



SRI SEDAYA NEWS

May / June 2005

Dear Parent/Guardian and Friend,

This is the eleventh 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 May and June 2005

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent and Student,

Greetings from all the staff of Sekolah Sri Sedaya.

Ever since the term started, teachers and students were busy preparing for the Annual Sports Day which was successfully completed on 2 July 2005. Many thanks to the parents who came to give their support.

The Primary School Remedial classes and Secondary School Additional classes are running at full steam and attendance has been encouraging. Secondary students are working hard on their July monthly tests while the Primary 6 students are sitting for their UPSR Trial Examination.

Our Sedaya EAdvantage Smart School System has been extensively revamped and upgraded over the past 12 months and successfully implemented. It is now fully integrated and is a powerful enabling tool for parents, students, teachers and school administrators. This really makes Sri Sedaya a truly smart school that is unique in Malaysia. Our students and parents can now log on into the Sedaya EAdvantage website via the Internet to view attendance, homework, marks, class announcements and a host of other information. The system will also be continually upgraded with additional features introduced over time. Users are welcome to give us feedback and suggestions and be involved as part of our learning community. I am sure that with this three way partnership of Parent-Teacher-Student, Sri Sedaya will live up to our vision of "Quality Education with Genuine Care".

Yours sincerely

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Left: Mrs Lee giving out the rhythmic gymnastic medals to Ellie during assembly



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SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Congratulations to our champion, Ellie Leong from Primary 3 Lily who represented Sekolah Sri Sedaya in gymnastics in the Majlis Sukan Sekolah – Sekolah Selangor (M.S.S.S) Gymnastic competition. Sekolah Sri Sedaya is very proud to have our own gymnastic champion representing the school.

The M.S.S.S Gymnastic competition was held in a sports complex in Banting from 4 – 5 July. There were over 13 schools from the Selangor district that competed in the competition and more than 100 over participants taking part. The following are the rhythmic gymnastic events that Ellie Leong took part in:-

Monday, 4 July

Rhythmic gymnastic events	Placing
Freehand	Finalist
Rope	1 st place
Ball	1 st place
Hoop	Finalist

Tuesday, 5 July

Rhythmic gymnastic events	Placing
Clubs	1 st place
Ribbon	1 st place

By winning four events and being a finalist in 2 events, Ellie was crowned overall champion for her category. The following is an interview with our overall M.S.S.S Rhythmic gymnastic champion, Ms Ellie Leong:-

How old were you when you started gymnastics?

Ellie: I started when I was three years old and have been practising gymnastics till now.

Who teaches you gymnastics?

Ellie: My mom who is a professional gymnastic coach has taught me since I was three years old.

How often do you train?

Ellie: I train four times a week. I train every Monday & Wednesday for 3 hours and on Saturday & Sunday I train for only an hour.

Is this your first gymnastic competition?

Ellie: I have been competing in many gymnastic competitions before but this is the first time I have competed in the M.S.S.S Gymnastic competition.

What are your pet events?

Ellie: My favourite rhythmic gymnastic events are the ball & ribbon.

How did you feel before the M.S.S.S gymnastic competition?

Ellie: As it was the first time I was very serious and was excited in competing in this competition. I was very confident in my pet events and aimed at becoming the overall rhythmic gymnastic champion.

Thank you for your time and interview Ellie.

Ellie: You are most welcome.



EVENTS

PRIMARY TRIP TO MALACCA

My friends and I went for a tour to Malacca on 26 May. There were 60 of us and we were very excited about the trip as it was the first out-station trip of the year for many of the students. We departed at around 8.00am and reached the A Formosa Safari Park at 11.00am. We went for the multi-animal show. There were dogs, cats, orang utan, and other animals doing tricks. We were amazed that the animals could be trained to do such tricks. After that we went for elephant rides. The ride was scary but interesting. It was my first time being on an elephant and I enjoyed the ride very much.



Later we went to watch the bird show, we saw all types of birds like parrots, hornbills, eagles and other types of birds. We learned that some of the birds were getting extinct and some of the students offered to donate to a good cause by paying RM10.00. All of us were impressed by the birds' intelligence. After that we went for a buffet lunch. The lunch was delicious with many of my favourite dishes. We helped ourselves to the sumptuous meal and then set off for Monkey Island on a raft. We saw different species of monkeys.



Posing with the Red Indians

We were also entertained by the "Wild Wild West" show featuring cowboys and red Indians doing various stunts. When the show was over we took pictures with the actors and actresses. Later we went for the most fascinating ride into the jungle by truck. We saw lions, tigers, giraffe and many wild animals running wild in a restricted area. I have never been so close to a wild animal like the tiger before and it was awesome. The trip ended with the elephant show. All in all it was a very memorable trip for me. We were very tired but happy.

(Submitted by: Stephanie Karen Toledo, P5 Rose)

25 May **TRIP TO PETTING ZOO**

Sixty Primary 1 and 2 students together with their teachers visited the Sunway Petting Zoo. The students were in the petting zoo from 9.00am till 12.00 noon. They were exposed to animals found in Malaysia as well as overseas. Later, they went to watch a bird show and saw many types of birds. The students were entertained with the birds performing tricks such as trying to balance on a pole and cycling on a miniature bicycle.

The students were also amazed with the size of the ostrich eggs and that it wouldn't break when they stood on top of the eggs. After lunch, there were horse rides and students even learnt how to catch fish.



Some of the animals visited in the petting zoo.



25 May **EDUCATIONAL TRIP FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS**

At Sri Sedaya learning has always been holistic. It is characterized by a provision for knowledge acquisition as well as subject-based and experiential learning. The Young Entrepreneur's Club, Builder's Club and Adventure Club students together with their teachers organised a visit to the Ostrich farm (a petting zoo in Klang) and a bread factory.

At the Ostrich farm, students were able to see and touch many types of animals such as iguanas, snakes, hedgehogs, skunks and many more. They were also given the opportunity to ride on the ostriches. Students and teachers that were brave enough to sit on the ostrich were given a bravery certificate that they had ridden on an ostrich. Only a handful of students and teachers managed to accomplish the feat.

After the ostrich farm, they went on an educational trip to the High 5 Bread Factory. In the factory, they learnt about the history of bread making, the process of fermentation and bread making. All 40 students had a good learning time with a tinge of fun.



Students enjoying their first encounter with the zoo animals





ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2005

Sekolah Sri Sedaya held its 3rd Annual Sports Day on 2 July 2005 in the school field. Peter Tan, CEO of Sri Sedaya was invited as the guest of honour on Sports Day. Peter Tan encouraged the students to participate in sports and congratulated the students for making the Sports meet a success. He also thanked the parents for coming to give moral support to their children.

Mrs Lee also gave a speech telling the students that taking part in sports was just as important as doing well in exams. Winning is not the important aim as the most important thing is participating and providing teamwork.

There were about 600 parents and students present on that day. Parents of Sekolah Sri Sedaya gave their whole-hearted support to make the sports day a success. The office staff and YE club members helped in selling food and drinks on the day.

The teachers and students had worked hard on their march past and tent decorations. Red house was awarded with the best march past.

It was enjoyed not only by the students but also by the teachers and parents. The following trophies were awarded to:

Champion House:
(Secondary School) – Blue House
(Primary School) – Red House

Sports Boy of the Year:
(Secondary School) – Chan Kah Yun, Marvin
(Primary School) – Rick Lee

Sports Girl of the Year:
(Secondary School) – Tan Suat Yi
(Primary School) – Louise Wong



Y.E Club members and Mrs Tan See Miin arranging and preparing to sell food and drinks

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION 2005

The PTA of the school held its first pro-tem meeting on 7 May 2005. Congratulations to Mr Lawrence Antonio who was elected as the Chairman and Mr Mohd Adam as the Vice Chairman, congratulations also to the following parents and teachers who form the PTA committee:

Advisors:

1. Mr Peter Tan
2. Mdm Foong Pek Wan

Chairman: Mr Lawrence Antonio
Vice Chairman: Mr Muhammad Adam
Secretary: Ms Halindah bt Yusop
Asst Secretary: Ms Rozianna bt Mohd Nasir
Treasurer: Mr Chong Kok Wee

Committee members (Teachers):

1. Mr Ling Soon Huat
2. Mrs Maniam
3. Ms Nithiasawari D/O Arumugam
4. Ms Julia Woo
5. Mr Muhammad Putera bin Hamzah

Committee members (Parents):

1. Mr David Ong
2. Mr Asokan A/L Selvaganapathy
3. Mrs Stephanie Ong
4. Mr Phnuah Chee Peng
5. Mrs Valerie Chong
6. Puan Norilah bt Atun

A second meeting was held on 17 July where several issues were brought up and resolved. These issues were related to academic matters, discipline, facilities, food and security. We thank the parents for their continuous partnership and support. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 1 October 2005 at 10.30am.



The P.T.A Committee



XPLORE CAMP

Sekolah Sri Sedaya in collaboration with University College Sedaya International (UCSI) organised an *Adventure-Based Learning camp held at Putrajaya Taman Wetland* from May 30 to June 1.

Altogether 40 students joined the 3-day activity packed camp. The students learnt how to pitch their own tents and cook their own lunch. During their aquatic exercises, the students learnt about water safety, kayaking and canoeing. They were taught rope-knotting skills by the facilitators. The students were split into 4 teams and asked to construct their own water-raft using ropes, 6 planks and 6 barrels only. After completing the raft, the students had to test their raft by rafting it across the lake to another island. Some failed to arrive safely across the lake and needed assistance from the facilitators.

The students developed new friendships with other participants, experienced a blend of challenging outdoor, water-based activities and life skills. On the whole, the students had a lot of fun and also learned much about leadership, teamwork, social skills and self-discovery.



Left: *Where is our sixth barrel?
We are sinking... HELP!!*

EXAMINATIONS

With the completion of the Sports Day, the sports period has been converted into lesson time on various subjects to prepare the primary and secondary students for their examination. Primary and Secondary students are required to take note of the subjects to be taught so that they are ready for class and lessons can be conducted effectively.

UPSR TRIALS

The Primary 6 students will have extra UPSR classes during the August break. Please refer to Mr Putera for more information on the dates and subjects taught. The UPSR trials will start early next month. All the best to the Primary 6 students sitting for their trials.

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES

"LOVE YOUR FAMILY" ART COMPETITION

In response to the call made by our Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to inculcate courtesy and noble values in school children and to develop them into knowledgeable and well-mannered individuals. Sekolah Sri Sedaya together with Da Vinci (Arts & Crafts Creative Development Centre) will be hosting a colouring competition themed "Love Your Family". The competition will be held in our school hall. The theme of the art competition is "My Family Portrait". The colouring competition will be held on 30 July 2005. The following are the different categories:-

- 5 & 6 years old – Category 1
- 7 & 8 years old – Category 2
- 9 & 10 years old – Category 3
- 11 & 12 years old – Category 4

The objectives of the art competition are

1. To instill family values among children through art.
2. To provide a platform for children to show their creativity.
3. To encourage children's creative development.
4. To develop children's interest in art.

We would like all the parents to have their children participate and make this event a success. There will be prizes and gifts for the winners. You can collect the registration form from the main office or download it online from www.srisedaya.edu.my. There is a registration fee of RM10 which can be paid at the main office before July 29.

CANTEEN DAY 2005

We are proud to inform you that the teachers and students of Sekolah Sri Sedaya will be organising the 2nd annual Canteen Day on Friday 19 August from 8.00 a.m. to 12.50 noon. We are holding Canteen Day as part of our celebration of Patriotic Month (Bulan Patriotik) and to inculcate in our students the need to work together for a good cause. The proceeds from the sale of food, drinks and participation in games will go towards Rumah Charis, home for the abused children.

We hope to raise funds for this worthy cause with your help. We therefore appeal to you to support Canteen Day. Parents' participation in Canteen Day would be greatly appreciated.



Parents, teachers and students helping out in Canteen Day 2004