

MVS BULLETIN

RESTAURANT WEEK FOR YEAR-1 STUDENTS

Term 3 Restaurant Week brought up mixed feelings for instructors and students. They felt both excited and nervous because it was the first time students got to learn by actually cooking and serving real customers. This year's Term 3 Restaurant Week happened in the third and fourth weeks of July. Even though there were some small issues, the students did really well in serving delicious food to a variety of people, including parents, partners, and staff.



*Oscar
deep frying
chicken
cutlets*



*Ummi and
fellow
classmates
busy at
work in the
kitchen*



*Ian serving
a satisfied
customer*

SMU PURPLE OUTREACH

The Purple Outreach, an annual community outreach event by the Singapore Management University (SMU), under its Special Interest and Community Service Sodality (SICS), features a series of activities arranged by SMU students for their chosen beneficiaries. For the past six years, MVS has been one of the beneficiaries of this yearly initiative. This year's Purple Outings kicked off on July 14 and concluded with a final event on August 5. The array of activities included the Amazing Race, Ballare Dancing Workshop, Pastel Painting, Gardens by the Bay Experience, Sustainability Arts and Crafts Workshop, Board Games Day, Visit to Jewel Changi's Maze and Canopy Park, and Japanese Cultural Workshops.

The hardworking SMU students diligently plan and execute these activities, which our students thoroughly enjoyed. These outings provided not only enjoyable experiences but also valuable interactions with their SMU mentors – the big brothers and sisters.



Art and Craft Session



Ballare Dancing Workshop in the school Hall



Group photo at the Flower Dome, Gardens by the Bay



Happy faces at the Arts & Crafts Workshop



Xuan Rui with his SMU mentor at the Arts & Crafts Workshop



Outing at Jewel's Maze and Canopy Park



Group photo of MVS students and their SMU big brothers and sisters



Students putting their creativity to work in the pastel painting workshop



Thahu and Nisa with their masterpieces

EXCURSION - ESPLANADE RECITAL STUDIO

A group of 46 students had a memorable excursion to the Esplanade Recital Studio on July 5th, 2023. The event, supported by Wecare Arts Experience from SouthEast CDC, featured a captivating musical performance titled "Kita Thaka Thom: When Jazz Meets Carnatic Music." Carnatic music refers to the classical music of South India.

This unique performance showcased the fascinating blend of jazz and Carnatic music, creating a distinctive musical experience known as Varsha. Collaborating with MVS Year 1 students added an educational aspect to the excursion, enriching the experience.

Before the performance, each student received a student guide to prepare them for the show. During the event, the talented performers introduced various musical instruments and performed a variety of songs. The students enthusiastically participated by singing along and clapping to the rhythmic beats produced by drums and other instruments.

This excursion provided an enjoyable opportunity for students to learn about music and the performing arts. They were exposed to diverse musical styles, instruments, and cultural influences, expanding their understanding of music's many forms. The experience was insightful for both students and teachers, offering a glimpse into the world of music.



What a captivating scene and unforgettable experience for the students within the Esplanade Recital Studio!



Students posing for a group photo before entering the concert hall

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT -SIAN CHAY MEDICAL & SADEAF

On the morning of July 17, 2023, there was a flurry of activity at the MVS kitchen and cafe. The reason behind this bustling scene was the preparation for a special lunch event organized by the Singapore Association for the Deaf (SADeaf). The occasion was held to host Dr Toh Soon Huat JP, BBM(L), PVPA, along with his dedicated team from the Sian Chay Medical Institution.

Dr. Toh and his team, upon their visit to the premises, were not only pleased but also deeply impressed by the MVS school and its noble mission. The positive impression they had of the school led to a significant development in their relationship. Dr. Toh readily agreed to forge a partnership between Sian Chay Medical Institution and the Singapore Association for the Deaf. We are hopeful this partnership would lead to more support for the training and education of the students at MVS.



Mr. Lai guiding the students in preparing salad for the lunch event



Dr Toh and his team having a conversation with SADeaf EXCO members



The Sian Chay Medical Institute team with the students of MVS

GRADUATION CEREMONY 2023



Mr. Lim Biow Chuan giving his words of encouragement to the graduates



The spacious and grand ballroom at Temasek Club



The Dreamers, showing off their moves

Mountbatten Vocational School (MVS) celebrated the graduation of 17 Class of 2022 students on July 29, 2023, at the Temasek Club. The event was graced by Mr. Lim Biow Chuan, a Member of Parliament representing Mountbatten SMC, as the Guest-of-Honour.

The ceremony united the MVS School Management Community, staff, students, parents, and partners, highlighting their shared dedication to education and growth.

Speeches from the Chairman and Guest of Honour exuded pride and optimism, capturing the essence of accomplishment and the promising future awaiting the graduates.

The event featured captivating performances by MVS students and staff, showcasing the diverse growth MVS nurtures, and last but not least a sumptuous high-tea buffet. It was a memorable day, especially for the graduands.



The Song-Signing performers at the ceremony



The hip-hop group of MVS, the Joyous Steps

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Mr. Lim Biow Chuan with the Chairman of SMC, Mr. Greg Wee and Graduate Irsyad



Mr. Lim and Mr. Wee presenting a token of appreciation to a partner



The MVS School Management Committee



The fashion models of MVS



The Class of 2022 with the GOH, staff, SMC and partners



Staff of MVS at the Graduation Ceremony



Mr. Jack and Ms. Kazay sharing with participants, the F&B Service course

Mountbatten Vocational School (MVS) had its first Open House in years due to COVID-19. The event took place on August 3, 2023, with over 100 attendees, including students, parents, and faculty from various Special Education (SPED) schools.

To accommodate the response, the Open House had two sessions to reconnect participants after the break. The event featured a concise introduction by the Principal, spotlighting MVS's values and approach. Attendees toured the school's facilities for an intimate look at the nurturing environment.



Ms. Koh and Ms. Wong interviewing a former student and parents

An engaging element was interactive sessions for students to explore subjects practically, guided by dedicated faculty. An emotional highlight included an interview with a former student and parents of past students. Their stories resonated, showcasing the transformative MVS journey and gratitude for programme success and employment.



Ms. Cherlyn introducing the Housekeeping Operations course to participants



Mr. Lai and Ms. Siew Hui talking to participants about the Food Preparation course

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



*Our Symbols, Our Spirit,
Our Singapore*

The school celebrated this year's National Day on 8 August. The day began with a solemn Flag Raising ceremony, the Singaporean flag representing unity. Students donned red and white, standing together with nationalistic pride.

Camaraderie continued with a spirited quiz, testing knowledge about National Day's significance. Cheers erupted as participants answered about history, culture, and achievements, showing their deep connection.



*Flag raising ceremony in
Singapore's colours*

The air filled with the aroma of dishes, a gesture from a student's parents. The celebratory mood peaked with a heartwarming singalong of national day songs, voices in harmony echoing shared values.



*Together, hand in hand, as one
united people*

Festivities ended with students receiving goody bags, kindly donated by the Sian Chay Medical Institute. The celebration epitomised Singapore's spirit, a reminder of a brighter future through shared heritage and aspirations.

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



*We, the Citizens of Singapore ...
One United People!*



*Students singing along with Kit
Chan during the celebration*



*Students and teachers in the mood
for dancing*

LEARNING JOURNEY: FLIGHT AND FLYING PROGRAMME @ TEMASEK POLYTECHNIC

A group of Year 1 students from Mountbatten Vocational School (MVS) attended a "Flight and Flying" programme organised by the Temasek Polytechnic aviation students on 23rd August 2023 morning at the Temasek Aviation Academy (TAA).

The students then participated in a variety of aviation-related activities at SkyLab, the TAA's training facility. These activities included: learning about the different parts of an aircraft, simulating a flight using a flight simulator, building and flying a paper airplane.

The programme was a valuable learning experience for the MVS students. They got to learn more about aviation and the different career paths that are available in the industry. They also had the opportunity to meet and interact with Temasek Polytechnic aviation students and learn from their experiences.

MVS staff and students are grateful to the Temasek Polytechnic aviation students for organising the "Flight and Flying" programme.



MVS students and staff with Temasek Polytechnic students at the TAA's hangar

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: MVS WELCOMES APS STUDENTS FOR VIA PROGRAMME

Mountbatten Vocational School (MVS) welcomed a group of students and staff from Assumption Pathway School (APS) on 23rd August for their Values in Action (VIA) programme. The APS students were introduced to the MVS programme and had a fun time trying out baking in the school's kitchen together with a group of MVS students.

The programme allowed APS students to learn what it is like to be a student at MVS. The APS students were given a tour of the school and introduced to the different courses that are offered. They also had the opportunity to try out some of the practical skills that they would learn in these courses, such as baking.

The baking activity was a great way for the APS students to learn about the MVS programme and to bond with the MVS students. They had a lot of fun working together to make some delicious pastries. Mr Donny Lai and Ms Yeo Siew Hui, the teachers in charge of the programme at MVS, were very impressed with the APS students' enthusiasm and willingness to learn.



Mr. Lai engaging the APS students in a sharing session at the MVS Cafe



Ms. Siew Hui introducing the APS students to MVS Food Preparation Programme

TEACHER'S DAY

Mountbatten Vocational School had a special celebration on August 31st. We were celebrating Teacher's Day just before the term break. It was a day filled with joy for all the teachers and students. They did fun activities, said nice things to their teachers, and had lots of delicious food.

The day began at 8:00 in the morning with the raising of the flag and some announcements. After that, they had a break to have a snack. Then, the students shared messages to show how much they appreciate their teachers. They also played games and, to top it off, enjoyed a tasty brunch. The parents were kind enough to provide the food for everyone.

The school day ended at 11:00 am, and the school staff continued celebrating. They went out for a special lunch buffet in honor of Teacher's Day. It was a great way to celebrate the day and have some fun together.



Students expressing their appreciation to their teachers.



Students having fun with indoor and outdoor games.



MVS staff enjoying a lunch buffet as a token of appreciation for their dedication and hard work.



GRATITUDE CHRONICLES

HEARTFELT THANK YOUS FROM PARENTS



"We appreciate MVS for being inclusive to provide vocational education for special-need students. Jonas has learnt much from the practical hands-on programs. He has an outgoing personality and likes to chat, we thank all the teachers/staff for their patience and encouragement to engage him in social interaction. The school has also been very supportive in Jonas's emotional health with counselling provided by school's case manager to cope with his anxiety issue. Overall, it has been a great experience for Jonas.

In Jonas's own words, he likes Ms Kazay's jokes and positive words for him, and he feels encouraged by her good comments for students. Kudos to Ms Kazay!"

- Jonas' mum



"Hi Ms. Kazay, you have been an amazing teacher all these years. Thank you for being a wonderful teacher for my daughter. You always be a role model teacher throughout her school days, guiding her in her studies as well as her internship period. I'm very grateful and thankful for your assistance in finding her a job. Overall, the programmes and activities organised in the school has nurture Janelle into a well-rounded person as well as with your guidance. She has become more active, outspoken and mature in her thinking. Thank you for being her teacher, guiding her along through her years in MVS. Wishing u all the best in your teaching career and continue to enlighten and guide the future batches of students 😊 It's been such a pleasant and wonderful experience in enrolling my daughter to MVS."

- Janelle's mum

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HEARTFELT THANK YOUS FROM PARENTS



"To all staff in MVS,
Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and teachers in VS especially Ms Kazay. Honestly, MVS has given a lot of support, care and concern to all the students including my daughter Rui Ying. During her time with MVS, she had shared with me how the teachers and friends always looking after her and helping her out in school. She would look forward to going to school everyday to meet her teachers and friends. Secondly, I am thankful and grateful to the school and all the teachers for helping out the students as I know it is very challenging to teach and handle kids with special needs. But they did a great job! Lastly, I personally would like to thank Ms. Kazay for being supportive and trust given to Rui Ying especially during her attachment to Siloso Beach Resort. Once again thanks Ms. Kazay for the patience and care given to Rui Ying. I really appreciate for that. Wishing you all the best."

- May May, Rui Ying 's mum