

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## BRIDGING FUN AND LEARNING

In the Singaporean context, fun learning almost seems like an oxymoron. Yet this is exactly the message the good folks at Bridge Learning are keen to broadcast. Recognising

on foundation building as a key factor in the decision to enrol their child. Says Mrs Shirley Yap, "There is no pressure in the classrooms. There's fun and games and plenty of practical activity."



that not all children learn the same way or at the same speed, the centre zeros in on a child's learning gaps and bridges them with a host of entertaining extra-curricular diagnostic and intervention programmes. Courses are linked to the child's formal school syllabus but the emphasis is on lateral and independent thinking. For instance, comprehension exercises might challenge students to explore issues and finally answer the question, "What did you learn?"

Parents highlight the centre's emphasis

In the four months since she enrolled her 8-year old son Christopher, Mrs Yap has observed a marked improvement in his behaviour and attitude. "He used to be very quiet. He lacked confidence and never spoke in complete sentences. Now he talks a lot! You can see the difference."

For parents like Mrs Yap, Bridge adds value in that classes tend to be on the small side, numbering at most ten students in each. Teachers are thus able to provide significantly more attention and encouragement.