virtual exchange programme. PEPS, is a Centre of Excellence for Character Development and the programme had its focus on one of the core values of the school which is to develop empathy among its Primary Two pupils by learning more about hearing loss.

CS' audiologists created a video lesson for the students to understand hearing loss in children. Students from PEPS, in turn, had their burning questions related to hearing loss answered by our Primary 2 & 3 students. Our students shared about various topics such as living with hearing loss, their favourite pastime, and even their favourite cartoon characters. Our students had fun and we are happy to be able to support PEPS in their pursuit of character education. It was also an opportunity for our students to be ambassadors for students with hearing loss in general.



## Exciting Events Coming Your Way in May 2021

1. Are you puzzled by why your child is not speaking clearly even after wearing his/her hearing device? Have you wondered why your child can say some words clearly but not others? How can I help my child in this area?

The training on speech development could be relevant for you.

Come join our Speech Therapists from the Canossian Child Development Unit to learn about:

- Understanding the complex process involved in how speech is produced and how hearing loss can impact each step of the process
- Understanding typical speech sound development
- Simple strategies that you can try with your child

**See you on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 6:30pm! You are strongly encouraged to attend!**

**Please register your interest via the link.**

<https://forms.gle/AmPT813d4rPuXiyx8>

2. **Join us for an informative Parents' online Forum** with our special guests, Dr Geraldine Tan, Principal Psychologist from The Therapy Room and Mr Kelvin Lee, Group CEO of The Listening Lab.

**Date: Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

**Time: 6.30pm**

Topics will include:

- Impact of hearing loss and its challenges on learning
- Common comorbid conditions with hearing loss
- Social and emotional challenges of the child with hearing loss and his/her family members
- Educational Implications of hearing loss
- Parent Partnership

More details will be provided nearer the date.

## THE LEAP AWARD 2021 (Listening Educator for Advancement and progress Award)

- The LEAP Award is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2021, and is now opened for nomination!
- Presented by the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan (SHHK) since 2012 in recognition of educators who took the leap of faith to believe in and nurture their students.
- The LEAP Award seeks to affirm exemplary teachers in primary, secondary including IP schools and IB programmes and special education schools who have enabled students to make great leaps.
- As the covid-19 situation continues to evolve, they invite nominations that feature educators with exemplary optimism, creativity, bravery, leadership, care and support for their students during this challenging period.



The **LEAP** Award recognises exceptional teachers who have made a difference in the lives of their pupils.

### Nominees for the awards should fulfill the following criteria:

- ❖ Nominees are in-service teachers from Primary, Secondary and Special Education schools
- ❖ Passionate in teaching, nurture students from the heart
- ❖ Create positive impact on students' character development
- ❖ Use innovative and effective methods to motivate students and make a difference in their lives
- ❖ Nominees must be Singapore citizens

Awardees will receive a cash award of \$1,000 and a trophy.

### Nominations can be made via:

- a) Filling up of application form downloaded from: <http://www.shhk.com.sg/>.  
Nomination forms are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and mailed to Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan: 5 Sennett Road Singapore 466781. Please indicate LEAP AWARD 2021 on the envelope.
  - b) Online form: <https://tinyurl.com/shhk-leapaward2021>
- Enquiries: [admin@shhk.com.sg](mailto:admin@shhk.com.sg)  
Closing date: 10 July 2021



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## Important Dates

### Meet The Parents (MTP) Term 2

There will be MTP for selected students from **24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Form Teachers will inform parents accordingly.

### Parents' briefing on PSLE Matters & Parent Talk (Face-to-Face)

There will be a **face-to-face Primary 6 Parent Briefing with Ms Christina** on PSLE matters followed by a **Parent Talk on Building Warm and Supportive Relationships with your Pre-Teens** by Canossian Village Senior Counsellor and Family Therapist, Ms Michelle Soliano.

**Date: 18 May 2021**

**Time: 5.00pm to 6.30pm**

(More details will be provided to parents of P6 students)

### Dialogue for Parents of Pri 5 students & Parents' Talk (Face-to-Face)

There will be a **face-to-face Primary 5 dialogue with parents of Primary 5 students** followed by a **Parents' Talk on Building Warm and Supportive Relationships with your Pre-Teens** by Canossian Village Senior Counsellor and Family Therapist, Ms Michelle Soliano.

**Date: 19 May 2021**

**Time: 5.00pm to 6.30pm**

(More details will be provided to parents of P5 students)

### Examination Dates

**SA 1 for P4 and P6**

**27/4** - LC and EL Paper 1

**4/5** - Science

**5/5** - EL Paper 2

**6/5** - Mathematics

### Afternoon Support Programme

There will be no afternoon support on **4/5, and 6/5, 20/5 and 27/5**.

### June School Holidays

The June school holidays are from **29<sup>th</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. Students are to report to school on **28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

### School Operating Hours:

During the **June school holidays**, the General Office will be open from **7.30am to 3.30pm**. Parents are advised to contact the school first before coming. The General office contact number is **67498971**.