



Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)



Episodes

Open Day

On Friday, March 10th Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School held its annual Open Day. In addition to honoured guests, the school was filled with students, parents and teachers who had come to see the various events and ceremonies.

The Air Cadet Corps provided the audience with a fine parade which illustrated the results of their hard work, discipline and dedication to practicing their marching skills. This was followed by an award ceremony to congratulate the parents whose children did especially well in the Half-yearly exams. SEKSS hopes that all parents will take an active role in their children's education by supporting and encouraging



students to work hard in order to reach their potential in academic, athletic, and extra-curricular endeavors.

Next came the exciting inter-House dance competition that featured a number of different displays of graceful and elegant dancing. The crowd was treated to four different but wonderful dances performed excellently. All dancers are to be commended on their hard work and excellent dancing.

Also included in the Open Day ceremonies was a collection of displays and demonstrations of the various ethnic groups that help to make up the diverse and multi-cultural school community. This included displays, a variety of events such as henna hand painting, and of course a table full of delicious food from all around the globe! In addition, there were several musical performances that helped add an artistic musical element.

By all counts, Open Day March 2006 was a huge success and we wish to thank all those who made this day a special and memorable one.

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Project Learning Week

From April 24th to April 27th this year our students were able to put away the text books and roll up their sleeves for some visits and field trips to help them get involved in learning about some interesting topics. Working in small groups, the students completed a final project on the topic that they had selected from the list below:

Form	Topic #1	Topic #2
S1	Recreational facilities in Hong Kong	Performing arts in Hong Kong
S2	Spending habits of Hong Kong people	Reduce, reuse, recycle in Hong Kong
S3	Natural environment in Hong Kong	Religions of different ethnic groups in Hong Kong
S4	Air pollution in Hong Kong (4A)	A natural / historical route of Hong Kong

Project Learning Week involved a number of these different interesting topics which challenged the students to “learn through experiencing”. In addition to stressing the importance of academic excellence, events such as the Project Learning Week help to emphasise the hands-on approach to learning and discovering more of Hong Kong and the world. There were several topics available to each student, who worked with their classmates in small groups of 4 to 6 students. The groups then went out to different locations to conduct surveys, make first-hand observations, take photos and do some good old-fashioned “hands-on” investigating.

Following their outings, the groups returned to the school, and (under teachers’ supervision) analyzed, processed and presented their findings. Many final projects came in several forms—booklets, posters, Powerpoint presentation and of course, the traditional scrapbook. Congratulations to the students for their hard work and good collaboration with their classmates



S3 Parents' Talk on Streaming & Choice of Subjects at S4

To S3 students, this special meeting was both informative and important. Held after school on 4 May 2006 for all S3 students and their parents in the School Hall, Ms. Leung Mi-po, the Careers Mistress, together with various subject teachers introduced the different subjects offered at S4. To cater to the diverse needs and interests of the students, students were also

given the opportunity to select 'Career-oriented Courses' among

which 'Hotel Operations' and 'Fashion and Image Design' were considered to be comparatively more suitable. The school hopes to provide students with options that will help them develop their potential, enhance their interests and pave the way for further studies and/or work in future.



PTA Outing – Saturday, 22 April 2006

Just after 09.00, 110 teachers, students and parents boarded two coaches headed for Kam Tin in the New Territories. The first stop was the Heritage Trail, which proved to be an historic adventure as participants explored ancient school buildings and tried to imagine the classroom scene hundreds of years ago. It surely would have been much different from today's classroom!

A short stroll to Kam Tin Country Club followed. Here, a tired and thirsty crowd rested and drank herbal

teas or homemade soya milk. The more active ones busied themselves by looking around the club. There were gasps of delight at the beautiful orchids and

some of the younger participants tried their hand at fishing!

It was soon time to journey on to Tuen Mun for a Thai buffet lunch. Eating al fresco was a tad too much for some as the noonday sun was bright and hot. However, after the seating arrangements had

been ironed out, everyone enjoyed a variety of tasty dishes. After lunch, there was the lucky draw and a few lucky ones won \$50 Park'N Shop coupons.

The last destination of the day was Inspiration Lake, which is near Hong Kong Disneyland. How exciting to be in the environs of the Magical Kingdom! Inspiration Lake proved to be "inspirational".

The calm, peaceful surroundings were a welcome break from the hustle and bustle of city life. Some participants

paddleboats!

The outing was not only enjoyable but also provided a good opportunity to foster home-school co-operation as teachers, parents and students spent time together and got to know one another a little more.



sat and talked whilst enjoying the soft breeze; others strolled around the lake; the younger children exercised in the playground and some of the older ones ventured onto the lake in



Activities/Functions

Events	Organizers	Date	Target Students
Visit to Mongkok Police Station	Guidance & Counselling Committee and School Social Worker	7.2.2006	All students
Anti-drug talk [Fig. 1]	Guidance & Counselling Committee and School Social Worker	7 -10, 14,16,21.2.2006	S.1 & S.2 students
Effective Study – Goal Setting & Time Management [Fig. 2]	Academic Promotion Committee	15.2.2006	S.4 students
42 nd Schools Dance Festival	Education and Manpower Bureau	15.2.2006	Oriental Dance Team & Modern Dance Team
Inter-school Athletics Championships	HK Schools Sports Federation	20.2.2006	Athletic Team
Inter-school Hockey Competition	HK Schools Sports Federation	20.2.2006	Hockey Team
Talk on Chinese Debate [Fig. 3]	Chinese Club	28.2.2006	S.1 and S.2 students
Effective Study – Goal Setting & Time Management	Academic Promotion Committee	28.2.2006	S.1 students
Support Program for Non-Chinese Speaking and Returnee Children – “Making your Fruitful Life”	Guidance & Counselling Committee and School Social Worker	21.1.2006 – 6.3.2006	New Arrivals
S.1 English Enhancement Programme	Department of English	March – May 2006	S.1 students
Hong Kong Schools Music Festival	Music Department	6,7.3.2006	Selected students
Talk by IVE for S.5 [Fig. 4]	Careers Committee	13.3.2006	S.5 students
Talk on COC for S.3	Careers Committee	14.3.2006	S.3 students
Inter-House Humanities/Science/Maths Quiz [Fig. 5]	Academic Promotion Committee	16.3.2006	S.1 students
“Be a Good Citizen” – Visit to Stanley Prison	Guidance & Counselling Committee and School Social Worker	22.3.2006	All students
Inter-school Cricket Competitions [Fig. 6]	HK Cricket Association	22.3.2006 and 25.3.2006	School Junior Cricket Team
Geography Field Studies in Tai Kok Tsui and Shamshuipo Districts (Urban Problems) [Fig. 7]	Geography Department	13.4.2006	S.1F



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Fig. 5



Fig. 6

Activities/Functions (Continued)

Events	Organizers	Date	Target Students
Lunch time French Class	French Club	19.4.2006-14.6.2006	French Club Members
Sex Education Workshop [Fig. 8]	End Child Sexual Abuse Foundation	20.4.2006	S.2E, S.2F
Star Pisces Familiarisation Visit for T&T students	Travel and Tourism Department	28.4.2006	Selected Students
Visit to Detection Dog Training Center [Fig. 9]	Guidance & Counselling Committee and School Social Worker	29.2.2006	All Students
Cultural Tourism Case Study Write-up	The Travel & Tourism Education Programme (HK) Ltd.	April - May 2006	Selected Students
Tennis Training Course [Fig. 10]	Parents and Teachers' Association and P.E. Department	26.4.2006-14.6.2006	S.1, S.2 and S.3
Readathon for the PTA & Book Donation Campaign	Reading to Learn Team	8-28.5.2006	All students
Inter-class Dress Well Competition	Discipline Committee	April - June 2006	All students
Kely Hip Hop Performance and Circus Competition	Guidance & Counselling Committee and School Social Worker	12.5.2006	Select Students
Effective Study – Strategic Planning and Executing	Academic Promotion Committee	16.5.2006	S.1 students
Hotel Visit – InterContinental Hong Kong	Travel and Tourism Department	17.5.2006	S.4C T&T students
Volunteer Service for the Elderly [Fig. 11]	Guidance & Counselling Committee and School Social Worker	20.5.2006	All students
2006 Conrad Hospitality Experience	The Travel & Tourism Education Programme (HK) Ltd.	26.5.2006	Singh Gurjiven (4C)
2006 Hotel Familiarisation Programme	The Travel & Tourism Education Programme (HK) Ltd.	26.5.2006	Leon Fong (4C)
Newspaper Reading Competition	Reading to Learn Team and Library Committee	29.5.2006	All students
2006 Experience Marriott Day	The Travel & Tourism Education Programme (HK) Ltd.	8.6.2006	Chan Chun Kit (4C)
Visit to Mai Po Nature Reserve [Fig. 12]	Environmental Education Committee	1.6.2006	S.2F
Talk on the topic “Rule of Law” by Legislative Councillor Leong Kah Kit [Fig. 13]	Moral and Civic Education Committee	8.6.2006	S.4 students
“Anti-addiction” – workshop	Guidance & Counselling Committee	8.6.2006	S.1



2nd Staff Development Day

23rd February 2006 was our school's second Staff Development Day. Teachers and supporting staff spent the morning on discussions on the



new secondary school curriculum and Project Learning Week.

After lunch, all teachers went on an exciting 'cultural trip' in Wan Chai: They visited the *Khalsa Diwan* (Sikh Temple) and *Masjid Ammar & Osman Ramju Sadick Islamic Centre* (Wanchai Mosque), where they learned about the two religions, their various ceremonies

and doctrines. It was an eye-opening experience indeed.



3rd Staff Development Day

2nd June was a special day for all staff members. Instead of holding the event in school as usual, it was held 40 km away in Sha Tau Kok, a district bordering Shenzhen, China.

Early in the morning, around 50 members of the teaching and supporting staff set off from school on a coach in the midst of a 'red' rainstorm warning and headed towards Sha Tau Kok Government Secondary School, which would soon close down after fulfilling its historical mission of serving school-age students in its neighborhood for 35 years. Situated in a spacious environment in the

countryside, Sha Tau Kok Government Secondary School allowed its visitors to enjoy a day away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The morning was spent on brainstorming sessions led by the Principal, Mr. Fung and group discussion among staff members on the future development of the school. This was followed by a scrumptious seafood lunch at the 'only' Chinese restaurant



edging Chung Ying Street, one of the most unique thoroughfares in the world. This street is an open boundary without any physical barriers – no fence, no wall, no barbed wires but policed by Chinese guards. Only indigenous villagers on both the Hong Kong and Shenzhen sides of Sha Tau Kok Village have freedom of movement across Chung Ying Street. However, even though the Chinese restaurant was the furthest we could go, teachers took many photos with the Street as the background. After lunch, the principal of Sha Tau Kok Government Secondary School kindly served as a tour guide and showed us around the area. It was indeed an eye-opening, educational and unique experience for all.



Hip Hop Performance and Circus Competition

The school Hall was filled with cheers and excitement on 12th May 2006 as students from our school and another school showed off their talents and skills they had learned in a hip hop dance performance and circus competition. The performance-competition was part of the Anti-drug Youth Empowerment Programme, organised by Kely Support Group. The programme aimed at fostering positive qualities among students such as self-esteem, creativity and teamwork. It also educated them about the dangers and risks of drug abuse.

Students received trainings



in circus skills and hip hop dance in October – December 2005 and February – March 2006 respectively, all free of charge.

Some 20 students each from our school and Sear Rogers International School took part in the grand show on 12th May. Our students started with an exuberant hip hop dance performance which got everyone's feet tapping on the floor with the vibrant music. Following this was the exciting circus competition. The two teams impressed the audience with plate spinning, ball juggling and a diabolo performance. They played like professionals!



With the cheers of appreciation and encouragement from fellow schoolmates, our school team had the honour of winning the contest.

Next came the presentation of prizes and souvenirs, taking of photos and a speech made by a representative from the sponsor of the programme, Mr Miro Ng from the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau. This extravaganza came to an end in high spirits, enjoyed by all guests, audience and participants.

After School Activities for S1 Students

We all know that there is a lot more to learning than just studying academic subjects. This year SEKSS has put together a good selection of after school activities for the students in S1 to complement their scholarly studies. On Tuesdays and Thursdays in the second term S1 students could enjoy activities on a variety of topics, including:

Anti-drug workshop	Leadership training
Chinese Language activity	Team building training
Gardening	Chess for fun
Talk on first aid	Term test revisions
Humanities/Science/Maths quiz	Anti-smoking workshop
English Practice	Exam Revision

These are in addition to the academic after school programs. In addition to Internet based tutorial programs for English (exercises provided by eng-class.com) and Math (exercises provided by mad.trumpstech.com), the

school provided face to face after school English Enrichment classes to help students improve their level of English.



National Costume Day

On 9th June 2006, many of our students were not wearing their school uniform, but for once, the discipline teachers were not after them. It was because that day was our National Costume Day!

Students of different ethnic groups dressed up in their national costumes, filling our campus with myriads of colours and patterns, suddenly turning our school into something like a carnival of the United Nations.

Many teachers joined in the

fun, too. You could see some female Chinese teachers in *cheong saam* tops, Mrs Naeem and Mr Kumar in their Indian *shalwar kameez* and *churidar kurta* respectively, and Mr Kordyban from Canada in his smart ice hockey team outfit.

To raise students' sense of national identity and appreciation of other cultures, a display board exhibition of the culture and customs of different countries was held at the school entrance on the same

day. 'Cultural harmony' bookmarks were also on sale to raise fund for the event. During lunchtime, a booth was even set up to decorate students' hands with the exquisite Indian *mehndi*.

National Costume Day was jointly organised by the school

Discipline Team and the Moral and Civic Education Committee. Students had to wear their uniform properly and reach a 75% benchmark to qualify for wearing national costumes on this day. Each participating student donated at least \$5. The whole school raised \$2362.7 in total. All proceeds went to the charity Community Chest.



Prizes & Awards

Hong Kong Schools Music Festival

Students	Awards
Yuen Hoi Yan (2F)	Zheng (古筝) - Certificate of Proficiency
Leung Tsz Wing (1D)	Piano - Certificate of Merit
Lui Hei Man (1C)	Piano - Certificate of Proficiency



Inter-School Athletics Championships

Students	Awards
Lai Cinderella Leung (1A)	Champion [Shot Put C Grade] 1st runner-up [100m C Grade]
Hung Shuk Man Mandy (5C)	2nd runner-up [800m A Grade]
Bisht Roshan Singh (3A)	3rd runner-up [Javelin B Grade]



42nd Schools Dance Festival (Oriental Dance)

Students	Awards
Oriental Dance Team	Two Highly Commended Awards (Certificate and Trophy)
	Honors Award (Certificate and Trophy)
	Overall 2nd runner-up (Trophy)

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