

# PRESCHOOL SEMINAR 2023

SHAPING LITTLE MINDS:  
EARLY INTERVENTION MATTERS

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# 13 MARCH

MONDAY, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lifelong Learning Institute

11 Eunos Road 8, Singapore 408601



**CALLING ALL PARENTS AND  
PROFESSIONALS WORKING  
WITH PRESCHOOLERS!**

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The Preschool Seminar is organised by SES Preschool Programme.  
Specialised Educational Services (SES) is a division of the Dyslexia Association of Singapore.

As parents and professionals working with preschoolers, we play an important role in supporting the learning differences of our children in order to support their social-emotional, language, physical and cognitive development.

Join us at our 10th seminar to broaden your network, promote deeper understanding, discover new knowledge and reinforce existing best practices.



## KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS:

### Anxiety in Young Children

With the increasing concerns surrounding mental health in young children, there is a greater call for us to understand the emotional difficulties that they commonly experience, and to provide appropriate support as we learn to pick up on the early signs.

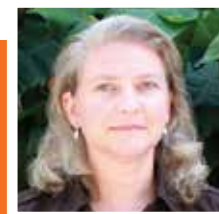
In this presentation, we will explore what anxiety looks like in young children, how anxiety and learning interplay, and practical tips to help children manage their anxiety.

**SPEAKER: Kathleen Chan, Registered Psychologist & Senior Specialist Psychologist, SpLD Assessment Services (SAS), Dyslexia Association of Singapore**



### Early Biliteracy Across Different Script Sets

Children growing up in Singapore have a unique opportunity to become bilingual, learning both English and their mother tongue in school and through the home or community. What does this mean for their early literacy skills, and learning to read and write in two languages? Part of the Singapore Kindergarten Impact Project (SKIP) focused on this question. In this presentation, we will share some of the findings from the SKIP project, specifically addressing what comprises 'literacy', and if this is the same for different languages. Children from different language backgrounds who were acquiring Chinese, Malay or Tamil alongside English participated in the SKIP study. As emerging biliterates, the children learn literacy in a set of scripts that involve either a single alphabet (Roman/Roman for Malay-English learners), a dual alphabet (Roman/Tamil - for Tamil-English learners) or a dual code (Roman/characters for Chinese-English learners). A different set or requisite skills might be expected for learning each script. We examine this, and also ask whether knowledge and skills in one language affect those in the other, suggesting cross language influence. Finally, we investigate different factors that contribute to children's literacy, such as their fine motor competency, and the literacy environment and activities in the home.



**SPEAKER: Dr. Beth O'Brien Ann, Principal Research Scientist, National Institute of Education (NIE)**



# WORKSHOP TOPICS:

Each participant can attend ONE (1) workshop per session. Do note that workshops slots are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and are limited due to venue capacity. Timings may shift slightly.

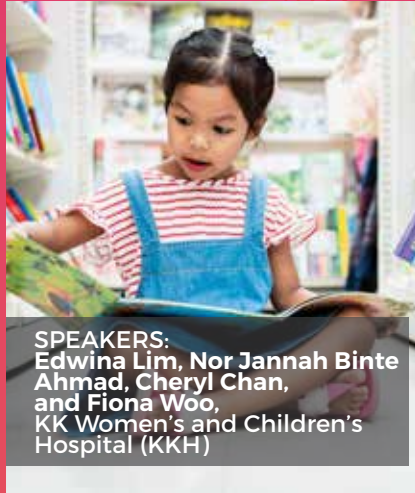
## BREAKOUT SESSION A



**SPEAKERS:**  
Dr. June Siew, and  
Priscillia Shen,  
DAS Academy

### WORKSHOP 1

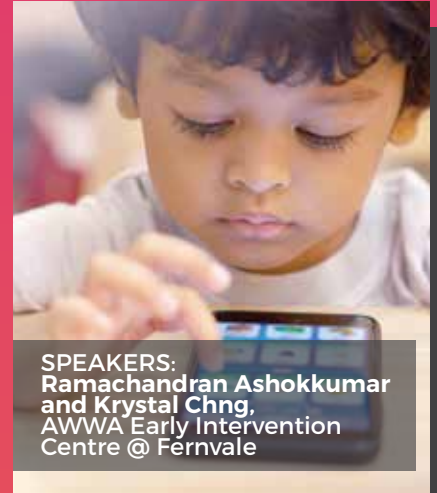
**What Can Teachers  
Do For Preschoolers  
Who Show Early  
Signs Of Difficulty?**



**SPEAKERS:**  
Edwina Lim, Nor Jannah Binte  
Ahmad, Cheryl Chan,  
and Fiona Woo,  
KK Women's and Children's  
Hospital (KKH)

### WORKSHOP 2

**Books are more than  
just for reading!  
Using books to build  
children's language  
skills**



**SPEAKERS:**  
Ramachandran Ashokkumar  
and Krystal Chng,  
AWWA Early Intervention  
Centre @ Fernvale

### WORKSHOP 3

**The Use of  
Technology in Early  
Intervention**

## BREAKOUT SESSION B



**SPEAKERS:**  
Gloria Ng, Elisa Chong, Abigail  
Ng, and Amreetaa Sundraraj,  
KK Women's & Children's  
Hospital (KKH)

### WORKSHOP 4

**Neat And Tidy  
Handwriting**



**SPEAKERS:**  
Lee Yoke Kheng, Cheryl Lim,  
Jean Toh, and Julia Ong,  
NTUC First Campus

### WORKSHOP 5

**Understanding and  
Supporting our Local  
Preschoolers with  
Literacy Difficulties**



**SPEAKERS:**  
Raihana Binte Mohd Hashim,  
Rahayu Binte Rahiman,  
and Jacklyn Tso,  
DAS Preschool  
Educational Therapist

### WORKSHOP 6

**Snippet into DAS  
Preschool Classroom:  
Building Phonological  
Awareness**

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## PICK ANY 2 WORKSHOP TOPICS

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The Use of Technology in  
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Snippet into DAS Preschool Classroom:  
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If you are a parent, educator or  
professional working with preschool children,  
join us and learn practical strategies and tips  
to help preschool learners achieve.

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