



In their element: The children showing their acting skills.

Nurturing young talents

Home's kids put on a good show during Christmas party

THE charity arm of Ireka Corporation Berhad, Ireka Cares, organised a Christmas celebration for Rumah Hope recently.

Over 30 Ireka Cares volunteers and Ireka management personnel attended the event.

The volunteers did not turn up empty handed as they brought personalised gifts for their 'adopted' children.

After months of training under the Performing Arts outreach programme sponsored by Ireka Cares, the children put up a splendid performance of dance and drama.

First up was an energetic dance, a flawless combination of hip hop and breakdance performed by the children aged between 10 and 14.

As the children grooved to *Mercy* by Duffy, thunderous applause boosted their confidence.

The next performance was a play inspired

by the classic tale of *Jack and The Beanstalk*.

It was heartwarming to see the children confidently reciting their lines with convincing facial expressions.

Ireka group general manager Leonard Yee said it was amazing to see the children performing with enthusiasm and passion.

"I am positive the children will benefit greatly from performing arts, especially when given the proper guidance and nurturing from a young age. That is why our mission for 2012 is to focus more on arts," he said.

Having adopted Rumah Hope since July last year, Ireka Cares has conducted various arts related activities at the home.

Rumah Hope, started in 1994, is a sanctuary for abused, abandoned and underprivileged children between the ages of five and 17 years.