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Foreword from Ms Lea Tan

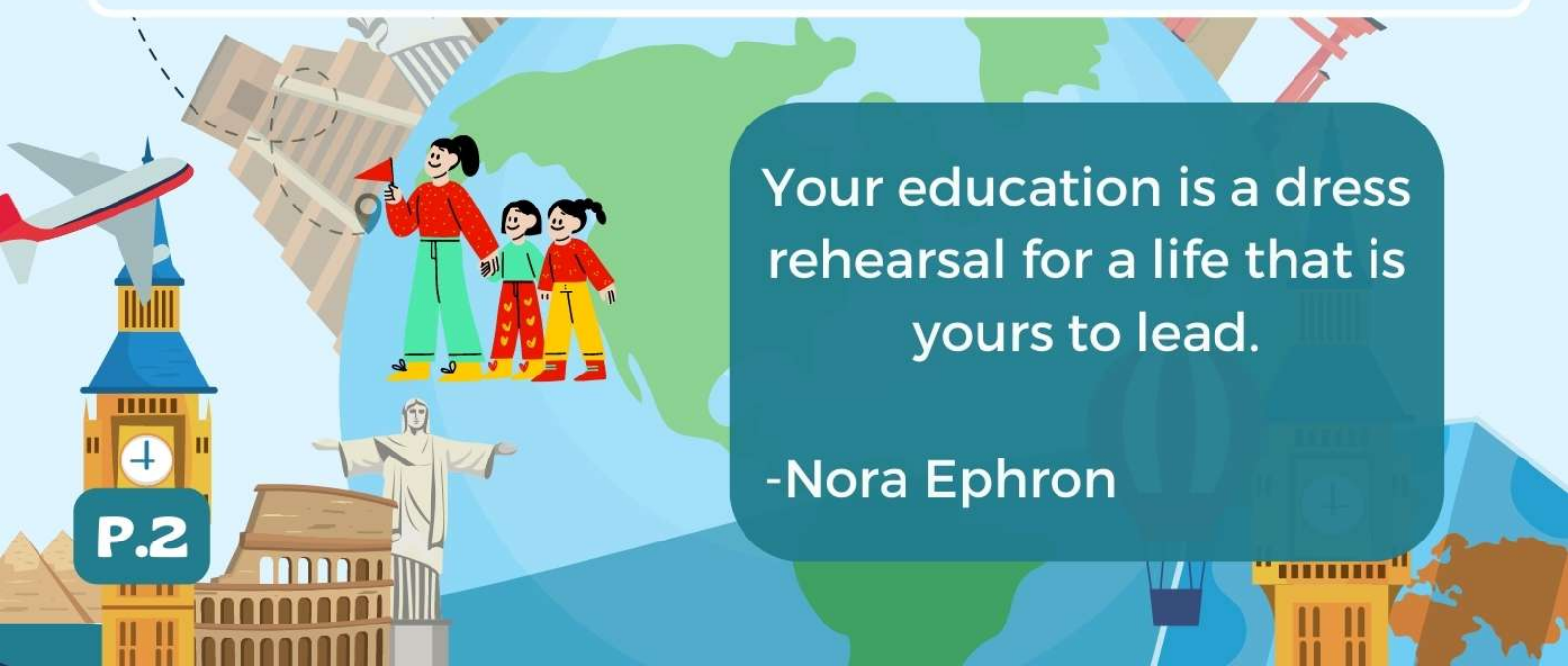
What a year it has been. It's hard to believe this school year is coming to an end. We started the school year with restrictions and uncertainties from Covid-19 but we strived through it, holding fun English activities such as 'You Sing I Guess' during recess, 'Harry Potter'-themed English Week, 'Scrabble' after school, magic classes on Saturdays and ICE during the Easter Holidays. We couldn't have accomplished them without the efforts from our teachers especially Ms. Debbie SHEK, our Head of English Department, the brainchild behind these activities. Having said that, a big shout out goes to the English Ambassadors and Mr. Paul for all the morning announcements updating the students on the recess and after-school activities. As for me, seeing students actively participating in the activities and interacting with the teachers makes me grateful that I am one of their teachers who nudges them along their road to success. During the year, LKYMS hosted 2 social work students from CUHK – Miss Anthea and Mr. Tissue. They conducted activities and workshops for our students to help build their confidence and encourage them in their growth as individuals. Let's not forget our Head of Co-curricular activities and other learning experiences, Mr. LEE Chi Wai, who spearheaded the LKYMS Happy Fridays. Students joined a variety of activities to broaden their knowledge and increase their cognitive skills.

Last but not least, check out the 'Students' Work' section ... Did your writings make it to this section?

Congratulations!

As we have said goodbyes to our departing Form 6s, we too shall say goodbye to our 2022-2023 school year, looking forward to welcoming the 2023-2024 school year.

I'll leave you with the following quote of encouragement to the students of LKYMS.



Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead.

-Nora Ephron

English activities and Happy Fridays

ICE (Inter-Cultural Education)

During the Easter holidays, the English Elite class which consisted of a number of junior form students – attended the Global Perspective Dialogue workshop, courtesy of ICE Hong Kong. The aim of the workshop was to break down cultural stereotypes and educate them about the entertainment industry in different countries. The students got to engage with the speakers and learn more about their countries of origin. ICE (INTER- CULTURAL EDUCATION) is an organisation that enables authentic cross-cultural dialogues for global perspective and has a reputation for delivering high-quality cultural training for future leaders. The workshop was indeed a success as the students left the class with eagerness to learn more about different countries.



Saturday Magic Classes

A group of students were privileged to learn the wonders of magic by Scarlett the Magician during the second half of the school year. It was fun and students learned a lot out of attending this extra-curricular activity on Saturday, such as gaining self-confidence when their 'magic' tricked their audience, enhancing communication skills, and discovering hidden talents like the ability to make people believe in them. Also, by combining magic with a lesson on teamwork, students broadened their horizons and discovered that learning can actually be fun!



Scrabble Training Sessions

This game was introduced to students towards the end of this school year. Many students were excited to join the after-school sessions. The aim of introducing this was to bring out students' critical thinking skills such as finding words, doing math, and understanding board geometry, in a fun way. Not only did students learn new words during these sessions, the game also trained their brains to perform better and faster. In terms of social skills, playing Scrabble helps encourage our students to socialise more with their peers.



Harry Potter themed English Week

English Week 2023 fell on the 4th week of May (May 22-26), showcasing characters and plots from Harry Potter. The students and teachers had a great week of learning-with-fun moments

and activities such as poem recitations from students during recess, and fun booth activities during lunchtime. The 'Magic Show' marked the finale of the English Week on May 30. The audience had a great time and actively participated during the show.



Recess poems recitation

Students read Harry Potter poems in three different levels and were awarded with stamps during recess.



Lunchtime game booths

Students were excited to play the games as they could test their Harry Potter knowledge and win stamps in their English passports to claim prizes later. Look at the line at some of the game booths! Students were eager to participate in the games.

Magic Show

Magic brought not only surprises but the wonders and awes to the sea of audience in the LKYMS hall. This event was organised in conjunction with the English Week's Harry Potter theme. Not only were the junior form students mesmerized by the magic tricks, it also brought out the enthusiasms of the senior form students. Scarlett the Magician was never short of eager students raising their hands and waiting to be picked to participate in his activities. It was a great closing of the 2023 English Week.



Happy Fridays

These amazing and fun learning activities were for our students to learn outside the classrooms. There were about 20 different activities such as Ukulele, Latte art, Judo, Roller Skating, Fencing, Chinese Tea ceremony, Western style calligraphy and many other activities for students to choose from. Below are six of the activities students took part in during the Happy Fridays.

Roller Skating

Look at how far they came from taking wobbly baby steps to confidently showing off their gliding moves. Students learned how to use their leg muscles to push and glide. Look at how coordinated they've become from all that practice.



Scented Candles DIY

It is said that a steady hand makes the best concoction, so stir and mix, mix and stir. Students tried their hands at creating art pieces using scents, flowers and wax. Look at their beautiful creations.



Fencing

Fancy learning some fencing skills? This is a sport where swiftness and quick reflexes are the keys to winning. Students learned how to defend against their opponents using swiftness and reflexes.



Ukulele

What's it like to hold a miniature guitar that is about 4 times smaller than a normal guitar? Well, some students were given lessons during the Happy Fridays. Words can't express their happiness so let them express it through their Ukuleles.

Miniature Ecological Aquarium

In this day and age where many things and almost everything are man-made and without colours, some people began to experiment constructing a man-made ecological system to bring a bit of greenery and colours back into our living spaces. This might be the reason why many of our students joined this class – bringing colours into their life!



Turkish Mosaic Lamp

What is the first thing that comes into your mind when you hear the word 'Turkish'? Is it camels, Turkish coffee, desserts or arts? Ever wonder what is Turkish art? Well, the answer is – unique patterns with colourful beads and dyes.





Messages from our English teachers

Miss KAN

If you think homework is the only way you can learn outside the classroom, think again! Your learning journey doesn't have to end when you wave goodbye to your teacher at the end of class. There are some simple steps you can take to improve your English, and have fun.

- 1) Sign up to TED Talks to develop your listening and concentration skills.
- 2) Reading is one of the best ways to help you improve your English.
- 3) What better way to learn outside the classroom than singing along to a great song or watching an action-packed film!

Miss POON

We teach and strengthen students' basic grammatical structures as well as make them aware of different sentence patterns. Also, we encourage students to self-learn in different aspects of English, even outside classroom.

There are various sources within their reach, video clips, news reports, games, etc, just to name a few.

Miss C. SIN

What better way to learn outside the classroom than singing along to a great song. And yes, it really does work! If you actively listen to music, check lyrics and even sing, you'll boost your language range and improve your pronunciation. This year we have 'You Sing I Sing' as our recess activity. Can't wait to hear you all sing!

Encouraging our students to learn English is not only for the public examination, but also their own good.

To help our students learn English in their spare time, we make English learning personal.

Connect the language to something relatable in their lives! Gaming is an excellent example. With technology like social media platforms and online gaming, it can trigger our students' interests.

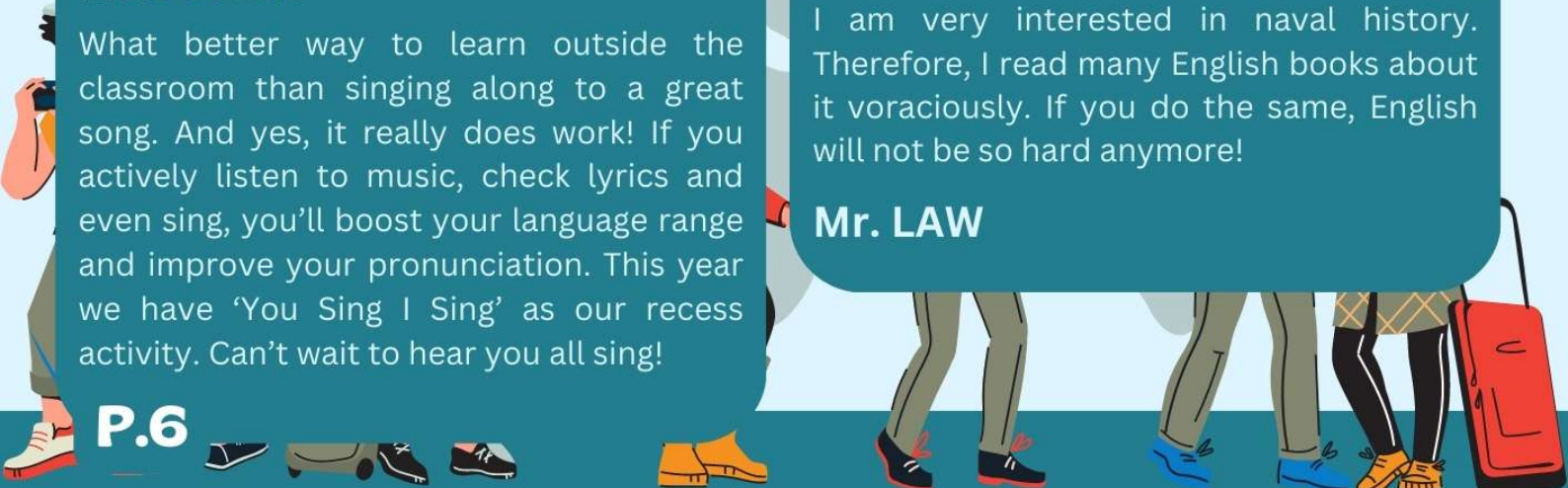
As a junior form English teacher, seeing our students with a good attitude towards English, it helps motivate both us and them to work hard and keep going when English learning gets challenging.

Miss SIU

As a junior form teacher, my role in the classroom is to make students interested to learn and remember the things taught in an English lesson. Most English teachers will be glad when they see their students' eyes light up with understanding.

Many students find learning English difficult. That happens because they don't use the language outside the classroom. I think the way to learn English is to relate it to your interests and hobbies. For example, I am very interested in naval history. Therefore, I read many English books about it voraciously. If you do the same, English will not be so hard anymore!

Mr. LAW





Miss MAN

If you told 16-year-old me that I would be an English teacher in a secondary school, I would not believe it.

A few years ago, I was just like you, struggling in learning English. My English was not as good as those from EMI schools. Just like some of you, I thought my chance of getting into a university was slim, so I chose another route and wanted to be a fashion designer.

To keep up with the latest trends, I read a lot of fashion articles online and in magazines, and watching YouTube videos about fashion and beauty was one of my hobbies at that time.

As fashion and pop culture are inseparable, I started listening to English music and watching English movies as well.

At first, I could not understand most of the contents without Chinese subtitles, but after immersing myself in English for several years, I can finish an English film without any subtitles. Now, I am even teaching English at a secondary school!



I teach English to S2 students. I also have speaking classes with S1 and S2 students. Gathering students to learn English collectively is what I have been trying to do. I tend to throw some solid concepts around before I do my magic and get the relevant language around.

How do I encourage students to learn English outside the classroom? Well, I encourage students to learn English through songs with the 'You Sing I Guess' activity. I just go with the flow of the song with the students, simple as that.

Mr. TANG

Last but not least, let's hear it from ...

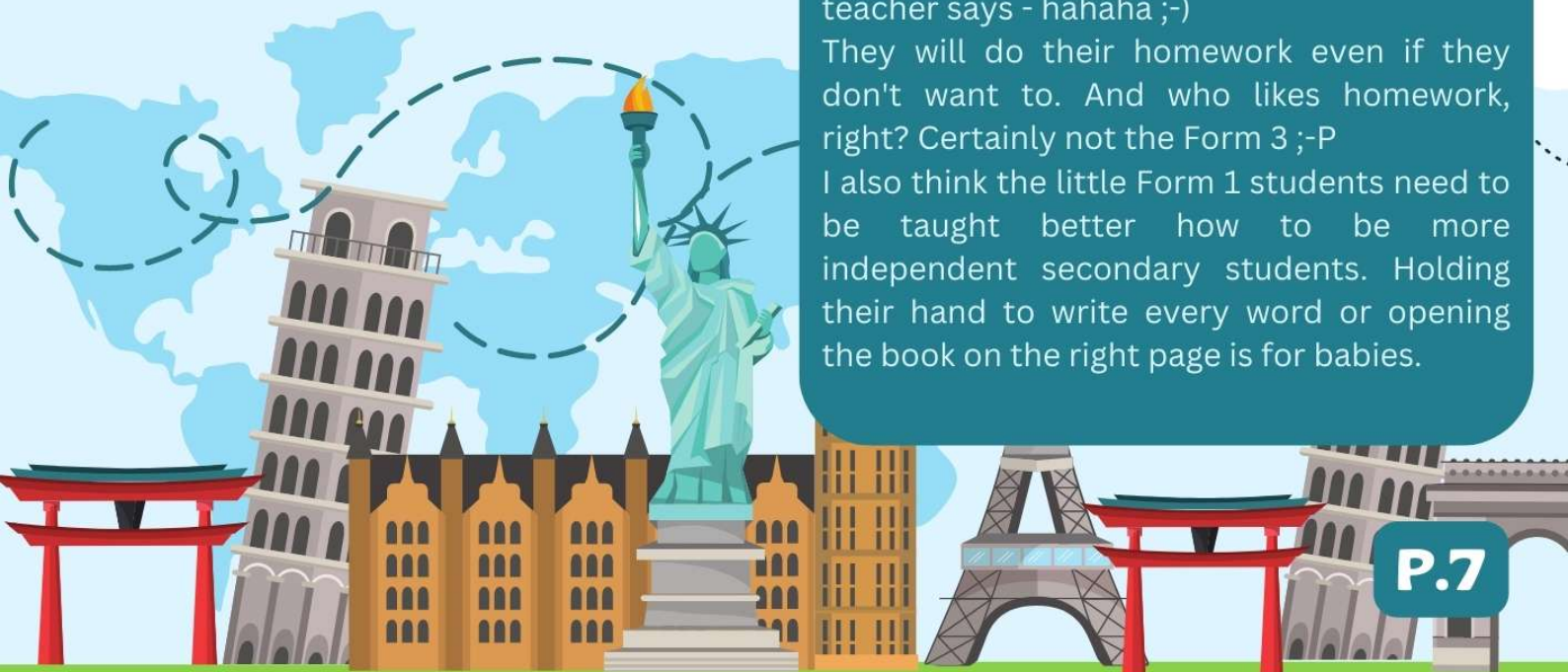
Mr. PAUL

As the junior secondary teacher, besides teaching the subject, I also have to be a role model to the much more impressionable juniors. They are much more likely to muck around and "test the limits", which can get out of control quickly. I spend most of the Form 2 lessons telling them to be quiet and polite (>.<)

But they'll also easily believe anything the teacher says - hahaha ;-)

They will do their homework even if they don't want to. And who likes homework, right? Certainly not the Form 3 ;-P

I also think the little Form 1 students need to be taught better how to be more independent secondary students. Holding their hand to write every word or opening the book on the right page is for babies.



Meeting our Social Work students

CUHK Social Work Study Placement

We are honoured to have these two excellent social work students, Mr Tissue and Miss Anthea, attached to the school for 6 months (September 2022 – March 2023).

On their last day in Lee Kau Yan Memorial School, we did an interview about their time they spent with the students.



Board of encouragement "LKY Gas Station"

Ms. Lea: **What are your specialised areas?**

Miss Anthea: Teenagers!

We are here to give them emotional support, to emphasise and encourage them to discover their strengths as individuals.

Ms. Lea: **I understand both of you did some activities with students. What were they and what were their responses?**

Mr. Tissue: The students' smiling faces are your answer.

There is a board of encouragement called the "LKY Gas Station" whereby words of encouragement written by students to their fellow schoolmates encouraging them to do well in their exams.

Ms Lea: **What was the purpose of these workshops?**

Miss Anthea: These workshops gave students a sense of encouragement and created positive energy before the exam.

Mr. Tissue: The students put in a lot of thoughts and effort to create their masterpieces. Some of their works were given to teachers as gifts.

The Micro-garden workshop was introduced to build students' patience and happiness. Looking at miniature plants does bring out the calm and peacefulness in oneself.



Christmas event



Micro-garden workshop

Students showing their appreciation to teachers and fellow classmates with their handmade chocolate popsicles. Did you receive one?



Words of encouragement to students

EXPLORE your inner feelings

Practise mindfulness

Be aware of how your emotions affect your body and mind

Learn to transfer, deal with and cope with emotions positively

Ms. Lea:
A & T:

Do you have any last words to the students?

THANK YOU for the friendliness and warmth everyone has shown us and for allowing us to be able to physically interact with students through our activities.

Champions of Book Report Competition

1D (8) Yuki NGAI Wai Yuk

Rating:



Title: **Harry Potter**

Author: J.K. Rowling

I think this book is pretty great because it is so imaginative that I really yearn for Harry's school life. Truly, I'm inspired by Harry's bravery as well as strong-minded spirit and moved by his precious friendship with Ron and Hermione. Although he undergoes an unfortunate childhood, Harry never gives in to the hardships. He shoulders his responsibility to fight against Voldermort, moves forward with faith and successfully saves the world. I like what Hermione said in the story, 'Me? Books and cleverness, there are more important things: friendship and bravery.'



1D (31) Greyson TAI Ho San

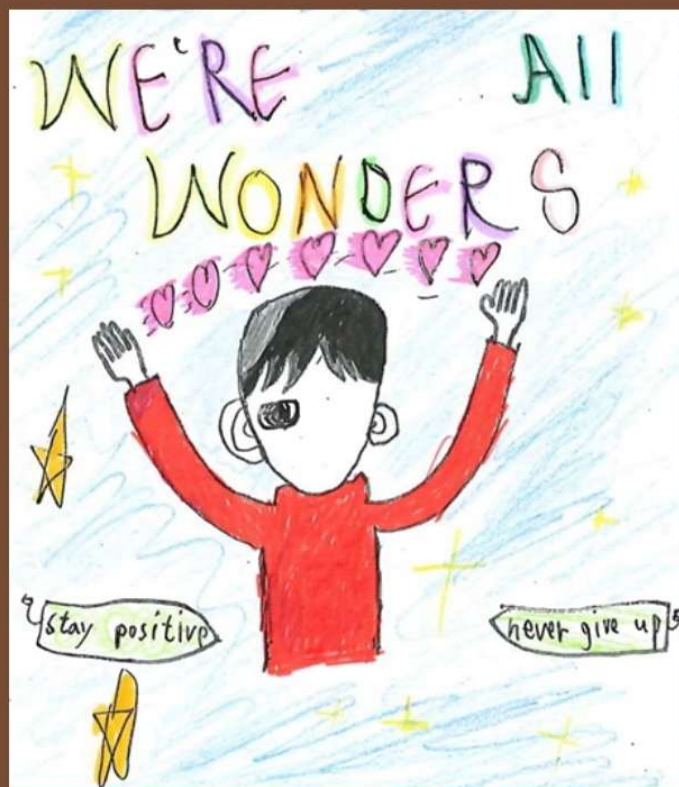
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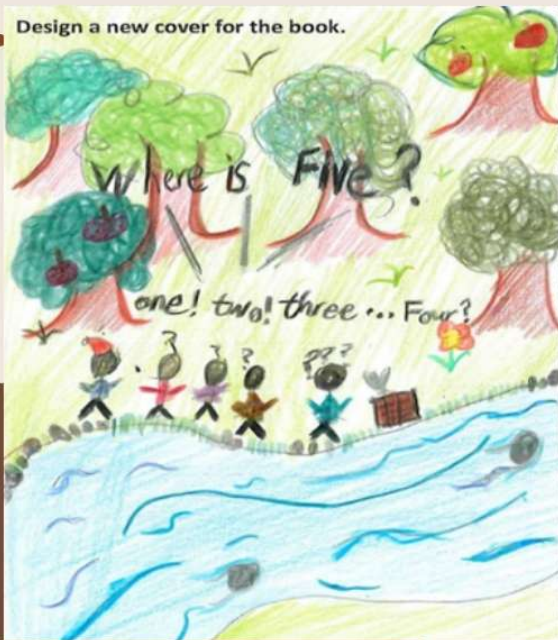
Title: **We're All Wonders**

Author: R.J. Palacio

I think this book is educational and touching because it teaches us that no matter how different people look, we should not judge them based on their appearances. Some people are mean to others based on their appearances and they always laugh at them and say mean things behind their backs. That's what happened to the main character of this book. The name of the main character is Auggie. People often said mean things about him but Auggie didn't listen to what they said. He still tried to make a lot of friends. In the end, he did make a lot of friends.



Design a new cover for the book.



2D (6) Helena KUAN Hang Yu

Rating:



Title: **Five Foolish Brothers** (A Folktale from England)

Author: Gale Sypher Jacob

I think this book is funny and awesome because the story teaches us that when we are in trouble, we should maintain a calm and rational attitude like the girl in the story to face the problem. But the stupidity of the five brothers also made me laugh. How can anyone not count themselves? This kind of thing won't happen when I learn Math now!

3B (24) Anthony SEE Kai Cheung

Rating:



Title: **Star Wars: The Mandalorian** (Junior Novel)

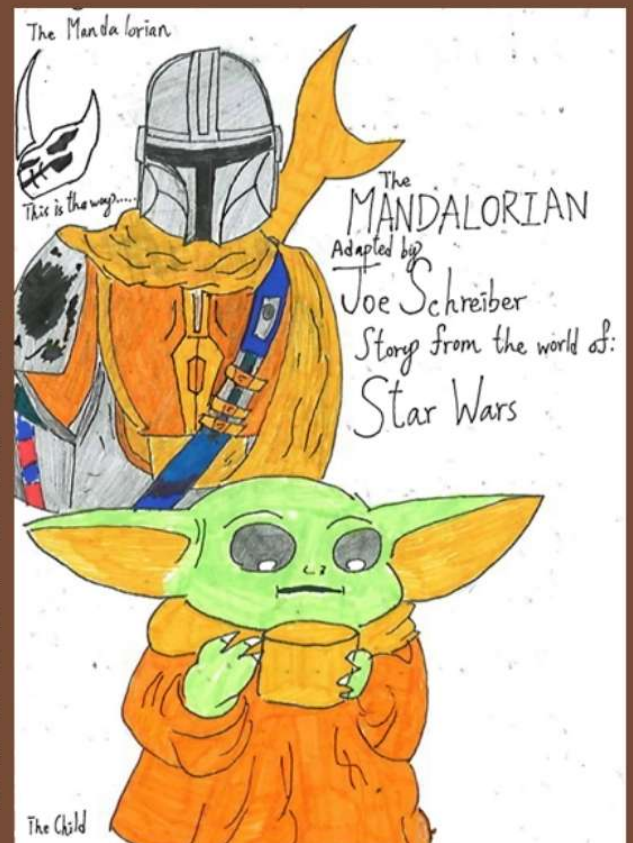
Author: (Adapted by) Joe Schreiber

I think this book is adventurous because the plot is perfect. The story is about a bounty hunter called "The Mandalorian". He is the most mysterious man in the bounty hunter guild. He's one of the Mandalorians, the people who never take off their helmets. One day, Mando (The Mandalorian) got a job that needed to bring the bounty to the client alive. It's never a problem to a man like Mando, but when he caught the bounty, he found out it's just a child, so Mando didn't bring it to the client. Mando thought it's too dangerous and he escaped with the child. In the end, Mando decided to leave the guild and returned the child back to its kind. I think this plot is amazing

and is different to other Star Wars series which use a lot of fighting scenes to make the story look great. Here the writer decided to make the story suitable for both adults and children. Adults resonate with the story because Mando carrying the child is just like adults themselves carrying their kids. Children like the story because there are cool spaceships and the 'child' looks lovely.

Although the story looks perfect, there're some places that I think the book can do better. For example, the story can describe more about Mando's real face and why he needs to wear the helmet all the time. I only saw Mando's face in the last chapter. I hope the writer can improve on this.

I recommend this book to everyone I know. Reading this book is like watching a space cowboy movie. I want to know what's going on next. The ending is gripping.





STUDENTS' WORK

MY FAVOURITE BAND, SINGER

2B (14) Gillianne Leap MAHTANI

My favourite band is called BTS. BTS is the most famous Korean boy band all over the world.

I like them because they have everything that a good boy band needs. For example, vocals, raps and visuals. BTS has the second fastest male rapper in their group.

Another reason why I like them is because they are very funny. If you watch their reality shows like "Run BTS" or "In the Soop", you will really laugh a lot.

In conclusion, if you ask me, my favourite band is BTS because they make me laugh all the time.

2B (03) Ella CHAN Yat Ching

My favourite singer is Ed Sheeran. He is an English singer, songwriter, guitarist, record producer and actor. He has fair skin and red hair. He is average in height and a bit chubby. He is a hardworking person who has put a lot of effort into becoming successful.

Speaking of success, his meaningful lyrics and calming voice are the main reasons for his popularity. His songs make people smile and sometimes make them emotional. He has also done some rap songs with famous rap artists such as Eminem.

The reason why I admire him is that regardless of how many times he fails, he never lets his fans down.

SHOULD STUDENTS WORK PART-TIME?

3D (30) Jeremy TSANG Pak To

I do think students should work part-time and there are a couple of reasons why.

Firstly, students who work part-time are more confident and possess better time management skills than students who are not employed. In addition to offering a paycheck, some independence and satisfaction, a part-time job can provide both training and experience. Employment teaches students about responsibility and can also reinforce what they are learning in school. Employers can also write recommendation letters for the students who've worked for them.

Secondly, for the students with little or no money: when you're working part-time, you no longer have to worry about being able to afford the basic essentials or relying on your parents or student funding to get by. You can even start doing things to improve your social life, like going out with friends and treating yourself to something nice.

Lastly, you can learn to manage money. When you start making money on your own, you tend to become more cautious about how to spend your hard-earned cash.

These are some of the reasons I think it might be good to have a part-time job when you are still a student.

SHOULD PEOPLE GET COSMETIC SURGERIES?

3D (11) Cheryl TAM Yi Ching

Modern society tends to focus on appearances and indeed, appearance seems to be vital nowadays. Especially in Asian countries, cosmetic surgeries are so popular as people want to achieve their desired beautiful looks.

In my opinion, people shouldn't get cosmetic surgeries. In China, there's a colloquial saying that goes, "Your skin and hair are from your parents." The things our parents gave us are precious. We shouldn't get rid of the original parts. Instead, we should take good care of them.

Moreover, there are a lot of news about cosmetic failures. People who failed to achieve their goals got even more surgeries and as a result, became uglier and uglier. Cosmetic surgeries can be dangerous and addictive in some ways. Therefore, I think people shouldn't get cosmetic surgeries.

WHICH CELEBRITY WOULD YOU WANT AS A SIBLING, AND WHY?

5B (6) Rita LAU Pan Yu

I would want South Korean singer-songwriter, Jeon Jung-kook of the boy band BTS to be my brother. His songs are meaningful and innovative. I feel very grateful listening to his songs. They helped reduce my stress.

He is a smart person in doing anything, such as drawing and playing sports. He is full of talents, but he is more outstanding in some areas like singing. If he were my brother, I would sing songs with him.

He is also very handsome. I would be very happy if I could live with him and see him every day. I would tell my friends about him. They would be very jealous. I would lead a carefree life without worrying about anything.

Also, it is very important that I would be able to meet his team BTS, and talk to V!

5B (23) Sam LIANG Sen

I would want Cristiano Ronaldo as my brother.

If we were siblings, I would ask him to train me to play football. I hope I will become a football super star.

Also, I would be able to meet his football friends such as Neymar and David Beckham.

Cristiano Ronaldo is also a great football star. If I were his brother, I believe everyone would know me. I would choose Cristiano Ronaldo as my brother.

5B (16) Sam CHENG Fung Yuen

I would choose U.S. basketball super star, Kobe Bryant, as my brother. He was a great player, so he could teach me how to play basketball and his amazing fadeaway. I think this would be so cool.

Also, I would be able to play basketball with him every day. He had three children. I would play basketball with them, too.

SHOULD SENIOR FORM STUDENTS TAKE AT LEAST ONE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY AT SCHOOL?

5B (05) Vingi LAI Wing Chi

I think senior form students should take at least one extra-curricular activity.

They should have some free time to join an activity to relax. For example, if they study for a long time without a break, it will make them feel stressed. They can join an extra-curricular activity like painting or violin lesson to put their studies aside temporarily. It will help them release their stress.

In my opinion, senior form students should participate in at least one extra-curricular activity.

5B (08) Kiko LIN Tung Tung

I think senior form students should take at least one extra-curricular activity.

At present, senior form students are under great academic pressure. For example, in order to prepare for the HKDSE exam, senior form students have to do past papers and have dictation every day. They don't have much time to play, which may lead to other issues like health problems. Therefore, they should strike a balance between study and play time for better health conditions, as well as good results in the public exam.

In my opinion, senior form students should participate in at least one extra-curricular activity.

WHICH ADVICE WOULD YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS?

5B (07) Kelly LEUNG Man Yan

I think being proactive and taking the lead is the most useful suggestion for students to socialise with new classmates.

First, if you are proactive, you can meet many friends. In a new school year, many students may not know each other. When you take the initiative, others will respond to your enthusiasm. For example, you can take the initiative to become the class monitor. Then, your new classmates may follow your lead and you can effectively build friendships with them.

That's why I think being proactive and taking the lead is the most useful suggestion.

WRITE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT AN ANNUAL SCHOOL FAIR DURING THE MORNING ASSEMBLY. IN YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT, INTRODUCE THE EVENT, DESCRIBE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AND LET STUDENTS KNOW HOW THEY CAN HELP OUT.

6B (24) Felix TSUI Ming Ho

Good morning, Principal, teachers and fellow students.

29th of May is a wonderful day for all Banyan School students and teachers. It is the 45th Anniversary of the school, of which many visitors come to celebrate. This is a meaningful day commemorating the establishment of the school. As a student of this school for six years, I feel a strong sense of belonging here just like all you do. Our school will hold an annual school fair on that day, I truly hope all of you will join us.

This fair is held on Saturday, 29th May, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The ticket costs \$10 each. All past and present pupils, teachers, friends and family are welcome! There will be different booths and activities, such as food stalls, games, arts and crafts, student performances, displays of work and alumni football match. There are prizes too! The food stalls provide different cultural foods made by teachers and classmates, for instance, dim sum, Indian curry, sushi, you name it! They are not only free but also delicious. It's worth a try.

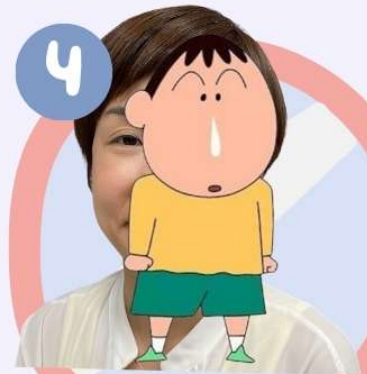
Secondly, students will be performing on stage. It is a great chance for students to display their talents and build up their confidence. I highly recommend you all to seize this opportunity. Don't leave any regrets in your student life and exploit your full potential. I am sure you will be surprised at the talents of our students. As you may know, our school's students have long been praised for their outstanding talents, especially in music and art. One of the best pianists in our school who just won an award in an inter-school competition will perform the school song on that day, and some teachers will perform as special guests. They have been practising for a long time. Don't miss the show!

The alumni football match is even more thrilling than the student performances. Teachers and students will have a friendly match. Due to last year's success, we will hold one more football match between old pupils and our school football team. Both of them will be entertaining games. Despite being a popular sport, some of you may not be interested in this sport. There will be different types of art. You can also make crafts by yourself since there is an art and craft booth beside the displays. You will be provided the materials you need.

I truly hope all of you will take part in this meaningful and entertaining fun fair, but if you are not interested in these activities, you may also consider being one of our volunteers because we lack helpers. We need volunteers of high calibre. Please contact me at chriswong@hkbs.edu.hk if you are available. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Teachers' favourite cartoon characters

Guess who am I?



- Answer:
1. Ms. Chow (Math)
 2. Ms. Tang (Math)
 3. Mr. Lau (LS)
 4. Ms. Lam (Chinese)
 5. Ms. Cheung (Chinese)
 6. Mr. Lo (Math)
 7. Ms. Wan (Math)
 8. Ms. Yu (English)
 9. Mr. Yuen (English)
 10. Ms. Leung (English)
 11. Ms. Sin (English)
 12. Mr. Paul (English)
 13. Ms. Chan (Chinese)
 14. Mr. Kwan (Chinese)
 15. Mr. Law (Chinese)