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The Official Newsletter of Sekolah Lentera Kasih & Lollypop Preschool

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SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Dear Parents,

It has been very encouraging to see all of the students quickly getting back into the routine of schoolwork after the Christmas break. This semester promises to be a big one, especially for all of our Grade 6 students who are about to undertake the Cambridge CIPP exams. Good luck!

For all of our Grade 6 national students, the school is providing an added Saturday class for them in order to tackle the UASBN exam. It is a very important exam and we wish them well in their studies.

As most parents are aware, the columns for the basketball roof have now been erected and the framing is now underway. After watching our students play in the BSSA basketball competition in the late afternoon sun this week, the roof will be a most welcome respite from this heat.

Speaking of basketball, Mr Dave is doing an excellent job and most of our teams enjoyed wins for the opening round of the season. Well done to all who played!

Parents are reminded that the school's website has both the Lollypop and SLK updated calendars on it. We have also sent out hard copies of this as well to all families. Please keep in mind that there are differences in terms of some dates between the schools.

In order to avoid a 'performing' overload, the good news is that the PFA has brought forward the SLK Idol to this term so that there isn't a clash with the annual school play, Little Mermaid. Auditions are already underway for the latter and the former's ones are about to start next week. Break a leg!

Unfortunately our music teacher, **Miss Natalie**, has resigned due to relocation reasons. The resignation occurred during the holidays, and as such we have had to find an applicant at short notice. We are pleased to say that we have found a replacement in **Pak Samuel**. Please make him welcome.

The issue of traffic has been brought up as an issue and I would like to review both schools' current systems. I cordially invite any parents who may want to contribute any ideas here by letting me know, or by participating in a meeting. A good way of always keeping it safe is for parents and/or their drivers to comply with all rules and instructions. In particular, all student pillion passengers need to wear a safety compliant motorcycle helmet. Students are not allowed to ride a motorbike to school if they do not have a current licence.

This week we issued a letter that briefly explains some of the national government's changes to all national plus and international schools. Our take on these mooted changes are that they will be cost neutral to the school.

Enjoy your semester!

Regards, Dave



From the Principal's Desk: Ms. Ner



Happy New Year and welcome back! It seems everybody had a good holiday and is all set for the second half of the school year. The year of the rabbit promises to be a good month for the Lollypop family as we welcome our new students in all levels.

The remainder of January passed swiftly with all the activities that kept our little hands occupied. February is another busy month for all of us as we celebrated our Chinese New Year Celebration on the 4th of February. We wish our Chinese families a joyful and prosperous New Year. *Xin Nian Kuai Le!*

Extra curricular classes have resumed last Monday, 7th of February. This semester, we are offering a variety of extra curricular classes. This is to ensure that our students will experience a variety of activities that will make learning more fun and enjoyable.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th of this month. Children are asked to come to school wearing red or pink on this day. We will have special activities inside the classroom to celebrate this day of hearts.

Our themes for January and February are "Transportation" and "Health and Nutrition" respectively. Our children will have small field trips and exciting activities like fruit and vegetable party to enhance their lessons. We will keep you posted via circular and communication notebook regarding all these activities.

To show our appreciation to your continued patronage, we are inviting parents of our students who have siblings to register for SY 2011-2012. We will prioritize places for siblings before we open to the general public. We are also offering 50% discount on Registration Fee for those who would like to enroll in Toddlers, PN, Nursery & Kg for SY 2011-2012. This offer is valid until April 2011 only. Space is limited, so please see us at the office if you wish to register.

As we had quite a long break from school, we would like to remind parents and students of the following:

- Please ensure that children get to school on time so that classes are not disrupted and students do not miss out on important introductory activities and explanations.
- Please try to pick up your child/children on time. If for any reason you will be late in picking up your child, please notify the school so that we can reassure your child and we can arrange for a teacher to do extended late duty.
- For the safety of your children, it is imperative that helmets are worn when they are passengers on a motorbike regardless of how short the trip may be.
- Children's skin is sensitive and to avoid sun burn or sun damage to their skin, we encourage all students to wear hats when they are participating in outdoor activities. We ask for your support of this policy by ensuring that your child has a hat that is labelled with his/her name for use at school.

Once again, *Gong Xi Fa Cai!*

Thank you for your continued support! Have a great month!

Truly yours,

Ms. Nerissa



From the Principal's Desk: Mr. Ely

Dear All,

Happy New Year! Gong Xi Fa Cai! Happy Valentine's Month!

We are happy to welcome everyone back to school. We trust that you all had a restful holiday.

We take this opportunity to welcome the latest members of our community, Pak Samuel, our new Music teacher and our new students. Please give them a warm welcome.

As we reorient our students after the month-long break, we also appeal for parents' active involvement in the following:



- *Some children are arriving after school commences. As a result, these children are missing out on important introductory activities and explanations and classes are disrupted. Please ensure that children get to school on time. Parents are also advised to pick up their kids promptly. Should the child be picked up late due to some unavoidable circumstances, the school must be informed.*
- *All students are required to wear the complete uniform at all times during school days. On PE days, students are allowed to come to school wearing their PE uniforms. After PE, it is expected that these students will change back into their regular school uniforms or PE uniforms. The students may wear their sport shoes for the whole day. We also request that proper grooming (hairstyle, clean fingernails, etc) be observed at all times. :-)*
- *Parents are welcome to celebrate their child's birthday at school with prior arrangements with the teacher. The celebration needs to be simple with the celebrant's classmates and sibling(s) only. Only birthday cakes are allowed and giving out of invitations and goody bags are discouraged.*
- *Parents are advised to label all items brought by their children to school (e.g. water bottles, caps, PE & school uniform). This will help facilitate faster identification or retrieval of any lost or misplaced items.*
- *Under normal conditions, students should NOT bring cellular phones to school as they may be a distraction. The school will not be responsible for any damage and/or losses. Students are also discouraged from bringing toys and other electronic devices to school for the same reason.*
- *For the safety of our children, it is imperative that helmets be worn when they are passengers on a motorbike regardless of how short the trip may be.*
- *Please do not send children who have been exposed to contagious disease to school until the incubation period is over or if he/she did fall ill, until he/she has fully recovered.*

As a school, it is our goal to mould children into well-rounded individuals. Part of this goal is to develop **independence** among our them. In this regard, we appeal to all parents and/or nannies to refrain from coming in during regulated school activities, **especially during lunch hours**. Any other time, please let us know if you wish to see any of our teachers or office staff. We would gladly accommodate you. :-)

Our school calendar has been updated. Copies have been sent out to all families. This is also available for download at our school website: www.slkbali.com. Print-outs may be requested from Ms. Ina, school secretary.

We are very hopeful that with your contribution, we will be able to maintain a safe and happy learning environment for our children. Thank you for your active support of Sekolah Lentera Kasih!

Best regards,

Mr. Ely

PFA Update

Dear Parents and Friends,



Welcome to term 3, this term the PFA will be holding once again the annual SLK Idol competition. We would like to encourage major support for this event. The auditions for SLK Idol start on Friday, 18th Feb, after school in the auditorium. Teachers, students and parents can participate in this event. We do not only encourage singing; any entertaining act is welcome. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize given, plus an encouragement award.

The funds raised so far from the PFA are now at Rp9.640.000. This money is for our children eg. special events, prizes, etc. The PFA is a dedicated group of parents who attend meetings and offer their time and support voluntarily for different events throughout the year for all the students. The meetings are purely for ideas on fund raising.

We were asked by several parents to change the morning meeting time to afternoons, which we did, but unfortunately the attendance was quite low. We understand a lot of parents have busy schedules but we would love to see some new faces come and enjoy discussions on future events and offer their ideas.

We would encourage any parents who run businesses to sponsor some lucky door prizes donated for this year's SLK Idol competition, which will be raffled on the night. We would also advertise these businesses as a token of our appreciation. If parents are able to assist please let the PFA know. Admission will be free for children and Rp 10.000 for adults. Food and drinks will be available on the night of the event on 25th March 2011, 5PM onwards, which is the last day of term 3.

I would also encourage all parents to become Facebook friends of Sekolah Lentera Kasih which has all the information on the PFA meetings and upcoming events.

Last term Ms. Sinead's class (1 Maia) won the poster competition and a Rp200.000 prize was given to that class. Also the students in Mr. Jon's and Mr. Joost's Computer Class won the competition for the art work for the banner for the SLK Art Fair. Their prize was free tickets to the movies.

I am also trying to organize Mr. Lawrence Blair as a guest speaker to come to the school and show one of his movies to the students.

There are a lot of events planned but nothing can happen without your support and encouragement, so please look for our advertised meeting posters outside the school and also on Facebook. There will be notes in the diary, attend our meetings. After all, it is for our children. I look forward to seeing you there.

Together we can make a big difference.

Your sincerely,

Christina Iskandar
Director PFA
(Parents and Friends Association)

WHAT'S UP IN LOLLYPOP ?

TODDLERS

Welcome back to school Toddlers!

This January, the Toddlers learned concepts about "Transportation". They identified the different kinds of transportation in land, air and water.

In February, we are going to learn about "Health and Nutrition" and we will celebrate Valentine's Day. We will introduce to the children the healthy food and teach them personal health care like washing hands before eating.

For our Language and Reading Readiness Activities, we will review using our phonics cue cards. In Math we will review counting 1- 10 and also identifying shapes and colours by asking the children to match the same shapes and colours.

To develop our fine motor skills, we will make pink dough and pink hand prints. We will also continue practising how to use polite expressions.

- **Ms. Ika & Ms. Yuni**

PRE-NURSERY

After the school holiday, the Pre-Nursery were busy doing lots of things related to January's theme "Transportation". We asked the students to bring their transportation toys to school for "Show & Tell". We familiarized the children with the names of the different types of transportation for our Reading Readiness activities. We also celebrated Chinese New Year in February. In February, our themes are "Health and Nutrition" and "Valentine's Day". We will celebrate Valentine's Day and do varied activities related to the theme, such as introduce what food is good for us and learn to

practice healthy habits like washing our hands before and after eating.

Pre-Nursery are still practicing how to count 1-20, learning numbers 6 & 7 and focusing on pink as our color of the month.

- **Ms. Maha & Ms. Tri**

NURSERY

Happy Chinese New Year!

Following the new year and new month, welcome back to school with new spirit and hope, too.

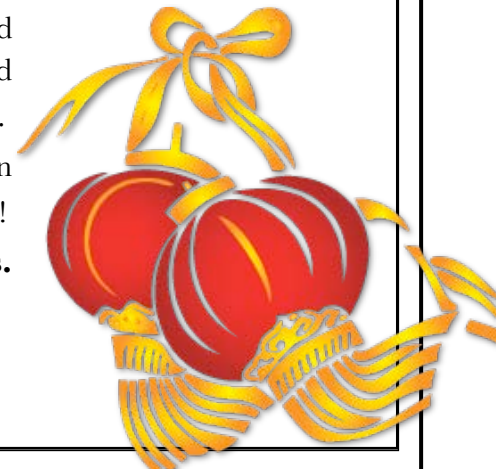
As the January's theme is 'The Ways To Travel' and February's is 'Health, Nutrition and Valentine's Day', in Science and Cultural Arts, we will identify the different kinds of transportation that we use to get us to the pleasant places that we visited last holiday. Moreover, we will learn about three basic food groups: Go-Grow-Glow and conduct simple experiments.

In English Language Arts, we will name the months of the year, act out simple everyday activities and initiate conversation, follow successive directions like 'under-above'. In Reading and Writing, we produce and identify objects starting with letter sound 'r' to 'w'.

In Math, we are going to do counting 1-40, sort and match objects, identify numerals 1-15, tracing numbers and understand comparative concepts.

Let's have fun in Nursery Lemon Class!

-**Ms. Sharon, Ms. Cicik and Ms. Tini**



WHAT'S UP IN LOLLYPOP ?

Welcome back to school, children!



The Christmas holiday is over and the children are ready to face the challenges this month.

In Science and Cultural Arts, we have been learning about the different kinds of transportation and their importance in our daily lives.

In Language and Reading, we still go on with our Spelling test. And to make our lesson more fun and challenging, we will start with our Progressive Reading Program this term.

In Math, we will review the concepts of greater than, less than, and equal and we will have addition of sums of 1-10.

February will be also exciting and fun because we will know what food is good for us and we will learn to practice healthy habits. Moreover, we will have Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day Celebrations this month.

For sure it will be a busy month for the Kindergarten children.

-Ms. Nell, Ms. Jen & Ms. Marline, Ms. Titin, Ms. Ayu & Ms. Yeti



It's pretty puzzling how children have

changed, grown and developed in just a wink of an eye! Here they are, re-energized and strengthened, after a much needed middle-of-the-school year break. Surely, the year 2011 will be welcomed eagerly as they must have missed school fun so much. Learning to read words with long vowel *a* as in lake, hay, main, and words with long vowel *e* like weed, feel, leak, bean, etc are the main skills to be mastered. Simple journal writing with the use of writing prompts and following written directions will part of building language skills.

Our themes for January – February are “Transportation” and “Health and Nutrition.” We will explore how we travel and the reasons why. We will also learn what good food to eat and we will discuss about the food pyramid.

To integrate the themes, we are making airplanes, rockets, boats, food pyramid and various kinds of food.

During Math lessons, we will keep on learning how to add and subtract, tell time and skip count.

Prep students are going to be busy and it is great to see all this learning happening!

Well done, Preps!

- Ms. Pelita and Ms. Myrna, Ms. Astrid, Ms. Ely and Ms. Diah

LOLLYPOP ACTIVITIES *in photos*

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WHAT'S UP IN S L K ?

GRADE ONE

A very happy new year to everyone. Grade 1 students started off the new term with lots of enthusiasm. Our integrated unit for term 3 is 'Lights, Camera, Action!' with a science focus on forces and motion in which students will conduct various experiments. Students will also design and make their own board games in their groups and as well as a toy. We will also explore light making shadow puppets. The English focus is fairy tales and students will make puppets and dioramas of a chosen fairy tale. Social studies will link to the rights and responsibilities of groups, presentation and voting which links nicely to the Student Representative Council (SRC) as a grade 1 representative was voted for in each class. One homeroom period has been set aside for students to focus on the importance of contributing their own ideas to the SRC. The students have come a long way since their arrival in Grade 1 and we look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead!

-Ms. Dawn, Ms. Sinead, Ms. Ade & Ms. Ayu

GRADE TWO

It's good to see everyone back and going about their daily routine after the month-long break—a fresh start for 2011!



In English, we resume our weekly spelling tests in February. We will be tackling verbs as

a grammar focus. We will be reading more poetry, write our responses and answer comprehension questions.

In Maths, we will continue honing our skills in multiplication and division of numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10. Moreover, we will focus on 'Mass' in measurements. We will constantly be doing a lot of hands-on tasks with these units.

In Science, we will be tackling forces and electricity. A number of hands-on activities will keep us busy in the next four weeks.

In Social Studies, we have started the unit on communication. In this unit, we explore the use of the different means of communication used far and near, including postal services, fax machines, electronic mails and telephones. A field trip to the post office will not be missed this month.

Have a fruitful month ahead, Grade Two!

-Ms. Mia & Ms. Susi

GRADE THREE

In English, Grade 3 has made a great start to their topic of instructions! They know the purpose of instructions now and they are learning about the features of good instructions. They are already able to highlight imperative verbs in their work and order instruction texts. Soon they will be writing their own instructions for a variety of situations.

In Maths, Grade 3 are currently reading and drawing bar graphs as well as doing other activities like playing a pizza fraction game in order to build up an understanding of equivalent fractions.

In Science, Grade 3 are learning about the solar system. They are finding answers to questions such as: 'What causes seasons on Earth?' and 'How do scientists view objects from space?' Also, they are

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GRADE THREE

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finding answers to questions such as: 'What causes seasons on Earth?' and 'How do scientists view objects from space?' Also, they are still working on their paper bridge project. Samples of this work, as well as a homemade stop motion movie, will be presented at the Science fair.



The Social Studies unit is about a Wonderworld Theme Park and thus partly links to the Science activities that involve construction. Mainly using the internet as a resource, the students are working in groups to design theme parks that showcase some of the world's natural and archaeological wonders, with each wonder representing different sections of the park.

-Mr. Joost & Ms. Katie

GRADE FOUR

In English, Grade 4 has started exploring 'Persuasive Writing'. What makes a good persuasive text? They will be evaluating different texts and learning about all the different features that persuade you to go somewhere or buy something. They will be designing posters and writing texts to persuade people.

In Social Studies we have started to explore 'The Ancient Egyptians', the children made lists of everything they want to research and find out. We want to know all about The Nile and daily life, the pyramids, Tutankhamun, the Gods and Goddesses, Mummification, the Pharaohs and Hieroglyphics.

The class as a whole are very excited about this topic and I'm sure will learn a lot.

In Maths, Grade 4 has completed the units about fractions and decimals and they are currently learning about the properties of several geometrical figures and 3D shapes, like the icosahedron. In the next unit they will be working on solving word problems involving area and perimeter.

Our Science topic this term is all about changes to materials. We will be identifying matter and its properties. We will also be investigating which materials can change their form and if it is reversible or not!? We will be studying the processes of mixing, dissolving, melting and boiling.

-Ms. Katie & Mr. Joost

GRADE FIVE

Grade 5 have returned from their break refreshed and enthusiastic to learn. In English our theme is the natural world, following the adventures of a superhero as he travels to the extremities of the earth! The children have been writing adventure stories as well as learning some more advanced punctuation.

In Social Studies, they are learning about Ancient India - with a focus on the Indus Valley civilisation - and about how we can use archaeological evidence to answer questions about the past. The children have been looking at pictures of artefacts from the period, making replicas of them and discussing

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GRADE FIVE (continued)

what they can tell us about the people who lived in the Indus region during the Bronze Age. They will be looking at how evidence is classified and presented in museums and creating their own museum exhibition.

In Mathematics, Grade 5 will be looking at angle as this term's core topic.

Energy will be a big topic to start with for Grades 5, 7, 8 and 9 Science. It is important for the future generation to have a better understanding of the different types of Energy, its sources and how we use it. Conservation of Energy is also a topic of discussion as part of the thrust towards being more environment friendly citizens of this planet.

-Ms. Janine, Ms. Lezil & Ms. Tety

GRADE SIX

In grade 6 English, we are continuing our unit on mystery and suspense. The children have been reading shared novels, examining the writer's craft and writing their own mystery stories. We have also been reviewing punctuation and working on reading comprehension skills. Over the next few weeks, the students will be reviewing more punctuation, word classes and grammar points in preparation for the CIPP English exam next semester, with practice tests to monitor their progress.

In Maths, Grade 6 will be looking at handling data.

We will be exploring more about Forces and Motion for Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9. Understanding kinetics around us particularly in daily life is crucial to a

balanced understanding of how the world functions since we take it for granted at times. There are a lot of interesting aspects of it in the world around us. Other topics will be on Electricity and its properties for Grades 6 and 7.

-Ms. Lezil , Ms. Janine & Ms. Tety

GRADE SEVEN~EIGHT~NINE

In Grade 7 English, the students have started a new unit of work, 'Secrets of the Sea.' They have been reading, annotating and analysing poems about the sea as well as trying their hands at writing their own poems. In February, they will continue looking at poetry by various writers, read about mythological sea creatures, research sea creatures and write information reports. Their shared novels for this term will be *Kensuke's Kingdom* by **Michael Morpurgo** or *Robinson Crusoe* (abridged) for the ESL students.

In Maths, Grade 7 will be looking at graphs and statistics. Be encouraged as these topics are about everyday life situations so you guys will not have any difficulties in understanding them. I would also still encourage you to keep on completing your daily maths homework as it will help you not only getting good grades, but more importantly is that it helps you get familiar with mathematical problems and thus you will be a lot more prepared with the upcoming Cambridge examination.

In Science, there's the uncovering of the world of Magnetism for Grade 7 as well as fascinating facts about Mass and Weight for Grade 6. Towards the middle of the term, all science classes shall be in full swing in their preparation for the coming Science Fair. We are looking forward to a fruitful and fun filled third term.

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GRADE SEVEN~EIGHT~NINE (continued)

This semester Social Studies 7, 8/9 centers upon Geography, primarily Human Geography (as opposed to Physical Geography). This involves the interaction between people and the Physical environment as well as the interaction of cultures with other cultures. This includes population, settlements, agriculture, transportation and communications.

The primary focus of human geography is to have the student step back and take a good look just how we as humans are managing our environment. Look at the challenges and think of solutions. This will involve field work as well. Land supply, water resources, population, pollution, global warming and ozone depletion are a number of the topics we'll cover.

English started off with a bang this semester as the 7, 8, and 9th grade students had a lot of fun putting on a performance of the tragicomedy play *Waiting For Godot*, written by **Samuel Becket** for the school assembly last 27th of January. As with last semester we're keeping a close eye on the requirements to be faced in the Cambridge exams coming up in the 10th grade. This will give them in depth exposure to reading comprehension of various styles of text, vocabulary drills, punctuation, sentence structure, and of course literature.

In Maths, we just covered section on bearings and maps as part of the Shape, Space and Measures area of Algebra. This allowed the students to work with protractors and calculate angles as the captain of a ship might do out at sea measuring their bearings in relation to other ships or their itinerary.

-Ms. Tety, Mr. Jon, Ms. Lezil & Ms. Janine

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**GRADE 2 TRIP TO BALI POST OFFICE
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