

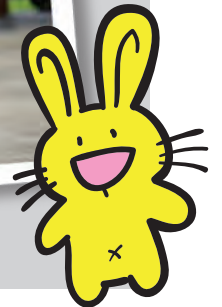
# Our Dream Big Journey

Hi, we are Sophie and Ryan.

We are just 2 of the 20,000 children from 300 pre-school centres who took part in the **Start Small Dream Big** project as part of the President's Challenge. We want to show that children are never too young to change the world around us! Our actions may be small but together, we can make a BIG difference to the community.

We can use our hearts and minds, creativity and unique strengths to make a more caring and inclusive society for all our friends, neighbours and animals.

When my teacher told us about the 'Start Small Dream Big' project, we were scared but excited to begin our journey of giving back to our community. Our teachers were very supportive and our parents helped us a lot too.



# At the Launch

The official launch of **Start Small Dream Big** this year was at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park in April. We were invited to the event and got to participate in fun activities like outdoor obstacle courses and do art and crafts. We also learnt about caring for our environment. My favourite part was when Mr Tan Chuan-jin launched the bubble machines and the whole park was filled with bubbles! It felt great to be part of such a fun and meaningful project.



# Projects by Children

Children from different schools did all kinds of projects to make their mark for the community.

Some shared about caring for our biodiversity, saving water and giving generously to charity.

The children baked cookies, made handicrafts, walked and jogged to raise fund for the needy.





Children helped to clean up beaches and parks. Instead of buying new toys and materials, we used recycled materials to make all sorts of fun things. This will help save the environment.

Children also visited senior citizens' homes to bring goodies, joy and laughter. We learnt to appreciate the contribution of our pioneers and show gratitude & kindness to those who helped build our nation.

No matter how young we are, we can play an active role in doing good. We can dream big and start small - today.

# At the Finale

Start Small Dream Big for 2016 ended on 7 October at OCBC Square @ Sports Hub. And it was also Children's Day. There was no better way to celebrate both occasions than to have a fund-raising carnival for President's Challenge. All the uncles and aunts from various government and community groups were there to help out. All the children's projects were showcased. The special edition of "What's Inside the Red Box?" was also featured.

Mr President Tony Tan attended the event and took pictures with the children. It was such a fantastic moment!

