

Sir Ellis K adoorie Secondary School (West K owloon)

Episodes



Major Concerns, 2002/2003

It is the school mission to help students develop all-roundedness and multiple intelligences, to have respect for other cultures and develop a sense of social awareness and responsibility. To achieve these objectives, and to help students to build on their strengths, the School-based Management Committee has endorsed the following major concerns this year:

1. To enhance effective learning and teaching, and
2. To develop the multiple intelligences of the students.

Academically, there are various enhancement and enrichment programs to help students raise their interest and standards in English, Maths. and Chinese. New subjects like Travel & Tourism and

Information Technology, which are interesting and practical, have been introduced into the S4 curriculum. With the operation of the Computer Assisted Learning Room and the Multi Media Learning Centre, coupled with the teachers' innovative ways of teaching and the full and effective use of audio-visual teaching aids, it is strongly believed that the students will progress.

The development of the students' multiple intelligences very much relies on building on the students' strengths. Students will be provided with more opportunities and support in areas like music and dancing, and in sports like hockey and cricket. At the same time, other hobbies will be introduced to the students through club activities so that they can develop their talents in other areas.

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Visit by Mr. Wardlaw and the staff of SEK Primary School

20 September was a memorable day for the school as the new SMC Chairman, Mr. Chris Wardlaw, and the Principal and staff of SEK Primary School visited us.

We knew we would have a new SMC Chairman in mid-September. The former Chairman, Mr. LEE Yuk Fai, had been transferred to the post of Principal Education Officer (NT), and the new Chairman Mr. Chris Wardlaw, Senior Assistant Director of the ED, is an educationist from Australia.

When he was introduced to all the staff and students during the afternoon lining-up in the Basketball Court, Mr. Wardlaw was given a warm welcome. When the Principal added that he was a marathon runner who has represented his country in the Olympic Games, there was even greater applause. He became a hero in the hearts of the students.

The day became even more exciting with the visit of the Principal



and staff of SEK Primary School. These guests were taken on a guided tour around the school premises, and had the chance to observe the students having lessons. The teachers showed great interest in the special rooms and other school facilities as in the future their students might become ours, thanks to the "Through Train Policy".

After the guided tour, the visitors were led to the Student Activity Centre to meet the students who had come from SEK Primary School. On seeing their former teachers again, the students shook hands and even exchanged hugs with their mentors! The teachers were also thrilled to see how their old students had grown up!

The second part of the reunion



took place in the hall. After leaving the students, the visitors moved to the hall where our teachers had gathered. After Mr. Wardlaw, who will also be the SMC chairman of the SEK Primary School

briefly introduced himself, the teachers of both schools had a chat over a cup of tea.

The highlight of the day came when the teachers divided themselves into four groups: Chinese, English, Maths, and Discipline in order to exchange views on how to prepare the primary pupils for secondary school life, and to help them improve academically. This was the main objective of the visit of the SEK Primary School teachers.

The day ended with teachers of both schools tired but enriched with more knowledge about their students. It was indeed a fruitful day.

Special Events / Activities

Events	Organizers	Date	Students
Inter-class Display Board Competition? <i>Clean Our School</i>	Discipline and Guidance & Counseling Committee	10.10.02	S1 – S5
Inter-class Punctuality Competition	Discipline Committee	Sep - Oct	S1 – S5
Class Visit	Social Worker	18-20 & 24. 9. 02	S1
Inter-school Cricket Competition	Hong Kong School Cricket Association	14.9.02-26.10.02	School Cricket Team
House Cheering Team Practice	House Masters & Mistresses	17 & 19. 9. 02	S1
Visit to Mid-Autumn Lantern Exhibition	Art Club	22.9.02	Art Club members
Sports Day	P.E. Department	23 & 26. 9. 02	S1-S5
Careers Talk	Careers Committee and Labour Department	7.10.02	S4-S5
Music for the Millions	Music Office	7.10.02	S1-S3
Symposium on Eco-Tourism	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	9.10.02	S4-S5 Travel & Tourism students
Parents' Night	SEKSS	11.10.02	S1-S5 parents & students
Inter-school Basketball Competition	H.K. Schools Sports Federation	12, 15, 18-19 & 26.10.02	School Basketball Team
Inter-school Volleyball Competition	H.K. Schools Sports Federation	12-13, 19 & 26.10.02	School Volleyball Team
Inter-house Football Competition	P.E. Department	15-25. 10. 02	S1-S5 Boys

S1-S4 New Students Orientation Day

Designed to help new students to become familiar with the school, the S.1-S.4 New Students Orientation Day was held in the morning on 29th August 2002 (Thursday) in the school hall.

At around 9:15 a.m., parents and new students started to arrive. At around 9:30 a.m., the program began. First, the

Principal extended a warm welcome to the new members of the big family of SEKSS (WK). Then the two Assistant Principals gave the audience some general information about the school. The Discipline Master and Guidance Mistress followed by explaining to the students some of the school rules and

the support services provided by the school. However, the most exciting part of the day was when the students met their new class teachers. The morning ended at around 12:00 noon with a chorus of "See you on Monday!"

The new students went home, happily looking forward to coming to school on 2nd September 2002 (Monday).

Parents' Night

School has been open for more than one month, and the Parents' Night held on 11 October was an ideal opportunity for parents to get to know more about our students and their life in school.

The program began at 6:30 p.m. with the hall full of students, parents and teachers. After the Principal's welcoming speech, there was a short talk by the school social worker, Ms. Joanne Tsoi. She talked about improving parent-child relationships and made suggestions on how parents could help their children to develop a better memory. Then the guest



speaker, Mr. Joshua Peter, gave a talk entitled "Understanding your Teenage Child - How parents can help their teenage children during these turbulent adolescent years". He pointed out some common problems among teenagers, and he emphasized that values, attitudes and personal tastes were the sources of a widening generation gap. He also offered various solutions to these problems, but he stressed that parents and children need to work together to solve problems and reach an agreement. Both talks were enlightening and the audience showed great interest in them.

After a tea break came the highlight of the day, for the parents



were anxious to meet the class teachers and assistant class teachers in order to exchange their views on how to help their children. They had so much to talk about that some parents did not leave until 9:00 p.m. However, parents are always welcome to arrange a personal visit or to give our teachers a call. You could even e-mail the school any time on any issues concerning the welfare of your children.

Annual Sports Day

This year's Annual Athletic Meet was held at Sham Shui Po Sports Ground on 23rd September 2002 (Heats) and 26th September 2002 (Finals). The guest of honour was Mrs. PANG CHEUNG Yee-fan, the Principal of Queen Elizabeth School, who was kind enough to present the prizes to the winners and to deliver a speech of encouragement to the students. However, in the words of Mrs. Pang, she did not speak to us "as Principal, but as a loyal friend of this school."

As in past years, there were both track and field events and medals were given to joyful winners. However, what made this year's events more exciting and enjoyable was that they were all inter-house instead of inter-class competitions.

On the 26th, the day of the Finals, the event that was seen by many as the climax of the day was the inter-house cheering team competition.



Following the music, the dancing and the rhythmic movements of the cheering teams, members won great applause from the audience, and even the guests praised our students for their talents in music and dancing.

As mentioned in Mrs. PANG's speech, our students really do possess one type of multiple intelligence in abundance—kinetic intelligence, or being body smart. Mrs. PANG reiterated this when addressing the students, "As we are now embarking on a new age with new visions, we need young people empowered with new strengths. In brief, we need young people who are intellectually, mentally and physically strong enough to contribute their very best to the future of mankind. You have to prove yourselves fully equipped for this challenging task."

In terms of sporting achievement, there was great improvement this year as 19 records were broken. They were the 100m, 200m, 400m, 4X100m, long jump and shot put. Mrs. PANG shared her words of wisdom: "Through you, I see the



same adherence to fair play, I see the same importance attached to active participation. I see the same applause extended to the

winners and encouragement offered to those who didn't win. Most significant of all, through you, I see the same rich display of the positive qualities and characteristics distinctive of young people or distinctive of boys and girls of SEKSS -- attributes such as vigour, vitality, energy, drive, cheerfulness,



enthusiasm and creativity." The improvements of the students in both sportsmanship and athletic results were appreciated not only by Mrs. PANG but also by teachers, parents and students alike.

Sports Day was a real success this year! Our young athletes broke 19 records. The students who have made their mark on SEKSS' athletics history are as follows:

<i>Girls/Houses</i>	<i>New Records</i>	<i>Boys/Houses</i>	<i>New Records</i>
Kaur Harvinder (Blue)	100m Grade A ---- 6"31 200m Grade A ---- 34"30	Shakeel Ahmed (Blue)	200m Grade A---- 24"06
Wong Kristine April (Blue)	100m Grade B ---- 15"19 200m Grade B ---- 32"82	Wangchuk Samdup (Red)	Javelin Grade A---- 37.28m
Davies Francesca (Red)	100m Grade C ---- 15"12 Long Jump ---- 3.85m	Mohammad Qaisar (Blue)	Long Jump Grade B---- 5.39m
Mona (Green)	400m Grade B ---- 1'24"84 Long Jump ---- 3.62m	Ali Waqas (Blue)	400m Grade C---- 1'13"67
Green House	4 x 100m ---- 1'10"19	Atif (Yellow)	Javelin Grade C---- 11.84m
Chan Ho Ka Grace (Red)	Long Jump Grade A ---- 3.63m	Red House	4 x 100m Grade A---- 51"80 4 x 100m Grades B & C---- 55"61
Himkala Limbu (Red)	Shot Put ---- 5.12m	Jockey Club Govt. Sec. Sch.	4 x 100m Invitation Relay---- 47"20

What made Sports Day special this year? **Houses!** Students did not only run for themselves, but they also ran for their respective houses. **Blue House** won the Championship. Whether you exerted yourself cheering for your house or not, you must have enjoyed and been impressed by the amazing cheering performances of the house cheering teams. Congratulations to **Red House, who won the Best Cheering Team Award!** Well done, all cheering teams!

The First House Meeting

The House System was established last year. The objectives are to train students to have a sense of belonging to their “house”, and ultimately to the school. While helping the house masters/mistresses to organize activities, the house officials can also learn to organize activities and acquire a sense of responsibility and leadership.

As the House system was only established last year, the meeting on 4th September was the first time that the students really had the chance to experience an ‘organized’ house meeting.

It was held early in the year so that house activities could start as soon as possible.

During the first meeting, House Officials were elected and then they immediately took up their responsibilities by recruiting athletes for the Annual School Athletic Meet, which



would be held on 23rd September (Heats) and 26th September (Final). They also grouped together to design the House banner and logo, and to try to write slogans for their cheering team. Although the house officials had no experience in holding a meeting, they still showed great enthusiasm and commitment in offering their help and support.

It is expected that there will be more inter-house competitions ranging from sports, singing and dancing, to academic activities such as essay writing, to allow the students to develop their multiple intelligences.

The Ninth Period for Secondary 1

This year, to enable Secondary one students to gain more from their school life, they are required to attend a ninth period every Tuesday and Thursday. Don't worry! They won't be given boring lectures, more assignments or greater pressure after a long and tiring day. Instead, various well-



designed activities are provided for the young ones to help them in as many ways as possible. In the first term, the various activities include helping them to adapt to the secondary school life, disciplinary issues in school, study skills and reading skills and revision of their second languages — all themes which will be useful and

practical to them. Besides this, there will be extra-curricular activities particularly designed for them, and there will be inter-class ball game competitions as well. All these are planned to help them both academically and in their personal growth. It is hoped that with more activities especially designed for the students, they will not only learn more, but will also stay longer in school to make full use of the facilities the school can provide for them.

Making a Rainbow Life

‘By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down. Yeah we wept when we remembered Zion. For there they that carried us away in captivity requiring us of a song, now how shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land? . . .’ What a sad song! It surely doesn't apply to our newly arrived students, as they were not carried to Hong Kong in captivity! Instead, their life in their new land is like a rainbow. This is thanks to the **Guidance and Counseling Committee** and **Hong Kong Playground Association**, who prepare supporting programs for our non-Chinese speaking and returnee students. Paired up with a big brother or sister, junior-form new students are helped to adapt to school life. Our guidance teachers, school social worker and teachers of the Chinese Tutorial Class also help them to integrate into the local society. For instance, the new immigrants are given at least four guides: travel guides, telephone guides, grocery store guides, and consumer goods

shopping areas and shop guides. They are also given lists of mosques and temples, names of institutions for learning the local language and HK Social Welfare booklets written in their respective native languages.

The non-Chinese speaking students always have fun learning Cantonese and Chinese culture through drama, speaking games and oral quizzes in the Chinese Tutorial Class.

- “ng goi (Thanks for helping).”
- “dor tse (Thank you).”
- “ni sik ng sik gong Guangtong wa (Can you speak Cantonese)?”
- “sik siu siu (I know just a little bit).”
- “kung hei fat choi (Wish you good fortune)!”

To encourage these students to practise Cantonese and to get to know more about Hong Kong, NCS outings will be organized: Visits to Ocean Park, Hong Kong Park, The Peak, Tai Po



Waterfront Park, The University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, a Chinese cake bakery and a Chinese monastery. Of course we won't forget all the great Chinese festivals, so a Lunar Greeting Party will be held.

Don't miss any of them, newcomers!

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