



CHILDREN'S DAY 2022

6th Oct 2022

FOOD STATION

ARUNA SELVARAJ MUM OF KYANNA PANIRSELVAM P2 HIBI

This is my first time being a parent volunteer for the Children's Day celebrations. The day started early as we had to get prepared before the first kids start streaming into the canteen at 845 so we had to arrive before 815 for a quick briefing; before being deployed to assist with the distribution of chicken nuggets at the canteen stalls; in addition to the 'live stations' of popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream. I really enjoyed the event especially interacting with the girls, who were so sweet and polite. It was so nice, just watching their little faces light up with glee when they saw the ever popular ice cream and cotton candy stations. The long queues at these stations did not daunt our little ones from waiting patiently in line. Seeing the girls having so much fun made the efforts of the parents who organised and helped out at the event so worthwhile. As I am an old girl myself, being involved in the event, made me reminisce my school days. Having my teachers still teaching here and my old classmates as fellow mummies, made the experience even more precious. I will definitely be involved in more events as a parent volunteer



DJ STATION

CHARMAINE KOK, SAMANTHA CHUNG P6 IXORA

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Children's Day finally made its long-awaited comeback. And what better way to usher in the festivities than with the ever-popular DJ Room Disco, spinning the latest top 10 hits as well as the most popular and trending songs amongst our young students! Aided by our resident DJ/parent/CPC Chairman, Mr Tan Boon Siong, and assisted by his three Parent Volunteers (Adeline, Elizabeth and Charmaine), The Learning Hub on the 4th Floor was transformed into a dance floor with swirling disco lights and music videos playing in the background. Things got off to a roaring start with a playlist full of the hottest hits such as "Butter" (BTS), "Pink Venom" (Blackpink) and "Polaroid Love" (Enhypen), and it did not take long for the girls to start grooving and singing along to their favourite songs and even the adults amongst us were enjoying the music, which also included evergreen hits such as "What Makes You Beautiful" (One Direction) and "Hall of Fame" (The Script). There were also impromptu dance-alongs and we were pleasantly surprised to discover the depth of talent in our IJ girls, with some showing off their K-Pop dance moves in front of an appreciative audience! All in all, it was a wonderful opportunity for the girls - and especially for our P6 students who had just finished the PSLE the day before - to get together with their friends to unwind and let their hair down for a few hours.



PHOTOBOOTH

EVELYN HENG MUM OF NATHANIA WONG P3 IXORA

My first-time experience as a PV for the Children's Day Celebrations at the school was one filled with love and joy. Seeing the girls enjoying themselves and letting their hair down really warmed my heart. After a long hiatus in school activities during the pandemic, I am pleased with how the school did a great job for this year's Children's Day celebrations. For the girls who would be taking their year-end exams, and those celebrating the end of their PSLE exams, the celebration was a fun way for them to enjoy it with their friends! A big thanks to Karen and all our CPC members involved and the effort put into it! I was stationed at the Photo-booth and as it was one of the most popular stations, it was one that was filled with glee from the girls who looked forward to having photos taken with their friends and keeping it as a memento! While it was a bit chaotic in the beginning, with the help of the other PVs, we managed to keep the place in order, and it ran smoothly. The only downside was that not all girls were able to get their photos taken due to time constraints. We hope to be able to improve on this for next year! While there were teething issues common for events of this magnitude, and especially being a bit rusty after a two-year absence of parent volunteer events at schools, I enjoyed the smiles and laughter from the girls, and the ability to also mix around with other PVs too! I look forward to the next PV event!



BEAUTY PARLOUR

JACQUELINE DANIEL MUM OF KATHLYN SRINIVASAN P6IXORA

After a two year hiatus - due to Covid - it was an immense pleasure to volunteer at this year's Children's Day Celebration. What a joy to see the children dressed in their casual clothes and their faces beaming with happiness and laughter. As part of the Tattoo team, I thoroughly enjoyed serving the children along with fellow parents. The children were very keen to interact with the parents with no inhibitions. Some asking for a tattoo on the neck, some on the legs and even on the face 😊 I was thrilled to have a chat with all of them .I would like to commend CPC members Cara and Lisa for having organised the Beauty Parlour Team in an excellent manner, of which I was a part of. Having been an active parent volunteer since 2017 - the year my daughter joined the school - I would encourage more parents to participate as a PV. I can guarantee happiness and satisfaction at the end of every school event that the CPC organises. As this is the last year for me to PV at my girl's primary school, I will forever carry the fondest memories of the school events with me.

God Bless!!!



GAMES STATION

LIO WEIYUN, MUM OF EARLENE NG P2 ROSE

While setting up the Wii Party booth with another parent a day prior to Children's Day, we were already wowed by the huge 75" TV loaned by the school and looked forward to welcoming the girls to play the Wii games the next day.

As the girls streamed in, the Indoor Sports Hall was filled with so much laughter and excitement! They got into queue in groups of four and there were so many small conversations of what Wii mini games to choose as they watched their friends play with so much enthusiasm. The girls were so eager to play with their friends and couldn't peel their eyes off the screen

As parent volunteers, it was so heartwarming to see the girls having so much fun with their friends that it made our efforts in putting this together all worthwhile. It was indeed a memorable and wonderful experience for all.



GAMES STATION

SARAH CHOO, MUM OF ANNALISA CHOO P4 ROSE

The Children's Day celebration is always a highlight for the girls. There is always so much excitement and anticipation leading up to this day. Due to Covid-19, it has been two years since we were able to help out with the celebrations. When my daughter found out that parents could volunteer, she asked me if I was going to help out with the games again this year and I'm glad I did. It was such a fun experience seeing all the parents work together to make the games enjoyable for the children. Seeing the excitement in the girls' faces always make our efforts worthwhile.

Volunteering on this day is always a good time to get to know my daughter's classmates. This year, I got to work together with parents of my daughter's classmates. It was a good opportunity to get to know them better through this event. Helping out together with other parents helps us to get to know the school's culture better and feel that we are part of the IJ family too.



GAMES STATION

MAG TEO, MUM OF AUDREY & CLAIRE LIM (P1 HIBI/P5 HIBI)

This October, our girls were finally able to celebrate Children's Day the way they used to—enjoying themselves with their friends as they traipsed around the school compound.

Replete with fun, food and games, this iconic annual school event was warmly welcomed by parent volunteers and students alike. It was thrilling to see our daughters—dressed in colourful attire—wandering everywhere, their faces wreathed in smiles. The school was alive with convivial chatter and ecstatic activity: Games were played, prizes were won, and refreshments were relished by all. Camaraderie flourished, reminding us that IJ Friends Are Friends For Life.

The pandemic, which might have cast a pall on this beloved bash over the past 2 years, allowed us to appreciate the celebrations much more than before. I'm grateful we were able to reclaim the joy of this memorable day!



BOUNCY CASTLE

RAYMOND LOW, DAD OF MAGDALENE LOW P2 LILY

I was a PV manning the lion bouncy castle - one of the three Bouncy Castles at the Main Hall - for the 2022 Children's Day celebration!

While we familiarised ourselves with the bouncy castle, we also got to meet and chat with other PVs which was a very welcome change to the past two years of restrictions! Our role as PVs was to help to gather the girls in single file, sanitize their hands before entering the castle, ensure that they entered in an orderly and safe manner, and maintain the number of girls in the castle at one single time whilst keeping to the allotted time. With screaming girls of glee jumping to their hearts content, it was nice to see them let their hair down and be so carefree for those moments in the castle! Seeing their smiling faces was a joy to watch!

I am happy to have been given the opportunity to be involved in this fun and enjoyable event, which - based on the girls' faces after they left the bouncy castle - was a huge success! I look forward to many more events ahead!



ALUMNI BOOTH

NICOLE TAN MUM OF ADELE TAN P3 HIBI

Kudos to CPC for making 2022 Children's Day celebration happen! It is definitely not an easy task for CPC - starting from the 'recruitment' of Parent Volunteers, pre-briefing of event, liaison with school, dissemination of key information, briefing on actual day, execution of event and post-event clean up.

After a hiatus of 2 years, I feel good to be in the school compound with smiling girls in blue uniform and working and chatting with other Parent Volunteers to help make 2022 Children's Day celebration memorable for the girls. Together with 4 other awesome Parent Volunteers, we were distributing hotdog buns and Milo packets, both items sponsored by CHIJ Alumni.

It was a fun and well planned out event for the girls, Teachers and Parent Volunteers. It was also a good session for the Parent Volunteers to connect with one another. If my schedule permits next year, I will definitely return as a Parent Volunteer in 2023 Children's Day celebration."

