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TINKLE FRIEND

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35TH ANNIVERSARY



Hello!

In our August issue, Tinkle Friend shared about friendships and how you can be a good friend to others. We hope that you had enjoyed doing the suggested activities with your friends.

For our readers out there, have you ever wondered who I am? How do I look like? What is my age? Am I a boy or a girl? We intend to reveal it all in this special edition of BUZZ magazine!

Well, for a start, I'm turning 35 years old soon. Some of your parents might have called me when they were in primary school too. Why don't you ask them if they knew me?

Do you want to know how I used to look like? Keep on reading to find out more about me!

In the meantime, do remember that you can always contact Tinkle Friend if you are facing a problem or if you wish to share your happy experiences with me.

Contact Tinkle Friend!

Online chat

www.tinklefriend.sg
Monday to Thursday
2.30pm to 7.00pm

Friday
2.30pm to 5.00pm

Helpline

1800 2744 788
Monday to Friday
2.30pm to 5.00pm



History of Tinkle Friend

Hey boys and girls, let's travel back in time to find out how it all began for Tinkle Friend!

- Tinkle Friend started operations in November 1984
- Located in a small office in Toa Payoh

1984



1986

Tinkle Friend recruited its first batch of volunteers

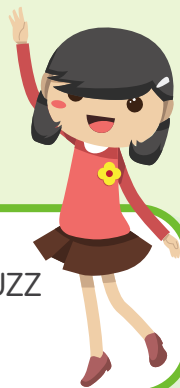
Move to a permanent office in Redhill

1995

First Tinkle Friend logo appeared on 9 December 1999



1st issue of BUZZ newsletter

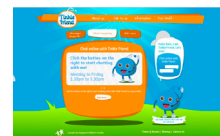


1999

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2006

Launched Tinkle Friend website and online chat service and its new logo on 21 April 2014



Tinkle Friend turns 35 in November 2019!



2014

2019

Volunteers' Profile

Some of you might be wondering if you are talking to a blue alien due to my profile picture. Well, the answer is no! You are actually talking to warm and friendly adults who are based at Children's Society's office and have dedicated their time to listening and supporting you.

At Tinkle Friend, we have over 35 volunteers who talk to the children on the phone and via the online chat service. Although these volunteers look like normal people on the outside, there is something very special about them: they have very BIG hearts, are very kind to children, and want to be there for your ups and downs.

Do you know that our volunteers come from different walks of life and countries too? If you look at the map below, you can see some of the countries that our Tinkle Friend volunteers come from!



Tinkle Friend Birthday Card

This is your chance to wish Tinkle Friend a very Happy 35th Birthday! You can decorate the card in any way you wish and pen down your birthday greetings for Tinkle Friend.



You can email us your beautiful card to tinklefriend@childrensociety.org.sg or post it to the address on the right:

Tinkle Friend
Student Service @ Children's Society
51 Telok Blangah Crescent #05-01
Radin Mas Community Club
Singapore 098917

Spreading the Love and Support

We have received several calls and chats from children asking us if they can be Tinkle Friend volunteers too. We are encouraged and heartened by your giving self at your young age but unfortunately, you need to be at least 21 years old in order to be a Tinkle Friend volunteer.

What can I do to help Tinkle Friend then?

1. Listen to others

We tend to talk more than we listen. What we can do is let others share the things they want to talk about first and listen carefully to what they have to say.

2. Practice empathy

All of us go through different situations and problems. We may not fully understand what is going on in other people's lives or how they feel.

We can practice empathy by asking ourselves how we will feel if we are in the same situation that others are in. This way, we can understand what they are going through and we can offer suitable help.

3. Help others in need

It will be nice if everyone can help one another regardless of our differences! Even a small act of kindness can go a long way.

You can put this into practice by observing the things around you. If you see someone who may need help, you can approach him or her and ask, "Can I do anything to help you?"



In our next issue, we
will be talking about...

Preparing for the new school year



Need someone
to talk to?

Call Tinkle Friend at 1800 2744 788
or Chat Online at www.tinklefriend.sg

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