

LET'S Talk

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**JULIA GABRIEL CENTRE &
JULIA GABRIEL PRESCHOOL**

Mindful Week in Term 2: Earth
Month and Sprouting Seeds
Gotong-Royong

Vision Day 2024

**Hari Raya Aidilfitri Special
Assembly**

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Spectacular Stories**

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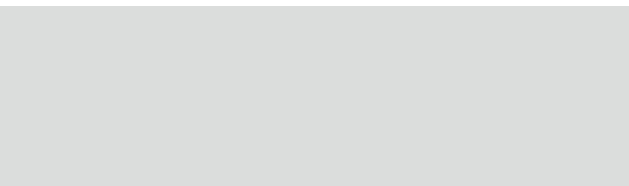


Mindful Week: Earth Month

As the saying goes, "Love the Earth which you dwell upon, and the soil which nourishes you", this term's **Mindful Moments** shines the spotlight on the appreciation of and responsibility to care for our blue planet. Our centre-wide celebration of Earth Day is a **month-long campaign** comprising a myriad of interactive hands-on activities involving the entire school community from the teachers, to the students, and their families!

Families worked with their children to bring recyclables from home, facilitated their children as they learn to take care of plants that they help foster at home, designed ingenious upcycled outfits for the Earth Day Special Assembly, and contributed seeds or cuttings so we could grow seedlings from them and have them transplanted to our Sprouting Seeds children's edible play garden.

At school, we read **Todd Parr's The Earth Book** for starters before learning how to grow seeds for our garden. We even learned how to sort out our recyclables to help reduce waste, and upcycled them to make centre decorations for Earth Day. We were united in our love for our planet and the diligent efforts certainly shone through.



Parent as Partners

Passionate storytellers

Over the past few weeks, our Julia Gabriel Preschool parents have continued to wow us all with their ingenuity and passionate storytelling sessions in class. Our doors were open for parents to join us as volunteers to share their favourite stories related to the celebrated theme. And each time they stepped through the door, they were greeted warmly with cheers as the children welcomed their moms and dads with the broadest of smiles. From stories about recycling, to heart-warming ones running on themes centred on nature, we have enjoyed every single one of them!



Garden Reset: New Plants, New Beginnings

In the weeks leading up to our Sprouting Seeds volunteering event, the school community had been hard at work growing seedlings for our garden reset project. We would like to thank all parents who have contributed ever so kindly to our gardening efforts by sharing vegetable seeds and cuttings with us.

The collective effort had yielded results that surpassed our expectations with the children being very excited to be involved from the very beginning – thanks to concerted efforts by our new **Garden Facilitator**, Hajar and the team.

While the children from our younger levels enjoyed gardening-cum-sensorial play sessions which often resulted in a beautiful mess, those from the older levels were carefully guided through a more thorough explanation of the plant growing process. It was and continues to be an enriching journey for all involved, getting connected to nature and spending time outdoors in the garden. *We can't wait for Sprouting Seeds to flourish with all the love from the community!*



Of pumpkin, coriander,
blue pea flowers,
water spinach,
papaya tree and lime tree!

The selection of new plants were picked by the children, and features an eclectic mix of fruiting plants, vegetables, and herb.

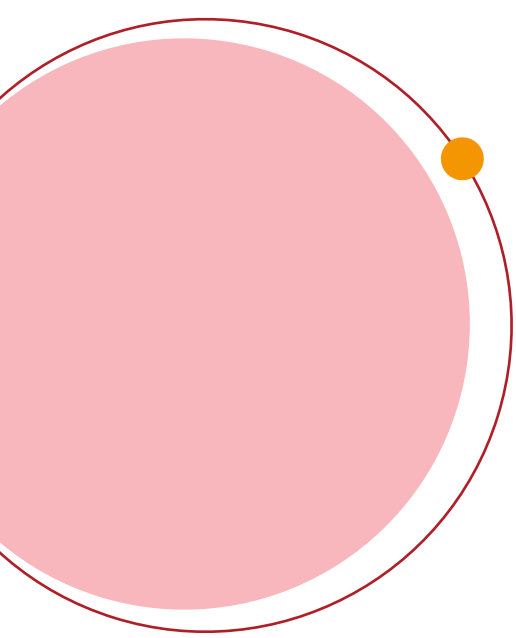
It was most fulfilling for the children (*even for the teachers too!*) having witnessed how much the seeds that they had planted with their bare hands have grown over the weeks. These garden beds will continue to be nourished by the school community during their **Give and Grow** lessons and outdoor play sessions.

This year, we celebrated the company's **Vision Day** with a focus on self-reflection and getting to know the KL team better through a high-octane coaching session led by Scaling People Asia's Andrew Ng. From the ice-breaker to team building activities, the team channeled their most spirited approach in meeting each challenge which ultimately led to loads of laughter, thrilling fun, burrowed eyebrows, and racing heartbeats. But the highlight of the day was undoubtedly the opportunity to better understand the team dynamics through Andrew's personalised coaching as we learned about our strengths, weaknesses, and how we can all work together as one to bring out our *best dramatic selves*!

Welcoming New Members to the 5, 10 and 15 Year Club



And what better way to celebrate our work family by welcoming new members to our **5, 10, and 15 Year Club**! Congratulations to **Wendy Loh**, our **Head of Julia Gabriel Preschool** (15 Year Club); **Ashwini**, our **Assistant Head of Centre** (10 Year Club); **Shirley**, our **Head of Marketing** (10 Year Club); **Cannie Beh**, our **Head of Mandarin** (5 Year Club); and **Saraniya**, our **Head of Finance** (5 Year Club) on their amazing achievements, and their invaluable contributions over the years. We shall be looking forward excitedly to seeing more new additions next year as more of our educators and staff celebrate their next career milestone here at Julia Gabriel Kuala Lumpur.



Centre Director

Paulee Wang was present to take the team down memory lane in a recollection of the origins of Julia Gabriel Kuala Lumpur and how the brand was brought to Kuala Lumpur with founder, Julia Gabriel's keen support and blessings..



Special Assembly: Hari Raya Aidilfitri Celebration

Eid al-Fitr in school was celebrated with much fanfare at Julia Gabriel Preschool in a week-long cultural immersion that culminated in a special assembly. The festivity mood in the air generated a heightened sense of excitement among the teachers, staff, and especially the children, as we went about our classes donning our beautiful traditional Malay costumes and cheerful party outfits. With our educators, Cikgu Zira and Intan as hosts, the audiences were introduced to the popular Hari Raya treats, and the various traditional Malay costume designs after which some were invited to perform a fun catwalk sashaying towards the stage - *much to everyone's delight!*





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JGxBookxcess Silly Stupendous Spectacular Stories

Our Julia Gabriel storytelling team helmed by Shoby, Head of Julia Gabriel Enrichment, made a much anticipated comeback to Bookxcess back in April and May at their Gardens Mall and LaLaport outlets respectively. Families were treated to a string of high spirited music and movement selections - *including our favourite Skidamarink!* - and a drama-infused storytelling session on both occasions.

For families who wish to catch our team of specialist educators in action at our next location, **join us this June** as we travel to Bookxcess at Tropicana Gardens Mall!



NEXT: Bookxcess Tropicana Gardens Mall

Date: **23rd June 2024**, Sunday
Time: **4:00pm - 4:45pm**
Book Title: Mo Willem's
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!