



NEWSLETTER



2016: A Year in Review

What a busy, bustling year it has been for our Centre! With events and activities organised throughout the year, the children certainly had plenty of fun and we think quite a few parents too!

In addition to our full calendar of Alam Kreatif programmes, our Centre hosted family-friendly functions such as **Free Coffee for Parents** sessions and we opened our doors to the public for big events like the **Gathering of Superheroes**, a one-day fair in March where hundreds of parents and kids could meet real-life heroes, like a police officer and a firefighter who treated the children to a ride on his fire engine!

Then in June, we held the **Reading Festival**, a two-day festival to get young Malaysians into the spirit of reading. We hosted a special drawing demonstration by acclaimed artist **Yusof Gajah** at our outdoor amphitheatre, interactive storytelling sessions at KuAsh Theatre and the courtyard, and a poetry workshop by our outdoor fountain. The event put our whole compound to good use and we loved hearing our Centre filled with the sound of laughter and applause!

In October, children from Tunas Kijang, the Central Bank's esteemed childcare centre joined the children from PKK Tuanku Bainun for a **Collaborative Arts Day!** They worked hand in hand to produce 4 stunning artworks that were auctioned off during a charity event under Tunas Kijang. We also welcomed visitors from the TTDI neighbourhood to join us at our **Deepavali celebration** with a host of activities. **Madam Kumari**, one of the matrons of the community, even designed a lovely kolam for us at our main entrance!

To highlight the year, we celebrated the **Tuanku Bainun Young Changemakers Awards** in November to recognise awesome young people making a difference in their

communities. As the patron of the Awards, **Yang Maha Mulia Raja Permaisuri Tuanku Bainun** graced us with her presence to personally present the Awards to three deserving young heroes – **Medina Zaharah**, **Lee Xizuan** and **Serena Zara Taufiq** – for their amazing service to their communities.

All in all, it has been a year filled with much love and laughter from the children. We also had plenty of opportunities to showcase our beautiful Pusat Kreatif Kanak-kanak Tuanku Bainun and its facilities to the public, and we're positive that 2017 will see an increase in awareness and further utilisation of our Centre.

Upcoming Events

Family Theatre Show | May 2017

We're excited to present our first ever local in-house production at our very own KuAsh Theatre. It's going to be a family affair, so come and join us for an a session of fun, laughter and wholesome values!

Ramadan Bazaar | June 2017

Come by with the whole family for our fundraising Ramadan Bazaar! Show your support for Malaysian-made products and local entrepreneurs.

Alam Kreatif Annual Showcase | November 2017

An afternoon of creativity featuring the rich world shared by Alam Kreatif's educators, participants and parents/caregivers. Don't miss the free guided tour!

*To get more information on upcoming events, please visit our FB page

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN



How time flies! We're well into the first quarter of 2017, and it has been a good start to the year so far. We've had quite a few activities to start off the year with a bang, namely the Alam Kreatif Open Day and the staging of the theatre production, "Tales of a City by the Sea", which received enormous support from our sponsors, our community and the public as well.

2016 was a busy year for us. From activities in our "Children Can Change The World" series to festival celebrations, our Centre became the congregation point for students, parents, the surrounding community and visitors alike. The Young Changemakers Awards was a huge success, and we are looking forward to searching for and identifying our young heroes of 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to those who made the success of 2016 possible. To our sponsors, words cannot express our appreciation. Your sponsorships and donations have made a profound impact on the lives of the disadvantaged and underprivileged children and youths who benefitted from it. We sincerely hope that your kindness and generosity will continue to benefit those in need for years to come.

Thank you, and may 2017 be an outstanding year for all of us.

Warm regards,

**YTM Raja Dato' Seri Azureen binti Sultan Azlan Shah,
Chairman
Pusat Kreatif Kanak-kanak Tuanku Bainun**

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The Kreatif Kommunity

At PKK Tuanku Bainun, we encourage our children to explore and expand their creativity through the arts and our programmes. Collaborative work with schools and other organisations is also a facet that we continuously look forward to as it gives our children the opportunity to work and play with children from different backgrounds, creeds and environments.



Collaborative Arts Day! with Tunas Kijang

On 26 October 2016, we welcomed 20 children from Tunas Kijang, the Central Bank's esteemed childcare centre, to PKK Tuanku Bainun for a Collaborative Arts Day! with 16 of our very own children.

The event, a part of Tunas Kijang's community project, started with ice-breaking games and then, the children were treated to an interactive storytelling session with Marina Tan, our Artistic Head. After the story, the children were tasked with reimagining and reproducing scenes from the story on canvas using different materials.

Working hand-in-hand, they produced four stunning artworks, which were to be auctioned off during a charity event involving Tunas Kijang. At the end of the day, all the children were treated to a picnic at our Upper Dome with refreshments contributed by the children from Tunas Kijang.



Deepavali Celebration with the Community

In the spirit of fostering closer ties with the community, PKK Tuanku Bainun held a small Deepavali celebration with our Alam Kreatif family and the surrounding community on 22 December 2016. We welcomed about 40 guests including local artist Soosan Hoh and Mr. Sundram, the head of the rumah panjang community opposite our Centre.

With a host of activities for the children and guests for the day, the evening was a festive and inclusive affair. Our Artistic Head, Marina Tan captivated our younger guests with a story about four animals that discover cooperation, creativity and love for nature. Some guests even tried their hands at designing their own kolam in a collaborative art workshop with Soosan Hoh.

It was such a wholesome family affair that we even welcomed a family of three generations, which was an honour for us. We also want to thank Madam Kumari, one of the matrons of the community, who took the time and effort to prepare a lovely decorative kolam at PKK Tuanku Bainun's main entrance; it was a truly meaningful and beautiful piece of art.



Buka Puasa with Shelter Homes

The month of Ramadan brings with it the spirit of giving and fostering goodwill, and with that in mind, PKK Tuanku Bainun organised 8 buka puasa events for children of selected foster homes in and around the Klang Valley. Together with our Chairman and the generous sponsors, the children were treated to scrumptious spreads of catered food, drinks and desserts for buka puasa. Much to our delight and in addition to their smiles and laughters, we were also treated to a few short performances by the children.



Children Can Change the World Series

Supported by Kakiseni, a non-profit organisation for the promotion of the arts, Children can Change the World is a monthly series of events and programmes designed to empower children to be agents of change. The event series also aimed to celebrate children's efforts to work towards developing their creativity and self-confidence.

Here are some of the highlights from 2016:



A Gathering of Superheroes March 2016

There are heroes all around us; they might not dress in tights or fly but at A Gathering of Superheroes, we paid tribute to the everyday heroes who have sacrificed their time and life to help people, animals and the environment.

Five organisations were invited to share their expertise. Pawsome Animals' rescuer Nicole- Ann Thomas, Free Tree Society's Aishah Sinclair, Food Aid Foundation's Sarah Lee, firefighters and policemen were there to share their knowledge. These heroes enlightened the children about their profession or volunteer work, and how kids could help to make the world a better place.

We wanted to all to inspire kids to find their hidden superpower in them and learn how to make use of it to help their community or the environment. It can range from helping to rescue an animal, doing their part in recycling, to helping an elderly person to cross the road.

At the mini festival, over a hundred children participated in activities such as riding the fire truck, testing out patrol car sirens, decorating their superhero mask, and a pet-a-pet workshop to educate children on the need to be a responsible pet owner.



Grow Your Own Edible Garden January 2016

The year started off on an eco-friendly note with My Own Edible Vegetable Garden workshop for children aged under 15. This well attended event aimed to teach the children how they can start their own gardens and even enjoy the fruits of their labours - literally!

Along the way, the children even learned why a healthy environment is important to our food production and benefits of eating your vegetables. With so many happy faces willing to get their hands into the soil, the energy and enthusiasm of this workshop really set the pace for the rest of the year

Reading Festival June 2016



For a whole weekend, children of all ages visited our Centre to discover the fun of reading through immersive activities at the fantasy-themed Reading Festival. Local storytellers like Mama Tok, Hakim Al-Basrawy, Marini Ramlan and Faisal Tehrani regaled the children with tales in Bahasa Malaysia and English while local poetry group, Poetry Café KL showed children how to use language in creative ways through poetry.

The 501st Legion Malaysia Chapter made a guest appearance as a battalion of Star Wars stormtroopers to wow the kids while student Global Ambassadors from Taylor's University volunteered their assistance, some dressed as fairytale characters.

Thanks to the tremendous support from the Malaysian Institute of Translation & Books (ITBM), Smart Reader, MPH and The Revolving Library, we also managed to distribute 800 free books to 300 children, many of them indigenous students visiting from two volunteer-run schools called SEMOA and Science of Life Studies (SOLS 24/7).



A Cupcake for A Cause April 2016

17 kids, aged from 4 to 12 years old, participated during A Cupcake for A Cause, which was divided into baking and fundraising sessions. Guided by Chef Nurul who is a baker and cake designer based in Kuala Lumpur, the children made over 200 scrumptious cupcakes.

Later, the children went to 1Utama to sell the cupcakes in order to raise funds for Pawsome Animals, a local animal shelter, to support of their animals rescue operations.

The children managed to sell over 200 cupcakes in an hour and a half to shoppers around the mall, many so supportive that they even made generous donations on top of buying cupcakes. All in all, the enterprising children managed to raise RM2,626 for Pawsome Animals. Good job, everyone!



Free Coffee for Parents



The aptly named Free Coffee for Parents was a monthly series for parents to get together over free gourmet coffee. Each session would feature a talk or a workshop by a different expert speaker every month about topics like parenting or child development.

Supported by MPH and Cosans Coffee, Free Coffee for Parents was a platform for parents to engage an expert or with each other to discuss issues that concern today's parents in an open and friendly environment. There's just something about a freshly made cappuccino that gets the conversation going!

Here are some highlights of last year's Free Coffee for Parents. You can get copies of the books mentioned below at MPH.

Parent-Child Yoga Treat February 2016

Fun, fit and fabulous – that's how participants felt at February's Parent-Child Yoga Treat. Many were first-time yogis and the instructors, Atilia Haron and Shireen Salleh, eased them into the practice and enjoyed teaching their first-ever glow-in-the-dark yoga! All in all, it was a good day for instructors, parents and especially the kids!



Healthy Food, Healthy Family March 2016

TV chef and author of seven cookbooks, Marina Mustafa, brought the kitchen to us as she gave us an entertaining and informative show. Using recipes from her latest book, "Healthy Meals Made Easy", this celebrity chef gave a cooking demonstration to show us how to cook tasty and healthy family meals. She also explained how proper meal planning can make it easier for parents to take care of their time and bodies.

Mindful Parenting in this Day and Age February 2016

The inaugural event featured speaker, Michelle Lim-Chua, author of "The Mindful Mom" as she shared her experience of the challenges of being a young parent and how we should rethink everything society and culture tells us about raising a baby. Michelle Lim-Chua also showed us how we can make conscious, purposeful, healthy and safe choices for our families besides touching on the importance of spirituality in parenting.



The Tuanku Bainun Young Changemakers Awards

In conjunction with Universal Children's Day, three inspiring children were recognised with the Tuanku Bainun Young Changemakers Awards, right here at PKK Tuanku Bainun on 18 November 2016. The Awards ceremony was a part of the bigger Young Changemakers Summit that was organised by Pertubuhan Pembangunan Kendiri Wanita dan Gadis (WOMEN:girls) and supported by the Ministry of Education, Digi, UNICEF and PKK Tuanku Bainun.

The Summit was the conclusion of a series of outreach workshops at national schools to raise students' awareness of important issues and how each student can be the change they want to see in this world: a Young Changemaker. In fact, it was the Young Changemakers, past and present, who stepped up as role models as they played workshop facilitators to their peers during the Summit. The featured International Young Changemaker, Raghav Ganesh, a prize-winning 15-year-old inventor from the US, gave an inspiring workshop on creating change through innovation.

Finally, at the Tuanku Bainun Young Changemakers Awards, which was held at KuAsh Theatre, the judges received over 150 nominations from all over the country and selected ten finalists. Of those ten, three Young Changemakers were selected in recognition of their courage, resilience and inspiring contributions to make their world a better place.

They are:

- **Medina Zaharah** (aged 9) from Shah Alam, who is actively involved in social work such as teaching special needs teens and helping the Kelantan Flood Relief
- **Lee Xizuan** (aged 11) from Kampar, became her school's top student despite cruel bullying for suffering from a complex congenital disorder
- **Serena Zara Taufiq** (aged 8) from Petaling Jaya is an entrepreneur who makes and sells her own loom bands to buy food for orphans and gifts for refugees

As the Patron for the Awards, Yang Maha Mulia Raja Permaisuri Tuanku Bainun honoured us with her presence to personally hand the Awards to these deserving Young Changemakers. "Children rise up to challenges when they're influenced by their peers. So the best way to approach peer pressure is to create an environment where everyone around you is doing good and making change," said Abby Latif, the Programme Director of WOMEN:girls – we couldn't agree more.

If you'd like to know about WOMEN:girls and the Young Changemakers, visit www.women-girls.org/young-changemakers/. If you know an inspiring young Malaysian, aged 6–15, who is making a positive change to their communities, nominate that child to be a Young Changemaker in 2017!



Alam Kreatif

Alam Kreatif provides a variety of workshops to nurture creative thinking using the arts, play and imagination as mediums of expression. Our workshops cultivate a more balanced, meaningful and holistic education for children and youths, regardless of colour, creed and class.

Made possible by your generous contributions

In 2016, our Alam Kreatif programmes were held over three semesters and attended by approximately 160 children over the whole year. Comprised of a mix of students, with the majority being sponsored children, our programmes in 2016 included workshops in crafting, cooking and the performing arts.

2016 Alam Kreatif Programmes



Alam Gamelan

Joget Gamelan

Gamelan
(with Lorna Henderson)



Young Chef
(for Special Needs)

Young Chef



Design & Stitch

Creative Crafting



Art Explorer



Theatre:
Mask & Movement

Theatre & Creative
Storytelling



Rhythm & Beats

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(for Special Needs)



Alam Kreatif Annual Showcase

The Alam Kreatif 2016 Showcase took place on 20 November 2016 to celebrate the year's journey, giving those present a positive emotional closure to 2016. The showcase went smoothly, with participation from educators and students from the August to November semester. We also obtained the support of volunteers from the Global Islamic Volunteers and individuals, and food trucks. Activities during the showcase included class demonstrations, exhibitions and interactive performances. The event was a huge success, and everyone involved had a positive experience.



Programmes for 2017

With a variety of activities and workshops suitable for all ages, children as young as 2 years old are welcome to join our Alam Kreatif programmes. We even offer classes available for grown-ups! Ask us about our tailored programmes for children with special educational needs.

Alam Kreatif Programmes offered in 2017	
<p>Little Ones (Ages 2-6)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Little Dreamers (Ages 2-4, accompanied by parent) A half-hour session of music, fingerplay and fun stories for little ones ● Daytime Explorers! (Ages 4-6) A 45-minute imaginative journey with books, music, props and movement
<p>Creative Kids & Terrific Tweens (Ages 7-12)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Unforgettable Audiobook Project ● Theatre & Creative Storytelling ● Creative Art & Craft: Artists ● Speak Up! Poetry ● Cooking 101: Artists ● Dig It! Funky Gardening ● Creative Dance: Artists ● Theatre Costume Design
<p>Talented, Terrible Teens (Ages 13-18)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● And Action! Videography ● Creative Art & Craft: Adventurers ● #OOTF: Festive Fashioning ● Tell 'Em! Public Speaking ● Cooking 101: Adventurers ● Improv and Movement ● Scripts and the Actor ● Creative Dance: Adventurers
<p>Creative Adults (Ages 19 & up)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cooking ● Wearable Art
<p>Magical World of Music, Rhythm and Movement (Ages 3 & up)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gamelan
<p>Special Needs (Ages 8-16, accompanied by parent/caregiver)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Young Chef Explore the palate, senses of smell, touch and sight while developing fine motor skills in a safe setting ● Rhythm & Beats Develop musical awareness and responsiveness through musical instruments

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Sponsorships

Pusat Kreatif Kanak-kanak Tuanku Bainun offers sponsorships for less fortunate students, where special efforts are made to accommodate children with special needs, underprivileged, those fleeing persecution and children whose parents' joint monthly income meet certain conditions. For these children, the Alam Kreatif programmes are given for free. Should you wish to sponsor a child or contribute towards this cause, you can do so by:

a. Cash or cheque (to be made in the name of "Pusat Kreatif Kanak-Kanak Tuanku Bainun")

b. Bank in to our Maybank account number 564801646053

Please email your bank in slip to puteri.karima@pkktuankubainun.com and

pkk.accts@gmail.com

Thank you, from all of us!

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all of our donors and sponsors for 2016. Your kind contributions have made a big difference and enriched the lives of the children who benefited from it. Below are the shelter homes and organisations which we worked with throughout 2016:

1. Yayasan Chow Kit – Baitul Amal, Pusat Aktiviti Kanak-Kanak, KL Crash Pad
2. Hii Chi Kok Foundation
3. OrphanCARE
4. PPR Lembah Subang
5. Rumah Amal Cahaya Tengku Ampuan Rahimah (RACTAR)
6. Rumah Kasih Harmoni
7. Rumah Nur Syaheera
8. Rumah Safiyyah
9. Rumah Solehah
10. Shelter Home PJ
11. Komuniti Rumah Panjang TTDI
12. Zomi Education Centre (ZEC)
13. The Desa Temuan children from Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Lanjan
14. SOLS24/7
15. Zotung Refugees Catholic Learning Centre (ZRCLC)

Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to the children, parents, caregivers, educators and volunteers for their time and involvement in the programmes and events conducted at our Centre. Thank you and we look forward to many more collaborations with you in the future!