

GAME STATION 3 ZIG ZAG HURDLERS

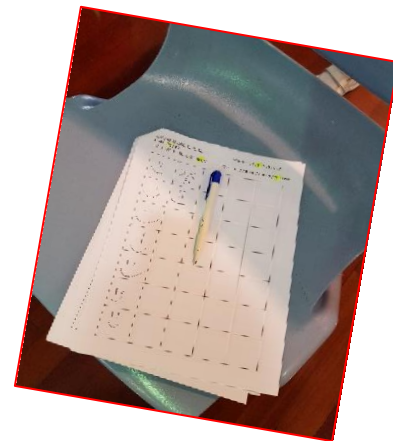
It's been more than 20 years since I graduated from IJ. Of course, when I was given the opportunity to help out as a parent volunteer at the Lower Primary Sports Day on 3 August 2018, I immediately rearranged my schedule and jumped at the chance to come back to the school again. Besides, Kaela had been asking me to volunteer at her school numerous, thus she was grinning from ear to ear when I told her I had signed up as a volunteer for her sports day. We eagerly waited for news if we had gotten selected as part of the 60 parents that was needed for the event and Kaela was literally jumping up and down so excitedly when I told her I had received the email to help out.



I was assigned to the Zig zag hurdles station and met very friendly parents from both the CHIJ Central Parents Council (CPC) and ad hoc volunteers. The games were easy to play and follow through for the children. After instructions were given out, we waited for the primary 2 classes to arrive, followed by the second timing for the primary 1 classes. At about 10.45am, the classes start to stroll in to their designated games stations. The atmosphere gradually changed from a lazy late morning to excitement as the girls listened to the game instructions and eagerly waited for their turn. **Each class was assigned to one game station and the girls**

queued up in order according to their respective colour houses. They listened attentively as the game was demonstrated. Lots of enthusiasm and excitement filled the air as the classes were queuing and waiting for their turn for the games. During the game, some girls run fast and some girls run slowly but there was no finger pointing or pushing of blame by the other team members. Everyone were just so immersed in the game and busy cheering for one another and passing the rubber ring on to the next runner. At times, the girls will try to play "cheat" a little by moving the hula hoop nearer to the rubber mat where the next runner waited but

when we stopped them and pushed the hoop back, there was just that cheeky face with a silent "oops". Different classes also displayed different teamwork attitude. For example, some classes will help their team member to draw the smiley face on the paper to accumulate their points for the team. I admire such cohesiveness among the girls as it is a rare sight among children of this age. At times, we would also hear loud and excited screams in the air when they hear their total score for the game. It sure was a fun-filled 3 hours for both parents and children. Seeing all the girls that day brings back memories for me - when I was primary 1 participating in a sports day like this.



I'm glad that I could help out at this event and lastly, thank you to the IJ CPC for the opportunity to help out and I look forward to volunteering again. I'm sure the girls enjoyed themselves too.



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