

IN THE KNOW

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In this edition of our newsletter, let's take a look at some of the recent highlights across AWWA, and celebrate the generosity of our partners!

Singapore Health Quality Service Award

Organised by the SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Medical Centre since 2011, the Singapore Health Quality Service Awards is Singapore's first dedicated platform to honour outstanding healthcare professionals who have delivered quality care and excellent service to patients.

This year's Awards, themed "Honouring Our Healthcare Heroes: Emerging Stronger", saw nine AWWA staff recognised in the Individual Gold and Silver (Community Sector) categories for their indomitable spirit and perseverance despite the challenges they face and their outstanding contributions to healthcare.

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to see the winners!



10th AWWA Inclusion Experts Series

AWWA organised the 10th AWWA Inclusion Experts Series (AIES) on 19 March 2022, and it started and ended with a bang!

Over 1,000 participants joined us as we celebrated how far we have come in building more inclusive classrooms. Themed "Inclusion in Action: Reflect and Reimagine", the session featured award-winning occupational therapist, multi-disciplinary teacher and best-selling author, Kim Barthel, Karthik, CEO of AWWA, and Lee Ting, Vice Principal of Little Mighty Me Preschool.

We are honoured to have Minister of State for Social and Family Development, and Education, Ms Sun Xueling, join us at the celebrations.



To learn more about the event, click [here](#) or scan the QR code on the left.



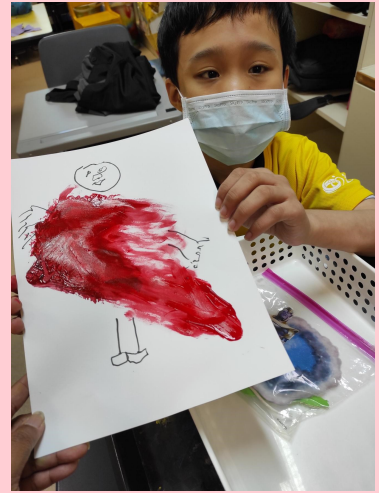
Click [here](#) or scan this QR code to view Kim Barthel's PowerPoint slides.

AWWA School 43rd Anniversary

AWWA School celebrated their 43rd Anniversary in March, themed "Oops-Tunity". Why Oops-Tunity? Inspired by the book "Beautiful Oops", written by Barney Saltzberg, the students learned to view "Oops" from a different perspective and turned them into something beautiful! For example, the students rearranged the broken sponge ball to form a caterpillar, turned a torn cardboard into a bus, and a torn paper into a rocket.

Look! Joseph convert the red smear into a red dress! Instead of throwing the paper away, he paused, contemplated, and immediately sketched an outline of a dress. He has a beautiful red dress now!

We are delighted to see the students so engaged and unleashed their creativity while celebrating AWWA School Anniversary. We thank all students and staff for making this possible.



Chinese New Year Celebration @ AWWA

Staff and clients from AWWA services welcomed the year of the tiger with upbeat music and activities!

Our seniors gathered (adhering to Safe Management Measures) to lou yusheng (prosperity toss). They were joined by a special visitor - Cai Shen Ye (God of Wealth) - who was one of our seniors, and red packets were distributed to all.

Over at Kindle Garden, our kids created Chinese New Year handicrafts, went on a treasure hunting adventure for ingots, and learnt more about the significance of the festival.



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Feature Story: Amsyar Defying the Odds

Amsyar, a Community Integration Service (CIS) client, was eight years old when he was enrolled in AWWA CIS with Spina Bifida. While striving to excel in his academic pursuits, at the age of nine, Amsyar took interest in para-cycling, and this sparked his innate athletic prowess.

In 2019, Amsyar represented Singapore at his first regional competition in Thailand. Subsequently, he represented Singapore at the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation World Games 2020 in Thailand. In recognition of his regional and local achievements in the sport, Amsyar was awarded the young talent awards (Arts and Sports) at the CIS Awards 2021 that happened last November.

Most recently, on 5th March 2022, he participated in a duathlon organised by Metasport.

"I initially joined the sport as a form of recreation - nothing more. In 2016, my coach offered me to join the development team as he saw the potential in me to compete in competitions (The development team is a group of athletes that possesses the ability to compete in major competitions). I took up the offer, and the rest is history. The desire to improve my skills motivates me even though training might get gruelling. My future goal is to participate and represent Singapore in major competitions such as the ASEAN Paralympic games", said Amsyar.

What's next for Amsyar? He will be commencing his Higher Nitec course in ITE College West in April 2022. We wish him all the best in his studies and athletic endeavours.



AWWA Family Services - Stories of Resilience

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing with you the inspirational stories of our clients from AWWA Family Services. As we journey with them, we are encouraged by their drive and resilience in wanting to be better versions of themselves. We hope that their stories can impact your lives, and may they also inspire you to be resilient warriors! Follow our social media channels to read their stories in the weeks to come!



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