

BRINGING CHRISTMAS CHEERS TO THE COMMUNITY

Jalan Bellamy, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: 17 December 2009... With Christmas just around the corner, the Alice Smith School is certainly buzzing with activities.

The countdown started with a Christmas Bazaar hosted by the Parent Teachers' Association. The community, staff, parents and students were out in full force organising stalls from selling mulled wine to mince pies, running the children's lucky dip and Christmas stalls. The choir entertained shoppers throughout the evening, serenading beautiful festive songs to add to the atmosphere and Santa's Grotto had a steady stream of eager visitors, be it young or old.

The Sixth Form and Interact students were also present at the Bazaar raising funds for local charities. Beautiful crafts, bookmarks, cards and printed T-shirts were on sale as there were over ten different Charities at the Bazaar raising money for their respective worthwhile cause.

The hard work of the Parent Teachers' Association in organising the Christmas Bazaar also paid off with over RM30,000 raised for the school.

Musically, students and staff at the Alice Smith School are thriving. The school hosted its annual Christmas concerts at the Primary and Secondary Campuses serenading the audience with lovely vocals and showing off talented musical skills. Next, parents, staff and students enjoyed the Celebration of Christmas in the exquisite setting of The St. Mary's Cathedral where traditional hymns were sung at the Service.

The Secondary students were also honoured to be invited to perform at the British High Commissioners' Residence for the second year. Members of the British Community were invited to this private affair hosted annually by the British High Commissioner, HE Boyd McCleary and his wife Jenny. Guests were seen tapping and singing away to popular Christmas tunes, namely Deck the Hall, Joy to the World and Jingle Bells, to name a few.

The school is certainly vibrant with a vast range of activities, which take students beyond the confines of the classroom and their involvement in the community has been inspiring. The Alice Smith School certainly knows how to end the year with finesse.



The community celebrating a traditional Carol Service at St. Mary's Cathedral



Seniors performing at the British High Commissioner's Residence



Key Stage 2 Choir entertaining the crowd at the annual Christmas concert



Sixth Form students doing their bit for local charities