

Kids' Learning Club Newsletter

2019 October-December



Recap of Christmas Day Camp

Praise the Lord! Social unrests did not affect our service users to attend Christmas Day Camp. There were nearly fifty kids and parents participated in the Day Camp. This year, we were blessed to be supported by volunteers from many different organizations which include Union Church, Hong Kong University Graduate House, Discovery College and St. Paul's Convent School. We shall share the joyful and lovely moments that we had in this newsletter.



Christmas Day Camp

The Christmas Day Camp was held on December 23- .24. 27-29 to celebrate the joy of Christmas. We have the theme of "Fun with Animals and Plants" this year. Kids can see the plants and animals in the world with curiosity.

Our programmes were kicked off with bible storytelling and gardening. Then followed with art and crafts on the next day. After that, we have the cooking class and the games of animals and plants. On Dec 28, we have the group games and movie watching. On the last day of the day camp, it was the highlight. We have the outing to the Hong Kong Wetland Park that the kids experienced the interests of plants and animals in Hong Kong



聖誕節日營回顧

讚美主！社會動盪對我們舉辦的聖誕節日營參與度影響不大，近五十名兒童和父母參加是次日營。今年，我們很感恩得到了來自許多不同組織的義工的支持，這些組織包括佑寧堂、香港大學研究生院、智新書院和聖保祿學校。我們希望在今期通訊當中與大家分享當中的喜悅及難忘時刻。



Gardening Workshop



Our little gardeners were busy with creating their wonderful Christmas plant decoration. Blessed to have the support of Enlightened Workshop so that the kids had this valuable opportunity to create Christmas decorations by using plants. All the kids were excited and fascinated to get their hands dirty with different plants and mud. They can add to their Christmas decorations at home. What a wonderful Christmas display at home.

Little Chef-Cooking Classes

We made use of simple ingredients in the cooking classes, such as flour, butter, sugar, eggs to make the Christmas cookies. We beat up the eggs and put flour, butter and sugar together and mixed them. The kids played with the dough and put them into cookie molds such as stars, Christmas trees and Christmas boots etc. By making use of simple ingredients to create something according to their will, we hope to encourage the kids to use their imagination at any occasions, not only cooking. The children enjoyed making their own cookies and felt even happier while eating them during tea time!



Art and Craft Classes



We have three different classes of art and craft in the day camp. On the 24th of December, the kids made paper Christmas trees. See how concentrated they were on the left hand photo above. They used different color paper to decorate the 3D trees of which the masterpieces were praised by their parents.

On 27th of December, they used their little palms shape as outline to draw the palms on color paper. Then they cut them out and made the collage of a picture with Christmas blessings on it. See the satisfied smile on their faces in the middle photo above.

On 28th of December, they used color paper to decorate their own mug. The kids followed the steps taught by the tutors and developed their creativity and artistic talents through the production of the beautiful mug. From now on, the kids can use their own designed mug to drink water or milk. See how beautiful the mugs were in the photo on the left hand side above.

Lovely Family Outing



We set off on a warm morning to Hong Kong Wetland Park, where our little explorers were excited to spot different species of plants and animals on wetland that they learned from the tour guide.

Afterwards, we lunched at the Café located on the ground floor of the Visitor Centre. The families enjoyed their meals with the beautiful scenery of the Wetland Reserve.

After lunch, for families who wanted to learn more about bird watching, they joined the latest "Family Workshop – Bird Watching". Under the guidance of ecology instructors, parents and kids can learn the basic knowledge of birds, walk into the Wetland Reserve to look for birds, and experience the joy of bird watching in the Park. Both parents and kids were surprised to see the birds of such special species as well as the surrounding peaceful view.

Fortunately, when the kids and parents stepped on their way back home, it began to rain. God blessed the kids not being affected by the weather of the whole outing.

Volunteers' Sharing

It is my honour to be invited to write this message here for the newsletter this month! Participating as a volunteer to help the kids here is more than just a service, it is a truly enjoyable and amazing experience to me.

During the day camp, we celebrated Christmas — the happiest time of the year through making Christmas trees, watching story animations, and also learning the true moral behind this festival, all of these beautiful memories will be engraved in my mind. To help here at St. Barnabas Society and Home is more than just a voluntary task to me. Definitely miss the enthusiastic kids and hope to see you guys next holiday too!

Cherie Cheung

In December 2019, volunteers from the International Peace Youth Group organized programs to explore about diversity and peace.

On 27th December, upper primary students appreciated how the ecosystem is a model of harmony through a video about diverse wildlife in Hong Kong. They made multi-colored spoon figures to call for the respect of diversity. After watching a video about offering a helping hand, lower primary students cut the shapes of their hands with flannel to create a collaborative artwork of peace.

On 28th December, both groups watched the cartoon movie "Pocahontas" and discussed how greed is the root cause of war and love is the solution to bring peace.

Their active participation brought much joy to the programs.

Cecilia Ao

This Christmas Day Camp is the second time I've volunteered for St. Barnabas Society and Home since children I encountered the first time were all great. The children's energy, enthusiasm and excitement were extremely contagious which created a fun learning environment for both the children as well as student volunteers. There were many fantastic activities hosted that were in Christmas and nature themed, such as making a Christmas tree and a pen holder, etc.

In addition, I tried to engage with children more in English to improve their level of English and their communication skills. Through these activities, the children and the student volunteers also get enriched by Christianity and the idea of God. It has been my pleasure to work with a group of wonderful and talented children and immerse myself with the local Hong Kong community!

Amanda Tai



Cherie Cheung (right)



Cecilia Ao (top left)



Amanda Tai (right)