



# SRI SEDAYA NEWS

July – September 2005

Dear Parent/Guardian and Friend,

This is the twelfth edition of Sri Sedaya News. We are happy to keep you up to date with some of the events that have taken place in Sri Sedaya in the months of July, August and September 2005.

## VISIT BY FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

A Vietnamese delegation of school principals and teachers visited our school on 12 August 2005. Another group of Chinese secondary students and teachers from Shan Dong, China visited the school on 6 September 2005.

The foreign delegates were hosted by UCSI and came to our school to learn more about our school curriculum and to see how a private school functions in Malaysia. The visitors were given a briefing by our C.E.O Mr Peter Tan and Principal Mrs Lee about the school and the school curriculum. After the briefing, the visitors were given a school tour and presented us some gifts and souvenirs.



*The Vietnamese Head of Delegates presenting a token of appreciation to Mrs Lee who accepted the gift on behalf of Sri Sedaya.*

## EXAMINATIONS

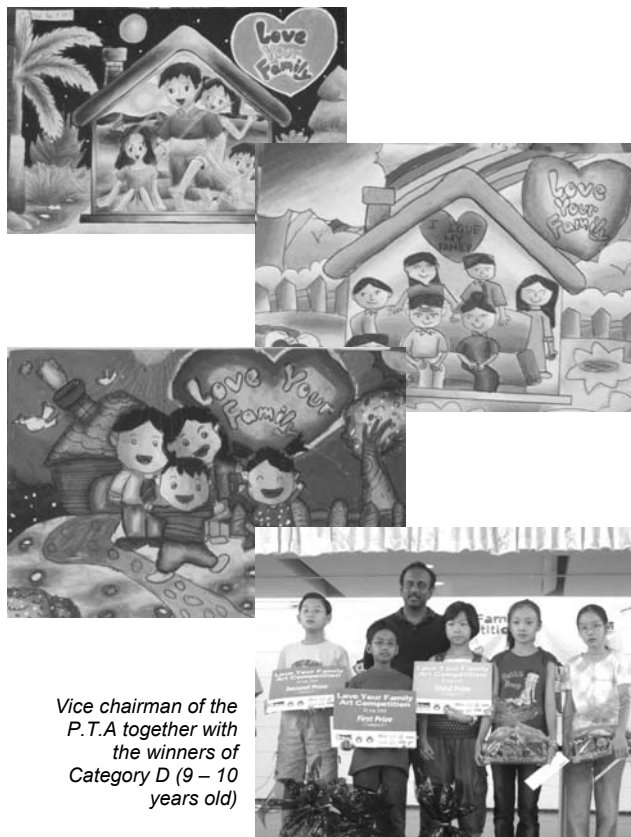
The Primary Six students completed their UPSR examinations in September. The Form Three students will be sitting for their PMR Examinations from 3 – 11 October. The Primary school examinations are from 3 – 7 Oct. The Form 4 Examinations are from 3 – 14 Oct. The Form One and Two examinations will start later from 6 – 14 Oct.

## REPORT BOOK DAY

There will be a Report Book Day for Primary on Thursday, 20 October 2005 and Secondary on Friday, 28 October 2005. Parents will be invited to collect their children's report books and at the same time discuss with the class teachers how their children have been progressing throughout the year.

## ART COMPETITION

The school hosted the "LOVE YOUR FAMILY" Art Competition on 30 July 2005 to develop children's interest in art. There were altogether 100 children from different schools and kindergartens ranging from the ages of five to twelve that signed up for the art competition. The competition was held in the school hall. The theme of the art competition was "My Family Portrait". The objectives were to instil family values through art and to provide a platform for children to show their creativity and development. The following are some of the prize-winning entries



*Vice chairman of the P.T.A together with the winners of Category D (9 – 10 years old)*

## PRIMARY CHINESE WEEK

近年来，学习汉语的外国人以及我国非华裔学生的人数日益增加，其主因乃是中国的经济起飞，带给世界无限的商机，因此世界各地掀起一股学习“汉语热”，甚至研究与了解中国。

为了配合世界最新走势，本校深深地察觉到汉语在现今与未来社会的重要性，同时也为了使国家未来主人翁能在激烈竞争的世界里，处于不败之地，因而本校华文组不遗余力地鼓励及引导学生好好掌握汉语，以面对未来世界的挑战。

在推动学习汉语方面，本校华文组无时无刻、不间断地钻研与开发一套符合所有学生的教学法，以期学生能够享受学习汉语的乐趣，从而激发学生对汉语的热爱。除此之外，本校也规定举办一年一度的“华语周”，让学生参与比赛及才艺表演。其中华语周活动节目最为精彩的，莫过于“儿童才艺表演”，其中包括：相声表演、短剧、讲故事、歌唱以及舞蹈表演等。

In recent years, there has been an increasing number of foreign students speaking Chinese. The main reason is the economic rise of China which has brought great business opportunities in the world. As a result of this, there is an increasing number of people learning the Chinese language and conducting research on China.

In keeping with the trend, Sekolah Sri Sedaya strongly believes in the importance of the Chinese language for the present and the future. In order to keep up with changes, the Chinese Department of the school strives to encourage and guide the students to have a good hold of the language so as to face future challenges.

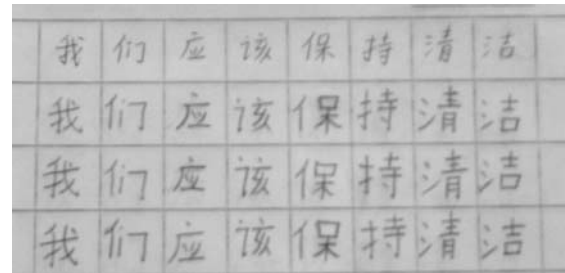
With regard to learning the Chinese language, the school's Chinese Department is constantly updated and upgraded with the best practices so that the students will enjoy and take an interest in learning. In addition, the school has decided to organize the Chinese Language Week on a yearly basis so that students may participate in competitions or show their talents. The Chinese Language Week ended with the Children's Talent time as a finale which includes sketches, story telling, singing, dancing and role playing.

Written by Mr Ling Soon Huat  
Head of Primary Chinese Department

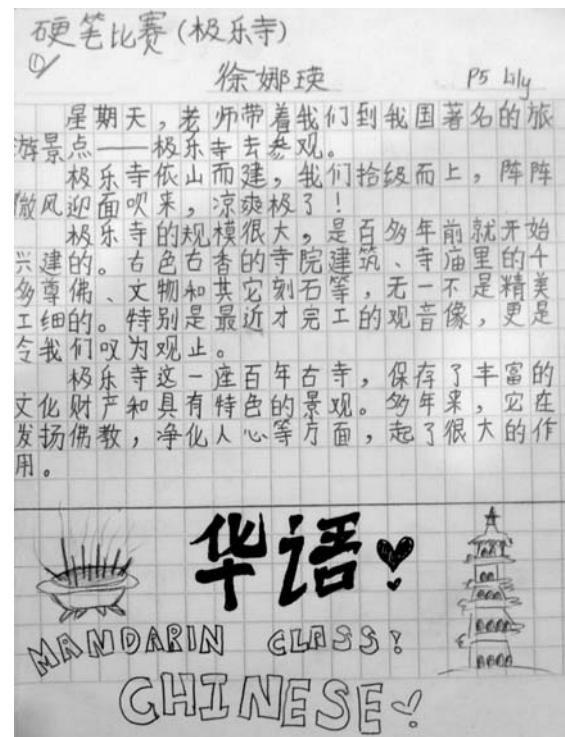
In order to encourage non-Chinese speaking as well as Chinese speaking students to speak the Chinese language confidently in public, Sekolah Sri Sedaya Chinese Department trains at least one group of students to hold weekly presentations during the Monday school assembly. Performances included singing, poem recital, storytelling or sketches. The performing classes this year were group 2A, 4B and C5 & C6. Group 2A presented a song "Back to school" sung by Kimberly Tan and Abigail Cheah. There were 2 telephone conversations presented by Jaryd Chen and Benjamin Tan of group 4B, and Jason Edbert and Madan Thirunavukarasu of group C5 and C6 respectively.

Speaking is an important element of the learning process. That is the reason why we hope that every student will participate actively in every activity arranged to help improve their Chinese language proficiency. The following are the activities of the Primary Chinese Week:-

### Handwriting Skills



Written by Nomura Takanori P2 Rose



Written by Seo Na Young P5 Lily



Written by Shinji Suguwara P5 Rose

### Conversational Skills

P 1B(一年级 B 组)Primary 1 Group B

林老师： 请问你们喜欢今天的儿童才艺表演节目 吗？  
Tell me whether you like today's performances?

Dahnyaa： 非常喜欢。因为节目很精彩，我自己也很喜欢 表演节目。 我很高兴今天能够参与演出，我希望明年还能够参与。

I loved it very much. The performances were very interesting and I like to perform too. I am very happy as I can perform today. I hope I can participate next year too.

Sabheena： 喜欢。  
I like it too.

林老师： 请问你们喜欢华语科目吗？  
Do you like the Chinese Language subject?

Dahnyaa: 当然喜欢。开始时有一点困难，后来，在下半年我从 C 组 换去 B 组， 我对华语有更深入的认识，以及更加喜欢华语科目，充满乐趣

Of course. It was difficult in the beginning but after that, I jumped from C group to B group. I got to know the Chinese Language a little better and I like the Chinese Language subject as it is very interesting.

Sabheena: 喜欢，因为我要学好华语。  
I love it as I want to learn the Chinese Language well.

林老师： 请问你们上华语课时，最喜欢哪一个部分？  
《3M 幼儿报》的故事还是唱歌？

Which parts of the Chinese Language lessons do you like most – 3M children's Newspaper stories or singing?

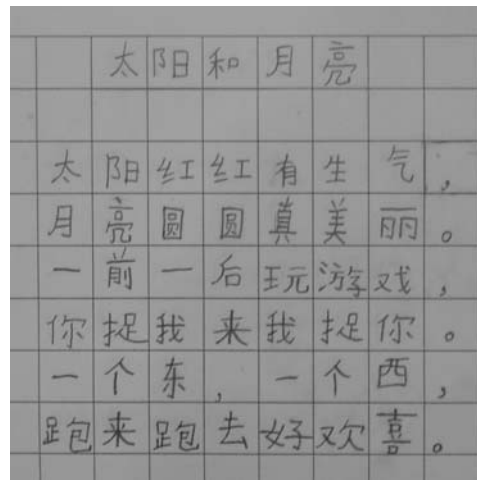
Dahnyaa: 我两个都喜欢，因为都很有趣。  
I like both as they are very interesting.

Sabheena: 我比较喜欢唱歌，因为很有趣。  
I prefer singing as it is very interesting.

林老师： 请问，老师如何教导你们写华语字？  
How did the teachers teach you to write the Chinese writing?

Dahnyaa: 沿字习写法。这种方法使我在学写华语字时，进步很多。

I learn writing by following the outline of the word and this has helped me learn well.



Written by Ernest Siew P1Lily

P 5C (五年级 C 组) Primary 5 Group C

林老师：今天，你们两位都用 Powerpoint 讲故事。请问用电脑科技，会不会让你们在学习华语过程，感到更加有效和容易？

Today, both of you have used the PowerPoint to tell a story. How have IT aided you in learning the Chinese Language? Did you find it easier and more effective?

Madan：当然，因为通过电脑中文输入法，学华语更有趣。

Of course, the use of the computer to key in information has made learning the Chinese Language more interesting.

林老师：你们满意之前和目前的课室学习环境吗？

Are you satisfied with the past and present teaching methods?

Madan：之前的课室学习环境不是很满意。现在，很好。

The previous methods were not so interesting but the present is so much better.

Jason：之前的课室学习环境不是很满意。现在还可以。不过，最好是一天在课室，一天在电脑室，以及一天在音乐室。这样会更好，学生会比较安静及认真学习。

The present method is better than the past. However, the best is to have lessons one day in the classroom, one day in the computer lab and one day in the music room. This way will be better and the students will be more serious.



Singing performances during Chinese Week

## CANTEEN DAY

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), teachers and students of Sekolah Sri Sedaya organised its annual Canteen Day as part of its celebrations of the Patriotic Month. This event which has become an annual event in Sri Sedaya was organised to inculcate in our students the need to work together for a good cause. It also helped in bringing families and friends together and fostering better relationship among the staff, parents and students.

Classes from Primary 1 to Form 5 operated food, drinks or games booths. There was also eager participation by the school clubs and societies. The students and their parents sold home-made chicken rice, mee hoon, nasi lemak, curry laksa, beef noodles, sandwiches, spaghetti and a wide variety of other food. The booths were managed by the students. The staff club also contributed to the charity cause by making burgers.

The participants were entertained by games such as dart throwing, ping pong, knock the cans and catch the fish. The Haunted House which was the brainchild of the Form 1 and 4 students was very popular. The customers had a screaming good time! We had our own Sedayan Idol competition. Instead of votes by SMS, our idol was voted by fans who cast their coupons. The competition saw the birth of many new stars. A treasure hunt, 5 on 5 futsal and 3 on 3 basketball competition were also held during the canteen day.

Parents, relatives and friends gave their full support in raising money for charity. The proceeds from the sale of coupons and donations were given to Rumah Charis (Home for the Children).



(from left) The Haunted house ghosts, Mr Shasi & teachers from the staff club preparing their burger booth.

A total of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and Twenty Seven Sen was presented to Rumah Charis (Home for the Children) during assembly on Monday 29 August 2005. The amount of money raised was most encouraging as it was a gift of love from the Sedaya family to the children of Rumah Charis.



(from right) The P.T.A Chairman presenting the mock cheque to Rumah Charis Chairman Mr Teo How Ken

## RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a beautiful sport for young girls as it co-ordinates body movement and apparatus handling. Rhythmic gymnastics combines ballet and creative movements to music, while working with ribbons, balls, hoops, ropes and clubs in a choreographed dance-and-tumble routine. We have started a rhythmic gymnastics class every Friday from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. The students are taught by Mrs. Olga Chuknova Leong who is a qualified professional Rhythmic Gymnastics coach. You can visit the school hall to preview their training or call the office at 03-56377108 for more details.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The school will be closed from 31 Oct – 6 Nov for the festive celebrations. The school will re-open on 7 Nov. The last day of the term will be on 11 Nov 2005. The C.E.O, Principal and Staff take this opportunity to wish parents and students:

To our students sitting for their SPM:-  
"All the best in the SPM"

To our Hindu staff and students:-  
"HAPPY DEEPAVALI"

To our Muslim staff and students:-  
"SELAMAT HARI RAYA ADILFILTRI"

To our Christian staff and students:-  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS "

A "HAPPY NEW YEAR" TO ALL