



# SRI SEDAYA NEWS

May/June 2003

Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends,

We trust that all our students had an enjoyable school holiday and that they are all ready to face the challenges of the second term. Our teachers have planned many programmes and activities for the students. So, it is going to be a very busy term with examination classes preparing for their major exams.

Let us brief you on some of the events that have taken place in Sekolah Sri Sedaya in the months of May and June.

## SOLAR CAR COMPETITION

During the school holidays, Sekolah Sri Sedaya in collaboration with SciTech Explorer organised a solar car workshop and competition which is also the 1<sup>st</sup> technology innovation camp for the school. Children were taught how to build and design their own car.

The winners were Neil Perera (1<sup>st</sup>), Tang Chee Hung (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Janice Tan (3<sup>rd</sup>).



*Neil Perera, the winner for the competition, concentrating hard on building his winning car after the workshop.*

## SCHOOL REPORT BOOK DAY

We held our Report Book Day on Monday, 19 May 2003. This was the day when parents came to the school to collect their children's report book and to meet the teachers. The response from the parents was over-whelming and encouraging. We wish to thank the Sri Sedaya parents for their feedback and suggestions. Parents by sharing their ideas with our teachers, have certainly helped us in our task of providing quality education to their children.



*A light moment between parents and teacher on Report Book Day.*



*Participants of the Solar Car Competition look proud of their creations.*

## ***A Letter from the PTA Chairman***

*Dearest Parents,*

*Hello yet once again. I do hope the holidays with the children were good, and I am sure you were quite glad to hand them over again to the capable hands of the teachers when it was time.*

*Speaking of the capable hands of the Sri Sedaya staff in the last PTA meeting it was decided that we would seek the help of some of the mothers and not forgetting the fathers to help the school in various areas.*

*So I am calling out to all parents with expertise in any area pertaining to the academics or extra curriculum to volunteer their assistance.*

*Please fill out a form and hand it to the office or to me personally.*

*An idea of what the school needs assistance in:*

*Library*

*Remedial Reading*

*Concert preparation (dance, costume, make up)*

*Bus mum*

*Canteen mum*

*\*Any other area not mentioned above that you feel you may be of some assistance.*

*In the last PTA meeting it has been promised that the school will look into having wash basins installed in the canteen for students.*

*Last but not least I would like parents to know that every Friday at 12.30-2.00pm I will be available in the canteen to meet any of you who needs to discuss any matter of importance and in which I can help you with. Please call me to set up an appointment.*

*So parents, please fill up the form below if you think you can help.*

*On this note I wish a good month ahead until the next letter.*

*Yours truly,*

*Veronica Kulatissa-Shepherdson*

## **FORM**

To:

Veronica Kulatissa-Shepherdson

Name of Parent:

Would like to help in:

Days:

Time:

Contact number:

## TEACHERS' DAY

Teachers and students celebrated Teacher's Day on Monday, 26 May 2003. The Prefects drew up an elaborate programme based on the theme of Teachers' Day Celebrations, "Quality Teachers are the Aspiration of the Nation".

Teachers led by the two principals were divided into four groups. They competed in telematches, much to the delight of the students. The joint winners of the telematches were Red House captained by Mr Tan Chor Ter and Blue House under Mr Geoffrey Yong.

The students entertained their teachers with songs and sketches. The prize for the best presentation went to Primary Five Lily for the poetry recital on "Why God Created Teachers" and Form Two Alpha was the winner in the Secondary School Section for their sketch which had everyone in stitches.

Later on in the evening, the teachers sat down to a buffet dinner in the school cafeteria.



Primary 5 Lily on "Why God Created Teachers"



Primary 3 Lily with their rendition of "Saturday Night Fever"



The funny act put up by Form 2 Alpha

Teachers singing the theme song



And the winners are...



Happy Teacher's Day



Pretty little Miss Jodie

## IN-HOUSE TRAINING

The School organised an intensive month-long IT course for the teachers. They were taught the finer points of IT by their lecturers Frank Reardon of Sedaya College, Wilfred Liao and Ng KC of Sri Sedaya. The classes were conducted in the evenings from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

While the students had their well-deserved rest during the school break, the teachers of Sri Sedaya came back for a gruelling 3 hour examination! Education is indeed a life-long process.

## MENTOR-MENTEE PROGRAMME

In order to provide more encouragement and motivation to our students sitting for the UPSR, PMR and SPM, our school has launched the Mentor-Mentee Programme. In this programme, principals and teachers have each “adopted” one or two students and taken them under their wings. The mentors will help the students to set goals, plan study habits and generally improve on their performance. The mentors will meet their mentees on an informal basis.



*A demonstration on clog making*

## VISIT TO KLCC

A group of 100 students and teachers visited the Holland Pavillion in Suria KLCC, which ran from 25 April till 3 May recently.

“Window on Holland” is jointly organised by the Netherlands Embassy and the Malaysian Dutch Business Council. Holland Pavillion featured a ‘working’ windmill, replicas of typical Amsterdam houses and cultural attractions such as clog making, cow milking and a Dutch costume show. A traditional barrel organ provided an authentic musical touch.

The teachers and students were well-informed on facts and culture about Holland. The children were especially fascinated by the colourful costumes and interesting activities.

After the briefing, the teachers and students were invited to sample world famous cheeses, Gouda and Edam. They were also given a chance to witness a demonstration on clog making.

The visit to the Holland Pavillion was an educational experience for all.



*A get-to-know Holland session*