

# GAME STATION 2 CARRY MY BABY

As a full-time working mother, I have trouble volunteering at my daughter's school events regularly because it is difficult to get approved leave at short notice. Thus, when such events happen, I cleave to my phone and watch my daughter enjoy herself with her friends through the veritable shower of photos that comes through WhatsApp from the generous mothers in my kid's class who DO volunteer.

When I found out about the likely 3rd August date for the Lower Primary Games early this year, I applied for leave way in advance. They needed Parent Chaperones and Games Stations volunteers, and I was game for anything.

I must say, it was great fun running a games station with 4 other parents. Apart from getting the day off work (yay!), and making new friends (yay!), it was an opportunity to have fun and demonstrate (play!) a game that I probably last played in primary school myself. Cheering different excitable classes and teams of girls on and teaching them not just how to play the game, but also how to play fair and support their teammates, was my contribution to their social development.

The best part of my day was when my daughter realised her mummy was there as a volunteer, as I had not told her anything in advance. Her little face absolutely lit up with joy when she saw me, and truly, there is no greater feeling than that. Her excitement knew no bounds after that!

So despite a long, hot, sweaty and smelly day (was that truly only 4 hours?!), it was one of the best experiences I've ever had in primary school! Best day ever!

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