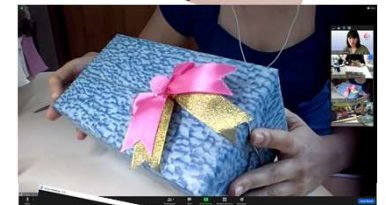


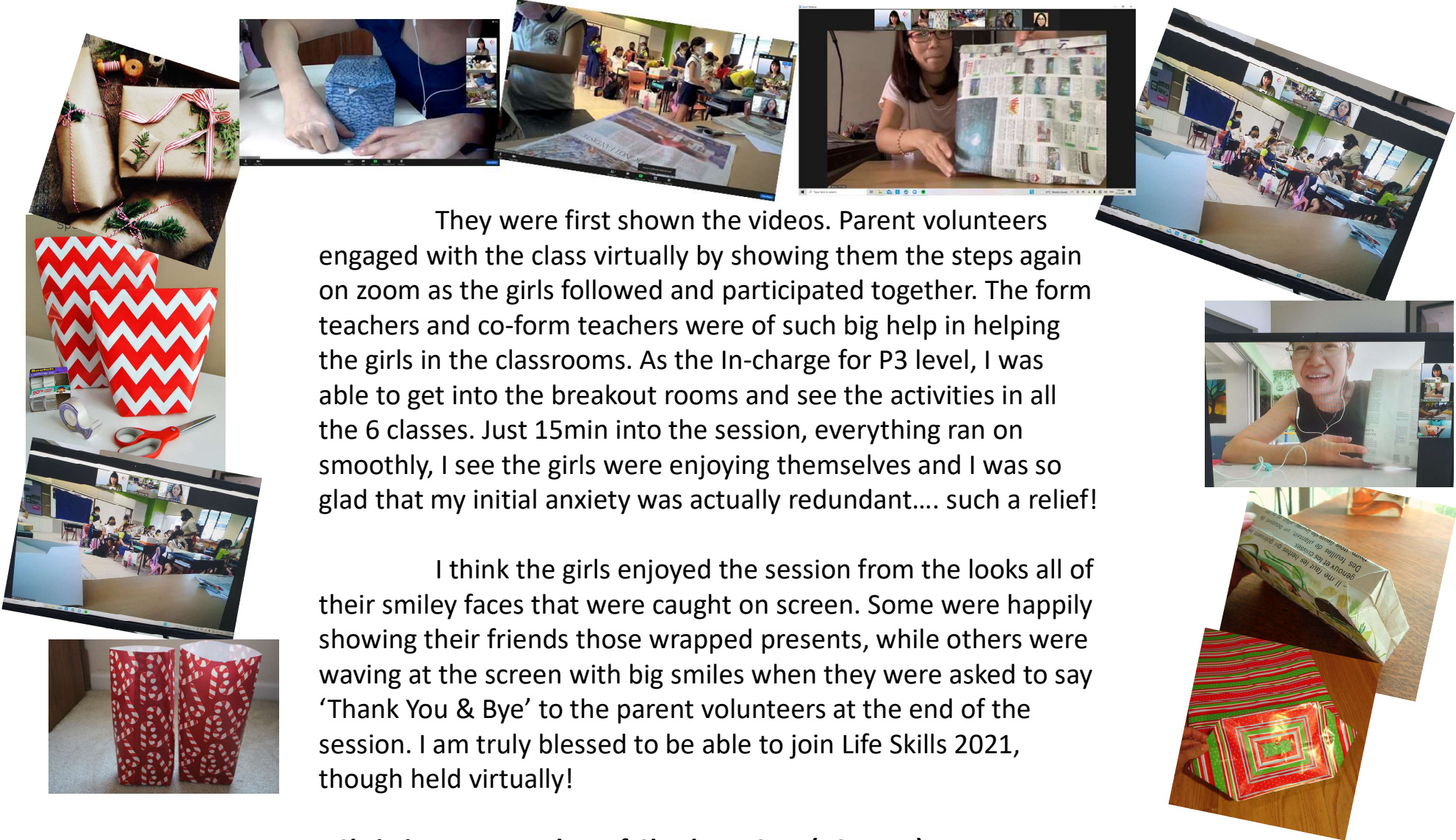
P3 Life Skills - Gift Wrapping

This is the second time I am volunteering in the Life Skills programme. This year, Life Skills' 2021 was very different as it was held virtually. Initially, I was looking forward to interacting with the girls and other parents face-to-face, but unfortunately school has decided that the event will be held virtually considering the current covid situation. Nonetheless, we tried to make the best out of it.

Having this held virtually is a challenge to me and many of the other parents as most of us have no experience in hosting such virtual events. I was very anxious if the session will be delivered smoothly and how do we engage the girls virtually.

For P3 this year, the life skill taught was gift wrapping. We covered both wrapping of boxes as well as making simple gift bags for odd-size items. The girls were asked to bring old newspapers as wrappers and empty tissue boxes.





They were first shown the videos. Parent volunteers engaged with the class virtually by showing them the steps again on zoom as the girls followed and participated together. The form teachers and co-form teachers were of such big help in helping the girls in the classrooms. As the In-charge for P3 level, I was able to get into the breakout rooms and see the activities in all the 6 classes. Just 15min into the session, everything ran on smoothly, I see the girls were enjoying themselves and I was so glad that my initial anxiety was actually redundant.... such a relief!

I think the girls enjoyed the session from the looks all of their smiley faces that were caught on screen. Some were happily showing their friends those wrapped presents, while others were waving at the screen with big smiles when they were asked to say 'Thank You & Bye' to the parent volunteers at the end of the session. I am truly blessed to be able to join Life Skills 2021, though held virtually!

- Christina Yap, Mother of Charlotte Saw (P3 Ixora)