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Spiderman, Upin and Ipin, and Marrybrown's squirrel mascot with pupils of SK Taman Scientex in Pasir Gudang yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

Favourite characters to chase away the blues

PASIR GUDANG: There were cheers and smiles as Spiderman swung in to greet Year 1 pupils at SK Taman Scientex here on their first day of school.

More joy was brought for the children when popular animated characters Upin and Ipin, and Marrybrown's squirrel mascot, turned up at the welcome session.

School Parent-Teacher Association president Abdul Nasir Sabran said the orientation pro-

gramme had been held since 2015. "Out of 2,400 pupils, 490 of them started their first day of school in Year One here.

"As in the past, we would bring children's favourite characters like those from *Star Wars* and this year, we decided to do something different by bringing Spider Man, as well as Upin and Ipin.

"This year, we collaborated with Pasir Gudang Community College and Marrybrown Sdn

Bhd, which sponsored vouchers to Year One pupils," he said.

Headmaster Md Bakir Md Amin said the school supported the effort, which helped pupils to be at ease on their first day of school. It also allayed worries among the parents.

"Such programme was well received by the parents, who gave positive feedback, and wished for the school to continue organising it every year," he said.



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Pupils' first day fears turn into smiles

Schools 'invite' popular characters to welcome and comfort new students

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PETALING JAYA: Going to school for the first time has been less scary for seven-year-old children in some states.

The 2019 school year kicked off in Johor, Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu yesterday. Children at some schools in the four states were welcomed by Upin and Ipin, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and Power Rangers.

In Pasir Gudang, superhero Spider-Man as well as famous local animation characters Upin and Ipin welcomed 490 new pupils to a primary school.

The school also had a Marrybrown Chipmunk mascot to help make the new pupils feel more comfortable in their new surroundings.

A father of three, Nik Mohd Al Amir Ismail, 34, said his eldest son Nik Mohd Putra Agil, six, was slightly nervous before they arrived at the SK Taman Scientex gates yesterday.

"But when he saw Upin and Ipin, he ran towards them and gave them a big hug.

"My son is enjoying himself at the school now, especially with those characters around him," he said.

Housewife Salmia Muharibain, 38, said her seven-year-old daughter Nur Farisah Damia Amri was crying all the way to school.

She started to smile and laugh when the chipmunk and Upin and Ipin comforted her.

"It's nice that the school is making the children happy, and the parents are grateful for it," she said.

SK Taman Scientex Parent-Teacher Association president Abdul Nasir Sabran

said the programme to bring in the cartoon characters to the school started in 2015 and had received good feedback from parents.

"It is aimed at making the new pupils feel welcome and comfortable at the school," he said.

For this year, he said the school collaborated with Marrybrown and Pasir Gudang Community College.

He also said 490 new Year One pupils were enrolled at SK Taman Scientex, which now has a total of 2,400 students with 128 teachers.

SK Taman Scientex is known for bringing in popular children's entertainment show characters to welcome new pupils.

Previously, the school had invited Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse, Darth Vader, a Star Wars storm trooper, Minions, Ultraman and Kung Fu Panda to welcome the pupils.

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Cartoon stars greet pupils on first day of school

Some fearful Year One pupils of SK Taman Scientex in Pasir Gudang, Johor, calmed down the moment they saw their favourite cartoon characters such as Upin and Ipin, Spider-Man and the Marrybrown Chipmunk at the entrance to welcome them. > See reports on Page 8



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Dua anak derita sakit kronik

Ibu tunggal perlu bantuan anak hidap penyakit saraf, hypotonia

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Bagaikan jatuh ditimpa tangga, itulah nasib seorang ibu tunggal kepada tiga anak yang memerlukan sumbangan daripada orang ramai berikutan anak sulungnya disyaki menderit penyakit saraf manakala bawinya mengalami 'hypotonia'.

Empat bulan lepas, Nurul Ain Zakaria, 33, perlu menerima hakikat anak ketiganya, Nur Aurora Damaya Amirul Amri, 5 bulan, mengalami hypotonia ataupun masalah otot lemah selain pelbagai komplikasi sejak dilahirkan termasuk kegagalan pefasan dan kekejangkan otot.

Terbaharu, awal bulan ini

pula, anak sulungnya, Nur Adriana Aqilah Muhammad Fairus, 10, pula mengalami masalah saraf, kadang kala hilang ingatan dan sawan ketika tidur.

"Apabila ramai orang, Nur Adriana Aqilah macam tak selesa dan emosinya tak boleh dikawal. Memandangkan dia sudah besar dan dia tahu dia sakit, mungkin dia tidak boleh terima keadaan ini.

"Saya bimbang kadang kala dia (Nur Adriana Aqilah) tertupa dia berada di mana, ingatan dia lemah dan pernah keluar rumah seorang diri," katanya kepada pemberita selepas menerima sumbangan daripada Yayasan Pasir Gudang, di rumahnya di Taman Air Biru, dekat Pasir Gudang, yang disampaikan Adun Permas, Datuk Che' Zakaria Mohd Salleh.

Nurul Ain berkata, Nur Aurora Damaya hanya bergantung kepada ubat dan sering mendapat rawatan di



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Nurul Ain bersama tiga anaknya, Nur Adriana Aqilah (kiri), Muhamad Izz Darwisy (kanan), Nur Aurora Damaya ketika ditemui di kediaman mereka di Taman Air Biru Pasir Gudang.

Hospital Sultan Ismail, di sini, manakala Nur Adriana Aqilah di Hospital Pakar Puteri, di sini, dengan kedua-dua anaknya itu perlu dibawa ke hospital dengan menggunakan

perkhidmatan Grab kerana dia tidak memiliki kenderaan. Katanya, dia terpaksa berhenti kerja di sebuah kilang sejak Februari lepas akibat masalah kesihatan anak

anaknya itu dan hanya bergantung kepada bantuan daripada Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat sebanyak RM1,000 sebulan.

"Tetapi, bantuan ini tidak

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Sesiapa yang ingin membantu boleh salurkan menerusi nombor akaun Public Bank 6818759121 atas nama Nurul Ain Zakaria atau hubunginya di talian 017-4868046

mencukupi kerana saya juga memerlukan wang sebanyak RM5,600 untuk ujian genetik kedua-dua anak bagi mencari punca penyakit mereka selain menampung kos perubatan serta persekolahan Nur Adriana Aqilah dan anak kedua, Muhamad Izz Darwisy, yang bertumur 8 tahun," katanya.

Sementara itu, Che' Zakaria berkata, pihaknya akan berusaha membantu Nurul Ain dari segi perubatan dan persekolahan anak-anaknya. Bernama

