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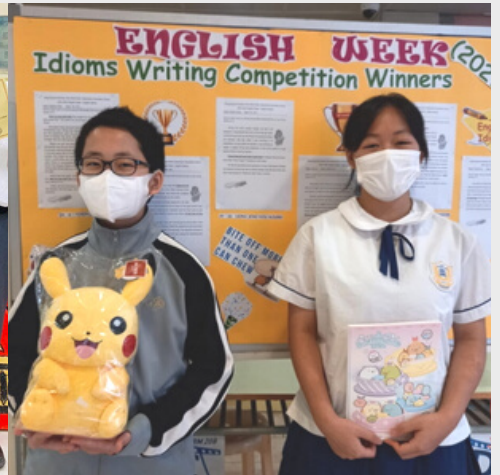
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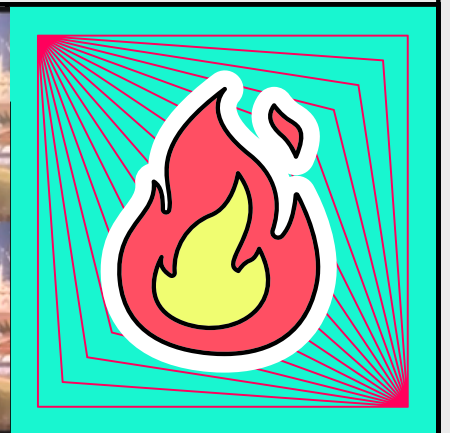
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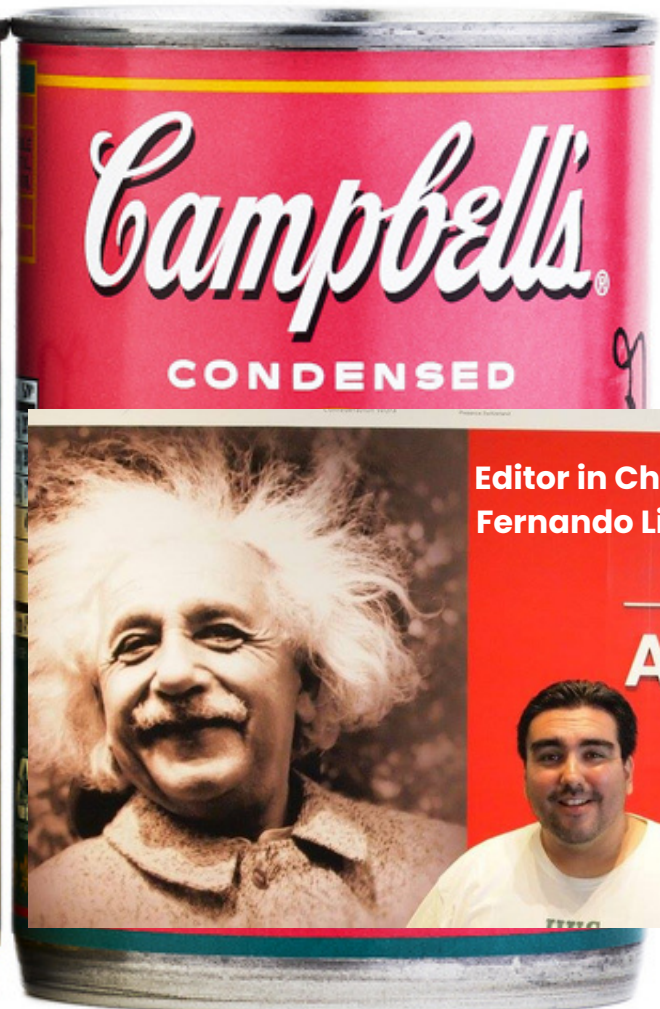
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International Drama Competition





2021-2022 English Week

English Idiom Competition



The CCPASS students wrote a short story or article with one to three selected idioms "don't cry over spilled milk", "bite off more than you can chew" and "it isn't over until the fat lady sings".

THE RABBIT VERSUS THE TURTLE

By Queenie Chen Junyi 3A (4)

Once upon a time, the forest held the second annual "Forest 10 Kilometer Race". Winnie the Rabbit thought she would win the competition easily then wear the gold medal, while standing in front of last year's champion Summer the Turtle. After Winnie's victory, she would tell Summer that she is faster and stronger than him. Winnie had no doubt that she would be the winner!

"Ready...set...go!" the referee shouted. The sun was angry that day so the weather was very hot. Winnie ran as fast as an arrow off the bowstring. In a moment, she had already passed the three hills on her route. She would be the champion if she kept going. But an animal always falls twice because of the same problem. She forgot the experience of last year's failure. Therefore, she found a comfortable nest and ate a few tasty carrots. Then she took a nap and had a sweet dream about winning the race then eating marshmallows. But reality is always the opposite of dreams. The sun was setting when Winnie woke up. Summer had already crossed the finish line. Winnie lost again.

Winnie was very upset. She was about to give up but the other animals hadn't finished the race yet. So Xixi the Panda encouraged Winnie while running past her. Xixi said to Winnie, "Don't cry over spilled milk. It isn't over till the fat lady sings. This competition isn't over, keep going! Run!" Winnie still had a chance to try.

Finally, Winnie won third place with her efforts with Xixi placing in 2nd. Even though Winnie wasn't the champion, she was happy. She learned not to slack off and learned to persevere.



THE ARROGANT PRINCESS

By Yoyo Lo Shuk Yu 4B (10)

Once upon a time, there was a princess named Selina. She was arrogant and excessively proud. She thought she was superior to others so she looked down on everyone.

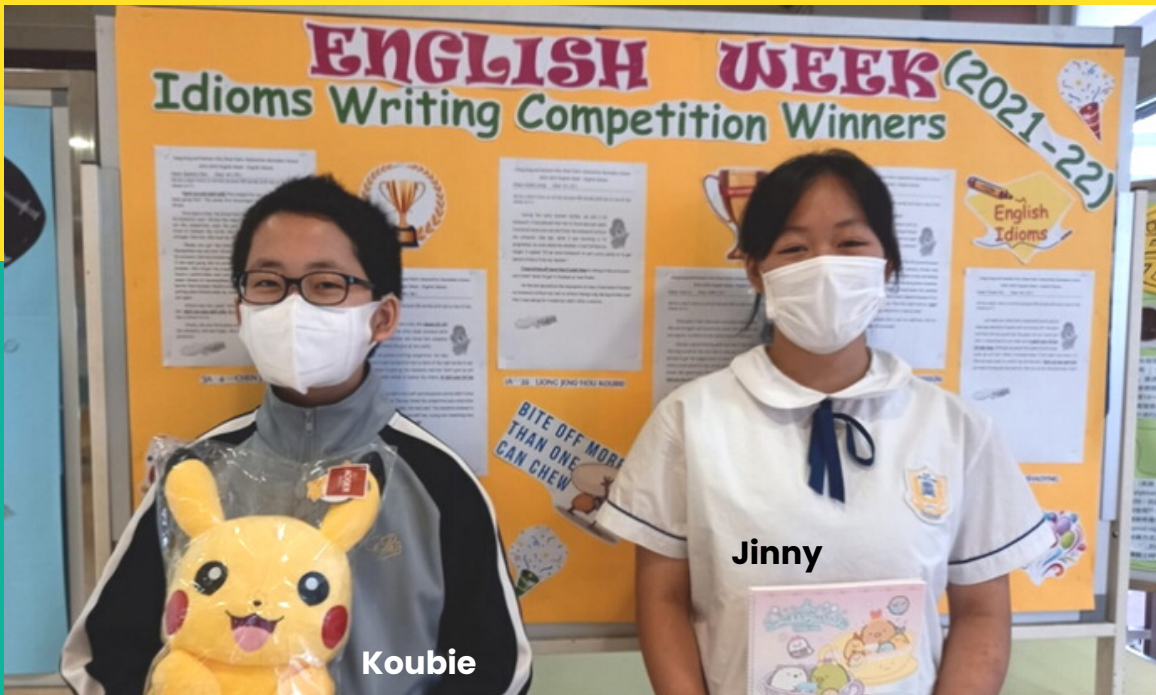
One day, a grand hunting game was held outside the castle. The king invited all the rich folk to take part in it. Selina wanted to get the biggest prey to show off to everyone so she used her father's most powerful bow. As she wished, she saw a ferocious bear in the forest. Her guard said, "Princess, please be careful. Don't bite off more than you can chew."

Selina ignored his reminder and shot the bear with an arrow. The bear was angry and started to attack Selina. Luckily, Selina was safe because her guard protected her but her father's bow was broken. Selina cried, "Oh no! My father will definitely blame me!" "I already warned you, princess. Don't cry over spilt milk," said the guard.

THE BASKETBALL MATCH

By Frandy Fan Shaoying 4A (3)

Last week our school held a basketball match and our team was behind by 5 points with 10 minutes left. We were terrified that we would lose the game. So our coach said that it looked bad for our team, but it wasn't over till the fat lady sings. Although we played that game as hard as we could, we still lost. When I returned home, I felt upset and cried a lot. Then my mom came to comfort me and she said, "Don't cry over spilt milk, just keep training and stay positive. Then you can win the match next time!"



MY SKIING EXPERIENCE

BY JOHNSON CHEUNG HO YEUNG 4A (30)

This past Christmas, I made an appointment with my friends to travel and practice skiing at the Shiga Plateau Ski Resort in Japan. An accident during the practice made me realize one of my shortcomings, which was a profound experience for me.

At first, the coach taught us to practise on the flat ground because we should first learn how to control the direction, advance, retreat, stop and other basic skills to let us have enough proficiency in skis and walking sticks. Then when we were ready, we would practise skiing down a landslide. But before I had mastered the basic skills, I skied down the landslide prematurely. As a result, I didn't stop when I went downhill because of my lack of proficiency, resulting in a fracture. Then the coach told me, "Don't bite off more than you can chew. You should do it step by step."

From this experience, I realized that I was too ambitious. Only by mastering each step can accidents be avoided.

SUMMER HOMEWORK

By Koubie Liong Jeng Hou 1A (22)

During this early summer holiday, we had a lot of homework. I had planned that two to three days per week, I would do some exercise and finish the homework without any pressure. One day, while I was watching a TV programme, my mum asked me whether I had fulfilled my target. I replied, "I'll do more homework to earn extra marks or to get special stickers from my teacher."

I have bitten off more than I could chew by taking on the extra work, and I didn't think I'd get it finished on time finally.

On the last day before the resumption of class, I had almost finished my homework without any rest or without taking a nap. My big brother said that I was asking for trouble but didn't offer a solution.

THE WRITING COMPETITION

By Debbie Tsang Siu Tie 2B (8)

A long time ago, there was a boy who always bit off more than he could chew. He often made mistakes while doing things. Almost everyone who knows him complains that to him, which makes him give up very easily.

One time, he joined a writing competition. His idea was brilliant but it was too hard for him to think of the right words to use. When he was about to give up, his classmate told him, "Don't give up yet! Just try to use similar words to replace the others. It isn't over till the fat lady sings!"

Unluckily, the boy was a very self-centered person and he didn't listen to his classmate's advice. The boy failed the competition and cried after school. The news got to his mom. His mom said, "You should've listened to your classmate's advice. Look at yourself now, crying over something that cannot be fixed! Don't cry over spilt milk!"

ZANDRA THE BIRD

By Jinny Lu Jin 1A (7)

Once upon a time, there was a bird named Zandra who was as talkative as a duck. Her friend Jinny was pretty like a star and a real princess. When Jinny was losing her tennis match, Zandra shouted, "It isn't over till the fat lady sings! You can still win." Jinny knew she was biting off more than she could chew but there was no reason to complain and cry over spilt milk.

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

By Russell Lui Hoi Kit 3A (24) & Gary Leung Jiaxian 3A (23)

Arthur was a lazy boy who was as lazy as a pig. He often did bad at school, which made the teachers dislike him. Once, he got punished for getting 0 marks in his dictation. His teacher, Mr. Linn, was as angry as a grizzly bear when he heard the news. He said, "If you don't get a better grade this year, you will not be promoted to form 4 next year. You need to work harder or you will stay in form 3 next year." Arthur was frightened by what his teacher said as he was never demoted before. From that point on, he was as busy as a bee while focusing on his studies. He even enrolled in some after-school tutorials to improve his grades. Sadly, he bit off more than he could chew.

GLASS

By Candy Cao Ming Shan 3A (1)

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Karina who was as kind as a sheep. She lived in an ancient land as old as the dinosaurs. Her castle was as tall as the moon and a real monster in size. One day, she lost her crown and left the safety of her castle to look for it but when she reached the river, she saw a small piece of glass. Once she picked it up, she was shocked that it asked her a question. "What are you looking for?" Karina told the glass about the crown and asked how the glass could talk. "Before I was a piece of glass, I was a person. What does your crown look like?" "It's as sparkly as a diamond and fits perfectly on my head," Karina said. The glass replied, "Don't cry over spilt milk. Maybe you'll find it soon." Just then Karina saw her crown shining in the river and ran in to get it. She was over the moon.

Classic PEANUTS

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WHY DO THINGS LIKE THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME?



I'M DOOMED! IF THAT BELL DOESN'T RING PRETTY SOON, I'M DOOMED!



I SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT REPORT, AND THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO WORRY LIKE THIS...



OH, PLEASE DON'T CALL ON ME... PLEASE, DON'T!



WHY DOESN'T THAT STUPID BELL RING? COME ON, BELL... RING! TAKE ME OFF THE HOOK!



PLEASE DON'T CALL ON ME TODAY... WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW... PLEASE DON'T CALL ON ME... PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!



COME ON, YOU STUPID BELL, RING! DON'T JUST HANG THERE ON THE WALL! RING! COME ON! RING!!



OH, I'M DOOMED! SHE'S GOING TO CALL ON ME NEXT, AND I'M NOT READY, AND..



RRRING!!



OH, MAN, WHAT A CLOSE CALL! I THOUGHT FOR SURE SHE WAS GOING TO CALL ON ME... I THOUGHT I WAS DOOMED!



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NOW, YOU CAN GO HOME AND FINISH YOUR REPORT, HUH, CHARLIE BROWN? THEN YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT TOMORROW...



WHO CARES ABOUT TOMORROW? C'MON, LET'S PLAY BALL!



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SCOLAR ENGLISH ALLIANCE
BUDDING RESEARCHERS PRESENTATION 21ST CENTURY SKILLS CONTEST



Debbie Tsang Siu Tie, Kaycee Alcalá, Book Luk Tsun, Yoni He Wu and Aryumi Chang Chi U teamed up to write and film a speech for the SCOLAR Video Presentation Contest about social media's negative influence on the mental well-being and polarization of society. These dedicated S.2 students with guidance from Mr. Fernando Linn ended the competition with amazing results, winning 1st Place and the championship trophy.

SOCIAL MEDIA'S INFLUENCE ON TRIBAL WARFARE AND POLARIZATION

In the last fifteen years, social media has become an ordinary fixture in our everyday lives. It's had a profound effect on society in just a short period of time; probably never seen in human history. Social media has changed our lives in both positive but mostly negative ways; because people have become bitter and tribal, easily influenced by a barrage of polarizing content on the internet.

Where in the past, before social media, we didn't know what most people's opinions were. Today people openly share their most mundane thoughts; and knowing everyone's private thought has easily triggered the public into suspicion and hatred of one another.

Sure somebody from London can have a random discussion with another nice fellow from Tokyo, New York or Paris while using social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. But instead of bringing people together, these types of social media sites are actually driving us apart because the cold heartless acts of texting and tweeting cannot replace our biological need for human connection. As a matter of fact, people generally feel lonelier using social media. One study suggests that the more teens use social media, the less time they spend with family and friends.

But it's not just the feeling of loneliness and the separation from real human beings that is the problem. When someone does not connect to others in the world, they do not do so to share or listen to ideas. They purposely look for people who share the same opinions and world view as their own. People in effect have created their own isolated tribes with only people who totally agree with their own political views and world view.

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But nothing has divided people more than politics. Whereas in the past, people could agree to disagree on political issues, or express their support of certain issues in private with their votes. In comparison, today social media has created social camps. Whether the topic is about abortion, legal marijuana or anything based on religion, law or policy; people choose a side and have anger for those outside of their group.

Facebook users in particular are subjected to 'echo chambers'. Echo chambers block people and information that contradicts a person's own political or world view. So an ideological bubble is created. Many Facebook users are under the false belief that most people share their views. What they are unaware of is that news and opinions with different points of view are screened and blocked by complex computer algorithms from people's social media accounts. But when someone with an opposing view breaks through the echo chambers, they are immediately labeled as the "other" and vilified.

Just take a look at American politics as an example. In 2016, 92 percent of people voting for Hilary Clinton believed that she easily won the presidential debate against Donald Trump. The newsfeeds on their social media accounts assured them their candidate won without any opposition and conceding nothing to her opponent. In comparison, the newsfeeds of Donald Trump supporters told a different story. The echo chamber news assured Trump's supporters that he won the debate without a hitch and refrained from any criticism of Trump's performance. These types of specialized news articles did not give any in-depth analysis and honest critiques of the debate to help the reader give an honest evaluation, prompting them to believe that their candidate was flawless.

Alright, we can concede that social media isn't all bad. There are some benefits from social media, For example, through the world-wide web we can connect to people in any location all over the planet; and it doesn't matter where you are, you can have real-time information and connections anywhere. But unfortunately a few nice benefits do not outweigh the bad.

In conclusion, social media has mostly tore us apart and made us feel sensitive about political content and opinions. It not only changed our daily lives but also the way we interact with people. Topics have become more reactive than before. Points of view, laws, policy and trivial personal topics are now part of the arguments and causes of the most negative statements and resentment.



Social Media Pros & Cons



Some social & emotional benefits, such as:

Place for marginalized groups + to identify

Connect w/ Like-Minded + Peers Quickly

Fewer Feelings of Loneliness +

May Bring People Together +

Mental Health Problems from Relationship & Productivity Issues, such as:

- Less Real Life Interaction

- Constant Comparing

- Cyberbullying

- "Like" Craving

- "Fake Friend" Dangers

- Being Distracted

International Drama Competition

&

The Hong Kong Drama Festival



THE ONES WHO WALK AWAY FROM OMELAS

"Far away, once upon a time..." Recovering alcoholic Derrick Love arrives in the city of Omelas looking for the happiness that has eluded him since the death of his wife Justice. Omelas is a city only found in a fairy tale, an abundantly pleasing and blissful community with advanced technology and unlimited resources. Omelas has no kings, soldiers, priests, or slaves. Everyone lives in peace and harmony. But is Derrick Love aware of the city's one atrocity? The city's constant state of serenity and splendor requires a terrible secret...

The cast includes **Gary Li Chak Ho** (S.5) as Derrick, **Cynthia Wu Minshi** (S.5) as Amy, **Candice Lai Yingying** (S.5) as Barbie, **Dora Ng Kwun Wa** (S.5) as Angel, **Coby Li Man Tung** (S.5) as the Boy and **Ben Chim Wing Sing** (S.5) as the Narrator; directed by Mr. Fernando Linn, and **Yam Yat Chung** (S.6) served as the spokesman. The students earned 5 awards at the Hong Kong Drama Festival including Outstanding Cooperation, Outstanding Audio-visual Effects and Outstanding Performer Awards for Li Chak Ho, Wu Minshi and Lai Yingying. The Omelas cast also won the **Bronze Award** (3rd Place) against tough competition from Singapore, Thailand, Korea, and Malaysia at the International Drama Competition organized by Dramatic English.





Jimmy **Mr. Matthew**

Jimmy Zhang Chun Ming (S.2) earned the **Certificate of Excellence** for the **SCOLAR English Alliance Writing Contest**.



Principal Chan
Sophia **Frandy** **Book** **Yoni** **Gabriel** **Kevin**

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Book Luk Tsun (S.2), Sophia Li Yi Yeung (S.4), Kevin Qu Ka Man (S.4), Frandy Fan Shaoying (S.4), Yoni He Wu (S.2) performed a short comedy skit called 'Pizza Wars' with some technical support from **Gabriel Leung Tsz Chun (S.4)**. The actors earned the **Merit Award** for their efforts. Coach: Mr. Fernando Linn

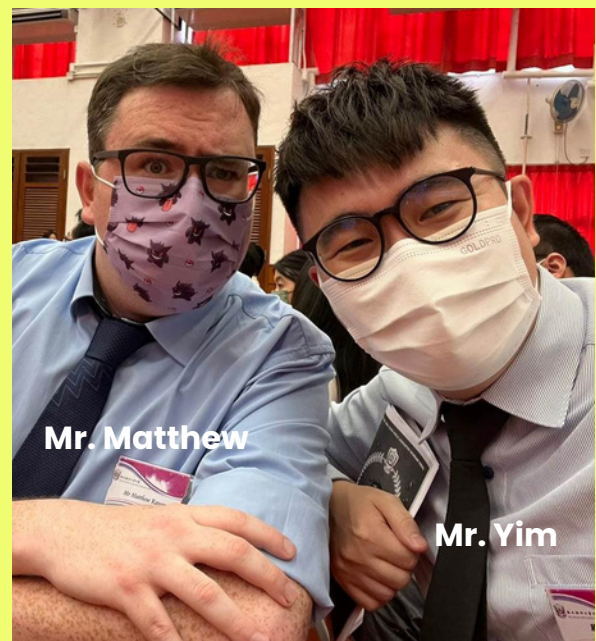
AROUND CAMPUS



Song Yijia **Yam Yat Chung** **Chen Shiqing**

Song Yijia, Yam Yat Chung, Chen Shiqing earned the top 3 highest scores on the HKDSE with Chen Shiqing placing first with all perfect '5' marks.

The English Department's very own **Mr. Matthew Kavanagh** (left) was voted by the students as one of the most popular teachers.

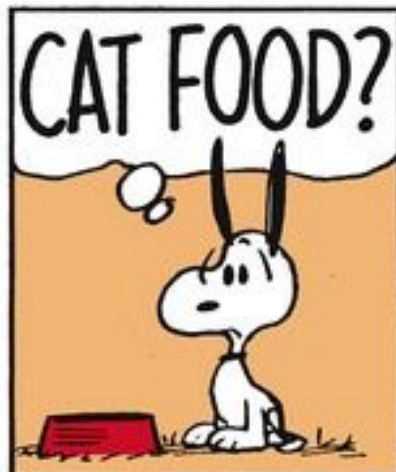
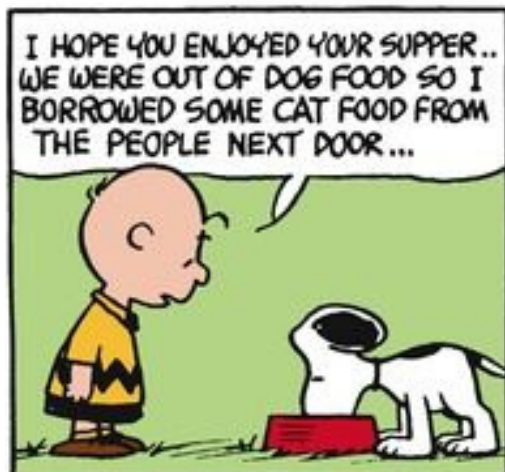


Mr. Matthew **Mr. Yim**

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featuring
**"Good ol'
 Charlie Brown"**
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The 14th English Radio Drama Competition presented by Smart Education



Josh

Wing

Queenie

Yoyo

Ava

'Josh' An Jiahao (S.3), 'Wing' Wu Wing Man (S.3), 'Queenie' Chen Junyi (S.3), 'Yoyo' Yip Pui Yau (S.3) and 'Ava' Lo Pui Yu (S.3) competed in the 14th English Radio Drama Competition presented by Smart Education Charitable Foundation. The students wrote a script and performed a radio drama with the help from their teacher Mr. Fernando Linn. The story takes place in the near future and 'aliens' have invaded the Earth. So the Terracotta Warriors of Xi'an come to life to defend the planet. But who are these mysterious aliens? Are they being misunderstood? The Radio Drama team advanced to the semi-final round of the competition and won **The Most Popular Performance Award**.

THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS: IN UNCHARTED WATERS

Act I

[Radio Show theme song]

After the twentieth century,
aliens had a grand plan
to develop a cosmic high-speed rail.
So they wanted to blow up the land.
But stone warriors came to life
and hindered those alien plans!
Terracotta Warriors!
Warriors!
Terracotta Warriors
Warriors!
Terracotta Warriors!
Out to save the day!
Yeah!



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Sponsor Narrator: The Terracotta Warriors – Today's episode titled: Stepping into Uncharted Waters is sponsored by ABC Chicken.

[Commercial Jingle]

ABC Chicken is mmm mmm good.



Narration: In a press conference.

[Sound: The mumbles of talking and cameras clicking]

Speaker: Ladies and gentlemen, the President.

[Presidential theme song]

President: I'm addressing this message to not just my country but to all the people of the world. For many years humanity thought they held a special place in the universe. But humankind is entering uncharted waters.

[Audience Reporters in a panic]

President: Ladies and gentlemen, we are not alone.

Crowd of Reporters: Mr President, Mr President, Mr President!

Reporter #1: Are you saying that we are being invaded by aliens?

President: Yes!

[Loud gasps erupt]

President: But no worries. I have assembled a special team that can help us, the Terracotta Warriors of Xi'an.

Reporter #1: Wait a minute! Are you saying that the Terracotta Warriors are alive?

President: That's what I am saying.

Crowd of Reporters: Mr President! Mr President! Mr President!

Reporter #2: How is that even possible?

President: I'm sorry. That's all I can say. This press conference is over. May God help us all.

Crowd of Reporters: Mr President! Mr President! Mr President!

Act II

Narration: Later, the Terracotta Warriors are above the ocean in their fighter jets.

[The sound of the ocean and jet fighter planes soaring overhead]

[Action Music]

Pink Warrior: Attention Warriors!

Green, Blue & Red Warriors: Yes Sir!

Pink Warrior: Our mission is to fly our fighter jets into the Atlantic.

Green Warrior: ...and destroy the alien mother ship.

Pink Warrior: Prepare for battle boys.

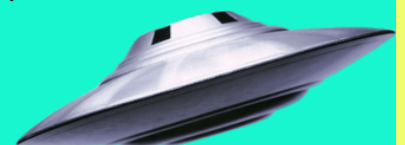
[Large Gasps]

Green, Blue and Red Warriors: Oh my God!

Blue Warrior: Look at the size of that spaceship.

Pink Warrior: Prepare for attack. Pink Warrior in the lead.

Green Warrior: Ready Captain. Green Warrior standing by.



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Red Warrior: Red Warrior standing by.

Blue Warrior: Blue Warrior standing by.

[Sound: Spaceship shooting laser blasts]

Red Warrior: I've been hit! Agggghhhhhh!

[Sound of explosion]

Green Warrior: No! No! You killed the Red Warrior. Alien scum!

Blue Warrior: *(crying)* Rest in peace ol' Red.

Pink Warrior: Don't cry over spilt milk. Alien fighters are coming.

[Sound: Spaceships shooting laser blasts]

Pink Warrior: Prepare for attack. Missiles ready.

Blue Warrior: Missiles ready.

Green Warrior: Missiles ready.

[A ghostly sound]

Red Warrior: *(as a ghost)* Add oil Warriors.

Pink, Blue and Green Warriors: The Red Warrior!

Green Warrior: He's back from the dead.

Blue Warrior: He's now a ghost.

Red Warrior: *(as a ghost)* Protect the Earth.

Blue Warrior: *(crying)* This is for you ol' buddy.

Pink Warrior: Focus on the mother ship.

Green Warrior: The mother ship is defenseless.

Blue Warrior: Shall we engage captain?

Pink Warrior: Yes everyone. Fire....now!

[Sound of missiles firing]

Green Warrior: Firing missiles.

[Sound of an explosion]

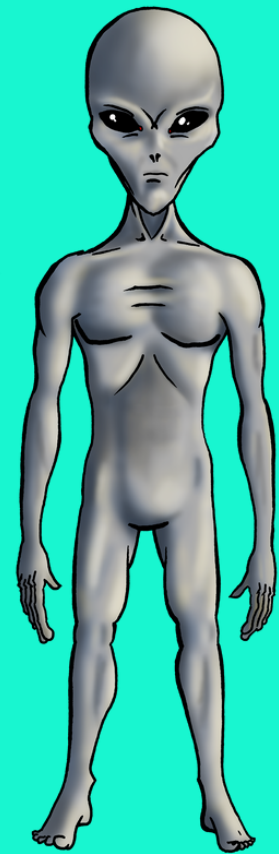
Blue Warrior: It's a direct hit.

[Cheers]

[Sound of the ocean]

Pink Warrior: Look the small alien fighters are out of power without the mother ship. They are falling into the ocean.

Alien: *(gurgling water)* Help, help! I can't swim. I'm drowning.



Act III

Narration: The next day...

[Sound: Crack Whip]

[The alien grunts and groans in pain from being whipped]

Alien: Stop, please.

Green Warrior: Why are you on Earth?

Blue Warrior: Who are you?

Pink Warrior: Blue and Green Warrior, any information?

Blue & Green Warriors: Yes Pink Warrior sir.

Green Warrior: We have tried everything but the alien will only talk to you.

Pink Warrior: Thank you Green Warrior. Okay, I will talk to him.

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[The alien sounds exhausted and beaten]

Alien: I finally get to meet you.

President: Why are you invading our planet? You could build a space railway anywhere in the universe?

Alien: I need water please. I'm so thirsty.

Pink Warrior: Warriors get the thing some water.

Blue Warrior: Yes sir.

Pink Warrior: So answer my question.

[The alien drinks water] [Sound: Gulping]

Alien: Thank you. We don't want to destroy the Earth. We are trying to preserve it.

Pink Warrior: Why did you attack us?

Alien: You attacked us. We acted in self-defense. Your fear of those that are different and constant warfare will end humanity.

Pink Warrior: What planet are you from?

Alien: I am not from another planet. I'm from Earth.

[Sound of confusion]

Pink Warrior: You are kidding me.

Blue Warrior: He must be lying. That's impossible.

Green Warrior: There's no way.

Alien: No, I'm not lying. I'm not an alien. I'm from another dimension just as solid and real as yours.

Pink Warrior: Then what are you?

Alien: I am a HUMAN.

[Sound of shock]

Alien: Just like you.

Pink Warrior: How is that possible? Your eyes are huge and black, your head is so much larger and your skin is grey.

Alien: We are YOU in the future. We evolved this way after a catastrophic war that you started.

Pink Warrior: What is your objective?

Alien: We are trying to stop you from destroying the Earth. We brought you, the Terracotta Warriors, back to life to protect the people of Earth. But you somehow turned on us.

Green Warrior: Could the alien be telling the truth?

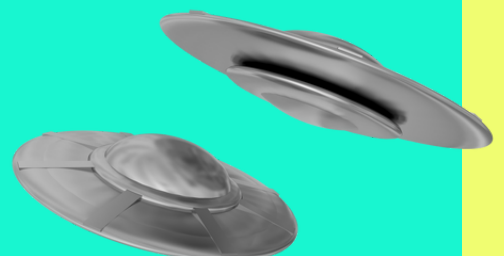
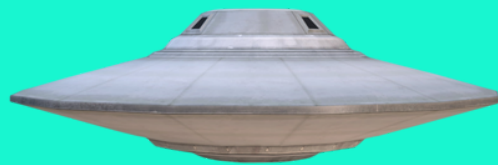
Pink Warrior: I don't know. But if he is telling the truth, mankind is entering uncharted waters. We will have to rethink our place in the universe...and on Earth.

Alien: More importantly, you need to learn how to love one another and rethink what it means to be human.

[Dramatic Music]

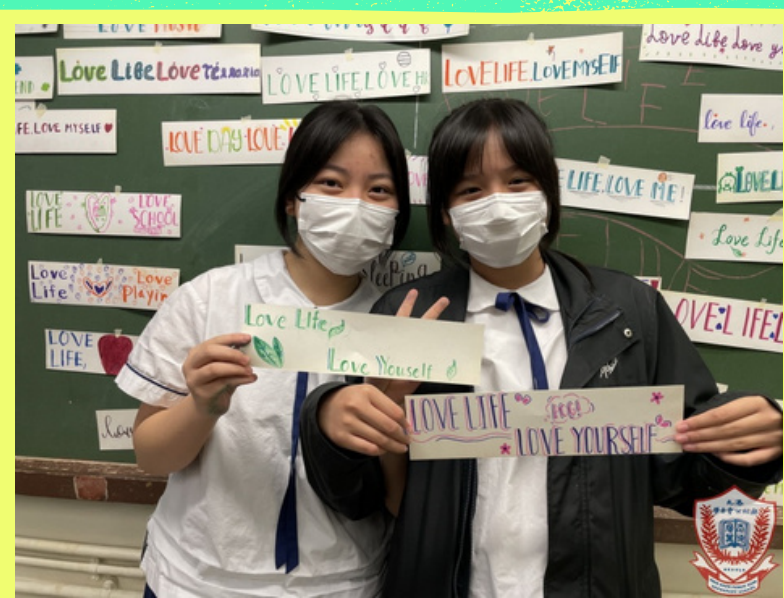
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