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the Ordinary*



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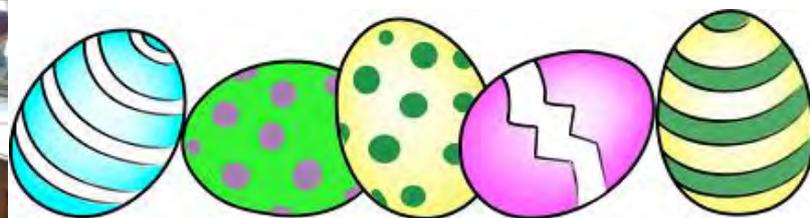
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## Primary Two Easter Eggs Design Activity: "Love and Joy"



On Holy Thursday, 17 April 2014, the Primary Two students designed their Easter eggs creatively for their classmates. Easter signifies the resurrection of the Lord. The students were told that through the exchange of Easter eggs they brought to their friends the joy of receiving new lives. The theme of the design was "Love and Joy". Signs like cross, love and colourful stripes were the main designs presented on the Easter eggs. Later, the students excitedly waited for their turn to receive the Easter eggs from their friends. The activity ended with the students raising high their eggs while wishing their friends "Happy Easter!" The "Love and Joy" of Easter indeed were warmly felt throughout this Easter activity.

- Ms Michelle Tang





## Kejohanan Tenis MSS Sarawak

23-25 April 2014, Gelanggang Tenis SLTA

- a) Kirstin Leong Kher Ting (F3A) was the champion in Doubles 15TKB Perempuan and runner up in Singles 15TKB Perempuan.
- b) Mark Leong Wei Yang (F2B) was the champion in Doubles 15 TKB Lelaki and emerged third in Singles 15TKB Lelaki.
- c) Abigail Ong Hui Wen (F2C) was the runner up in Doubles 15TKB Perempuan and third in Singles 15TKB Perempuan.

## Kejohanan Badminton MSS Sarawak

22-26 April 2014, Stakan Sports Centre, Kuching

**Jee Yu Fei** (F3B) was the champion in Doubles 15TKB Perempuan and third in Singles 15TKB Perempuan

**GAWAI DAYAK** is a festival celebrated by the Dayaks in Sarawak and Kalimantan. The two days of official public holiday in Sarawak fall on 1 and 2 June. It is celebrated with enthusiasm across Sarawak both in the cities and rural villages. It is a thanksgiving festival marking a bountiful harvest and a time to plan for the new farming season. Nowadays, the festival is more for family gatherings rather than to celebrate the harvest.

The word Gawai in Iban means festival. Dayak is a collective name for the native ethnic groups of Sarawak and neighbouring Kalimantan. They are made up of the Iban people who are previously known as Sea Dayak, and the Bidayuh people known as Land Dayak in the past, and the Orang Ulu people (inclusive of Kayans, Kenyahs, Lun Bawang, etc.). Thus, Gawai Dayak literally means "Dayak Festival".

Gawai Dayak celebrations may last for one month, which can be very busy several days before and after 1 June. It is during this time of the year that many Dayak weddings take place, as it is one of the rare occasions when members of the family and community can get together.



# Students' Achievements



3 May 2014

RHB - THE STAR  
MIGHTY MINDS

In the Mighty Minds Sarawak State Challenge organized by The Star and RHB Bank, held on 3 May at The Spring, team members, Lau Sau Jee, Jeremiah Dudun Henry and Zachary Aw Zheng Quan (3A) won first prize in the Lower Secondary Category. The first prize consists of RM5000 to be shared among three members and a LCD projector for the school.

The other two teams who took part: a) Sushil Pubalan, Terry Teo Yii Yuan, Sharon Ng Yu Xin (F3A), and b) Tristan Tan Yong Cheun, Germaine Cassandra George, Marcus Ho Hao Xiang (F2A)

*News Article in The Star, 4 May 2014*

## SM LODGE AND ST JOSEPH'S PRIVATE SCHOOL WIN SARAWAK LEG OF CHALLENGE

The Star Online, 4 May 2014 <http://www.thestar.com.my/News/Nation/2014/05/04/SM-Lodge-and-St-Josephs-Private-School-win-Sarawak-leg-of-challenge/>

**KUCHING:** It was a case of second time lucky for SM Lodge and St Joseph's Private School.

The trio of Dillon Fong, Jerry Tan and Brandon Teo from SM Lodge were runners-up in last year's edition of the RHB-The Star Mighty Minds Sarawak state challenge.

This time, they improved their position by emerging as champions in the upper secondary category during the competition here yesterday.

In second place was MRSM Kuching while another team from SM Lodge was third.

The lower secondary category was won by St Joseph's Private School, which was making its second appearance in the competition.

Lau Sau Jee, Jeremiah Henry and Zachary Aw finished on top. SM Lodge took the second place followed by SMK Green Road.

The winners bagged RM5,000 each as well as a projector for their school.

They will represent Sarawak in the national finals later this year.

State challenges have been held in Penang, Sabah, Kelantan, Johor and Negri Sembilan with eight more to go before the finals.

Now in its sixth year, the competition is jointly organised by Star Publications (M) Bhd and RHB Banking Group.

# Students' Achievements

*Mandy Lim  
Xin Hui (FID)*

**KPM WUSHU  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**28-30 MARCH**



Article in The Borneo Post, 22 April 2014

## Sarawak is fifth at KPM wushu championship

KUCHING: Sarawak finished fifth overall in the recent 5th Kementerian Pelajaran Malaysia (KPM) wushu championship in Johor with two golds, five silvers, one bronze and three 4th placings.

National exponents dominated the three-day championship held at Stadium Bandaraya Johor Bahru.

Sarawak's golds were delivered by Bong Yun En and Mandy Lim Xin Hui.

In her second appearance at the national junior meet, Yun En won the Girls D changquan with 8.15 points while Mandy Lim topped the Girls B nanquan event by scoring 8.43 points.

Landy Liew Jia Yee bagged the silver in Girls D foundation changquan with 8.55 points while last year's gold medallist Yong Arifah Khairul Kok scored 9 points for second in the Girls B taijiquan and was third in the Girls B taijijian.

Arifah was also declared the best non-Chinese performer of the meet.

The other silver medallists were Stephanie Ngu Chai Ern (Girls C nanquan), Fu Wen Jie (Girls C jianshu) and Bong Yun Pin (Boys C jianshu).

Melaka was crowned overall champion with 14 gold, 10 silver and three bronze medals followed by Pulau Pinang with 11-8-3, Negeri Sembilan 3-8-7 and Kedah 2-4-6.

## HAPPY WESAK

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.  
- The Buddha



**13 MAY  
2014**

### Errata in the previous issue:

Kulleh Tajang was champion for Category B (Boys and Girls Below 10 Years Old) with a score of 56 for 9 hole in the 2014 Junior Golf Tournament organized by Sarawak Junior Golf First Association held on 22 March 2014 at Sarawak Golf Club.



Ashley Loh Siew Ting (F3A) won second prize (RM2500) in the State Level Spell-It-Right Challenge organized by NST and RHB held on 11 May 2014 at Hills Shopping Centre, Kuching.

## Students' Achievements



The other ten finalists were: Bianca Lee (F2B), Chloe Chee Jia Nuo (F1A), Benjamin Antak Zhi Ming Jabu (F1A), Samuel Chan Han Wei (F1A), Cheryl Ann Teng (F3A), Tristan Tan Yong Chuen (F2A), Jayne Tan Zhia Ne (F3A), Tia-Kaztenie Giam Hui Zhi (F2B), Abigail Lee Yik Ee (F2B) and Germaine Cassandra George (F2A).

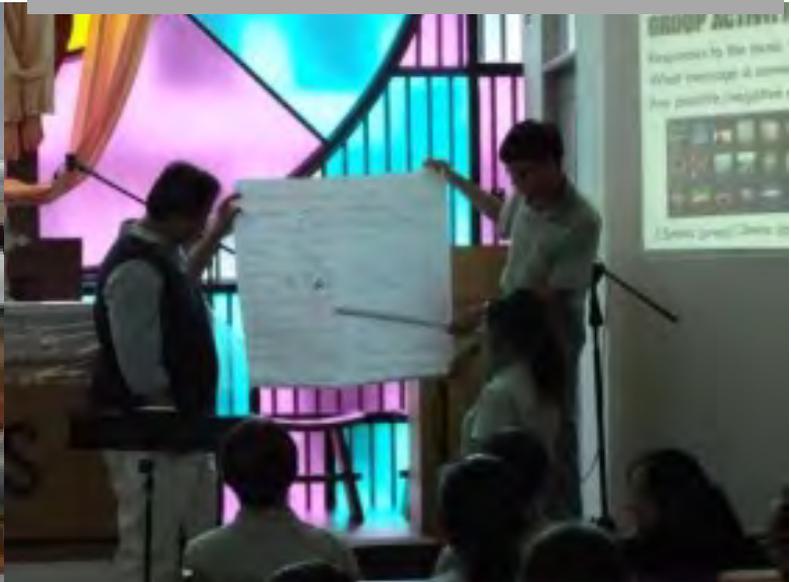


# MEDIA LITERACY SEMINAR 2014 12 MAY

I found the seminar extremely useful, especially the music section. I never realized that media is so powerful and can influence everyone so much no matter how young or old they are.  
- Grace Law (F1A)

The talk was great. I loved it. I learned to look up from my devices and spend quality time with my family, and to appreciate those around me.  
- Anthony Kho (F1D)

I realized that most of the cartoons I watch are not really for children. So I should be more aware of what I watch and make sure that they are appropriate for me. I also realized that the meanings of most of the songs I like are not good and their content really vulgar and inappropriate. I learnt that I should control myself when using electronic gadgets and not get addicted.  
- Rachel Lee Sze (F1A)



I learnt many things about the mass media that are positive and negative. During dinner we should not play on the phone because family is more important than electronic devices.  
- Jordan Hu (F1D)

The seminar gave me the awareness to be more careful when I am listening to music, watching television and surfing the internet. For example, music can be very powerful and can affect our minds. Technology can bring advantages and at the same time disadvantages to human beings.  
- Esther Chua (F1A)

# 2014 MEDIA LITERACY SEMINAR

I learned to be careful on the social network, for example, Facebook, and not leave many clues about my formal identity. I also learned not to forget my family. I felt very happy today because I had learned many things on the media. – *Christie Lai* (F1C)

After the seminar, I will avoid watching videos or pictures that I should not be watching. I will not always believe whatever the media says. I will check the lyrics to see if the song is appropriate for me. – *Valerie Grace Lim* (F1C)

In this seminar, I learned about personal media, interpersonal media, group media and mass media. I also learned why Coca-cola, Nike, KFC and Milo became famous. There were also picture study and short films at this seminar. – *Ivy Ng* (F1C)

After attending the talk, I have learnt lots of new and useful things. First of all, I found out that businessmen make advertisements with many interesting and different ways. They use beautiful graphic, interesting colours and creative ways to present advertisements to attract people. Secondly, some music videos may have certain impact on us. Some are disgusting and contain violence. The music can be catchy too. You will get attracted by the songs but the lyrics may contain foul language. Some music videos also have bad moral values. Lastly, bad people can have contact with us through the Internet. We leave fingerprints on the Internet by posting everything we do on the Internet. It is very dangerous to do this. – *Gillian Wong* (F1A)

During the seminar, I learned about various kinds of mass media and its transformation over the years. I learned about the effects of the lime light on certain celebrities and other young children who have idolized stars to the point of memorizing their song lyrics to the word without knowing the meaning of the words sung. We did exciting projects concerning the interpretation of advertisements and about why companies are famous. We played games and heard ways with which companies promote their products. We also learned about the hidden meanings in Disney movies. I have learned many things and will from now on use media with care and pay attention to its meaning. – *Ian Dylan Chai* (F1A)



I have learnt about the changes in the mass media and how it affects us. I have also learnt that the music and videos that I usually listen and watch contain a lot of hidden messages that are not suitable for people my age. I will use this knowledge to choose the appropriate materials that I watch and listen. I will spread this knowledge to my family and friends. – *Cecilia Wong Thing* (F1A)

I think this programme is very good. I wish we can have this kind of programme more often. We had lots of fun activities and the speaker was very good in explaining the media to us. – *Clifford Tay* (F1E)

*Happy Teachers' Day*  
16 May 2014

