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**NEW YEAR
NEW BEGINNINGS**

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CAS BASED INITIATIVE PROJECTS OF THE YEAR

HANDS=PAWS

HANDS=PAWS, a student-initiated group, hopes to spread animal and environmental awareness and education. The Kelly Animal Shelter Fundraising Event is a project that will have three primary events: An educational talk hosted by Kelly Animal Shelter (KAS), three different movie screenings and an art competition. The details of the events: time, date and locations will be released later on.

The talk will be handy for students who wish to pursue a career with animals. The movies that will be screening will be "Airbus", "Hachi: A Dog's Tale" and "A Dog's Purpose", the screening location will be in the school hall, and each movie ticket will be sold for \$20. Moreover, the theme of the art competition will be animals. Students can utilise any medium for the competition.

Other than this, during the entire week of the event, students will be allowed to give donations to KAS. All money raised will directly go to KAS for financial aid for their animals and future projects. For more information and to apply to the events, please scan the QR code in the movie poster!



HANDS=PAWS

ONE WEEK LONG EVENT

KELLY ANIMAL SHELTER
FUNDRAISING EVENT

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Donations can be made during the talk with Kelly Animal Shelter
- Money from the movie ticket purchases are also donated

Animal Awareness Movies

Talk with Kelly Animal Shelter
Meet & Greet with Dogs

CINEMA

Art Competition

STRIVE TEAMWORK

Strive Teamwork, a CAS project initiated by Salahaldeen and Sanjok of class 6IB focuses on enhancing the spirit of the boys' basketball team. We believe that teamwork is essential to achieving victory and understanding the different sides, especially in sports. Throughout this project, the participants will be playing basketball and other team-building activities together to further strengthen the bonding among the players.

Over the summer vacation, they organised a day camp for our basketball team. During this day camp, they arranged team-bonding activities and training sessions, aiming to improve not only their practical skills but also improve in terms of teamwork cooperation.



EXPRESS

Express! is a CAS initiative formed by 5 students in 6IB, with the aspiration of breaking gender norms within the school. Additionally, creating a safe space that welcomes all sexualities, genders and identities. Students particularly advocate for the normalisation of gender expression through clothing and accessories — promoting inclusivity in all forms of expression, educating and spreading awareness on its impact on our identities.

Express' recent event, "Adorn Yourself", is an accessory-making fused with a roundtable discussion on LGBTQ+ issues, using the medium of accessory making as a form of expression of our identities — creating a therapeutic way to unwind and create a safe space amongst students. In doing so, students can comfortably express their opinions and feel represented. As well as allow for a flow of discussion between both allies and people from the community.



THE TALENT SHOW AWARD WINNERS

CHAMPION AND MOST POPULAR AWARD WINNERS

6IB KRISHNA AND 6C NUMA

Q: What inspired you to join this year's Christmas Talent Show?

N: As it is our last year, we thought we should use this chance to make memories as seniors.

K: Especially, as we will not get the chance every year to perform on-stage, it was amazing for us to have fun and make memories.

N: Krishna and I have had a passion for dancing since forever, but didn't really get a chance to showcase our talents. So, the talent show was our best outlet at school.

Q: How did you go about designing the performance?

K: Our main focus while designing was to show the dance moves that highlight our choreography skills and energise the audience at the same time. For preparing the choreography, we looked over a couple of YouTube videos and saw what works best.

Q: Many of the performances had teachers participating in them. Did you think of adding a teacher to your team?

N: Having a teacher in our performance never crossed my mind. We never really thought about it.

K: Teachers usually have a packed schedule and are pretty busy, so I don't think it would have been feasible, as our performance required a lot of preparation.

Q: What challenges did you encounter while preparing for the Christmas Talent Show?

N: Since we are Form 6, it was tough for us to meet up and prepare our dance, so we had to shorten parts that we did not practise together.

K: With the on-going ISO and assignments in senior year, it was hectic to manage time. It took about 3-4 hours to prepare the partner song and about an hour for my solo dance.



Q: Did you expect to win any awards when you signed up for the event?

N: No, we weren't even expecting the Most Popular Award. We were already satisfied with our performance until we heard we also won the championship.

K: It was so unbelievable! We couldn't even hear the announcement of who won Champion until the judges turned to us and pointed, saying it's us. Honestly, we both weren't expecting to be Champions. We were just there for fun.

Q: To whom would you like to thank for your win?

N: Of course, our friend! They have been supportive and motivated us throughout the process! They all were cheering for us and complimented us.

K: They would come look at our after school practises to support us, which really helped us build confidence. I would say this performance was dedicated to them.

Q: Do you have any advice for our fellow future participants who would like to participate in the Talent Show?

N: I would say don't take it as a competition and enjoy yourself!

K: Just have fun, and be confident in yourself! At the end of the day, people will always applaud you for your performances.

"Believe in yourself!" - Krishna and Numa

2ND RUNNER-UP AWARD WINNER

2C SHARADA

Q: What inspired you to join this year's Christmas Talent Show?

S: Talent Show is something I wanted to participate in for a long time. I was very nervous in S1! I taught myself how to play the guitar, so it was something that I was scared of messing up as I just got into it. This year, I've become better at guitar, and my singing has also improved. I wanted to step out of my comfort zone as it would be a step for me to be brave.

Q: How did you pick the song you were going to perform?

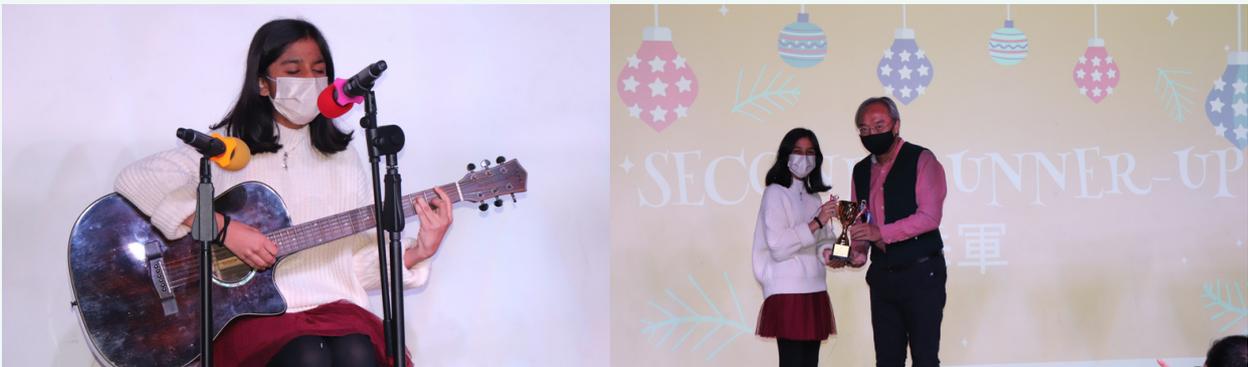
S: Titanium has been my favourite song ever since I was a kid. I love Pitch Perfect, and it was featured in that movie. It is a song I practised many times, so I know it by heart. The song doesn't only apply to me but also to many students. Titanium is a strong metal; you are titanium, and nobody can hurt you. No matter how many negative comments you get, you can always be brave. It was a message I truly wanted to say from my heart.

Q: Many of the performances had teachers participating in them, did you think of adding a teacher to your team?

S: I did, but I was scared to ask any of the teachers. I did want to do harmony; something I do in my free time is record harmonies of my voice. But I couldn't harmonise with any friends because they were all scared of singing on stage. On the other hand, when I considered teachers, I wanted to do something alone first and then approach a teacher. Although it is cool to have a teacher in your act, the award would not be that valuable to me as I am sharing the work.

Q: What challenges did you encounter while preparing for the Christmas Talent Show?

S: When I practise at home, my voice is restricted, as my voice starts to shake as I hit the high notes. But when I sang outside, I could hit the high notes without any struggles. Even while on stage, I could hit it and hold that note for a long time. I was scared of not being able to hit the high notes, as my voice would screech many times whilst practising. A week before I auditioned, I was sick; my voice was completely gone. I already registered for the talent show and feared how I was going to sing. The day before the audition, I could sing slightly. On the audition day, I somehow sang pretty well. Even before the performance, my voice was still quite hoarse. Once I stepped on stage, I sang without being scared of messing up.



Q: Did you expect to win any awards when you signed up for the event?

S: It is funny because I expected it and did not expect it. I aimed for 1st runner-up or championship, but I am also grateful I got 2nd runner-up! My friends and family kept encouraging me that I would get top 3, so in my mindset, I thought I could get these awards. But, I was still surprised and shocked that I got 2nd runner-up.

Q: To whom would you like to thank for your win?

S: Definitely, my family and friends! It was surprising for my family as I told them that I was singing the day before the talent show. While my friends, even before the talent show, were always supporting them. I got a bunch of warm hugs from them once I won. Many of the teachers were also quite encouraging, they gave me advice on how I could improve, so I really would like to thank those teachers!

Q: Do you have any advice for our fellow future participants who would like to participate in the Talent Show?

S: Before performing, you get those nerves of possibly messing up during the performance. It is just your brain tricking you into doing bad. I have been performing a lot, not just singing but also dancing. These nerves are just something I always have. But once you enter the stage, you will feel that attention you wanted your entire life. I always wanted to be recognised for my singing, so I would tell future participants to stop being nervous and having second thoughts. Even if you mess up, what's going to happen? If you get embarrassed, it helps you become braver. It increases your self-esteem so much more than you think.

"Do the scary thing first, and get scared later." - David Handler