

# LET'S Talk

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**JULIA GABRIEL CENTRE &  
JULIA GABRIEL PRESCHOOL**

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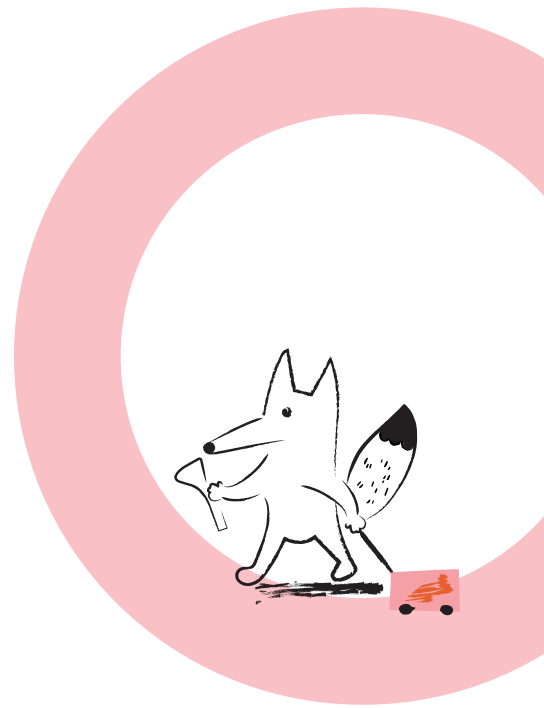
We did our little struts and our most dramatic catwalks flanked by the children cheering on spiritedly, and even took our best shot at a Bollywood dance together during our Deepavali celebration. With Davinia and Gianna leading the special assembly, the crowd was introduced to the different varieties of Indian costumes commonly worn for festivities, the scrumptious and highly addictive Indian snacks beyond the muruku we know, and being invited to dance along as we learned to 'pluck mangoes' and 'change lightbulbs'. We weren't all making waves with our dance movements, but it sure did bring down the house with all the laughter!

Special appreciation to all parents for dressing up the children so beautifully not to mention intricately for the occasion, and to the teachers for being the champs that you all are—managing your class whilst draped in delicate sarees and dressed to the nines! No easy feat, and for that, it deserves its own mention.



## Children's Day: Celebrating Play

In true Julia Gabriel style, this year's Children's Day celebration embraced the theme of **Interactive Learning and Play** or ILaP as both teachers and the children at school embarked on a messy play at a level never seen before! From water play, paint play, and confetti play to making our own fruit yogurt popsicles, FUN was certainly the word of the day. Oh and we even made our own popcorn! They were pop, pop, popping! Working up a mess, playing in a mess, oh it doesn't get any better than this!



## 13th Sports Day - our first indoor venue!

The thunderous cheers that echoed the entire arena brought this year's Sports Day - our 13th! - onto a whole different level, hosted in our first indoor venue. With the weather element out of play, we ran, we crawled, we hopped, we cheered for each other at the top of our lungs! The team spirit fueled the games and made every muscle ache worthwhile during the all-time favourite Parent-Teacher segment, the tug o'war. We enjoyed every moment of our limits being tested; the perseverance granted us all winners in the end!

Our heartfelt appreciation to all parents, teachers and children for making this year's Sports Day such a wild success. Congratulations to all the children for bringing forth their courage, determination and teamwork to complete the games!



## Book Week: in the spirit of upcycling

Book Week had us all racking our brains, flexing our muscles, and getting our creative juices running overtime in dressing up as our favourite book characters! A huge round of applause dedicated to our ingenious parents and our devoted team of teachers and staff, whose efforts and creativity truly shone through—from the children’s incredible costumes to the imaginative classroom decorations (most of which were cleverly upcycled from recyclables!). This year, we celebrated the beautiful stories and book characters from *The Little Grey Cloud*, *Elmer*, *The Rainbow Fish*, *The Giving Tree*, *When I’m Feeling Kind*, *Room on the Broom*, *Hug*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and 独一无二的你 (Only One You).



## Kindergarten 2's Mandarin Moderation

The Mandarin moderation has been one of our preschool’s long-standing traditions in which the K2 students’ Mandarin language skills were put to the test through a recital of tongue twisters and poetry, and sharing of a fun Show and Tell session with Zhao laoshi, the Head of Mandarin for Julia Gabriel Preschool Singapore. And indeed, they were most happy to talk all about their items of choice - some brought toys, a few opted for books, and one even brought a dental teeth model complete with toothbrush for the demonstration! For putting on their bravest front and rising to the challenge of the occasion, we couldn’t be any prouder.

**Congratulations to all K2 children of 2024** for completing their moderation to showcase their Mandarin competency!



As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe environment for our staff and children, our administrative team, along with teachers who needed a refresher and staff new to the Julia Gabriel family, underwent and completed their Paediatric First Aid and CPR Course under the tutelage of the highly experienced first aid instructors, Vivien and Peggy. The instructors provided invaluable first aid training, including demonstrations and hands-on practice in CPR and choking response for infants, children, and adults, and bandaging techniques.

We believe it is essential for all staff members to be trained and equipped with the necessary skills to respond effectively to emergencies. Every second counts, and properly administered first aid can save lives.

## Becoming First Aid Qualified: Paediatric First Aid and CPR Course



## Using Drama to Enhance Children's Learning - JGFTC Training Module

**William Royston**, a senior member of Julia Gabriel Singapore, was in town to conduct a string of training sessions on 'Using Drama to Enhance Children's Learning', as part of a module out of the **Julia Gabriel Foundation Teaching Certificate (JGFTC)** by the Julia Gabriel School of Education.

Learning never really stops here at Julia Gabriel—it's a lifelong adventure! So just like how we encourage our students to explore, imagine, and grow, we're committed to doing the same as early childhood educators. William's sessions are always a highlight here and it was an absolute privilege to learn from his vast experience, insights and techniques that will help us enhance the learning experiences we offer our children!





## Holiday Programme December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Everyone's favourite Holiday Programme is coming back this December 2024! Set to run from December 2nd to 6th, join our fun-loving and highly dramatic Julia Gabriel Centre specialist educators over **five (5) consecutive days** journeying across different learning landscapes. **Designed for children between 18 months - 6 years old**, get ready to be immersed in a world of wonder, stories, vivid imagination, drama, songs, poems, and rhymes.

Participants will receive a host of new friendships, close mentorship by our specialist teachers, and a Julia Gabriel Certificate of Achievement upon the successful completion of the five-day camp.

### Early Learning Camp

Languages: English and Mandarin (bilingual)

Suitable for: **18 months - 3 years old**

Theme: Yummy Tummy Feast

(Pre-requisite: Child must already be independently attending a learning centre / nursery / playschool to sign up.)

### Speech & Drama and Readers & Writers Camp

Language: English

Suitable for: **3 - 6 years old**

Themes:

Cookalicious Food Festival (3 - 4 years old)

Time Keepers (5 - 6 years old)

(Pre-requisite: Child must already be independently attending a learning centre / preschool to sign up.)

