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A reunion group photo of 1st Singapore Company alumni and their families over the generations!

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The Boys' Brigade Headquarters is relocating to 10 Kwong Avenue! We aim to realise our BB Vision of Nurturing Young Lives and Promoting Intergenerational Community Life at the new premises with a Fundraising Goal of \$1.9 million.

We are an Institution of Public Character, hence donations will garner 2.5 times tax deduction. Please support us!

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BB CARES Anchor Event 2022

On 27 August, 244 BB Boys and their families from five Seniors Programme (5th, 7th, 11th, 19th, 34th Singapore Companies) and one Juniors Programme Company (88J Singapore Company), congregated at the Sembawang campsite, bringing along with them unwanted T-shirts and cardboard food packaging. We also invited twenty elderly folks from Care Corner Active Aging Centre to join us for this year's BB CARES 2022 Anchor Event. The participants used the materials that they had brought to the upcycling workshops and created useful environmentally friendly products, such as name tags and tote bags. They also engaged in beach clean up activities, where they picked up litter along the beach, to revive the beauty of nature.



Boys learning how to transform their old T-shirts into useful and stylish tote bags!



Mass briefing before the beach clean up.



Beach Clean-Up Time - Doing our part for the environment and community!



Our Brigade President, Mr Poh Leong Berg (second from the left) and BB CARES 2022 Chairman, Mr Eugene Wong (second from the right) also participated in the upcycling workshop.

Growing Inward, Going Outward

Mr Poh Leong Berg, Brigade President

Trees will grow well when they are given the right conditions, such as sufficient sunlight, water, carbon dioxide and minerals. They will grow big and strong roots which will absorb and transport water, nutrients and minerals from the soil to the rest of the tree, the branches, the leaves, any budding flowers on the tree, and any fruit growing on the tree. Trees that grow well will provide many useful things, including food, shade and oxygen, reduce ambient temperatures, improve both air and water quality, create economic opportunities, beautify the area, and so on.

Similarly, the Boys' Brigade (BB) provides our Boys and youth (members) the right environment to grow well through the following methods:

1. The concept of the Company to foster Camaraderie in members.
2. The use of the uniform to forge a common identity and esprit de corps.
3. The awards system to sustain interest in members and to nurture them to their fullest potential.
4. The promotion system to recognise and encourage leadership.
5. The development of the habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect, and teamwork through the structure of the uniform, badges and drill.
6. Wholesome activities to foster the development of character.



Lessons and Activities on Leadership.



Community Spiritedness.

The BB provides an exciting array of activities for our members, and they are developed in the following aspects:

1. Personal Mastery

Members are developed in their character and personal habits of effectiveness and excellence that will allow them to succeed in life, which includes developing physical, mental, social, and spiritual disciplines.

2. Leadership

Members discover the basic building blocks of relational influence in the foundational leadership habits of encouragement, social initiative, trustworthiness and service to others. They also apply the core leadership principles and lead by example in the company and the Brigade.

3. Community Spiritedness

Members explore the various societal needs present in the community and respond with a heart of service by working together to plan and execute community service projects. Through this, members develop empathy. Closer to their community, members are able to focus on family values which create a strong foundation for building and deepening familial relationships.

4. Global Awareness

Members are connected with the rich history and legacy of the BB as a local and global movement, encouraged to develop an appreciation for the challenges facing the world today, and to contribute as active concerned global citizens.

The BB enables our members to develop and strengthen their moral character, trains them to become loyal and responsible citizens, promotes an appreciation of physical fitness, and develops the members' leadership potential. In the BB, we also nurture our members, based on Christian values, to serve and lead, through intentional mentoring by dedicated Officers.

Members are given opportunities to serve and lead both within the Company and in the Brigade. They also have the opportunity to serve and lead the community through community service projects such as BB Share-a-Gift and BB CARES, as well as in other community service initiatives including contributing to national initiatives like the national digital literacy programme, caring for the environment, strengthening family bonding, and caring for the poor and needy.

The BB provides the right platform for our members to Grow Inward and then to Go Outward to make a positive difference in the community and society. Through structured and wholesome programmes, members Grow Inward as they are given the space to explore, discover, and develop themselves with a view to allowing them to excel in their strength. They develop and hone their leadership and skill-sets, develop godly character and values, and a sense of social responsibility. Opportunities are also provided for members to Go Outward, to use their leadership, talents, and strength to serve and better the community, help others in the society, and be a blessing to those around them. We equip our members to lead a fulfilling life by Growing Inwardly thereby developing positive traits which will ultimately be reflected in their lives externally as they Go Outward.



Leadership Development Course 1

27th Singapore Company Boys attended the Leadership Development Course I during their June holidays camp at Presbyterian High School. The Boys learnt to work together to plan and organise events and took part in activities that demonstrated their leadership skills.





Have This Attitude In Yourself

Rev Daniel Tong, Brigade Chaplain

It is a good thing to help others, especially those less able and more in need than ourselves; but in doing so, what might your motivation be? For many, the extension of care to such people simply arises from our participation in an organised Company programme. Nothing wrong with this, but have you ever thought about or asked why such a programme was organised in the first place? To fulfil a badge-work requirement or societal expectation or promote good public relations? Have you ever thought about your motivation in participating in such a programme, or developed a greater interest in them?

I would hope that we reflect a little deeper on our organisation and participation in programmes which reach out to the aged and handicapped, and exposure to the importance of these individuals, plus the care of our environment. May these programmes open the door toward:

- the development within us of a heightened sensitivity and compassion toward those faced with greater challenges than us in our daily lives,
- a deeper understanding and appreciation of the worth of these individuals as they are, and
- a greater willingness to sacrifice our own time and sensibilities to help others.

As a Brigade, our desire is for all Boys and Officers to grow into true Christian manliness, in reflection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This encompasses:

- our growing in empathy and love of the challenges and differences we will find in people,
- that we not suffer from selfishness or empty conceit, and
- our regarding others as more important than ourselves, and their interests as more important as our own (Philippians 2:3-4).

Stepping out to care for our environment, the aged and handicapped, let us:

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)

Have this attitude in yourselves ... be a bond-servant ... obedient to the point of death.



Perseverance! Character Quest

254 Boys and 70 Officers/Volunteers from 36 Juniors Programme Companies had a fun day at St Andrew's Junior School for the Brigade-level competition - Juniors Programme Character Quest on 13 August 2022. The Boys were grouped into teams of four and had to complete seven game stations with their assigned Marshals. With the theme on Perseverance, Boys had to strategize and execute the activities designed for each station and also challenge each other to re-try when they encounter failures. At the end of each game play, the Marshals provided debriefs on the learning points. Through this, the Boys learnt to prepare themselves better for the challenges ahead and also to work towards their goal.



Game Station "7 Years" where Boys had to bounce a ping pong ball across the table, using exactly 7 bounces.



Game Station "Interpreting Dreams" where Boys had to guess 15 words.



Game Station "Joseph's Coat of Many Colours" where Boys made use of newspaper, crayons and tape to tailor a coat of many colours for a team member.
(Starting from Left) Li'roy Goh, Joel Yip, Axel Tay and Matthias Toh from 4IJ Singapore Company

“All the hard work and perseverance are the reason for our success!”

-Junior Axel Tay

“We work together with great team spirit!”

-Junior Matthias Toh



Boys having a nice ice-cream treat at the end of the competition.



Game Station "The Blessing Continues" where Boys had to blow their own balloons and transport four balloons to the finishing line without using hands.

Within the BB, Beyond the BB

We endeavour to nurture BB Boys holistically by creating meaningful experiences that cultivate them into caring individuals. Let's take a look at a few BB Companies that demonstrated their care towards the environment and community!

Bringing Life with Music

(12BR Singapore Company)

The 12BR Bagpipe Band has been regularly engaging in external performances for community service since the Covid restrictions eased. On 18 June, the bagpipe band performed at the "Rolling Good Times" Charity Ball held at Tanglin Club in support of Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore.



“It was an interesting experience to watch the performance rehearsals for the event. This is the first time that we had performed in a venue like this since Covid started. I think that it is very meaningful for our BB Company to support fundraising for a good cause.”

—LCP Ethan Sng, 12BR Piper

The band had another performance at the Aerospace Partners Golf Tournament Charity Golf and Dinner held at the Tanah Merah Community Club to fundraise for Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore on 9 September. LCP Matt Wong shared his experience as a drummer as follows:

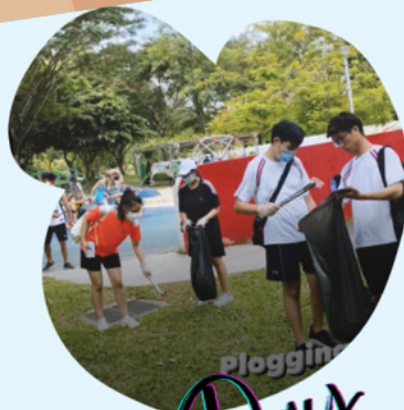
“I had performance anxiety initially. However, it got better during the performance due to our practices that enhanced band coordination. Much applause was received at the end of our performance, which made me very proud. This experience is very memorable and I am looking forward to the next performance.”



Let's Plog! Keep Fit while Saving the Environment

(ITE College East Primers)

ITE College East Primers had a fun and meaningful "Plogging Day" on 16 July. It is great to see how our Primers are showing care to the environment while keeping fit at the same time!



Plogging Day



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@ITE College
East Primers



Leave No One Behind - Advancement towards a Digital Nation (39th Singapore Company)

In support of the nation's Digital For Life movement, 39th Singapore Company was honoured to help out at the launch of the new Heartland Gems @ South West Augmented Reality Trail on 2 July. Our 37 BB Boys were the Ambassadors for the event. The trail was officially launched by Ms Low Yen Ling, Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth & Ministry of Trade and Industry & Mayor, South West District.

Before the launch, a group of Boys helped to pack the goodie bags for participants, which they later distributed on the event day. Other Boys were deployed as ushers stationed at checkpoints along the trail to direct participants to the correct paths. In addition, they also shared relevant event information to curious passersby. When the event started, our digital savvy Boys were on hand to guide the invited senior residents on how to use the AR features and QR codes using their smartphones.

As the Boys did not have much opportunity to venture beyond their school campus for community events in the past two years due to the pandemic, this event provided the platform for them to step out of their comfort zone. Whilst some of them experienced difficulty in communicating in dialects with the elderly, they also managed to find ways to overcome the challenge.

Through this event, the Boys also realized that the digital technology that they enjoy in their everyday lives could be complicated and confusing for some people in the society who are less technologically advanced. They also found this experience to be interesting and meaningful as they saw how something that they had previously deemed small and simple, such as taking photos with the AR animals, could bring joy onto the faces of the elderly. More importantly, the Boys felt that they have learnt to be more patient and empathetic to others around them.



22J Coy's Enriching BB Experiences

National Day Contingent

On 8 August, Anderson Primary School celebrated Singapore's 57th year of independence with a dignified Observance Ceremony led by the Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Prefects and CCE Ambassadors. This was the first time that 22J BB Company formed a contingent comprising Primary 4, Primary 5 and Primary 6 BB Boys in full uniform to showcase unity and discipline. Three BB Boys and three GB Girls had the honor of marching up on stage carrying the State Flag.



Observance Ceremony in the School Hall

Community Service

Our Primary 4 Boys visited the Thye Hua Kwan Senior Activity Centre at Blk 645 Ang Mo Kio Ave 9 on 19 August as part of their BB CARES community service project. There were about 45 elderly eagerly awaiting to play games such as Bingo and Connect the Dots Challenge with our Boys.

Prior to the event, our Boys had also woven special love gifts of baskets at home with their parents that they presented as well. It was a fun and meaningful experience for the Boys to interact with the elderly.



Learning Journey

Our Boys were so excited about their very first outdoor learning journey since the BB CCA started in Anderson Primary School in 2020. On 26 August, the Company visited the S.E.A Aquarium at Sentosa, where the Boys were taken on a guided tour and sighted marine creatures such as jellyfish, manta rays, sharks, dolphins and corals. They learnt about the life cycle, habitat, food chain and impact of climate change on these marine animals. The Boys ended their amazing day with the sea stars at the touch pool.



Coral Reefs – the Rainforest of the Sea



Touching Sea Stars – A unique experience

Primers Summit

On 27 August 2022, more than 50 Primers attended the “Many Face, Many Races, One Singapore” Seminar organised by People’s Association at the URA centre. The keynote speakers for the event were Mr Chan Chun Sing (Minister for Education), Ms Indranee Thurai Rajah (Minister, Primer Minister’s Office and Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for National Development) and Ms Shahrany Hassan (Founder and Director of The Whitehatters and Chairperson of Casa Raudha Ltd). Our Primer Zachary (12I Singapore Company) was the Emcee and Officer Benjamin (12I Singapore Company) was the Panel Moderator. Kennard, our graduated Singapore Polytechnic Primer, also shared his experience in the BB programme at the Seminar. During the Seminar, our youths explored how they could continue our forefathers’ legacy of a cohesive and united multi-racial society in the next 50 years.



Panel Discussion



93rd Singapore Company Primers



Love for the Nation!

With the lifting of restrictions, many of our BB Companies were enthusiastic to be involved in the various physical National Day Parade (NDP) celebrations within and beyond their schools.

NP Primers as NDP Motivators!

CLT Ong Yan Wen, Student President of NP Primers

The BB's Ngee Ann Polytechnic Primers (NP Primers) partnered with TOUCH Community Services to provide a platform for our youths to serve as motivators for the NDP 2022. Preparations started in April when the NP Primers EXCO set up a booth to recruit motivators. 43 students who had signed up also joined the NP Primers! Training started in May and lasted three months where we had six training sessions at Keat Hong Camp and six rehearsals before the event at the Floating Platform.

As motivators, our Primers served to engage and rally the crowds through balloon sculpting and self-made photo props, in addition to dancing and being an extension of the host on the ground. This year, 16 motivators from NP Primers had the opportunity to go on stage to assist the emcees with the introduction of the fun packs and some choreographed moves.

Everyone was in high spirits throughout the event. Here are some of the members' reflections:

“Initially, I was quite hesitant about joining NP Primers. But I figured that this might be an opportunity for me to interact more with my peers. I have now made strong friendships that I feel could last a lifetime. The atmosphere during the rehearsals and on the floating platform with the upbeat music was truly unforgettable. It made me realise that we are truly one nation despite all the disputes that we may experience in our daily lives between family members, friends or even perhaps strangers.”

-CLT Lim Zi Yuan



NP Primers at floating platform

“Participating in the NDP enabled me to learn many soft skills, from perseverance to communications skills. This experience has changed my perception of NDP. It made me realise the difficulty of creating a show for the nation as it requires a lot of planning and everyone's hard work and determination. I realise that the NDP helps to unite Singaporeans and reminds us to be thankful for Singapore.”

-CLT Tang An Tong



“Joining the Primers programme is very meaningful for me. I had enjoyed the precious moments of standing next to the emcees, singing along with the audience and marveling at the fireworks! I found the NDP to be more than just a parade, for it is filled with the sharing of the lives of amazing Singaporeans who had persevered through Covid and many tough times. **”**

-CLT Lee Tjin Tsern Gabriel



Motivators rallying the crowd on the stands



Photo frames made by motivators

National Day Observance Ceremony with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong - 64th Singapore Company



Photo with PM Lee Hsien Loong

BB Boys from 64th Singapore Company at Ang Mo Kio Secondary School, led the Flag Raising Ceremony at Teck Ghee Community Club for the National Day Observance Ceremony on 9 August. The Guest-of-Honour for this event was Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

The Flag Raising and Pledge-taking Ceremony was led by SSG Lenus Lai while the Flag Escort Team was led by SGT Jayden Ng.



Flag Escort

“I am proud to be given the opportunity to lead in the flag raising. We are pleased that we had pulled through the numerous tiring rehearsals and delivered what was expected of us. This is certainly not possible without the teamwork and sacrifice of the team! **”**

-SSG Lenus Lai

Seniors Programme Character Quest 2022

On 10 September, more than 400 Boys and Officers from BB Companies across Singapore gathered at St. Hilda's Secondary School for the Seniors Programme (SP) Character Quest 2022. It has been some years since our SP members had an in-person competition at the brigade level! The theme was Perseverance, as we hoped that our Boys could learn more about this character trait and apply it especially during this endemic situation. Through the various activities, our Boys also learnt values such as teamwork, trust and resilience.

The Top 3 Winning Teams are 12I Singapore Company (1st), 17th Singapore Company (2nd) and 14th Singapore Company (3rd).



The Power of Friendship and Will

CPL George Amadeus Hah
12I Singapore Company
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)

This was my first Character Quest (CQ) competition. Our team doubled the efforts to prepare for the competition during the September holidays. We also participated in the combined Companies CQ training session on 3 September, to better prepare ourselves for the outdoor segment.

There were times when I had wanted to give up due to the strict training sessions, but I continued to persevere. I recalled that my senior, Joshua Fang, had told me that he was very busy with the CQ sessions and once considered withdrawing from the CQ trial within the Company. However, thanks to his cohort mates' encouragement, he decided to attend the trial and was chosen to be in the team.

On the competition day, our team leader Joel Johnson, gave us an inspirational speech to try our best and recognised our team's hard work for the past few months. As we arrived at the venue, we were very worried and even thought of backing out, as teams from the other Companies looked very confident and well-prepared.



George Amadeus Hah, with his team mates receiving the Challenge Trophy from Dr Lee Soon Ann, Honorary Vice-President of The Boys' Brigade in Singapore.

However, we did not falter and confronted the challenges head-on. I have learnt that it pays to keep trying, and that it is not so much about winning, but to participate, learn and grow and develop perseverance through the process.

Our team and the support within the Company made us realise that winning this competition was not the biggest reward; but rather, it was the friends that we had made and how they had supported us to put in the best of our abilities.

NAME ME! Name the New BBHQ Contest

As we look forward to moving into the new headquarters at 10 Kwong Avenue with cool facilities and new programmes, the Brigade Office organized a NAME ME! Name the New BBHQ Contest in the months of May and June. We received a total of 86 proposed names from 44 Boys, Primers, Officers, Captains, Chaplains, Alumni and BB Teachers!

The result of the contest was released in September on our social media. Congratulations to

Top Winner

Leong Hoong Sheng (32nd Singapore Company)

– “Pulse @ Kwong Avenue”

5 Honourable Mentions

Richard Lim Heng Lee (38J Coy) – “The Hut@BBHQ”

William Tham (11th Coy) – “ARK 6:19”

Luke Matthias Tayyun 5D (20J Coy) – “Light Of Youths”

Nicholas Lim (7th Coy) – “Stedfast Village”

Germaine Yap (7J Coy) – “PLAY (Play. Learn. Abound. Yield) @ BB HQ”



As indicated in the contest's disclaimer, the Brigade Executive reserves the final right to decide on whether to adopt the winning entries for the naming of the new BBHQ premises.

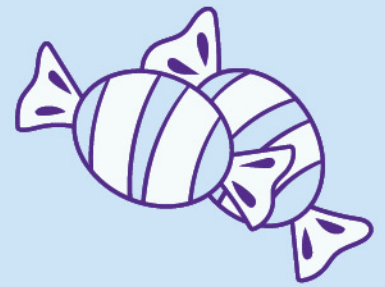


Our winners received the following prizes



We hope our BB members and stakeholders will continue to support our New BBHQ Fundraising at https://www.giving.sg/the-boys-brigade-in-singapore/newbbhq_2022, or scan the QR code!





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