As part of the project for UMP’s cluster schools, an English Creative Writing Workshop was held at the Banquet Hall, Chancellery. A group of 39 form 3 students from SMK Seri Pekan accompanied by 3 teachers participated in the workshop. The students were given a task to create their own groups and named them based on the character of 7 monsters in order to develop their own creativity. Wan Jumani Fauzi was invited as the speaker and she was assisted by two facilitators, Ezihaslinda Ngah and Fatimah Ali. The other committee members included Saharudin Ramli, Mohd Jihan Hassan and Norfaizatul Hanir Abdul Wahab.

The theme of the writing workshop was ‘Fun with Writing’ and the main objectives were to build sense of national identity, instill ethical and spiritual values among the participants and to create a good piece of writing for publication. Activities during the workshop included exposing the participants to different kinds of poems and short stories, and learning how to write them with embedded language skills activities. The poems written during the workshop were compiled by the speaker for potential publications.

Associate Professor Dr Muhammad Nubli Abdul Wahab was invited for the prize giving ceremony. The best group for Everyday Poems went to the Mamee Monster group whose members were Nazrin Nazri, Khairunnisa, Nur Athirah Ayob, Asiah Hanis and Siti Nur Aisyah; and the winner for the Shape Poems also went to the Mamee Monster group who were Nazrin Nuzri, Khairul, Nur Ain Umairah, Athirah Ayob, Intan Yazira, Nisha and Afiq Shafree. For the Picture Book Contest, the winners were the Hot Monster with their book called “Shapes “, Mamee Monster and their book “Animals and their Food” and lastly CJ8 and their book “The Cruel Eagle Story through Alphabets”.

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