

LET'S Talk

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Sprouting Seeds children's garden,
a parent-led initiative

Stories Alive! Showcase: Parent
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Series

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William Royston

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As an extension of our school's Term 2 Mindful Moments campaign with a focus on Earth Week, we are thrilled to collaborate with a group of parent volunteers in building Sprouting Seeds v2.0 - our little piece of oasis here at the Bangsar centre. Inspired by our original sensory play garden plot at Kebun-Kebun Bangsar, the new Sprouting Seeds is an edible play garden housed within our school compounds, built from scratch by our team of passionate parent volunteers and educators during our first Gotong-Royong initiative back in early June.

The successful seedlings from each class' seeds germinating efforts along with a collection of donated seedlings from our parent volunteers were



transplanted onto the garden bed during the gotong-royong. With all the love and care poured in, our sweet potato leaves, okra, brinjal, cherry tomato plant, and our herbs - sweet basil, and mint - have been thriving!

The children have begun taking care of the garden daily as part of their outdoor routine, and research work. With the garden growing promisingly, we have been blessed with continuous harvesting with the children and even parents from our garden community. Even the mint leaves have been used in class during cookery to make a jug of deliciously refreshing lemon mint drink to combat the heat, while okra has been introduced in class for the children as part of tasting and research. We are certainly excited for all that is to come in this learning journey at Sprouting Seeds!



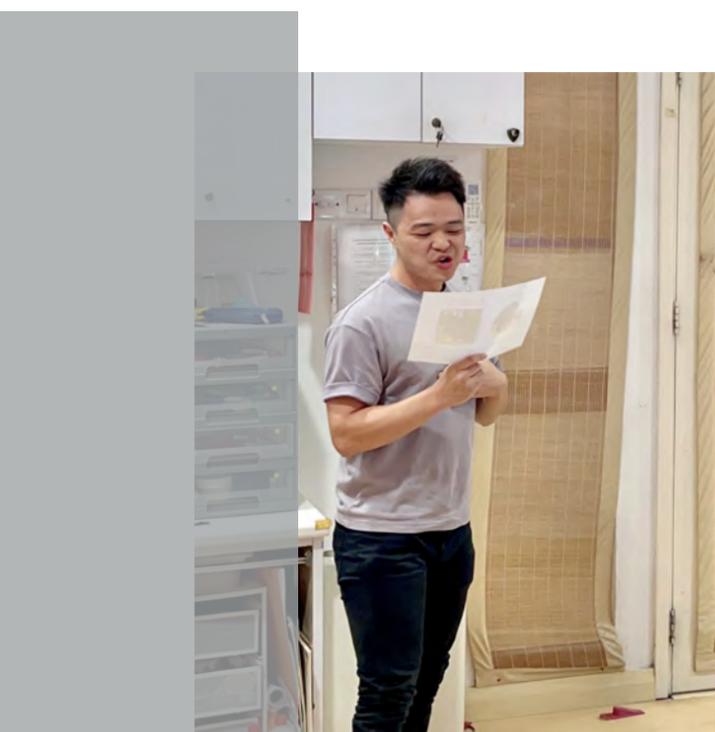
Highlight: Stories Alive! Showcase featuring William Royston



Parent Workshop

As part of our Stories Alive! Showcase, William Royston, our special guest from Julia Gabriel Singapore who is a highly experienced educator and trainer, led the discussion in two highly interactive one-hour long parent workshop sessions with the Julia Gabriel families and guests during his recent visit here. Bringing stories to life is a matter of using all the right techniques, channeling our emotions while applying vocal modulation to create the mood and bring to life certain personalities of characters in the book.

Parents even played a simple game inviting the other participants on the floor to guess what's in the box using just their facial expressions and movements based on their given cue cards, and were invited to tell story snippets from start to the end using the knowledge imparted. What's certain is that after the session, we are all never looking at a book, and telling a story the same way again!



Storytelling Specials during School Assembly

The Nursery children enjoyed Michael Rosen's We're Going on a Bear Hunt, while the Kindergarteners were thrilled as Julia Donaldson's Monkey Puzzle unfolded right before them in a story without a book, but rather performed entirely by master storyteller, William, and Shoby, our Head of Centre and Head of Julia Gabriel Centre Programmes! Eye-opening was an understatement, as both sessions were met with much enthusiasm and cheer from the crowd. The highly interactive sessions have truly captivated the imaginations of the children.



Silly Stupendous Spectacular Stories

Julia Gabriel x Bookxcess

Performing to Julia Donaldson's *The Gruffalo*, our second installment of the Silly Stupendous Spectacular Stories collaboration with our amazing friends at Bookxcess saw an even larger crowd from our previous session! Floored by the growing support for our Julia Gabriel team of educators, it warmed our hearts to see how engaged both children and adults were in this special Father's Day session led by our special guest, William Royston.

The multilingual performance featured the English language, Mandarin, and Bahasa Melayu being weaved seamlessly into the musical storytelling as we journeyed with Mouse who had outwitted his predators with tales of the blood-curdling Gruffalo. With musical accompaniment throughout the performance, props, and the passionate portrayal of each character by the Julia Gabriel team, we were certainly treated to a show which both tickled us silly, and got us entranced until the end.



Teacher Training: Drama, Games, and Presentation Skills

From showcasing his amazing talent headlining a most unique Silly Stupendous Spectacular Stories session at Bookxcess, to helping parents bring stories to life over at the parent workshop, William Royston, was also the trainer for a series of teacher training programmes involving our team of educators.

William masterfully engaged the Julia Gabriel educators in his training sessions as he imparts his skills and experience over the years as an esteemed Speech and Drama teacher and performer. Trained and qualified through the University of South Australia and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, he is part of the School of Education Singapore team where he does training and workshops both within the company and externally.



Julia Gabriel x IBU Family Bazaar

Audrey Wood's *Silly Sally* whimsical backward walk to town was certainly the talk of the crowd as Shoby, the Head of Julia Gabriel Centre Programmes and her team of educators performed to the families at the IBU family bazaar. Singing and dancing away to our music and movement session, saying hello and goodbye the Julia Gabriel Way, and actively interacting with us throughout the storytelling, the children and their families were such great sports!

Upcoming Sessions:

Follow us on our Instagram, @juliagabrielkl for the latest updates.



PlayNursery (daily independent bridging programme)

Suitable for
Children who are at least 18 months old and turning 2 years in 2023.

Timing
**Monday - Friday
8:30am - 11:00am**



Nursery One (preschool programme)

A new Nursery One class has commenced in this Term 3 and is currently up and running with limited availability. Registration is open for children born in 2020. Schedule a school tour with our Admissions team today.

Suitable for
Children who turn 3 years old in 2023.

Timing
**Monday - Friday
8:30am - 12:00pm**

Prerequisite
Pre-admission Interview by the Head of Chiltern House Preschool to assess child's readiness for the programme.

**(Optional Add-On)
Extended Programme:**
12:00pm - 3:30pm
After School Care:
3:30pm - 5:30pm /
6:30pm

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