



Sir Ellis K adoorie Secondary School (West K owloon)



Episodes

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The big family of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon) gathered on 30th September for the heats of the annual Sports Day. The atmosphere at the Sham Shui Po Sports Ground was electric as the entire student body, along with staff and parents gathered for the competition in good weather conditions.

Students competed in a range of track and field events, the heats ranking the competitors for the finals, which were to take place the following week. The standard of competition was very good and this year there were record numbers of students entering the events.

One innovation by the PE staff was the inclusion of a staff and House game. With five hoops laid out upon the ground, teams from each House had to get as many small beanbags from the centre hoop back to their respective area in one minute. To add a little bit of spice to the event, competitors were allowed to go to any of the other House hoops to collect their bags also. All competitors revelled in the fun challenge and the support from the grandstand for each House highlighted the tremendous



House spirit that exists at SEKSS.

The finals of the School Sports Day once again saw the SEKSS



community assemble at the Sham Shui Po Sports Ground. Special guests included Ms SUEN Suet-ying (Chief Inspector of Hong Kong Police Force) and guest of Honour Mr LAM Kwoon-sun (Chief Curriculum Development officer of Education and Manpower Bureau - Physical Education). Our guests joined parents, students and teachers for the Cheering Team Competition, as well as the final presentations.

Blue House displayed fantastic cheering skills and received thunderous applause for their efforts. Yellow and Green Houses also put on fine cheering displays, the



amount of practice that had been put into preparing for the competition being very evident. The girls and boys of Red House put on great display for the school, ultimately being declared the winners of the Cheering Competition. The major presentation of the day saw a very happy Green House declared Overall Champions for the School Sports Day.

With the House system developing well and the spirit within each House becoming much stronger this year, next year's Sport Day is certain to provide even better competition and entertainment.



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Parents' Night

A 'Parents' Night', attended by around 185 parents, teachers and students, was held in the evening on Friday, 15th October 2004.

At the start of this school function, the Principal delivered his welcoming speech, focusing on the major concerns of the school this year and soliciting parents' support. The School Social

Worker, Miss Joanne Tsoi, then gave a short talk on a hot topic "Computer and the Internet", in which she pointed out the impact of the Web on this new



generation of teenagers. She also suggested some useful and practical ways for parents to tackle this problem. The

highlight of the evening was a talk on the topic "How to motivate your child to develop self-discipline" by guest speaker, Mrs. Fong Ma Sau Kuen, Janice, educational psychologist

from the Education and Manpower Bureau. The talk was very interactive and parents found the topic very appropriate and the talk inspiring. Parents asked questions and enthusiastically shared their experiences during the Q & A session that followed. Immediately after the Q & A session, parents met class teachers and assistant class teachers in the classrooms. Both parties learnt a lot more about their children and students respectively while enjoying snacks and drinks

prepared by the school.

This year, a mini-library was set up at the back of the School Hall. Books on parenting in both English and Chinese were displayed. Parents could borrow these books and return them to the school through their children. It was hoped that, through literature on parenting ideas and skills, parents could get insights into how to cope with their teenage children and to deal with problems that they might face at this stage of life.

This function was fully funded by the Home-school Cooperation Grant.



Orientation Day for S1 – S4 New Students

To help new students cope with their new school life and to let their parents know more about the school, an Orientation Day for S1 to S4 new students was held on 30th August 2004,

from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. An English-speaking programme was conducted in the School Hall for S1A – S1D, S2, S3, and S4 new students. In the meantime, a

Chinese-speaking programme was specially designed for students and parents of S1E and S1F in the Student Activity Centre. About 200 parents, teachers and students were present.

The morning programme



began after the Principal's welcoming speech. The Assistant Principal, Mr. Lam Hon-ching, then provided the audience with some general information about the school. He conveyed to all present useful

information about school facilities, class structure, curriculum, language groups, enrichment and enhancement programmes, ECA, school fees, student lunch arrangements, transport arrangements, etc. A PowerPoint presentation was given by the Discipline Master and Discipline Mistress to familiarize all with the school rules. Student guidance programmes and supporting services were explained by the

Guidance Mistress and the School Social Worker. Mr. Mohammad Boota, representing the Parents-Teachers' Association, gave a short speech to solicit parents' support. A 'Q & A' session was followed by meetings with the Class Teachers. Finally, an Air Cadet Foot Drill as well as hockey and cricket demonstrations in the Basketball Court put an end to an effective and meaningful morning.

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New Faces of S.1

Our school has a long history of serving students from the ethnic minority groups, but this year sees a new ethnic composition of students in our S1.

Some sixty Chinese students from local primary schools



joined the big family of SEKSS (WK) this year, adding two all-Chinese S1 classes to our school.

These students are allocated to two classes with no students from other ethnic groups, and they have a standard Chinese syllabus like the one in other local secondary schools.

While these newcomers do not have lessons with their counterparts from other ethnic groups, they still have many other opportunities to integrate into our multi-cultural environment and make new friends with other non-Chinese students.

One way is to join extra-curricular activities and inter-House competitions. One may still remember



some Chinese S1 students joining the Cheering Competition on Sports Day, dancing and cheering with Filipinos, Nepalese, Indians... all together like one family.

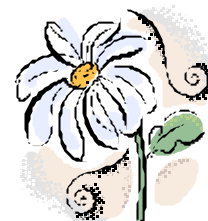
Let's wish these new young Chinese students an enjoyable and fruitful school life in SEKSS!

S1 After-school Programme

In order to help Secondary 1 students adapt to the new school environment and to enable them to enjoy a meaningful and happy school life, a variety of after-school activities are arranged for them. Through these activities which are held after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Secondary 1 students are becoming more familiar with the school and



many of them are beginning to develop a sense of belonging to the school.



School Lunch Box Service

In a continued effort to meet the needs of students, SEKSS (WK) has this year instituted a lunch box service for students and staff. Under the management of HE teacher Ms Chung Lai-mui, the process of establishing a contract with a good service provider was undertaken during the summer holidays and began service in late September.

Whilst initial interest was strong, particularly amongst the S1 students, the lunch box service has grown to serve over a hundred meals during



the lunch break. Forms are handed out to students during class period, families completing their selection and making the payment at their local Bank of China branch. With the receipt handed back to the school, the process is almost complete. Students later receive a record card, which they provide to the catering staff, along with their student ID card, to ensure that they get the correct meal.

Students who do not order a month in advance can still enjoy the healthy and nutritious food by purchasing a lunch box by paying cash on the day. The fifteen-dollar payment is exceptionally good value. The catering company staff are courteous and efficient in issuing the food and dealing with our students.



Given the rapid and continued growth in popularity of the service, the lunch box system is certain to stay and provide the school community with fantastic food so that the active minds of our students are fully fuelled for their afternoon school work.

Special Events / Activities

Date	Activities	Organizing Bodies	Target Students
Sept	Cultural Harmony Badge Design Competition	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Multicultural Service Centre for South Asian Ethnic Minorities Art Club	S.1 – S.3
27 Sept	Mid-autumn Festival Activity: Riddles Written On Lanterns	Chinese Club	S.1– S.5
4 – 18 Oct	Exhibition – Wetland Conservation in Action	Environmental Education Committee	S.1– S.5
Sept – Oct	Inter-class Display Board Competition	Guidance Team	S.1– S.5
11 – 16 Oct	Inter-school Football Competition (A Grade)	HHKSSF	S.3 – S.5
11 – 25 Oct	Sports Day Photo Exhibition	Photography Club	S.1– S.5
11 – 29 Oct	Inter-school Basketball Competition (A Grade)	HHKSSF	S.3 – S.5
16 Oct	Visit to HKU	Careers Committee, Biology Department, Chemistry Department	S.4 & S.5
17 – 31 Oct	Inter-school Volleyball Competition	HHKSSF	S.3 – S.5
19 Oct	Visit to Po Leung Kuk Museum	History Department	S.4B students
25 – 29 Oct	Inter-house Football Competition	PE Department	S.1– S.5
26 Oct	Hall Assembly : “Helping Hands”	Guidance Team	S.1– S.5
26 – 28 Oct	Guidance Activity : Cultural Harmony	Guidance Team	S.1– S.5
27 Oct	Inter-school Boys Hockey Competition (A Grade)	HHKSSF	S.2 – S.5
27 Oct	English Enhancement Programme	English Department	S.4
28 Oct	Teentime (radio programme) on RTHK 3	RTHK, EMB& English Department	4 students in S.4
28 Oct	Visit to Tung Wah Hospital Museum	History Department	S.4C students
30 Oct	Flag Selling for the Community Chest of Hong Kong	JPC, CYC, Guidance Team, Discipline Team	S.2 – S.5
Oct - Nov	Drama Course	G-Set English Centre & English Department	S.2 – S.4
25 – 29 Oct	Halloween Brain Teaser & Book Display	Reading to Learn Team School Library	S.1– S.5
25 – 29 Oct	New Books Display	School Library	S.1– S.5

Visitors from Japan

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Ohayoogozaimashita! (Good day)

On 14th October 2004, our school became even more ‘international’ when a number of Japanese faces appeared among us. Under the liaison of the Home Affairs Bureau, a company of around 30 Japanese teachers, students, office workers and housewives who have joined the ‘Kagoshima International Youth Exchange Programme 2004’ visited our school. One could see the excitement on their faces as they



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Doomo arigato gozaimashita! (Thank you!)

toured around the school under the escort of the Principal, the Assistant Principals, teachers and some students helpers. They did not hesitate to

express their appreciation of the kind and warm reception they received here. They were also deeply impressed by the studying environment of the school, the facilities and the helpfulness and friendliness of the students. They displayed keen interest in all kinds of things that happened around in the school and even mentioned that they envied our having air-conditioning in the classrooms!



Things would not have gone that smoothly without the help of two of our Japanese-speaking students, Omae Anri (S.1A) and Kang Nam Hoon (S.2D). Thank you all, and best wishes to our Japanese friends!

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