

Sir Ellis K adoorie Secondary School (West K owloon)



Episodes

Speech Day

The school's Annual Speech Day was held on 12th December 2002 (Thursday). The Director of Education, Mr LEE Hing-fai, JP, kindly consented to be the Guest of Honour and present the certificates and prizes to the students.

The official party included the Guest of Honour, Mr LEE Hing-fai, JP, Director of Education, Mr CHRISS WARDLAW, Chairman of the School Management Committee, Mr TSE Sik-yan, the Principal, Mr Balvinder Singh, Chairman of the Parents-Teachers' Association, Mr Ashok

K. KANTHA, Consul General of India, Mr Zaheer Pervaiz KHAN, Consul (Consular) Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mrs Purviz R. SHROFF, President of the Indian Women's Club, and Ms Ophelia CHEUNG, School Management Committee member.

This was a memorable occasion for a number of reasons. First, as all the guests and parents arrived, they were greeted and saluted by the Air Cadet Corps members. Second, there were a lot more prizes. Not only for students with noteworthy academic achievements, but also for students who have shown improvement in cultural subjects and for those who have contributed to social services. Third, the entertainment program was longer and more talent-packed than in previous years.

As soon as the guests and parents entered the main entrance of the school, they immediately heard the loud and firm command given by the leader of the Air Cadet Corps



“Attention!” Then they were given a very impressive “Salute”. It is amazing to think that the well-presented and efficient performance was given after only two months’ training. “The students of SEKSS can do it,” remarked the former principals of SEKSS and Education Department officials.

This year, there were more awards and prizes. Besides awards for students who

had academic achievements, students who showed outstanding results in other areas were also given recognition. The 12 new awards included the Academically Most Outstanding Student,

Prefect of the Year, Best Monitor/Monitress, the Best Student Counsellor, Student Artist, Student Musician, Student of Performing Arts, Student Athletes, the Best Student Librarian and Best Student Volunteer (Social Services). This was made possible because of the generous donation of Mrs SHROFF. The prizes were prepared by using part of the money donated by her, so we invited Mrs SHROFF to present these awards to the students.

This year's entertainment programme truly reflected our students' talent in languages and music. The performances included English Solo Verse Speaking and English Prose Reading, a French Song, a Chinese Drama, a Hindi Poem and an Urdu Poem. What was remarkable about the English soloists was that

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they were all winners at the Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival. As for the Chinese Drama, the Chinese, Indian, Pakistani and Filipino performers showed what a multicultural school we are.

Most guests agreed that the ceremony this year was longer than last year's, but they liked the idea of having more and a wider range of awards.

As for the entertainment program, they found it both entertaining and representative of the strengths of the students. They also hope to see a great variety of items in the next Speech Day as the school is trying to provide “a golden opportunity” for students “to grow in a multicultural environment, in which the students are trained to accept cultural differences and to live in harmony with others” (quoted from the speech of the Director of Education) and to cultivate the multiple intelligences of the students.

Special Events / Activities

Events	Organizers	Date	Students
Inter-school Volleyball Competition	H.K. Schools Sports Federation	2, 3, 9, 16, 18 & 23.11.02	School Volleyball Team
Inter-school Basketball Competition	H.K. Schools Sports Federation	2, 6, 8, 9, 16, 18 & 21.11.02	School Basketball Team
Cathay Pacific In-flight Attendant & Careers Talk	Careers Committee and Cathay Pacific	3.11.02	S4-S5
Introduction to Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps & Recruitment	Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps & Mr. V. S. Chan	4.11.02	S1-S4
Inter-school Hockey Competition	Hong Kong School Hockey Association	4 & 18.11.02	School Hockey Team
Third Future Young Leaders' Forum	Careers and Guidance Section (ED) and TOYPA	5.11.02	S4-S5
Guidance Assistants Training Programme	Guidance & Counseling Committee, Kely Support Group & School Social Worker	9, 16, 23.11.02 & 14.12.02	S3-S4 Student Guidance Assistants
Inter-house Volleyball Competition	P.E. Department	18-25.11.02	S1-S5
Visit to Cathay Pacific City	Travel & Tourism Department	20.11.02	S4 Travel & Tourism students
Careers Talk: Hong Kong Police Force	Careers Committee and Hong Kong Police Force	22.11.02	S4-S5
Hiking Award Scheme—Hiking 1	Hiking Club	30.11.02	Hiking Club members
Anti-Drug & Smoking Education	Cross-curricular, Discipline and Guidance & Counseling Committees	5-16. 12. 02	S1-S4
Visit to ICAC	Ms. L.M. Chung	18.12.02	S1-S2
Visit to Ocean Park (Making a Rainbow Life Programme)	Guidance & Counseling Committee	21.12.02	Non-Chinese speaking students

The 54th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival walking away with Merit “congratulations” should go to the following prize winners.

A total of 39 students took part in this year's festival with some 34 participants Certificates and 8 Proficiency certificates. A special being awarded A special

1 st – Solo Verse Speaking	Both 2 nd – Solo Verse Speaking	2 nd – Sight Reading	3 rd – Dramatic Duologue
Christine Romea (S2D)	Arshad Mohammad (S2D) Toni-Anne Romero (S4A)	Harpreet Kaur (S4A)	Dorothy Gregory (S4A) Harpreet Kaur (S4A)

The School Picnic

The school picnic provided a perfect opportunity for teachers and students to get together and enhance the student-teacher relationship. Upon the



request of the students, the Principal decided to fix a date for the school picnic. On 22nd September 2002 (Thursday), all the teachers, including the Principal, and the students went back to nature and enjoyed themselves for a day outside the classrooms.

S.1 and S.2 students went to Tai Mo Shan Country Park, S.3 went to Aberdeen Country Park while S.4 and S.5 went to Tai Tam Country Park.



Eleven coaches took the teachers and students to their destinations where they barbecued, played games, walked and chatted.

Both the teachers and the students had a wonderful time. The students behaved very well, and everybody returned to school happy, safe and sound, looking forward to another enjoyable picnic next year.

Visits by SEK Primary Pupils

On 20th September, around 120 SEK Primary Pupils were invited to visit the school. It is the wish of the primary pupils' parents and teachers that they can continue their studies in SEK Secondary School through the so-called "Through Train Policy".



The pupils arrived at around 8:30 a.m. in three big coaches, accompanied by their teachers and some parents. They were led on a guided tour, visiting all the special rooms of the school. The pupils were even given a trial lesson of subjects which they do not have in the primary school but which will be offered in secondary school. They were amazed at the science experiments, excited by the computer games and in admiration of the artwork done by their seniors. They also shared the pride of the Hockey Team members when watching a hockey demonstration. How they



longed to study in the same school as their brothers and sisters, and how eager their big brothers and sisters were to bring them along to our school!

Work harder, SEK primary students! We will all welcome you into our big family next year!

Talent Show

On 20th December 2002 (Friday), the yearly talent show was held in the hall where all the teachers and students gathered to watch the



performances and share the joy.

The program consisted of 14 items, with 4 bands, several dances, and one Karate demonstration. There was a lucky draw as well. The hall was filled with happiness and excitement.

The climax of the morning came when the best three performers were announced and given prizes. They were the traditional Indian Dance, the Punjabi Dance and the modern Indian



dance, the dancers of which were all boys.

The talent show was a good opportunity for the students to show off their multiple intelligences which was enjoyed by all.

Parents – Teachers' Association 2002-2003

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Parents-Teachers' Association was held on Friday, 1 November 2002. The Chairman of the PTA, Mr. Balvinder Singh delivered his

annual report that captured all the aspects and activities parents took part in during the last academic year. The election of office bearers was carried out smoothly and the following

members would serve the PTA in the year 2002/2003.

List of Parent-members

Office held	Office bearers
Chairman	Mr. Singh Balvinder
Vice-chairman	Mr. Muhammad Boota
Honorary Treasurer	Mr. Rolando Estrella
Honorary Secretary	Mr. Syed Jamil Raghbi
Committee Member	Mrs. Rachel A. Orena
Committee Member	Mrs. Emma Custodio Villa
Committee Member	Mr. Phagami Ganesh Bahadur
Committee Member	Mr. Bawa Kulvinder Singh

List of Teachers-members

Office held	Office bearers
Vice-chairman	TSE Sik-yan
Assistant Honorary Treasurer	TO King-man
Honorary Secretary	CHUNG Josephine
Committee Member	LAM Hon-ching
Committee Member	CHAN Ying-kit
Committee Member	YAU KWONG Tse-wai
Co-opted Member	PRASAD Manoj Kumar

Welcome to “SEKSS”

Have you noticed the very big “SEKSS” that has recently appeared on the plantation at the main entrance? It is



so big and recognizable that you can't miss it when you enter the school through the main entrance.

The specially arranged potted plants are the work of the Environmental Education Committee, which was funded by the “Green School Subsidized Scheme” and was organized by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The Environmental Education Committee



members are responsible for watering and looking after the plantation. It is also their duty to make other students aware of the importance of protecting the environment, especially within our school.

Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps – A unique life-long learning opportunity for SEKSS(WK) students

High flying youth dedicated to Hong Kong's future

It has long been the wish of the Principal, the teachers and the students to form a uniformed team in order to expose the students to both discipline training and the “outside world.”

After much exploration, planning and organization, our Geography teacher, Mr CHAN Vai-sam,



made arrangements so that the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps would come to our school to establish an Air Cadet unit and to train our students. On 19 November 2002, 50 of our students pledged to become members of the **Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps**, in order to contribute to the public welfare of Hong Kong whilst building up their leadership skills and good moral character. These students are now members of Flight 6002 with Mr Chan Vai-Sam, Ms Lui Man Fei and Ms Wong Sau Yi as Officer Cadets.

What attracted the students was not only the training in aviation knowledge, the foot-drills, and the smart uniform. The exciting activities, which will all be conducted in English, will include flights on government helicopters, rifle drills, campcraft, field exercises, summer canoe courses and other aquatic activities. The number of

students joining far exceeded expectations. Although the cadets have only had a few training sessions since November, they impressed all the guests with their special ‘welcome’ on Speech Day.

Besides the school, they also took part in cleaning the Tsim Sha Tsui Cultural Centre on New Year's Day, showing real community spirit. In January, they will visit the Hong Kong Government Flying Services Headquarters in Chek Lap Kok. They will also have the chance to receive aviation education. If they excel themselves, they may be selected to represent Hong Kong in the International Air Cadet Exchange Program (IACE).

It is hoped that more students will join the cadets in coming years to enjoy the exciting activities on offer.

School Intranet

In early December of 2002, our school successfully installed an intranet system – “<http://www.seksswk.edu.hk/it-school/>”. The system revolutionizes our way of communication and teaching. First, all our staff, as well as students, have their own e-mail accounts so that internal communication becomes more comprehensive and



efficient. Second, teachers can upload their learning materials onto the intranet so that the students can access the learning materials whenever they are online. Teachers can also send assignments to the students through the intranet system and give them immediate feedback. Third, all the school notices and internal circulars can be posted onto the intranet system so that the staff can easily keep in touch with school

events and up-to-date information. Then the school administration can utilize the intranet system to improve their management with faster and better communication.

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