



**AWWA School 37th Anniversary Celebration 2016
"DIFFERENT ABILITIES, ONE AWWA"**

Friday, 11 March 2016, 9.30am-10.30am

Factsheet

Established in 1979, AWWA School is one of the 20 Special Education (SPED) schools appointed by the Ministry of Education that provides special education to students aged 7 to 18 years old with multiple disabilities and also students with autism. Through a structured academic curriculum using Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) as a key enabler and programmes such as Arts, Sports and Life Skills, the school aims to maximise the potential of its students to lead dignified and independent lives

This year, through the theme - **"Different Abilities, One AWWA"**, the School will celebrate the diversities of the students where the teachers, parents, caregivers and corporate partners come together to create an integrated learning space for children with special needs or different developmental abilities.

Key highlights of the school anniversary are:

1) Singapore Book of Records for the Largest Collage Made of Photo Frames

Through the collective efforts of about 425 people (students, teachers, parents, caregivers and corporate partners), the school has set a new record in the Singapore Book of Records for the largest collage made of photo frames measuring 2.1m x 4.6m.

2) Launch of the All-weather Sensory Playground for Children with Special Needs

Play, being an important 'occupation' of children, the new all-weather sensory playground (comprising of wet and dry play area) will allow more than 500 children from AWWA Early Intervention Centre (birth – 6 years old) and AWWA School (7-18 years old) to incorporate the use of the playground into their curriculum.

Equipped with various sensory stimulation stations, the sensory play equipment will stimulate different faculties of the brain through the various sensory experience at any time of the day, rain or shine. This is made possible by major donors - Singapore Exchange Ltd and President's Challenge 2013.

3) Motorised Flagpoles

Students with multiple challenges in the daily flag raising and lowering ceremony comprises the singing of the national anthem and reciting of the pledge. To enable active participation of the students, the school collaborated with Engineering Good, a non-profit organisation that empowers disadvantaged communities through sustainable engineering solutions, to fabricate motorised flagpoles. With the ability to raise the national and school flags by pressing a switch, it boosts the confidence and self-esteem and at the same time, instil a sense of pride and patriotism in the students.

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