

TRANSFORMING THE EARLY YEARS



practices. They can even participate in peer-led virtual discussions with their counterparts, both locally and overseas, and collaborate on projects.

Preschools can also use technology to engage families and the community by offering digital channels to update the children's learning journeys, solicit feedback on preschool programmes and attract parent volunteers to help out.

As Singapore moves towards post-COVID-19 normalcy, ECDA is shifting back to conducting physical events but will harness technology to introduce hybrid modalities to allow more educators to participate. Specifically, we will introduce this at the inaugural Early Childhood Celebrations on 29 October 2022, which combines the ECDA Awards, the SPARK Certificate Presentation Ceremony and the 'Start Small Dream Big' Finale. We look forward to our preschool educators and operators joining the celebrations, either in person or virtually.

As Bill Gates put it, "Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important." ECDA wishes to say a big thank you to all our educators for your tremendous efforts in nurturing our children and keeping our young safe over the past two-and-a-half years.

Happy Teachers' Day to all our educators!

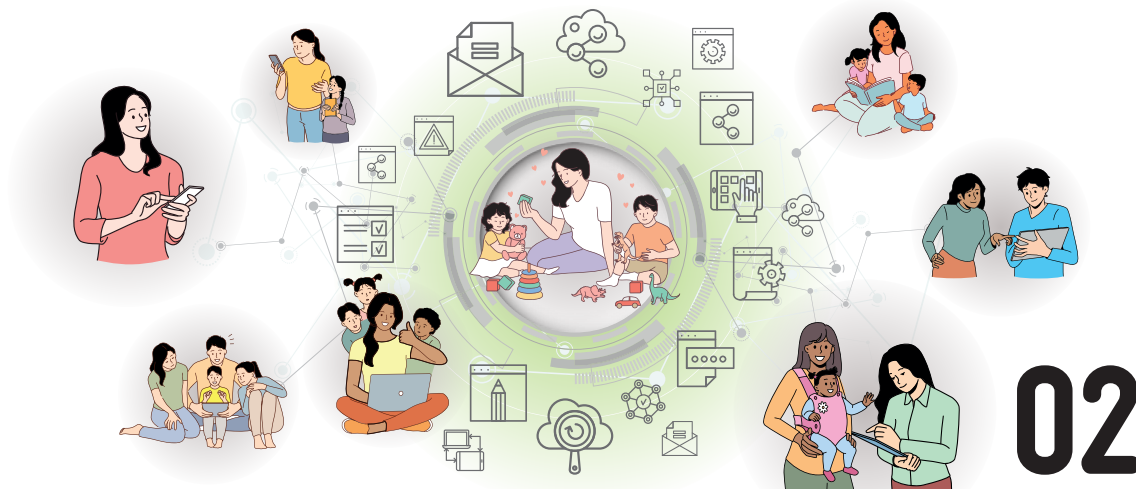
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Technology has permeated every aspect of our lives, changing the way we live, work, play, learn and communicate.

In our preschools, technology is transforming daily operations and work processes to deliver better service. This helps educators streamline their workload so that they can focus on children's learning and curriculum development, as well as their own professional development and well-being.

Purposeful use of technology can create blended learning environments, enabling our educators to leverage the science of learning and introduce new ways of learning. It can also spark children's curiosity and motivate them to learn more about the world we live in.

For our educators, technology offers alternate avenues to engage in professional discourses and online projects and improve their pedagogical skills and



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