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YOUR CHILD'S BRIGHT FUTURE BEGINS HERE



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International Club

SSB students were accorded an avenue to further understand cultural diversity of the world

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Japanese Teaching

In helping SSB students pick up an additional language.

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KINDERGARTEN

Eco Fashion Show

In conjunction with the Eco School, an Eco Fashion Show was held to create awareness among little children about recycling

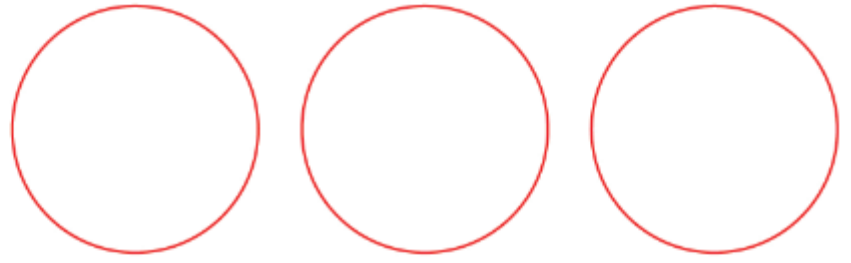
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ECO SCHOOL

SSB ECO COLLABORATION WITH WWF (M)

It helped expose SSB students to care for environment by conducting expanded projects

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From the principal

The past few months I have seen Sekolah Sri Bestari transform into a web of nations, cultures and its momentos through the first ever Cultural event. The cultural event culminated with the launching ceremony attended by representatives from the Mexico and Portugal embassy and Chelsea Football Club. The 5-on-5 Soccer Competition organized was very well received by the whole Bestari community. Students were exposed to cultures of 32 nations who took part in the 2014 Soccer World Cup in Brazil and it was an exhilarating and educational experience for all.

This edition of the Newsletter is solely dedicated to the Cultural extravaganza that swept Sri Bestari and it is being part of the Internationalisation initiative of the school.

We would like to thank all sponsors, attendees as well as representatives from the Parent-Teachers Association, Board of Governors and Land and General Berhad who came out in full support which augurs well for the school and its community.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Steven Baptist

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 *SECONDARY SCIENCE LABORATORIES*

The complete renovation of all the 4 science laboratories has been completed. The Physics, Chemistry, Biology and General Science labs have been assigned a specific colour to present the sports houses of Saga, Cemara, Margosa and Kiara.

2 *ICT WORKSHOP*

A brand new ICT Workshop have been set up complete with new benches, workstations, PCs and necessary tools for the students practical sessions.

3 *COWAY WATER FILTER*

We have installed a COWAY Water Purifier Apolo (Outdoor Filter) POE10-A at the canteen to ensure clean drinking water at all times. The system uses the P5 membrane (5-Layer Polypropylene Microfiber Filter).

4 *SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM*

We are completing the first phase of the SMS implementation and working towards Phase 2 where parents are provided a username and password to access the on-line system to view their child's progress reports. Targeted date is the end of the third quarter.

5 *AIR CONDITIONERS*

A total of 17 units of air conditioners have been replaced through wear and tear.

6 *WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS*

The SSB website is being constantly updated with the latest information as we believe it should be a valuable source of information for parents and students of the going-ons in the school.

7 SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

The first stage of the security improvements is going very well with a dramatic reduction in cases of loitering within the school vicinity. Stage 2 has also been implemented where all ad-hoc visits by outsiders (sales and marketing personnel) are restricted altogether. Only planned visits will now be entertained.

8 RICOH LCD PROJECTORS

Through a collaboration with RICOH we are replacing faulty LCD projectors with RICOH who is now our official partner for IT apparatus. All the school photocopier and printers are under lease from RICOH.

9 RENOVATION OF TOILETS

A proposal is in the final stages of completion before we embark on a scheduled renovation of all toilets in the kindergarten, primary and secondary school as part of the continuous improvement of our facilities.

10 SOCCER PITCH IMPROVEMENTS

Steps are underway to line the soccer pitches permanently and install nets at the goal post as well as corner flags as common features of our school field.

11 TADIKA MANJARIA SAFETY MEASURES

We are finalising the proposal to install gates at the entrances of our kindy as well as fencing at the play areas as part of the safety measure improvements.

12 NEW CO- CURRICULUM T- SHIRT

A new design of the Co-curriculum T-shirt is ready for orders. The T-shirt is microfibre material and comfortable for our humid weather.



CULTURAL WEEK at Sekolah Sri Bestari

It was fun, fiesta and World Cup fever at Sekolah Sri Bestari in June 2014. SSB was transformed into an atmosphere of sheer cultures, music, dances and culinary delights. The Cultural week was a culmination of months of preparation, planning and hard work by the students and teachers to celebrate “Unity in Diversity”. Each class was assigned a specific country from the 32 nations taking part in the Soccer World Cup finals in Brazil. Different themes ran for every 2 months since January. From places of interest, local culture, sports and culinary delights students carried out research, visited embassies and cultural centres and experimented on food preparation. It was an exhilarating experience for all Bestarians with the support from various Embassies in kind as well in monetary allocation.

The highlight of the event was the launching of the Cultural week on the 20 of June which saw the attendance of the Honorary Consul of Portugal, Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Datuk Eugenio Da Luz Campos, Ms Paula Estefania Gallegos Galeana, Academic, Cultural and Public Relations Assistant for Mexico, representatives from the Chelsea Club, Mr Azhar Fenner, Mr Halim and Mr Ekochi Elijah Finbar, Chelsea Club Director Mr T Sivaraj, Mr GT Low, Managing Director for Land & General Berhad, Mr KC Ng, Director of Lang Education Sdn Bhd, and members of the Board of Governors and the Parent Teacher Association. Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Eugenio launched the event which was followed by cultural performances by our students. Our VIP guests were then taken on a campus tour where individual classes hosted our guests with performances, food and a tour of the gallery of information set up in each classroom. It was truly an event to be remembered and part of the Internationalisation program to produce well rounded and holistic minded students.

The following day, 21 June was the 5-on-5 Soccer Challenge ala World Cup where teams representing different nations of the World Cup competed against one another in the true spirit of the competition. The bright coloured jerseys of various nations filled the field and the winning teams of the various age groups were presented with a trophy replicating the FIFA World Cup event. Students will forever cherish this event and are already clamouring for something similar in 2015. WELL DONE SSB YOU HAVE MADE US ALL PROUD!!

The Honorary Consul of Portugal launching the Cultural Week.



The invited guests visiting 5 Business which represented the United States of America.

Battling out for the 5 on 5 football tournament on Saturday in conjunction with the Cultural Week.





Greetings to all!

Life in school is full of exciting experiences. You have to come out of your shell to shine. Always ask what you can contribute to the school instead of what the school can contribute to you?

In SSB students are exposed to all sorts of life experiences. The Cultural Week for example, has been an avenue to gain so much knowledge about other countries. The spoken language, local food, local talent and their music, favorite sports and games and many other areas. I am sure that each class that took part has had a memorable experience of exploring the country they represent.

I have had an unforgettable experience too! Extending friendship to total strangers from the embassies of Mexico, Brazil and Germany was so life enriching for me. I learned that they are so many good people out there and it's up to us to open our hearts and minds to get to know them. We may speak different languages, practise different beliefs but we are all humans who appreciate peace, goodwill and unity.

I hope this event has inspired many to see the world from different perspectives. Especially for my beloved Bestarians, may this wonderful journey of getting to know the world, open up your mind and hearts to be part of the positive changes around you. You are our future leaders, so don't be hesitant to expand your knowledge!

"There are three types of people in this world: Those who make it happen, those who watch it happen and those who wonder what happens".

-Tommy Lasorda

Rosnah Sulaiman

Head of Secondary

Announcements

1 **NEW TEACHERS**

Joining SSB Secondary for the second semester of the academic year 2014 are Miss Ushah Muruges (Moral, Civics, Computer Skills).

2 **EVENTS/ PROGRAMMES SECOND SEMESTER 2014**

Report Card session 2, Majlis Berbuka Puasa bersama anak-anak yatim, Rise n Run 3.0, Prefects & Librarians Installation and Co-Curriculum Day.

3 **LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON PBS/PT3**

Geography and History project work have been carried out and to be completed by 18 July 2014. A special briefing on PT3 to all Form 3 parents was conducted on 27 June, 2014. The school is running extra classes for all Form 3 and 5 students on every Friday from 2.30pm -4.30pm.

4 **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

SSB is receiving 126 students and teachers from Keika Junior High School, Japan on 11 September, 2014. This programme is to promote International understanding among the participating schools and to strengthen the bond and beneficial for sharing of knowledge and experiences.

5 **PT3 AND SPM EXAMINATION**

For the Exam year students of PT3 and SPM much support is provided to ensure the students achieve the best results possible. This year our Form 3 students are the pioneer group to sit for the PT3 examination schedules from 13 – 17 October, 2014. The Form Fives are preparing themselves for the SPM examination at the end of the year.

6 *ONGOING IELP WITH THE BRITISH COUNCIL*

This ongoing programme has progressed onto phase 2 with students enhancing their English skills and to be competent and confident users of the language.

7 *THE PROTÉGÉ PROGRAMME*

Is designed and tailored to instill goodwill and understanding among teachers and students. The strong bond between mentor and protégé is a catalyst to a more conducive environment and ultimately help students build confidence and achieve their dreams.

School Events

1. Kejohanan 5 on 5 Challenge: Road to Brazil

Sekolah Sri Bestari telah menganjurkan kejohanan bola sepak 5 on 5 Challenge bersempena Minggu Kebudayaan. Pertandingan ini juga diadakan untuk menyemarakkan lagi suasana Piala Dunia yang berlangsung di Brazil. Kejohanan ini telah diadakan pada 21 Jun 2014 di Sekolah Sri Bestari.

Pertandingan ini dibuka kepada semua pelajar SSB dan pelajar yang tinggal berhampiran Bandar Sri Damansara. Sebanyak tiga kategori telah dipertandingkan dan sambutan daripada pelajar adalah amat menggalakkan.

Sebanyak 22 pasukan telah mendaftarkan diri untuk menyertai kejohanan ini. Setiap pasukan yang berdaftar akan mewakili sebuah negara yang bertanding di kejohanan Piala Dunia. Malah pihak penganjur juga telah menyediakan jersi pasukan kebangsaan masing-masing bagi setiap pasukan. Pengundian untuk menentukan kedudukan pasukan telah dijalankan pada 17 Jun 2014 bertempat di Sekolah Menengah Sekolah Sri Bestari.

Kejohanan ini telah dirasmikan oleh Pengetua Sekolah Sri Bestari, Dr Steven Baptist. Perlawanan peringkat kumpulan bermula pada pukul 8.00 pagi. Seramai tiga pengadil FAM ditugaskan untuk mengadili semua perlawanan. Setiap perlawanan diadakan selama 15 minit. Peserta –peserta telah menunjukkan satu persembahan yang sangat menghiburkan sepanjang kejohanan berlangsung.

Perlawanan akhir bagi setiap kategori bermula pada pukul 1.00 petang. Pasukan Jerman yang dibarisi oleh pelajar Sekolah Menengah BSD 2 telah menjadi juara bagi Kategori B-18. Manakala bagi Kategori B-15, pelajar daripada Sekolah Menengah BSD 2 yang mewakili pasukan Brazil telah berjaya menjadi johan. Seterusnya pasukan Rusia mendapat tempat pertama bagi kategori B-12. Pasukan Rusia terdiri daripada pelajar dari Sekolah Rendah Taman Tun Datuk Ismail. Pasukan dari Sekolah Seri Bestari berjaya menjadi naib johan bagi Kategori B-18 iaitu pasukan Ghana dan juga Kategori B-12 yang diwakili oleh pasukan Belgium. Tahniah diucapkan kepada semua pemain yang berjaya.

Setiap pasukan yang menjadi johan setiap kategori menerima Piala Kejohanan yang mirip Piala Dunia, pingat berserta wang tunai RM 300.00. Manakala naib johan bagi setiap kategori menerima pingat berserta wang tunai RM 200.00. Pn Rosnah telah menyampaikan hadiah kepada semua pemenang.

Penganjuran 5 On 5 Challenge telah mendapat pujian daripada guru pengiring yang mengiringi pasukan masing-masing. Mereka juga menyatakan sokongan supaya kejohanan ini perlu diadakan setiap tahun dengan tema yang berlainan seperti UEFA Champions League, EURO Cup dan lain-lain. Berdasarkan sokongan dari semua pihak, Sekolah Sri Bestari akan mempertimbangkan cadangan untuk menjadikan acara ini sebagai aktiviti tahunan dan memikirkan cara untuk menambahbaik penganjuran Pertandingan 5 on 5. Kejohanan tamat pada pukul 1.40 pm.



Pasukan yang menang: Jerman B18



Pasukan yang menang: Brazil B15



Pasukan Brazil menentang Pasukan Belanda pada perlawanan akhir

2. Cultural Week Awards

The recent Cultural Week programme gave an opportunity for teachers and students to learn interesting facts about another country. They were innovative and creative and came out with posters, charts, flags, pictures and decorative items to beautify their classroom. The most informative and best decorated award for secondary was won by Form 4 Business representing **Costa Rica**. For primary section, the best decorated classroom was won by 1A which represented the nation of Germany.

3. Intensive English Language Programme with British Council

The Intensive English Language Programme (IELP) programme in collaboration with the British Council commenced in January 2014 here at Sekolah Sri Bestari. At the first phase of the IELP it catered for Form 1 students who needed to greatly improve their basic command of the language within the shortest period possible. This was deemed essential as a vast majority of instructions and communication in the school takes place in English. All Form 1 students had to sit for the language assessment and those who fell within a specific category we made it compulsory to attend.

The IELP consists of 10 classes of 2 hours per session on Friday's afternoon under the supervision of qualified teachers from the British Council. They focus on writing & grammar, reading & vocabulary, oral communication and public presentation. The pioneer group completed their lessons on 25 April 2014 with profound improvement evidence by their post evaluation scores. They are now more confident to use the language and able to understand basic instructions to enable them to be actively involved in class activities.

The same batch of students continued the programme to the second phase which will end in August 2014. By the end of the second programme students are expected to be more competent and fluent in using the English language in the classroom and beyond. More challenging tasks are included in the syllabus which will enable them to excel in meeting their academic and personal goals.

We hope to further extend the programme in phases to enable other students an opportunity to enhance their English language proficiency and exposed to native speaking teachers from the UK. In this highly competitive world we live in it is beyond a shred of a doubt the importance of the English language in business, education and all other facets of life that affects us.

4. Growth of SSB International Club

The SSB International Club was set up in 2012 with the sole purpose to promote the understanding and acceptance of the vast cultural diversity evident all over the world.

As the world is getting flatter each day with the advent of advance technology as well as ease of access to places of interest makes an internationalization program so much more meaningful today. Thus, it is imperative that the students of Sri Bestari are accorded the avenue to further understand this cultural diversity of the world through research, food fairs, field trips, discussions and presentations.

The Club carried out varied activities for its members throughout the first semester. Among the highlights, the members are making presentations of FIFA World Cup 2014; produce a folio about the Russian (food, culture, sports and places of interest), making the cupcakes decoration and sharing information during the Global Focus activity. Global Focus is an informative presentation/discussion focusing on the international topic that the presenting students feels is important and interesting to share with the club. It can be something as personal as from the student's country or culture, or a worldwide issue.



The Club's future activities include:

- The day called "Community" where students came to school wearing clothes from their chosen country and brought traditional food to share with their friends
- "A World of Celebrations - Let's Celebrate" That had activities such as 'Henna Hands' (India) and Thanksgiving Turkey Handprints (USA)
- The school trips/ visit
- The World Teacher's Day (5th October - making souvenirs for our teachers)
- Hosting a 'Designing KLCC Competition' where students can use cans, tins, bottles and other equipment in coming up with innovative designs

5. Pengedaran Bubur Lambuk

Pada 11 Julai 2014, Sekolah Sri Bestari telah mengadakan Program Bubur Lambuk Kali Ke-2. Program ini dianjurkan oleh Persatuan Pelajar Islam Sekolah Sri Bestari bahagian menengah. Program ini diadakan bertujuan untuk mempraktikkan amalan sedekah dalam diri kalangan pelajar Islam sekaligus menerapkan nilai-nilai harmoni dalam kehidupan bermasyarakat.

Program ini bermula seawal jam 8.00 pagi. Pengumpulan bahan mentah seperti beras, bekas plastik untuk proses pembungkusan, rempah ratus dan sebagainya telah berlaku seminggu awal dari tarikh program dijalankan. Alhamdulillah, program pada tahun ini mendapat sambutan yang amat menggalakkan dari pihak ibu bapa dan pihak sekolah. Pihak persatuan telah mendapat tajaan penuh untuk bahan rempah ratus dari Pihak ADABI Berhad, beras sebanyak 40 kg dari pelajar iaitu Wan Nor Adilla serta sumbangan dari guru-guru Sri Bestari seperti ayam, kentang, bawang dan sebagainya. Tidak ketinggalan juga sumbangan dari pelajar-pelajar Islam tingkatan 1 hingga tingkatan 5.

Masakan bubur lambuk kali ini diketuai oleh En Rosli Bin Mat, selaku guru di Sri Bestari dan dibantu oleh guru-guru dan pelajar sekolah Sri Bestari bahagian menengah. Program ini juga dihadiri oleh beberapa orang guru sekolah rendah dan kakitangan pihak pentadbiran. Sebanyak 1000 bekas bubur berjaya diedarkan. Antara tempat edaran yang di pilih ialah:-

1. Pintu pagar C Sekolah Sri Bestari
2. Masjid Abu Bakar Bandar Sri Damansara
3. Kompleks Penyayang Bakti Bandar Sri Damansara
4. Surau-surau di sekitar perumahan Bandar Sri Damansara
5. Sekolah Kafa Bandar Sri Damansara

Program ini berakhir pada jam 6.30 petang. Pelajar-pelajar Islam dan beberapa pelajar bukan Islam yang sama-sama terlibat bersama-sama beberapa orang guru berbuka puasa secara sederhana di Sekolah Sri Bestari sebelum bersurai pada jam 8.00 malam.



Staff and students hard at work

6. Majlis Berbuka Puasa

Pada 18 Julai yang lalu, Sekolah Sri Bestari sekali lagi telah mengadakan Majlis Berbuka Puasa bersama anak-anak Yatim yang dijemput khas dari Pusat Jagaan Rumah Suci Rohani Bandar Utama dan Pusat Jagaan Lambaian Kasih, Sungai Penchala. Seramai 50 orang anak-anak yatim diraikan dalam majlis kali ini. Solat hajat bagi pelajar yang akan menduduki Peperiksaan UPSR dan SPM 2014 juga turut diadakan dalam satu majlis.

Majlis bermula pada jam 6.00 petang dimulakan dengan bacaan doa oleh Tuan Haji Wan Ali Saifuddin dan bacaan tadarus al-Quran dari wakil pelajar sekolah menengah iaitu Mohd Aiman Hazeem bin Norazhar dan wakil sekolah rendah Muhammad Aleem bin Amirullah. Bacaan dari surah al-Baqarah dari ayat 1 hingga 50 berakhir pada jam 7.00 petang. Acara diteruskan dengan ucapan dari wakil Lang Education Sdn Bhd. Seterusnya penyampaian duit raya dari pihak sekolah yang diberikan sendiri oleh En G.T Low selaku Pengarah Urusan Land & General.

Majlis berbuka puasa bermula jam 7.30 malam sehingga jam 8.00 malam. Diikuti dengan solat maghrib, makan malam dan solat Isyak pada jam 8.30 malam.

Solat tarawikh dan solat hajat diimamkan oleh Ustaz Saadon b Abd Jabbar. Setelah selesai kedua-dua solat, para tetamu, guru-guru dan pelajar-pelajar dijamu dengan makanan ringan.

Majlis diakhiri dengan pemberian duit raya dari ibu bapa dan pihak kantin sekolah pada jam 10.30 malam.





As we approach the second half of a busy year, I would like to reflect on the events that have taken place in the school since our last publication.

The Year 1 pupils have settled in and so do the rest of the new pupils of all levels. The first semester examination is over and we have shared the results with all the parents who attended the Report Card Session. The Year 6 pupils and teachers have been busy preparing the pupils for the UPSR examination. There will be two Trial Exams, Tests for Excellence Program, Seminars on the Techniques of Answering Questions and extra coaching to ensure our Year 6 pupils are ready to face the UPSR Exam. All the best to the Year 6 pupils!

The Cultural Week was a great success. Classrooms were decorated with flags, posters, brochures and knick knacks from the various FIFA nations. During the launch, representatives from Mexico and Nigeria came to the school to meet and converse with the students. His Excellency, Tan Sri Eugenio Antonio Da Luz Campos, the Ambassador of Portugal, was invited to launch the event. It was a memorable day for all Bestarians. Congratulations to the teachers and pupils who have done a remarkable job and ensured its success.

The school also organized talks, dialogues, demo and exhibitions during the recent Open Day and Info Day to inform parents and at the same time to promote the school. I look forward to see more parents come and support our programs. Your support is always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

A few more important events are scheduled to be implemented soon. I am really excited with the oncoming events planned for the final term of this year. We will continue to fulfill our commitment towards the betterment of this school, its stakeholders, the pupils and the staff.

I take this opportunity to wish the Muslim families a blessed Eid ul Fitri. To all parents, I wish to say thank you for your support, and not forgetting the feedback that I have received from some of you. Do let me know so that we can make this a better school for our young generation.

Thank you, once again.

Siti Normah Hashim

Head of Primary

REPORT ON THE TEACHING OF JAPANESE

1. Teaching Material

I am using some books for reference, and then I allocate the topics and sub topics accordingly. I focus on basic sentences and important words related to the topic as a beginner.

2. Teaching Methodology

- I teach them basic sentences and vocabularies. I also train them to read and speak simple Japanese words and sentences. Then, I let them write their own sentences. This exercise will help them to understand better and learn more vocabularies.
- Currently, my class is concentrating on speaking skill. I will teach common Japanese characters to primary students soon. I will also encourage them to take official Japanese language exam in future.

3. Exercise

- I train the pupils to speak Japanese through simple games such as passing ball game. I encourage them to speak confidently.
- After every lesson, I will give them worksheets to check their understanding. I follow up as much as possible with them.

By Ms. Kiyoko Kobayashi (Japanese language teacher)



4 WAYS TO GET OUR PUPILS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MANDARIN

As a Mandarin Advance Teacher in SSB, I strongly proposed we should reschedule our Mandarin Lessons from 2 periods per week to 4 periods per week.

However, throughout my teaching years (11 years in teaching Mandarin), I did find some ways to get our pupils interested in learning Mandarin.

1. Learning Mandarin through music

Good songs to introduce in my class, this will make them learn more vocabularies. Through melody it is easier to memorize rather than reading the words from the books. For Level 1, simple actions + music are needed to enhance their memory. Sometimes, a good Chinese movie also been used in my class. Pupils can learn from the dialogues while watching the movie.

2. Learning Mandarin through comic books

Doraemon is one of the comics I would recommend to the pupils. The vocabularies are based on primary pupils' understanding.

3. Learning Mandarin through Chinese Cultures

The pupils learn the stories or the histories from story-telling session in class.

4. Learning Mandarin through educational games

Word puzzles, Matching vocabularies, vocabularies game, teacher-pupil role playing games, etc.

YST exam will be introduced soon. Students are encouraged to prepare themselves for the exam because this is a world-wide certificate, and this is the opportunity to examine and push them for further level in learning Mandarin.

By Ms Seng Hwee Fung and Ms Lee Hui Yee (Mandarin teacher)

REPORT ON THE TEACHING OF FRENCH

The French lesson is in the second year of introduction and we follow a program of one hour of lesson per week. I start my lesson with basic introduction, talking about their interests and common matters. The interest is there and the students are anxiously waiting for the next lesson. They continue learning French at home by writing exercise and watching French movies, cartoon or documentary (just change the setting for the language to French and subtitles in English). I try to make a small French environment in school. For example every time I see my student, I greet them in French “bonjour, comment allez vous” and they answer in French.

During lesson I try to speak French only and make the students also speak French.

Now all the students know

1. How to introduce themselves
2. Number,
3. Colour
4. Parts of the body
5. Weather
6. Transport
7. Family members
8. Time, month, days

We review each week so they do not forget, because when we learn a second language we need to repeat all the time. Pronunciation is important, every week we repeat the pronunciation. This year we start making sentences with pronoun (le ,la , les,) and pronoun definitives (un , une , des) and the verb with conjugation .(to be, have , walk , sing , eat) Past and present tense using story books, tests, quizzes and videos

My lesson consists of vocabulary for 20 minutes, followed by 20 minutes of dialogue and pronunciation, and the remaining time watching educational videos to practice hearing the accents of the different French speaking countries. The video helps to open their minds to learn new words and at the same time they learn the geographical aspect of all 29 French speaking countries. They also learn about the culture of those countries.

I am trying to prepare my students for French Level 1 and 2 examinations for a certificate that is recognised all around the world. I have the support from the Alliance Francaise and the French embassy. I hope I can have 2 hours of lesson to make it more interesting for students and get more improvement.

By Ms Raymonde Dcruz (French language teacher)





In the past few months we have seen children with great improvement in the academic achievements especially in the area of reading. However, we have noticed some children are still trying to settle into the daily routines especially the new comers. The teachers are able to identify children needing extra personalized attention and one to one coaching was given to enhance learning after school.

The teachers and children have been busy with the preparation for the coming concert. We have been training the children especially the 6 year old children to give speeches and to perform on the stage.

The past activities were great with lots of parents' support and participation. We would like to thank the parents for the enormous support.

Sylvia Ng

Head of Kindergarten

Announcements

1 **PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS**

The photography sessions have been scheduled on Tuesday, 12th August 2014 which includes class photo sessions for children of 3 to 5 years old and the graduation photo sessions for the 6 year old children.

2 **MERDEKA WALK**

As part of inculcating the understanding of Independence we shall be organising a walk around the school on Wednesday, 27th August 2014 while singing the Merdeka related songs which students will be taught.

3 **PUTRAJAYA CRUISE**

As part of the thematic and hand-on approach, we shall be organising a cruise at Putrajaya on Tuesday, 9th September 2014 in conjunction with our September theme of “Transportation”. Students will be exposed to all aspects of the variety of available types of transportation.

4 **MASTERCHEF**

Come 18th October 2014, Saturday a Masterchef event organised by Tadika Manjaria will be held and in conjunction with the theme “Food” for the month of October. Children will be able to experience serving their parents for a change with food that they have prepared.

5 **CONCERT & GRADUATION 2014**

The Annual Concert & Graduation 2014 will be held on Saturday, 1st November 2014 held at Kolej Perkembangan Awal Kanak-Kanak (e2L), Ground Floor, Podium Square, Season Square, No. 1, Jalan 10/3C, Damansara Damai, 47830 Petaling Jaya, Selangor. Our Kindergarten students shall have an opportunity to showcase their talent and gain experience and confidence performing on the stage in front of an audience.

PAST ACTIVITIES

ORGANIC FARM, BROGA TRIP

The organic farm trip which was on Monday, 19th May 2014 was the first trip organized for this year. 82 percent of the children participated in the trip. The children looked forward to the trip because they had a planting session in the school before the trip and when they were at the farm they were able to see planting in a bigger scale and experienced harvesting as well to which the children enjoyed immensely. Lunch was at children's favourite restaurant - McDonald's.



Students exploring Organic Farming

SUMMER CAMP

The Summer Camp which was held from 2nd until 6th June 2014 during the Mid Term School break was a success with 53 participated in the event. The children had to work in teams doing art work and other activities which the teacher's themselves admitted was great fun but a little tiring .



Fun and games at the Summer Camp

ECO FASHION SHOW

The Eco Fashion Show was held on Friday, 4th July 2014. This event was organized to create awareness among the children about recycled items and how best we can reuse them for other purposes. We had a performance before the fashion show by each individual class and then followed by the parents dressing their children to their best. We would like to thank the parents for putting in much effort in this event and I am sure will be cherished by the children for a very long time. The competition to choose the best three costumes were very tough for the judges.



Students in their colourful costumes

The logo for SSB AN ECO SCHOOL is displayed in a green rectangular box. The text 'SSB AN ECO' is in green, and 'SCHOOL' is in white. To the right of the box, several wooden blocks are arranged to spell out 'EARTH'.

SSB ECO Collaboration with WWF (M) has benefited the school immediately

The idea for Sekolah Sri Bestari to be an ECO school was mooted in 2012, as part of the schools internalization programme. Right from the onset the Eco School Team moved at a fast and furious pace with various projects and campaigns to promote conservation and preservation of Mother Nature. Through the collaboration with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Malaysia, provided the impetus needed to garner the whole Bestari community to experience and focus on the importance for caring of environment. We strongly believe that education and awareness for such an important agenda must begin at the formative years as the survival and wellbeing of our future generations requires a concerted effort everyone and education is the key.

After two years into the Eco School Programme, Sekolah Sri Bestari has been awarded the Silver Award at the 2nd International Eco-School Conference Malaysia, 2013. The Silver award is the second highest possible award for recognition of our efforts in environmental conservation and preservation. Thereon, the Eco School Team formed further collaborations with other NGOs namely Global Environmental Center(GEC), Eijau Millenium, and Zoological Society Malaysia to further enhance our knowledge and awareness of additional ECO measures and initiatives currently being practiced all over the world. SSB is working hard to achieve the WWF Green Flag which is the highest WWF award for an ECO school in 2 years' time and things are moving at a feverish pace.

With the theme “We Love the Earth” in 2014, additional and expanded projects and campaigns were conducted by the Team namely the annual Earth Hour which we termed the Earth Hour Candlelit Dinner, “Zero Waste Concept” programme and public awareness programmes. The Eco Team have gained much recognition through the 2 short years and have received invitations to showcase our projects and initiatives by other institutions as well as the local authority, DBKL namely to promote our “Zero Waste Concept”.



Workshop by GEC – Zero Waste Concept



Launching of the "Collection of Used Cooking Oil" programme



SSB ECO SCHOOL TEAM at the River Conservation Campaign organized by the Rotary Club, Petaling Jaya



Eco Awareness Campaign & Exhibition by Eco School Team



Bio-Pourri Demo at Taman Herba Kuala Lumpur : The KL City Mayor trying the tool to make the bio-pourri hole supervised by SSB Eco



Demo : making scented candle and soap from used cooking oil