

## Semai teacher gets along with Temiar pupils using BM

**GUA MUSANG:** When Asani Alang Selamat, 27, arrived at SK Kuala Betis near here, she faced a problem.

She is from the Semai tribe while her students are Temiars.

Since they speak different dialects, she could barely communicate with them.

“Teaching at SK Kuala Betis is different compared with my previous school at SK Pasir Linggi (also in Gua Musang), because the latter has Malay and Orang Asli students.

“But over here, I had to find a way to communicate with them without hurting their feelings,” she added.

Asani said she decided to use

Bahasa Malaysia and explained the meaning of the words to her students.

“I am grateful and relieved that they finally accepted my teaching and started to enjoy lessons,” said the Perak woman and former student of Tengku Ampuan Afzan’s Teacher Education Institute in Kuala Lipis.

SK Kuala Betis headmaster Ramzi Ilyas said Asani was among 56 teachers at the school.

“Teacher Asani is still young but she is a dedicated teacher.

“She is willing to spend more time with the children to ensure they can adapt to her teaching well.”



*Asani Alang Selamat teaching at SK Kuala Betis near Gua Musang yesterday. PIC BY SYAMSI SUHAIMI*