



Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon) held its Annual Speech Day (2008/2009) on Wednesday 16th December, which was the culmination of yet another hugely successful year of scholarship and wide-ranging achievements.

This year we were extremely thrilled to have a popular celebrity as our guest of honour, none other than singer, actress and chef Ms Maria Cordero. As an alumnus of our school, her presence added to the excitement of the proceedings, which included a variety of outstanding performances by our students.

The ceremony began with the procession of the Official Party to the stage and the playing of the Chinese National Anthem. Our Principal Mr Fung Kam Cheung then delivered the Annual Report, which highlighted our school's academic and extracurricular successes as well as our excellent pastoral care and cross-curricular achievements. Mr Fung also lavished praise on our PTA and alumni for their great contributions towards the betterment of our school. He then concluded by thanking our Assistant Principals and staff for their dedication and hard work in making this year such a success.

After the presentation of certificates and prizes, Ms Cordero took to the podium and delivered one of the most heartfelt and memorable speeches ever presented at our school. She spoke straight from her heart and was full of praise for the school's cultural harmony. She also mentioned how her sons had a great school environment here and remarked at the wonderful performance of our students during her time at our Speech Day. At the end of her speech, she sparked thunderous applause from everyone when she graciously offered a complete set of musical instruments for our school.

Our School Oriental Dance Team performed a dance for our guests and audience followed by a French role-play by a group of students from the French Club. Our heroic Speech Festival champions performed their winning speeches in both Chinese and English Prose and Solo Verse Speaking. This was followed by a wonderful performance of John Denver's hit song, *Perhaps Love* by our school choir. The day's event ended on a high with the whole hall singing our school song and this brought an end to yet another successful Speech Day.

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addressing our school

Oriental Dance

Parents' Night cum 18TH Parents-Teachers' Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting

Two elections, the School Management Committee (SMC) Parent Representative and the PTA Executive Committee Parent-members, were held in our school on 13 November 2009. Our enthusiastic parents turned up on time to participate, support and witness this event.

At 6.30 pm, our principal, Mr. Fung Kam Cheung, welcomed the parents in the school hall for this important event and thanked them for their enthusiasm and support. Then our PTA Chairman, Mr. Fok Chun Hung, Eddy highlighted PTA's work and contribution to the school. Certificates were presented to last year's members of the PTA Executive Committee and thereafter the elections started.

There were five candidates contesting for the PTA Executive Committee and four candidates for SMC. The candidates were introduced and by secret ballot electors cast their votes. At 8.45 pm, the results were announced. Mr. Fok Chun Hung, Eddy was declared the SMC parent representative. Mr. Gurung Asho Kumar, Mr. Fok Chun Hung, Eddy, Mrs. Angelica I. Ang, Ms Leung Lai Chun were elected as the PTA Executive Committee.

It was truly an enjoyable night as it allowed parents to freely mingle with teachers to share their views. It was a wonderful evening with snacks and drinks sponsored by the PTA. Parents also got to meet their children's class teacher and collected report-sheets. A donation drive by the PTA raised a total sum of HK\$2,235.







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In a joint effort with the Hong Kong Police Force of the Mong Kok District, the Counselling and Discipline Committees of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon) hosted a 'Real Friends Project' again this year, which aimed to promote a sense of responsibility, self-confidence, and social skills in students through interaction with police volunteers in a series of activities throughout the school year.

This Project kicked off with a speech by the Assistant District Commander (Administration) of Mong Kok Police District, Superintendent, Mr. Howard, at the Opening Ceremony in the afternoon of 21 October 2009. Then our Principal, Mr. Fung, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the police volunteers. After the launching ceremony, the police volunteers were invited to play a friendly basketball match with our students as an ice-breaking activity to enhance social interaction between both parties. Anxious eyes, including teachers' and students' were glued to the school basketball court and the entire crowd was thrown into a frenzy whenever the teams scored a basket. Every team member played hard and well, making the game competitive and elevating their 'friendship' to a new level.

Throughout the school year students will have lots of opportunities to take part in the project activities that would include war games, canoeing, hiking, game booth service, visits and many others. It is believed that a collective effort is needed from both the school and the Hong Kong Police Force to propel this important project forward to the benefit of our students.

First Staff Development Day

The First Staff Development Day took place on 28 September 2009 and the theme for the day was 'A Whole School Approach towards helping students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)'. We were delighted to have Ms. Elsie Wong (a social worker) and Ms. Peggy Chu (a teacher) from the Student Support Team of Hong Chi Winifred Mary Cheung Morninghope School to give us a talk on the skills and knowledge necessary for teaching students with special educational needs.







The programme started off with interactive group activities identifying some characteristics of students with autism, aspergers, dyslexia and dyscalculia. They also helped us to identify students with behavioral and emotional disorders. SEN students have difficulty in learning at normal rate, so techniques on how to monitor and guide them into learning at their individual pace were discussed and shared among all staff. Students with autism experience stress with transitions and new situations, so teachers have to do a lot to help autistic kids handle changes in schedules or routines in the classroom. Use of visual aids and teambuilding games are useful tools in conveying messages to SEN students. Students may also benefit from pairing up with a peer guiding them to integrate with other students.

The teachers shared their experiences in enhancing the learning of SEN students in the school and suggested better measures to render schoolbased support for students with diverse needs. The half-day programme ended with a video that was superbly produced by an autistic student. It was an energetic and exciting atmosphere and the school thanked the guest speakers for making our First Staff Development Day a huge success. Debating News

This year, on Saturday 5 December 2009, our school was invited to host the first round of the 25th Sing Tao Inter-School Debating Competition co-organised by Sing Tao Daily, the Standard and the Education Bureau. This prestigious competition enables students to improve their language, debating, analytical and organisational skills as well as evoking their interest in current social affairs and liberal studies.

A total of 5 contests were held in our Student Activity Room starting from 9am until 1:30pm. Mandy Sin Man Yee (3E) was the emcee and Ivy Ngai Kai Yung (3E) served as timekeeper. Christy Chan Ho Kei (3E) was responsible for taking care of the steady stream of guests including adjudicators and teachers from the 10 schools that participated in our venue.

All three of our student ambassadors for this event performed exceptionally well and their efforts were greatly appreciated.



This year's school team was captained by Samuel Thurman (4B) with support from first speaker Nicholas Hon Kah Choon (5A) and second speaker Deniece Francisco (5A). They debated on the motion "*RTHK should become an independent public service broadcaster*" and took the opposition side. The contest was evenly fought but in the end our team succumbed to the affirmative side from SKH Lui Ming Choi Secondary School. However, we managed some success as second speaker Deniece received the prize for the Best Interrogative Speaker in the contest.

There will also be an Inter-government secondary schools debating competition due to commence in early 2010 and our school is geared to take part both as hosts and participants and we are looking forward to a good showing in this competition.



Mandy and Ivy preparing for the competiton



Participants and supporters listening to the debaters

61st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival

This year a total of 67 students took part in this year's Speech Festival (English and Chinese sections) and we were able to achieve a slew of excellent results. The vast majority of students opted to join the Solo Verse Speaking section and this resulted in two students becoming champions and two students getting 2nd place and three earning 3rd place. The names of the prize winners are listed below. Of the rest, 33 students obtained Certificates of Merit and 12 received Certificates of Proficiency. Overall results were very encouraging and we look forward to continued success in this excellent competition that promotes students language proficiency and presentation skills.

Barsha with her 1st prize certificate





Gurung Barsha of 5C was one of our prize winners at this year's Speech Festival. Here's what she had to say about her experience:

Participating in the Hong Kong Schools Speech and Music Festival has always been a remarkable experience for me as I have found it to be a challenging yet enjoyable task. It can be quite intimidating giving a speech in front of strangers but overcoming this fear enables you to perform well. I am not going to deny it, I did aim for a prize in this year's Speech Festival as it was my last year in EK and my last chance to win, so when I actually won, I was not only proud of my achievement but I also learned that "Nothing is impossible"! (Gurung Barsha, S5C)

School Picnic School Picnic School Picnic School Picnic School Picnic

Our annual school picnic took place on 21 December 2009. It was one of the most important school days for us because it signaled the end of the school term was approaching and it was a break for the whole school after a term's arduous work. All students seized this opportunity to relax themselves and to learn in the natural environment outside the classroom.

This year classes were allowed to choose their favourite spots to go for their school picnic, instead of the school choosing the destinations for them. Students who liked to visit the outlying islands chose Cheung Chau and Lamma Island; students who preferred flying kites and barbecues chose Tai Ao Mun; students who enjoyed recreational activities such as archery and ball games chose Sai Kung Outdoor Recreational Centre; students who adored beach going chose Stanley, Shek O and the Golden Coast. To look for some common species of plants and trail walks in Hong Kong students chose Tai Mo Shan Country Park and Tai Tam Country Park. A sprinkling of other classes chose Tai Mei Tuk and Hoi Ha for their beautiful scenery.

The students were in high spirits and the mood was set for an enjoyable day. They hurried to school early in the morning grabbing their barbecue things, picnic goods, drinks, and snacks for the day. Soon the coaches arrived and students headed for their picnic sites, singing songs and chatting joyously all the way through. Upon arrival at the destination, everybody made a mad dash to claim a good spot or a barbecue pit. Students ran off and played between bites and the food seemed to taste all the better as it was eaten outside in this way.

By late afternoon, everyone was getting tired and looking for a place to take a rest. Soon the coaches came and it was time for the return trip, but some students still did not budge and wanted to stay a little longer. The day was an enjoyable and exciting one for all teachers and students.







School Special Events / Activities



Making a Rainbow Life Programme (Ocean Park)



Calligraphy Exhibition of the Chinese People's Liberation Army

Event/Activity	Committee/Organization	Date	Participants
Student Health Ambassador Programme	Health & Sex Education Committee	The whole year	All students
Second-handed Textbooks Selling Day	Guidance & Counseling Com.	1~3/9/2009	S.1 ~ S.3
Cultural Renaissance: Dancing to	The Youth Outreach and the Discipline	9/2009 ~ 4/2010	30 selected students
Healthy Life	Committee		
Student Environmental Protection	EDB, Leisure & Culture Services	9/2009 ~ 7/2010	40 students
Ambassador Scheme	Department and the Environmental		
! 	Education Committee		·
「中華人民共和國建國六十週年問答 比賽」	國民教育中心 National Education Centre, Moral & Civic Ed. Com.	9~10/9/2009	250 students
Yau Tsim Mong District Grand Parade	ECA Committee	20/9/2009	About 30 students
for the Celebration of the 60 th National			
Day and Welcoming of East Asian	1		
Games			
Study skills for "HKCEE"	Guidance & Counseling Com.	24/9/2009 ~ 5/10/2009	S.5
	國民教育中心, Moral & Civic Ed. Com.	29~30/9 & 5~6/10/2009	250 students
Sino Organic Ambassador Scheme	The Baptist University and the	10/2009 ~ 7/2010	25 students
	Environmental Education Committee	 	1
Inter-school Basketball Championship	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	Oct ~ Dec 2009	Basketball Team
Inter-school Volleyball Championship	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	Oct ~ Dec 2009	Members Volleyball Team
			Members
Inter-school Football Championship	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	Oct ~ Dec 2009	Football Team Members
One Person One Flower Scheme	Leisure & Culture Services Department	10/2009 ~ 2/2010	All students
	and the Environmental Education		
	Committee		
Steps to Success Programme	Guidance & Counseling Com.	7/10/2009 ~ 15/12/2009	Non-Chinese Speaking
I I			and Returnee Students
World Sight Day (Donation Drive for ORBIS)	Health & Sex Education Committee	8~9/10/2009	All students
Making a Rainbow Life Programme	Guidance & Counseling Com.	8/10/2009 ~ 17/12/2009	All newly arrived
		 	children from Mainland



Steps to Success Programme (Ngong Ping360)



國慶展板



中華人民共和國建國六十週年問答比賽

School Special Events / Activities (Continued)





Enhanced Smart Teen Project

HKACC 601 Squadron Adventure Training Camp

Event/Activity	Committee/Organization	Date	Participants
Visit to Art Exhibition: Calligraphy Exhibition of the Chinese People's Liberation Army	Aesthetic Education, VA Department	13/10/2009	S.1 ~ S.4 (47 students)
HKACC 601 Squadron Adventure Training	Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps, 601 Squadron	18/10/2009	Air Cadet members
Briefing Session on Applied Learning for S.4	Careers Committee	19,20,22/10/2009	S.4
Enhanced Smart Teen Project	EDB, Correctional Services Department and the Discipline Committee	19~23/10/2009	20 selected students from S.2 and S.3
Visit to the University of Hong Kong	Careers Committee	24/10/2009	Selected students
Applied Learning Taster Programmes	Careers Committee	Nov ~ Dec 2009	Selected S4 Students
JA Leadership Seminar (Talk on Importance of Career Aspirations)	Careers Committee	12/11/2009	S.4 and S.5
Inter-class Classroom Cleaning Campaign	Health & Sex Ed. Com. Discipline Com. Moral & Civic Ed. Com.	13/11/2009	All students
Senior Cricket School Team Competition	Hong Kong Cricket Association		School Cricket Team
"Speak It" Playback Theatre Training – Enhance youth proactive techniques programme	Kely Support Group, Guidance & Counseling Com.	14,28/11/2009 & 16,30/1/2010	S.4 students (10 students)
Field trip to Mai Po	Environmental Education Committee, Geography Department	3/12/2009	S.5B students
The East-Asia Games: Rugby Sevens	Guidance & Counseling Com.	5/12/2009	S.1 ~ S.3 (22)
特區政府施政十件大事評選	香港文滙報及九龍總商會, Moral & Civic Ed. Com.	9~14/12/2009	250 students
Speech Therapy Services for SEN students (by Speech Support Centre)	Guidance & Counseling Com.	9/12/2009 ~ 7/5/2010 (10 sessions)	S.1 ~ S.3 (4 students)
The East-Asia Games: Aquatics (Diving) Finals	Guidance & Counseling Com.	13/12/2009	S.1 ~ S.3 (10)
樂施會 貧富宴 – 十億個夢想	樂施會	17/12/2009	52 students



Field trip to Mai Po



Visit to the University of Hong Kong



JA Leadership Seminar (Talk on Importance of Career Aspirations)



Class	Name of Students
3C	Fok Brian
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4C	Siu Chung Ling
2C	Pawar Vinaya Singh
5C	Poon So Man
5A	Law Ka Lok
2C	Tang Wai Lok
5C	Da Silva Gabriela Angela Maria
5A	Tadeo Jenilyn Marie Hernandez
4B	Nicomedes Athena Margareth Vailoces
	3C 3C 4C 2C 5C 5A 2C 5C 5C 5A



Students trying their best in track and field events





Donning devil horns and a werewolf's face, terror and mischief spread throughout the place.



A trickle of blood and a pirate's hat, more sinister than a big black bat.

Halloween Party

Also known as All Hallows Eve, Halloween descended from the Irish Celtic Samhain festival, which marked the Celtic New Year – a day when dead souls were believed to revisit the earth. To appease the restless souls of the wandering dead, people would open up their doors and offer food and this was how the tradition of children going trick-or-treating originated.

Halloween is rapidly becoming popular around the world as well as in Hong Kong, where one can experience the festive atmosphere of Halloween all around, including at Ocean Park, Disneyland and the little costume shops lining Pottinger Street in Central. Schools too are jumping on the bandwagon and taking part in the celebrations by throwing Halloween parties and hosting a plethora of competitions, from guessing the number of sweets in a jar to apple bobbing games, to spooky fancy dress competitions and parades and horror story writing contests.

SEKSS (WK) was not one to be left behind in the celebrations in 2009 for long after the midnight bell tolled on the 31October, Room 101 boasted an eerie atmosphere as S1 students masquerading as demonic creatures and grizzly ghouls abounded in some merrymaking and spooky festivities. Amidst squeals of terror paired with diabolical laughter and sinister cackles, students were seen mischievously pranking their friends, posing for pictures, munching on treats and partaking in the popular game of guessing the number of sweets in a jar.

Ghosts and ghouls gave us a fright this party was a spooky sight!



S.1 & S.4 Training Camps

Both the S.1 & S.4 training camps were co-organized by the ECA Committee, the Guidance & Counseling Committee and the Discipline Committee of our school. They were held at the High Island Training Centre of the Hong Kong Adventure Corps (HKAC) in September and November 2009 respectively.

Over 160 S.1 students from 5 classes participated in the S.1 Training Camp that lasted for 2 days 3 nights from 16 September to 18 September 2009. This Camp, which consisted of an adventure-based programme including a high event course, a low event course, discipline training and many other activities, aimed at helping S.1 students to adapt to the new learning environment and face the challenges in their new secondary school life. Through the various challenging tasks, we hoped that our S.1 students might be able to develop better self-management and self- discipline skills. All the participants made their best effort to accomplish the most they could. Although not all of them managed to complete the Camp successfully, the results were greatly encouraging.



The S.4 Training Camp, which took place from 25 November to 27 November 2009, aimed at providing students with leadership training and enhancing their sense of responsibility. More than 110 students attended and successfully completed the training. The Camp proved to be a success because of the hard work, high spirit and morale of all the participants. During the three days, students worked in groups led by their group leaders to face different challenges and accomplish the tasks given to them.

More than 10 teachers including the ECA Mistress took part in the training camps. Throughout the three consecutive days, they gave their students a lot of support and encouragement. They also shared with them their precious suggestions and advice. From students' feedback and evaluation, we were assured that the time and effort required for the running of the training camps were worthwhile. Without the support of all the class teachers and other staff, the events would not have been successful.





20 November 2009 was an exciting day for our Secondary 4 students, as they had participated in Applied Learning - Other Learning Experiences (OLE) Programme (Career-aptitude Exploration Workshop) coorganized by the school's Careers Committee and the Vocational Training Council.

On that day, students went to different VTC centres to attend workshops according to their own interests. There were five different courses: Hotel Operations, Western Cuisine, Film and Video Studies, Multimedia Entertainment Studies, and Image Design.

In accordance with the New Senior Secondary curriculum, students need to have Other Learning Experiences (OLE), and one of them is career-related experience. To suit this purpose, the school has introduced this programme to our Secondary 4 students. By joining this programme, students are able to obtain knowledge on different careers and explore their own talents and future career pathways.

Image Design - Learning more about hair design and clothing programme. in this design Through different activities, our students were able to gain basic knowledge of hair and clothing design.



Setting different hairstyles





Film and Video Studies - Introducing students to film and television industry and their operations. Students had a chance to design their own clips using different shooting and filming techniques.



Swiss roll decoration

Western Cuisine - Learning about western food preparation.



Hotel Operations - Knowing the hospitality industries.





computer games, animation and visual technologies

Multimedia Entertainment Studies - Giving more information on its development and how it can be applied to different industries.

Through all these programmes, students were able to obtain knowledge on different careers and explore their own talents and future career pathways. It also enhanced students' communication skills, team spirit, and value judgment. Moreover, the programmes offered students with experimentations in related professions and broadened their horizons. It was a great experience for students as they got to understand the difficulties working in various industries.

Under the NSS curriculum, students can take Applied Learning courses in S.5 and S.6. It is hoped that students would be able to decide on the choice of Applied Learning courses after joining the workshop.

Christmas Talent Show

On the 22nd of December 2009, our school held its annual talent show. All in all it was a huge success with a variety of performances ranging from the band numbers, modern dances and singing. In fact, this year's show had more flavour with a pantomime and cultural dances compared to previous years.





As one of the student MCs, I mostly stayed backstage and got to see first hand how all the performers were getting ready and even though some of them had stage fright, you would have never known after seeing them on stage. All the acts were stunning and I could tell from the audience reaction that everybody was enjoying the act as much as I did. Just like any other competition, the judges had a hard time choosing winners. This year's winner was Sushmita Limbu of 3B who performed a wonderful solo Nepali dance.

We also had a special guest performer, our very own Mr. Nair's son, Ashwin Nair, who did a wonderful impersonation of Michael Jackson performing his *Smooth Criminal* dance. Nearly everyone in the hall was trying to get a glimpse of his spectacular dancing.

All this success would not have been possible had it not been for all the hard work put in preparation and planning weeks before the show. Thanks to the combined effort of both the teachers and students, we were able to enjoy that day to the fullest. So I think we will always treasure this memory and look forward to even more fantastic shows in the years to come.



(Thurman Samuel David Fernandez, S4B)

'How many 10 years do you have in your life?'

This question may sound familiar to all the Chinese students. But do you know that in some parts of the world, there are some children who can't count the 10 years in their lives. They are struggling to live every day. They are so poor.

However, if we do a little for them, they may be able to survive. After some students of S4A last year mentioned about the scheme of World Vision and under the leadership of the class teacher, Ms. Ng, students of S4A all agreed to pay a minimum of \$7 every month to sponsor 2 kids, one in Mongolia, one in Africa. They all knew the sponsorship would last for 10 years.

10 years can change a person's life.

Now all the students are in S5A. They are still sponsoring the kids. They hope that the spirit of helping the poor won't only exist in S5A, but spread to the whole school. \$7 may mean some potato chips to you, but it can also determine the fate of some poor children.

You can light up their lives!

(S5A)

