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The programme, titled "Small Actions, Big Smiles: A University-School Corporate Social Responsibility Engagement Programme," was organised by the English Language Cluster of the Centre for the Promotion of Knowledge and Language Learning (PPIB) on Wednesday.

Led by project head Anna Lynn Abu Bakar and coordinated by programme director Bernadette Tobi, the initiative involved 16 lecturers and language instructors from PPIB who volunteered to conduct a series of English learning activities.

A total of 40 primary school pupils and 19 preschool children participated in the programme, which aimed to make English learning more interactive, engaging and enjoyable.

The activities included three learning stations – Show & Tell, Draw Together!, and Act the Words – designed to improve pupils' communication skills, creativity and vocabulary through hands-on participation.

Preschool children also took part in a reading and colouring activity, where they enjoyed interactive storytelling sessions followed by colouring activities.

In her speech, Dr Anna Lynn said learning English should go beyond mastering grammar or preparing for examinations.



Pupils participating in an activity during the interactive English learning session.

Instead, she said, it should help students build self-confidence, encourage them to try new things and learn from their mistakes.

She encouraged the pupils to ask questions, explore new ideas and enjoy the learning process, adding that every experience contributes to their personal growth.

Dr Anna Lynn also expressed hope that programmes like this would strengthen collaboration between UMS and Advent Primary School Tenghilan while inspiring pupils to continue pursuing their educational aspirations.

Meanwhile, the school's headmaster, Lenliy Misik, welcomed the UMS delegation and thanked the university for

selecting the school for its community service programme.

She hoped the collaboration between Advent Primary School Tenghilan and UMS would continue in the future for the benefit of the pupils and the wider school community.

The programme concluded with a token of appreciation presented to the school, followed by a group photograph involving volunteers, teachers and pupils.

Through the initiative, PPIB reaffirmed UMS' commitment to fulfilling its social responsibility by sharing knowledge and expertise with local communities while strengthening partnerships between universities and schools.



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