

# LET'S Talk

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## JULIA GABRIEL CENTRE & JULIA GABRIEL PRESCHOOL

**Julia Gabriel Preschool** (formerly  
Chiltern House)

**The Reading Garden** Children's  
Library and Centre Makeover

**Chinese New Year** Open House

**Mindful Week** in Term 1:  
Appreciation of Love and Family



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### Centre Makeover and introducing the new Reading Gardens



#### WELCOME TO JULIA GABRIEL PRESCHOOL

The team here at Julia Gabriel Kuala Lumpur is thrilled to welcome you to **Julia Gabriel Preschool (JGPS)**! Formerly known as *Chiltern House*, the shift to Julia Gabriel Preschool - in line with Julia Gabriel Singapore's direction - signifies a *perfect mix of tradition and innovation*, and ensures that we continue to provide a high-quality learning experience for our students while remaining responsive to the ever-changing needs and expectations of both our students and the broader educational community.

JGPS showcases a fresh new look - complete with new uniforms, as we depart from Chiltern House's signature blue checkered look! With this change, our preschool curriculum now also features an **exciting addition of several new programmes** into our curriculum during standard school hours and After School. We are pleased to introduce you to **Give and Grow** (our gardening and sustainability-driven subject), **Content Creation and Coding** (introduction to digital literacy), **Harmony Heroes** (collaboration and caring for the community), and the **Young Entrepreneurs (I Can!)** subject that strives to ignite the innovative spirit in children and learning the skills necessary to set them on their path towards having a growth mindset.



#### THE NEW READING GARDENS

The BookRoom, our children's library inspired by Eleanor Farjeon's special book, "The Little BookRoom", has been a big part of our Julia Gabriel heritage over the decades, and here at Kuala Lumpur, we intend to keep it so by putting it through a fresh new spin. We are pleased to invite you to visit our new Reading Gardens, designed to accommodate to our children's literary needs by continuing to house age-appropriate, specially selected titles - both classic and new alike! - alongside cosy nooks for the children to lounge and read on their own, or when they make trips to the Reading Garden as a class for storytelling and reading sessions.





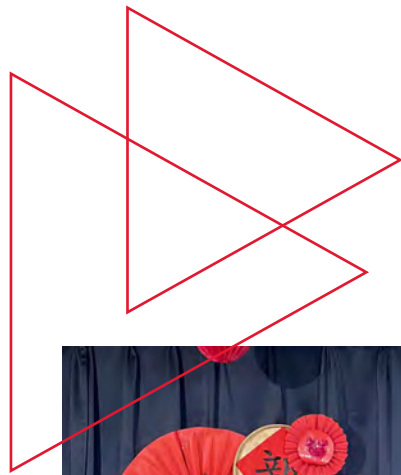
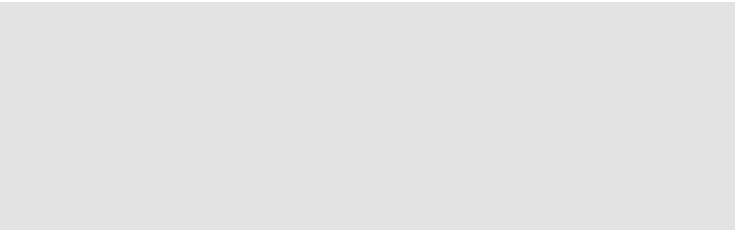
# Chinese New Year Open House

The centre was abuzz with the cheers of festivity during our Chinese New Year Open House when families flocked in to bask in the festivity cheers. The event was a warmly anticipation addition to this year's line-up of activities which saw the children, with the accompaniment of their family members, being welcomed to the preschool for an immersive Chinese cultural experience.

From food tasting, to an introduction to the Chinese 12 zodiac signs by the Mandarin

teaching team though a special storytelling segment, the children were thrilled to feast their eyes on the burst of colours at every turn, soaking in the lively atmosphere with greetings welcoming the lunar new year.

We are floored by the generosity of parents who have been such strong pillars of support, as food of all variety came pouring in. For this, we thank all families kindly for elevating this event to a great success.





This term's **Mindful Moments** puts the spotlight on the **'Appreciation of Love and Family'** as part of the school's ongoing advocacy for mindfulness. Throughout the week-long campaign, our preschoolers shared about their favourite family moments with their friends and their teachers in class referencing photos in hand depicting their recent vacations, family photos, even those of their newborn siblings!

## Mindful Week: Appreciation of Love and Family



**Todd Parr's The Feelings Book** was highlighted as one of our featured books in class during the Mindful Week. With its vibrant illustrations and simple narrative, the beloved classic was picked for its light-hearted approach to encourage the children to discuss about the different moods and feelings that they may have already or yet to experience, and to help them understand that it is perfectly normal to have these feelings; it seeks to nurture empathy, acceptance, and confidence - all of which are essential components in building and moulding their characters to form positive outlooks on themselves and others.

*Next term's Mindful Week seeks to focus on an appreciation of, and a responsibility to care for the Earth.*







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## Sprouting Seeds Volunteering Opportunities

**COMING SOON!** We're opening up volunteering opportunities for you (and your children) to come over to our children's garden to help us grow our little piece of paradise on Earth in our next gardening cycle as we rotate and change our crops.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to introduce your children to the world of plants and gardening, and to the little ecosystem supporting one another to make the garden flourish. If you're in luck, a family of earthworms may even be seen crawling around in the soil! Or you may see snails making breakfast out of our vegetable leaves. For families who are keen, **reach out to us to register your interest** soon.