

## Mentor Makes Headlines

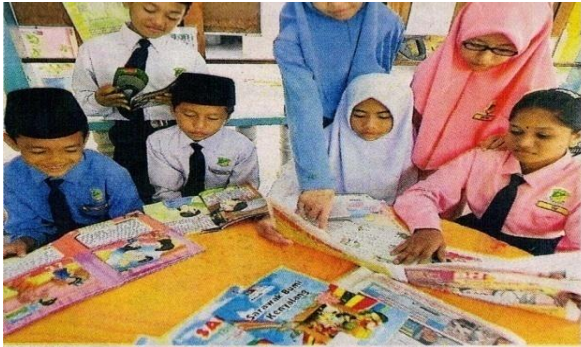
An SMR mentor was featured in a local newspaper much to her own surprise but to the delight of her mentees at SK Seri Sekinchan, Sekinchan, Selangor. For a couple of weeks she had been attending the weekly ten-minute reading sessions after assembly on a Monday morning. As she turned up at the school as usual, she noted some dignitaries. These esteemed gentlemen had come to the school to reward the pupils for their perseverance and efforts in reading as many as 600+ books over a one-year period. Naturally the Phase 1 pupils had not attained that number of books but were nevertheless proud to display their certificates proving that they had read a large number of books.

The school had been participating in the national reading programme LEMINAM which was introduced at schools across the peninsula. The school motivated not only its pupils and teachers but also its auxiliary staff to become avid readers by offering weekly reading sessions at school and further inspiring them to continue this wholesome habit at home, keeping record of books and magazines read. Newspapers exclusively published for this purpose were distributed amongst staff and pupils. Everyone is encouraged to continue this habit throughout the new year, 2013.

*A lovely sight to behold: a sea of pupils reading their books every Monday morning after assembly at SK Seri Sekinchan, Sekinchan, Selangor.*



*Pupils proudly display their certificates for the LEMINAM reading programme completed during 2012. SMR Mentor Gwen van Dyk is second from the right in the back row.*



**Pelajar membaca bahan bacaan** dalam Majlis Pelancaran Nilam di SK Seri Sekinchan. [ FOTO ADI SAFRI/ BH ]

“Sebagai murid amalan membaca membantu saya meningkatkan pengetahuan kos kata yang membolehkan dia menghasilkan karangan yang bermutu dan menarik.

“Buku pilihan saya ialah pelbagai jenis meliputi buku cerita, sains dan sebagainya. Jika ada kelapangan saya mampu menghabiskan sebuah buku sehari,” katanya yang turut menerima anugerah kategori Nilam.

Program Nilam ialah satu usaha Kementerian Pelajaran dengan matlamat untuk membina tabiat membaca dalam kalangan murid dan mula dilaksanakan sejak tahun 1999.

