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WE ASK OUR STUDENTS: WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?



STUDENT GRADUATION & AWARDS 2020

The Dyslexia Association of Singapore (DAS) held its 18th Student Graduation & Achievement Awards Ceremony virtually on 28 November 2020.

This annual ceremony held special significance this year as these 341 students, from across 14 DAS Learning Centres, have risen above disruptions to their learning journey caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to make remarkable achievements in academic and other endeavours.

“We are extremely proud of our students for not letting the pandemic stop them from learning. Their achievements demonstrate that with early intervention, a supportive learning environment and steadfast teachers, children and people with dyslexia and specific learning differences can prevail over the toughest of circumstances to reach their fullest potential in school and life.” - Mr Lee Siang, CEO of DAS

this momentous occasion underscores the importance of supporting children with dyslexia and other specific learning differences (SpLD) on their learning journey so that they can achieve their fullest potential.



Praba shows how her students learn literacy playing the Mighty Morpheme game.

In conjunction with the Student Graduation & Awards Ceremony DAS hosted a visit by President Halimah Yacob at its Rex House Learning Centre on 17 November,

In line with the focus of the year's President's Challenge on empowering people with disabilities,



Adele and Marques, Special Achievement Awardees, are introduced to President Halimah.

APPLAUSE



WORLD DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK 2020

The Dyslexia Association of Singapore (DAS) launched a series of virtual events for World Dyslexia Awareness Week (WDAW) 2020 from 1 to 11 October to raise support and encourage inclusivity for people with dyslexia and specific learning differences (SpLD). WDAW 2020 is held in conjunction with the annual global dyslexia awareness month in October.

The highlights included Walk for Dyslexia, Online Seminar on SpLD, Free Dyslexia Screening, International Online Forum, Webinar on Dyslexia and Dual Language Development, Dys Talent showcase and Colours of Talent Art Competition



AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

On 13 November, CEO Lee Siang received the Excellence in Leadership Award at the IDA 2020 Conference. The award honours individuals who, through their profession, tirelessly aim to improve the lives of those with dyslexia and recognises the excellence in their service to individuals with dyslexia, their families and the greater community. A Literature Review of Empirical Studies on Reading Motivation and Struggling Readers.



DAS ACADEMY GRADUATION 2020

DAS Academy, a subsidiary of the Dyslexia Association of Singapore (DAS), celebrated the graduation of 59 students from its masters, postgraduate diploma and specialist diploma courses at its seventh Graduation Ceremony on 16 September 2020.

The virtual event marked a significant milestone in the learning journey of graduates who have persevered through disruptions arising from the global pandemic with a passion to help students with SpLD realise their fullest potential.

This ceremony also commemorated DAS Academy's 10th anniversary. Over the past decade, the academy has trained more than 500 graduates through diploma and master programmes, all of whom have gone on to create positive impact on children and people with SpLD.



YOU GAVE IN SOLIDARITY!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

DAS TURNS 30!

2021 will mark a very special year as we turn 30!

DAS began as a community service project in 1989 by the then-President of RCRC, Mr Abraham, and Dr Daruwalla to raise awareness of dyslexia in Singapore.

After organising two public forums on dyslexia, the first of which counted Mrs Marion Welchman, the founder of the first UK dyslexia association and Dr Lee Wei Ling, who was a consultant paediatric neurologist and the head of the Learning Disorders Clinic at School Health Services as its speakers, RCRC forged ahead to establish a local dyslexia association and formed a committee to see to the project in April 1991, leading to the official registration of DAS with the Registrar of Societies in October 1991.

Read about the history of DAS [here](#).



VOLUNTEER

Volunteers can play a vital role in supporting students with learning differences. CARE, SUPPORT and ENGAGE with DAS!

Be a volunteer and help children with dyslexia achieve. We are looking for people with talents and a passion to help the cause. The following areas are available:

- Multimedia, designing, videography & photography
- Learning Centre administration
- Ad-hoc event-based support

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DONATE

Every dollar received will go directly towards the bursary fund for low-income families access Educational Services. Help us reach our yearly goal of \$1.5M!



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Donors will receive 2.5 times tax deduction for donations \$10 and above.

FUNDRAISING

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