





### DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE)

#### "Sharing Similarities, Celebrating Differences"

Spring Brainy Kidz (Potong Pasir)

SSDB Project 2022
In collaboration with Down Syndrome Singapore (DSA)

and Preschool Market





#### Our Project

• We have planned activities and programs in collaboration with Down Syndrome Singapore to raise inclusive awareness in children.

We gathered the participation of children, parents and educators in our project.

We worked closely through our collaboration with Ms Sulyanna, a facilitator from DSA.

Our project lasted for a span of 7 months, from April to November 2022.

Children, parents and educators were highly and actively participative in our project.

















# Kickstarting our project

- To kick start our project, we had a launch party in April to introduce the project and the collaborators to children.
- Children and educators had an honourable opportunity to write cards to children from DSA for International Friendship Day.
- We planned exciting activities every Friday, such as Down Syndrome Awareness Hat Making, Blue & Yellow Tie Dye Shirts and Funky Socks day to raise awareness of Down Syndrome.















## Collaboration with children and parents







- We introduced the project to our parents and we invited them for an awareness talk, that was held over Zoom, so that they can have a better understanding of our project and DSA.
- We were glad to have the honour of facilitators from DSA to hold an awareness talk for children, parents and educators about Down Syndrome and the organisation via Zoom sharing session.
- Through this sharing session, we understood more about what Down Syndrome is, types of Down Syndrome, DSA programs, what DSA premises look like, and ways of supporting DSA!







## Collaboration with children and parents





Bi-weekly Zumba
Fitness Sessions
with participants
from DSA

- Every two weeks, we held Zumba Fitness Sessions, whereby we invited participants from DSA, and our parents to join our children for a good time!
- We incorporated songs from different cultures in our 30 minutes of fun!

 These sessions gave children a great opportunity to interact with the participants and get to know them better.













### Collaboration with educators





Resources
Sharing by
Spring Brainy
Kidz Potong Pasir
Educators



- After discussion with the facilitator from DSA, educators created resources to support the development needs for the children in DSA.
- We worked with Preschool Market and our parents to collect recycled materials to create the resources.
- We sent the resources to DSA in May and September by courier.
- DSA gave feedback that each of the resource offers engaging and well-scaffolded experiences that DSA children and students need as they start learning.
- They also shared that the resources skillfully weave critical thinking and shapes lessons into the basic information students need to navigate the activities.











#### Better Together Carnival

On 8th October 2022, Spring Brainy Kidz Potong Pasir organized the Better Together Carnival to raise funds for the Down Syndrome Association (DSA) Singapore.

The team of teachers and staff came together to prepare booths such as food, drinks and game booths. We had engaging activities such as Bouncy Castle and Live Fishing of guppies - which children and their families loved.

With the support of the families of Spring Brainy Kidz Potong Pasir, the school managed to raise a **total of \$1160** to the Down Syndrome













#### What we have learned









This honourable opportunity was not only a golden chance for children to learn about Inclusive Awareness - but for parents and educators as well!

Through our small efforts, we accomplished our big dreams of creating an enriching learning opportunity for children on Inclusive Awareness.

We are grateful for the support of our collaborators and our parents for our SSDB 2022 project.

We have built a good partnership with Down Syndrome Awareness Singapore (DSA) and we are excited to be working with them once again.

Each of the resource offers engaging and well-scaffolded experiences that our children and students need as they start learning.

The IFSP resources offer the students practice opportunities to master some fundamental concepts. The colourful graphics are attention grabbing and are mostly thoughtful levelling that are unique. The resources skillfully weave critical thinking and shapes lessons into the basic information students need to navigate the activities.

From the Head of Children Education Services, Ms Viemala.