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THE CHIU CHOW POST

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CCPASS Talent Show Winners



Chen Chak Pang

Lin Yan Lam

CCPASS' GOT TALENT



Most Outstanding Actor Award:
Samuel Wong Lok Chun

CHAMPIONS

Junior CCPASS Players



Speak Up - Act Out: Drama Competition 1st Place Winners
International English Drama Competition Champions



2024 Hong Kong Drama Festival

Senior CCPASS Players: Winners of 8 Awards

ENGLISH WEEK

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FIRST PLACE

CCPASS' Got Talent Show

English Talent Competition - May 3rd, 2024

1st Place: Lin Yan Lam 5B (9) & Chen Chak Pang 5B (13)

This dynamic duo performed the song *City of Stars* from the film *La La Land*. They also had a beautiful dance segment.

2nd Place: Luk Tsun 4B (23)

This wonderful solo artist, also known as *Book*, played the guitar and sang the song *Afterglow*.

3rd Place: Li Jianwen 5B (11), Lo Hei Yuet 5B (5), Zhang Yuet Ying 5B (7) & Chan King Lee 5B (1)

They sang the song *Lemon Tree* with a real dancing tree!

ENGLISH WEEK FASHION SHOW

MAY 2ND, 2024

Award for Best Participation: **2AB1**

Award for Best Cooperation: **2AB2**

Award for Best Presentation: **2AB3**

Award for Best Graphic Design: **2C**

Award for Most Creative Outfit: **2D**



2D STUDENTS LOOKING GOOD

SPELLING BEE



PICTIONARY

M A C A U

Amiee, Huang Zi Qing 2A (29)

I took a trip to Macau on March 23rd, just before the Easter holiday. Thanks to the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, the journey wasn't too far. It took us about an hour and a half to get to Macau and start our day of exploration.

As soon as we arrived in Macau, we went to the Macau Special Administrative Region Government Tourism Office. There, we received a pen and a notebook as a gift. Then, we got on a tour bus heading to the Ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral. Our guide shared various interesting facts about Macau as we traveled. When I finally arrived at the cathedral and saw its grandeur with my own eyes, I couldn't help but marvel at its pure elegance. After riding the escalator, we reached the Macau Museum, located on Monte Forte with a history of over 300 years. The museum told the story of Macau's changes over the centuries, showcasing the peaceful coexistence of people from different nations and cultures and representing the fusion of various ethnicities.

Next, we went to the Science Center, which was interestingly built like a tower. Inside, there were many fascinating exhibits that helped us better understand the moon's principles. I also saw the fusion of Chinese and Western cultures, gaining a deeper understanding of Macau's past customs and scenes of daily life during the journey.

This trip was not just about trying local food but also about learning about Macau's history and scenery. It was a fulfilling and unforgettable day indeed!



MACAU

Maggie, Chen Xiaoru 2A (33)

I joined a trip to Macau on March 23rd. We met at the Kowloon Hotel and boarded a bus to Macau to start the day's trip. When we arrived, we received a gift from the Macau Government Tourist Office before setting off to the Science Museum. On the way there, the tour guide on the bus told us about the history of Macau on the loud speaker.

When we visited the Science Museum, there were a lot of interesting exhibitions in the Museum of Science about the principles of the Moon. I found it very interesting.

After that, we went to the Macau History Museum, which is built on Mount Fortress and has a history of more than 300 years. It tells the story of how Macau changed over the centuries, showing the peaceful coexistence of people from different countries and cultures in Macau. I could also see many traces of the fusion of Chinese and Western cultures that recreate the scene of Macau's former folk-life.

This trip not only allowed me to experience the delicious local food, but also to learn about the history and cityscape of Macau. If I have the chance to recommend a place for traveling to my friends, I will definitely opt for Macau.



A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Katherine Li Jian Wen (S.5)

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have participated in the New Asia, New World: Cultural Exchange Student Forum, which took place on March 23rd, 2024 at New Asia Middle School in Kowloon. I am eager to share some of my experiences and reflections arising from this enriching event.

We commenced with the opening ceremony in the school hall, which was exciting. As the MC gave a welcoming speech, my anticipation grew for the communication activities.

Soon, I began conversing with an American girl that looked about my age. She was actually a student at Yale University. This charming young lady shared her views on Love and Kindness with me. Most touching was her volunteer work for animals, emphasizing the need to respect all life forms on earth. Such respect is borne out of love and then displayed through kindness.

Time passes swiftly at such events, and soon, we had to prepare for the next round. We were divided into groups and sent to our assigned classrooms for more detailed communication. My group's discussion topic was heritage. During the student introductions, I met Anna, a Vietnamese girl. Apart from discussing our cultural heritage, we also talked about our home cuisines.

Thereafter, I made the acquaintance of Melisa from CUHK. Melisa, a Chinese Literature major provided in-depth insight into Hong Kong's heritage. Our discussion, however, was not limited to our topic only but also included our hobbies and personal experiences.

Afterwards, we moved to the rear of the hall. There, long tables laden with snacks and drinks were set up. To counter my nervousness and awkwardness, I sampled a few. Then I engaged in discussions with other participants from St. Teresa Secondary School, Newman Catholic College and Fanling Kau Yan College among others. Students from Yale University in the United States and the Chinese University of Hong Kong were also there to lead the conversations.

Her advice on further education has given me insight about college life and is proving useful in devising my future plans. At this forum, I had the pleasure of seeing faces from different countries. I firmly believe that everyone possesses a unique culture and history, and hence heritage should be cherished in our memories. The New Asia, New World Cultural Exchange Student Forum offered a platform to discuss diverse topics and promote our heritage and culture.

In conclusion, this experience was unique and innovative, leaving a deep impression on me. I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to participate in similar events in future.



A UNIQUE EXCHANGE

Yoin Zhang Yuet Ying (S.5)

The New Asia Forum held an annual New World Cultural Exchange on March 23rd, 2024. This exciting English event allowed me to interact with international students. For the first time, I communicated with others entirely in English outside of an oral exam or practice situation. Given that it was the first language for many of the participants, I feared my poor grammar would cause misunderstandings and perhaps embarrassment. However, my worries were unfounded. Everyone was kind and patient, allowing me to express without interruption.

As we sampled the delicious food in the hall provided by New Asia Middle School, the atmosphere of our conversations was relaxing, making me feel free and comfortable. Our subsequent in-class group discussion focused on 'heritage.' As a history student, I was keen to learn more about different cities' heritage. Our conversation ranged from Hong Kong's heritage and culture to those of our hometowns and countries abroad. This discussion expanded my knowledge of world history and its evolution.

Overall, this event was a fun, unique and enlightening exchange experience. It improved my English, broadened my understanding of various countries' histories, and made me realize that speaking English is not as daunting as I had thought. It was a fantastic lesson that showed me how much brighter and interesting the world becomes when one dares to step out of their comfort zone.



NEW ASIA, NEW WORLD: CULTURAL EXCHANGE STUDENT FORUM



Crystal Teng Wing Chun: Team MVP



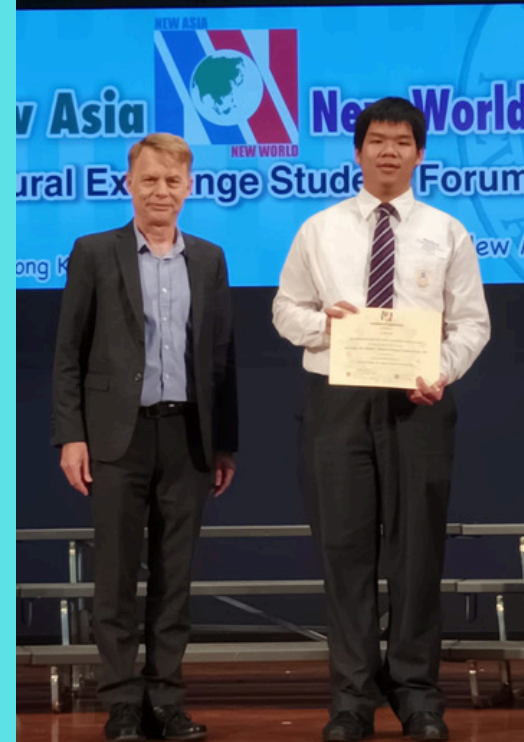
Aryumi Chang Chi U argues her point



Eating snacks with CUHK students



Yale University students with CCPASS students



Issac Wong Chun Ho represents CCPASS



Candy Cao Ming Shan listens closely



Queenie Chen Junyi



Kaycee Alcalá

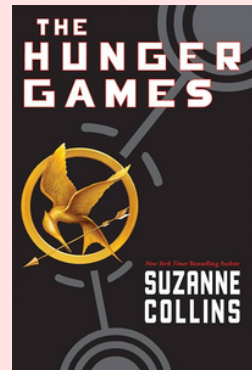


Teacher: Fernando Linn

S.4 Book Report Competition

RUSSELL LUI 4A (23)

1ST PLACE



My Reading Record

Category: 1. Print Fiction

Title: **The Hunger Games**

Author: Suzanne Collins

Publisher: Scholastic Inc.

Genre of the book: Adventure, Science, Other: Young Adult dystopian

In not less than 60 words, describe the content of the story / book briefly.

In Suzanne Collins' gripping novel "The Hunger Games," set in a bleak dystopian future, society is captivated by a brutal televised event where 24 adolescents—12 boys and 12 girls—are selected to compete in a merciless battle for survival. The stakes are high, and the rules are simple: kill or be killed. When Katniss Everdeen bravely volunteers to take her younger sister's place in the games, she views her actions as a likely death sentence. Yet, having faced life-threatening situations before, Katniss is no stranger to the dance with death. Equipped with her sharp instincts and a deep-seated will to survive, she enters the arena. What follows is a heart-pounding tale of courage, cunning, and resilience, making "The Hunger Games" not just a story about survival, but a powerful commentary on society, sacrifice, and the indomitable human spirit.

Write a brief comment or your impression of the book.

"The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins masterfully explores profound themes of survival, sacrifice, and rebellion, captivating readers with its intensity and depth. Collins skillfully depicts the harrowing brutality of the Hunger Games, a dystopian spectacle of violence and survival, while simultaneously illuminating the resilience and humanity inherent in her characters. This duality crafts a narrative that is not only thrilling but also deeply moving, forcing readers to consider the costs of despotism and the power of human spirit. As a result, "The Hunger Games" emerges as an unforgettable journey that ensures readers are riveted from start to finish, eagerly turning pages as they are drawn into the visceral and compelling world that Collins has created.

Name one or two characters in the book that impress you most & state the reasons why the character impresses you.

Katniss Everdeen's unwavering determination to safeguard her family, particularly her younger sister Prim, propels her to make the ultimate sacrifice by volunteering as a tribute in the brutal Hunger Games. Throughout the narrative, Katniss consistently displays remarkable resourcefulness, exceptional adaptability, and an innate survival instinct that sets her apart. Her bold defiance against the oppressive Capitol and her profound willingness to put herself in harm's way for the benefit of others solidify her status as a truly inspiring protagonist. For example, Katniss prepares to sacrifice her own life by eating poisonous "nightlock" berries rather than kill Peeta in the televised finale of the Hunger Games. When the audience realizes her intention to die in defiance of the Games, the calculated move wins her sympathy, thus the Game-makers declare Katniss and Peeta co-winners of the tournament. Katniss's journey is not just a tale of survival, but a resonant testament to the power of human resilience and courage under fire.

If you could rewrite the beginning / ending / any part of the story, I would make the following changes:

After being rescued from the clutches of the Capitol, Peeta undergoes an intense and painstaking rehabilitation process. Rather than attempting to erase his traumatic memories, the focus is squarely on healing from his deep-seated trauma and reclaiming his lost sense of identity. Throughout this challenging journey, Katniss proves to be an indispensable source of support, standing steadfastly by his side. She plays a crucial role in his recovery, offering strength and solace as Peeta confronts and works through the harrowing experiences he endured. Together, they navigate the difficult path toward healing, underscored by resilience and mutual support.

ZHANG CHUN MING JIMMY 4A (30)

2ND PLACE

My Reading Record

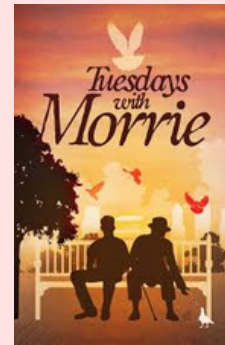
Category: 2. Print Non-Fiction

Title: **Tuesdays with Morrie**

Author: Mitch Albom

Publisher: Time Warner Books

Genre of the book: Classics



In not less than 60 words, describe the content of the story / book briefly.

The content of the book discusses Morrie's life challenges as he is diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) which leaves his soul perfectly awake trapped in a frail body. Morrie often suffered accidents such as falling down at home, getting caught in thunderstorms, and breaking glass bottles. But Morrie is quite grateful for the little life he has left regardless of the immense pain he suffers. It is his former student Mitch that is unfulfilled with his life. Mitch is a sports journalist that gave up on his dream of being a musician. He felt disappointed and doubtful as he couldn't understand why everything seemed as dark as a hole. Wanting to improve his life, he sought to help his old university professor, Morrie. However, Morrie's physical health issues limited his ability to manage his life efficiently. Fortunately, Mitch was helpful and supportive. In return, Morrie always delivered warm and positive energy, helping Mitch to overcome his own difficulties in life. Thanks to Mitch's support, Morrie made a new 'son' in Mitch. Thanks to Morrie, he inspired Mitch to pursue his dream of being a musician and mend the relationship with his brother who he had not spoken to in years.

Write a brief comment or your impression of the book.

My impression of the book centers on the chapter "Taking Attendance," which discussed Mitch's depression. He lost his job and had no purpose in life. But Morrie encouraged Mitch to face the thunderstorm that could devastate a city. While Morrie was suffering from his own thunderstorm, Mitch is saved by Morrie. Morrie taught Mitch to live life fully and to have love and compassion for others. This part of the story provided an opportunity for me to imagine how wonderful that moment was. Additionally, Morrie and Mitch were portrayed as lively as fish, and their roles have inspired me to try making new friends and to improve my relationships. Moreover, it taught me the importance of friendship, from which I could learn. The most impressive aspect was the scene that discussed how they use 'magic' in daily life, which I think is amazing.

Name one or two characters in the book that impress you most & state the reasons why the character impresses you.

The two characters in the book that impress me most are Morrie and Mitch, as they play an important role in the journey of discovering the meaning of life. Mitch learns that Morrie has created his own culture with deeper meaning than the cheap commercialism peddled to the public. Morrie has filled his life with friends, books, and dancing. Moreover, I find them cheerful when they are together and impressive as they create diverse ways to have fun, like when playing with a magic cube. The interaction between the two characters entertain readers and teach us how to cope with stress in daily life.

If you could rewrite the beginning / ending / any part of the story, I would make the following changes:

Once upon a time, Morrie was born into a wealthy family and lived in a castle. He was happy because his family took care of him patiently when he was a child. For instance, if Morrie was on holiday, his family would travel around the world with him as soon as possible. Then they would buy as many souvenirs from different countries as they could. Although Morrie suffered from mental and physical issues growing up, his parents still devoted most of their resources to him. Do you know what happened to him next? He became naughty from being spoiled when he was a teenager.

HUANG QIANXIN SANDY 4A (4)

My Reading Record

Category: 1. Print Fiction

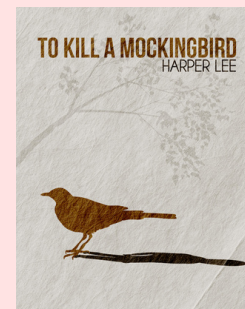
Title: **To Kill a Mockingbird**

Author: Harper Lee

Publisher: J.B. Lippincott and Co

Genre of the book: Classics

3RD PLACE



In not less than 60 words, describe the content of the story / book briefly.

In the town, Scout and her brother, Jem, spend a summer with their father, Atticus, who is an upright lawyer. Scout and Jem are very curious about the legend of Boo Radley, who is perceived as a mysterious and terrifying person. But who really is just a shy and socially inverted person. They play with their friend Dill and try to lure Boo Radley out of his home, but they fail. As time progresses, they begin to understand the racial discrimination and prejudice against different people in the town. Lawyer Atticus takes on a case involving racial discrimination where Tom, a black man, is accused of raping a white woman. Atticus tries to defend Tom, but he is found guilty despite the evidence proving his innocence. After the trial, Tom attempts to escape but is shot. They are shocked and disappointed. At the same time, Boo also appears in their lives. Through a series of events, he proves that he is not terrible.

Write a brief comment or your impression of the book.

The plot of "To Kill a Mockingbird" is richly varied. It also describes the story from the perspective of a child, capturing the innocence of young children. Using the gentle father as the speaker of truth, the novel highlights truth through the injustices faced by black people. The novel also highlights other types of prejudices toward the handicapped and socially awkward like Boo. But Boo proves to be kind-hearted when he saves Jem. This book conveys profound truths and presents a meticulous story. It clearly portrays how racial discrimination and prejudice towards others can cause harm.

Name one or two characters in the book that impress you most & state the reasons why the character impresses you.

In the book, the character that impressed me the most was Atticus, the father. He is an honest lawyer and a good father. When the children disturb their neighbor Boo, he teaches them that they cannot do so and must respect the lifestyle of others. Moreover, he carefully understands the ins and outs of the matter. He does not discriminate against Tom and refuses to give up helping him, even though he knows that his defense might fail.

If you could rewrite the beginning / ending / any part of the story, I would make the following changes:

Tom meets another black man in prison that looks identical. It turns out that he has cancer and won't live long. He wants to trade his life for Tom's freedom and asks Tom to take care of his mother. The two men switch identities. The man is shot by a prison guard thinking it was Tom. Then, Tom is released from prison with the jailers thinking he will die soon. Tom takes care of the man's mother and starts a new life.

LUO MINQI ROSA 4C (35) GOLD MERIT

My Reading Record

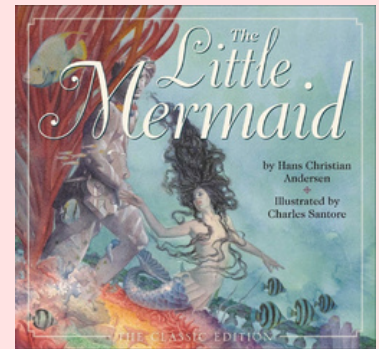
Category: 1. Print Fiction

Title: **The Little Mermaid**

Author: Hans Christian Andersen

Publisher: Cosmos Culture Ltd.

Genre of the book: Fairy Tales



In not less than 60 words, describe the content of the story / book briefly.

Far out in the ocean, a little mermaid accidentally saved the life of a human prince then fell in love with him because he was handsome. However, the prince thought that another girl saved him, so he married her instead. The little mermaid felt upset, but she still wanted to see him again. Therefore, she got magic potion from a witch but with conditions. She lost her beautiful voice so she could not speak to the prince. In the end, she did not win his love so she turned into bubbles and flew in the sky the next morning when the sun rose.

Write a brief comment or your impression of the book.

When I was a child, I could not understand why the little mermaid would immolate herself to save that prince. I thought she was a kind but stupid girl. But now, I think that this story is just like our life. If we choose to do something, we need to sacrifice for the results or accept the consequences. For instance, if I want to get good grades, maybe I should study for a long time. So I need to give up much time to play and relax. Even though I do not like this experience, the result may be good. As we know, this is a pessimistic story, but we should have an optimistic attitude to face challenges and not be afraid to follow our passion.

The reason why this story is so touching is not only because the little mermaid couldn't win the prince's love before dying, but also because it was adapted from the author's personal experience. The author of The Little Mermaid, the talented fairy tale writer Hans Christian Andersen from Denmark, was actually a man who suffered from anxiety symptoms, and his emotional journey was very bumpy.

In many of his fairy tales, many themes are related to unrequited love and the longing for romantic love. Andersen once fell in love but was rejected. Then his desired love married another. After Andersen heard of this, he was extremely grieved and wrote down the sad story, *The Little Mermaid*. Andersen used the little mermaid to express his own emotions through her. Like the little mermaid, he could not be received by the person he deeply loved. In the end, Andersen died with regret.

The bravery of the little mermaid impresses me because she's not afraid to follow her heart even if the experience is hard and it is impossible for her to get the prince's love. It tells us to not be afraid of failure.

Name one or two characters in the book that impress you most & state the reasons why the character impresses you.

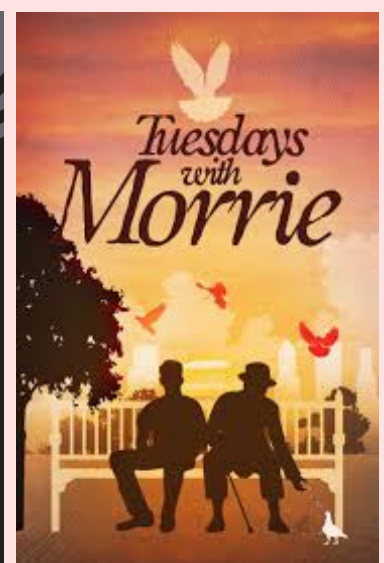
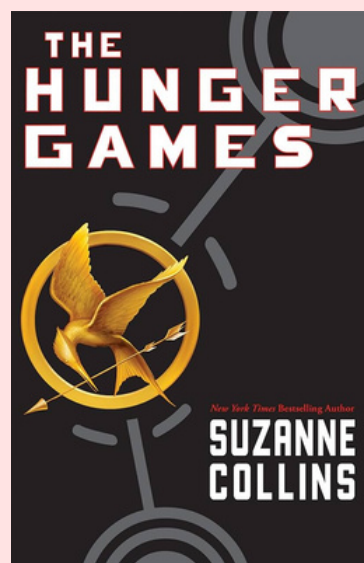
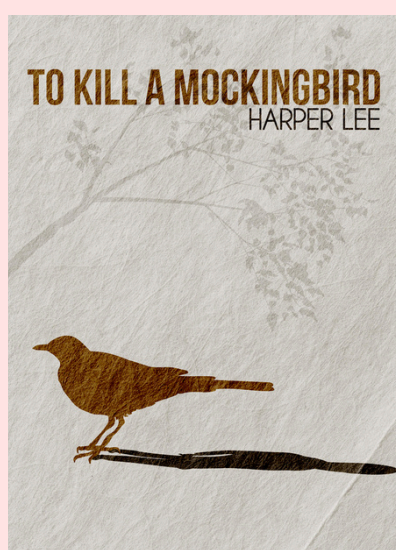
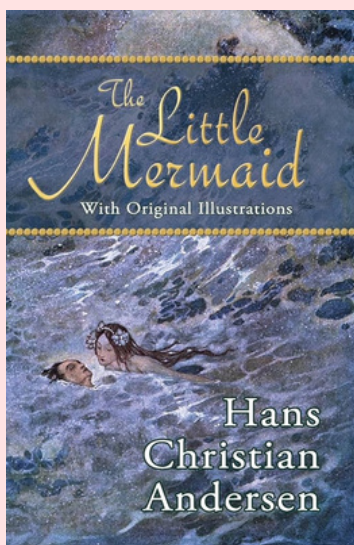
The bravery of the little mermaid impresses me because she's not afraid to follow her heart even if the experience is hard and it is impossible for her to get the prince's love. It tells us to not be afraid of failure.

I also admire her kindness. She is willing to save a stranger. There is an old Chinese saying: 'saving a person's life is better than building a seven-level pagoda.' It means when we see somebody that needs help, just give them a hand whoever they are, because we will gain more than if we don't.

We should always consider the result before doing anything. Although the little mermaid is brave, her impulse causes her death. So we should know what we want and balance between our ideals and reality to prepare to receive the result.

If you could rewrite the beginning / ending / any part of the story, I would make the following changes:

If I have a chance to rewrite the ending, the prince will find the truth of who saved him and hold a ceremony to thank the little mermaid. Then the land and the sea will live peacefully together, and mermaids and humans will be free to get married. The little mermaid will live on and marry another prince, because she deserves to have a happy ending.



HONG KONG AND KOWLOON CHIU CHOW PUBLIC ASSOCIATION SECONDARY SCHOOL THE 2023-2024 BOOK REPORT COMPETITION



S.1

Champion: Wu Wenkang 1A (28)
1st runner-up: Cheung Mun Yuet 1A (3)
2nd runner-up: Tang Chun Tat 1D (16)

S.2

Champion: Kan Tung Yu 2C (3)
1st runner-up: Hung Ka Yuen 2A (3)
2nd runner-up: Wong Yan Yan 2D (5)

S.3

Champion: Tan Yingxin 3A (12)
1st runner-up: Wong Chun Pong 3C (19)
2nd runner-up: Cheung Kai Kai 3A (3)

S.4

Champion: Lui Russell Hoi Kit 4A (23)
1st runner-up: Zhang Chun Ming Jimmy 4A (30)
2nd runner-up: Huang Qianxin Sandy 4A (4)
Gold Merit: Luo Minqi Rosa 4C (35)



S.5

Champion: Lin Yan Lam 5B (9)
1st runner-up: Chen Xi Gang 5B (14)
2nd runner-up: Leung Chung Yin 5B (25)



THE 8TH TEENAGERS & CHILDREN SPEECH CONTEST 2024

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KAYCEE ALCALA S.4

1ST PLACE CHAMPION
SECONDARY SCHOOL CATEGORY

Practice makes perfect.

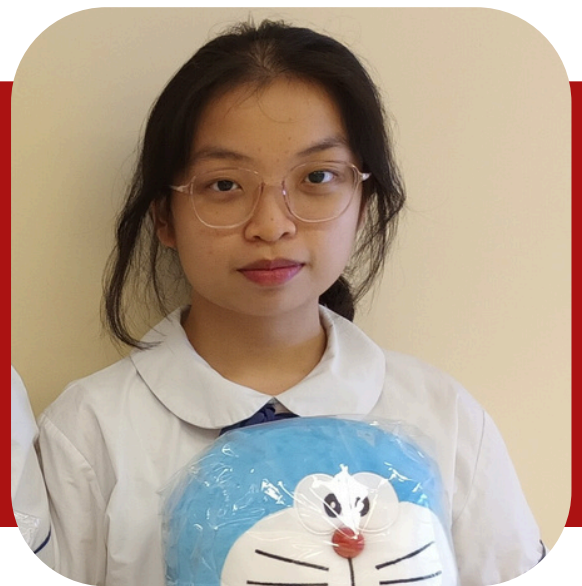
Perseverance is the key to success. Stay motivated and persist despite difficulties and exhaustion.

Treasure every opportunity. Don't wait for it, grab it.

LO PUI YU S.5

3RD PLACE
SECONDARY SCHOOL CATEGORY

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." - Pelé



CAO MING SHAN S.5

GOLD MERIT
SECONDARY SCHOOL CATEGORY

This speech competition gave me an opportunity to practice speaking English so it was a very valuable experience. I tried to express my emotions by using different vocal tones and various types of movements in my performance.



SINO JUNIOR REPORTER PROGRAMME

IS CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTING MARINE BIODIVERSITY?



Scuba diver exploring a coral reef cave



by **Qianyun, WANG**

Along with the intensification of climate change, marine biodiversity is being threatened.

Coral reefs are playing a major role in preserving marine biodiversity. Seeing that numerous structures of coral reefs contain myriad caves, incredible coral reefs can provide not only fantastic places for marine organisms to reproduce, but also habitats for them to live. Therefore, one of the most important consequences of maintaining marine biodiversity is coral reefs.

However, the lives of coral reefs have been impacted adversely by climate change which is harmful to sea creatures. The way how climate change influences coral reefs and threatens marine biodiversity is as follows.

To commence with, marine biodiversity is under the threat of climate change by means of the increasing temperature. With the deterioration of Greenhouse effects, the Earth is getting warmer and warmer. Gradually, coral reefs cannot live at the most proper temperature since the algae being parasitic on coral reefs and helping them gain nutrition leave them. Coral reefs therefore are bleaching in today's age. They live with less and less marine organisms. Hence, marine biodiversity is being menaced by climate change with the rising temperature.

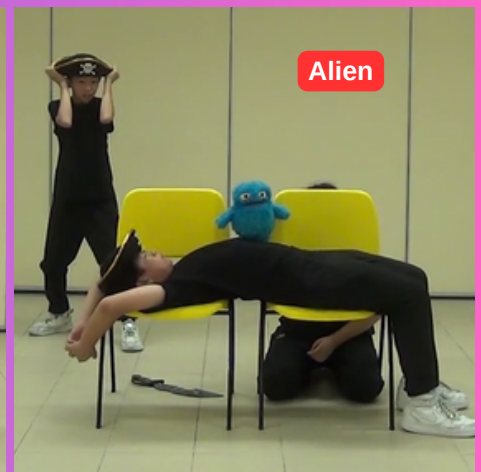
Except that, one of the most paramount ways of how climate change intimidates marine biodiversity is changing the pH of seawater. By the emission of greenhouse gasses, it is ubiquitous to cause a reaction of dissolving CO₂ into seawater. Seawater is made more acidic by doing that increasingly. Coral reefs cannot live in the sea with the condition of that. As a result, marine organisms are going to decrease rather than increase.

As the professor said in the interview, "Climate change impacts each person and individual measures can also save the environment." For individual measures, people should bring their own shopping bags whenever people go shopping and use as few plastic bags as possible. For the government, the Environmental Protection Department is advised to step up environmental education. And for society, it should be aware of the need to reduce carbon footprint. The real challenge lies in how we, as inhabitants of Mother Earth can nurse it back to health and make our world a better place for both marine and terrestrial organisms to live in. It requires taking considerate, consistent and compassionate actions to save this world, not just for ourselves but for all lives on Earth and the generation yet to come.

SPEAK UP - ACT OUT: DRAMA COMPETITION

Team 1

The *Junior CCPASS Players* made up of all Form 1 students performed their improvisational drama in front of a live audience on April 23rd, 2024 at the Cultural Activities Hall in the Ngau Chi Wan Civic Center in Kowloon. The students constructed a short play based on a painting of the Ap Lei Chau Ferry Pier created by Rob Sketcherman an urban sketcher from Hong Kong. The *Junior CCPASS Players* stretched the theme to include fantastic elements in their play like movie awards shows, pirates, space aliens and rock music. The students brought down the house being voted as the most popular performers at the event and winning the **Audience Prize**. The *Players* also impressed the judges and were declared the overall winners of the competition, being awarded the **1st Place Trophy**. Teacher: Fernando Linn



SPEAK UP - ACT OUT: DRAMA COMPETITION

Team 2

The CCPASS Players made up of Form 2, Form 3 and Form 4 students performed their improvisational drama in front of a live audience on April 24th, 2024 at the So Chau Yim Ping Memorial Hall in Ying Wa Girls' School in Mid-levels, Hong Kong. The students constructed a short play based on an illustration of the Canal Road Market created by Rob Sketcherman. The story is about three orphans living in a fish market on Canal Road. They are under the supervision of an abusive foster parent named Mr. Buttermilk that uses them for child labor. When the orphans grow into adulthood, they start their own business on Canal Road and find that their former foster parent is homeless. In contrast to how they were treated as children, they show their old foster parent sympathy and kindness. The CCPASS Players earned the **Merit Award** and **Samuel Wong Lok Chun** won the **Most Outstanding Actor Award** for his portrayal of the mean Mr. Buttermilk. Teacher: Fernando Linn



Merit Award Winners



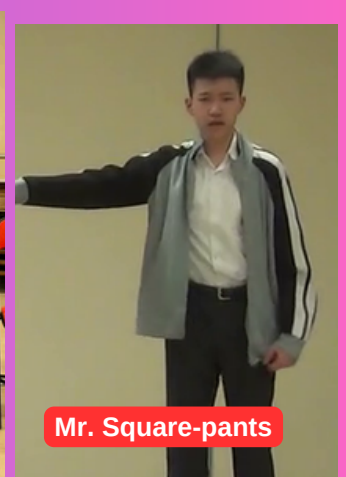
Most Outstanding Actor Award: Samuel Wong Lok Chun



Mr. Buttermilk gives a spanking



Dramatic Scene



Mr. Square-pants

2024 HONG KONG SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL

The Senior CCPASS Players (S.4 - S.6) presented their play 'Beyond Lies the Wub' on March 16th, 2024. The play is an adaptation from Philip K. Dick's science-fiction story about Captain Franco, played by He Wu Yoni, and his starship crew returning to Earth from Mars. They are hungry and need food to last them for their voyage back home. The creature purchased to be butchered and cooked is a Wub, played by Chen Junyi Queenie. The Wub looks like a huge filthy pig. But unlike your regular pig, it is telepathic and a philosopher. The Captain thinks the Wub would make a great meal for his crew because the Wub after all has enough meat for the entire voyage back to Earth. But after the crew discovers that the Wub is highly intelligent with human-like complex emotions, can they still eat it? The Players had great success winning 8 awards including the **Award for Outstanding Cooperation** and the **Award for Outstanding Stage-Effects**. He Wu Yoni, Chen Junyi, Cheng Sze Ki, Chang Chi U, Alcalá Kaycee and Chan Cheuk Woon were all recipients of the **Award for Outstanding Performer**. Teacher: Fernando Linn



INTERNATIONAL DRAMA COMPETITIONS

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BEYOND LIES THE WUB



Dramatic English

2nd Place

International Drama Competition

Silver Award Winners

CAST

1. He Wu Yoni 4A (16)
2. Chen Junyi 5A (4)
3. Cheng Sze Ki 5A (22)
4. Chang Chi U 4A (2)
5. Cao Ming Shan 5A (1)
6. Teng Wing Chun 5A (11)
7. Alcalá Kaycee 4A (1)
8. Wong Chun Ho 5A (30)
9. Chan Cheuk Woon 5A (2)
10. An Jiahao 5A (20)
11. Leung Cheuk 6B (18)
12. Zhang Chun Ming 4A (30)
13. Wong Lok Chun 3B (29)
14. Chan Pak Hong 3B (14)

THE HONG KONG MOVIE AWARDS 2024 INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH DRAMA COMPETITION 1ST PLACE CHAMPION



Outstanding Tutor Award:
Fernando Linn

CAST

1. He Yiqing 1A (7)
2. Ngan Siu Yau Yoyo 1A (13)
3. Lam Chi Hang 1A (22)
4. Lee Cheuk Yan 1A (23)
5. Cao Ziyue 1A (17)
6. Tong Raymond 1B (25)
7. Lee Alan 1B (19)
8. Wu Wenkang 1A (28)
9. Li Lok Ching 1A (9)



THE CANAL ROAD MARKET 2024 INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH DRAMA COMPETITION SILVER MERIT

CAST

1. Wong Lok Chun 3B (29)
2. Chan Pak Hong 3B (14)
3. Alcalá Kaycee 4A(1)
4. Chang Chi U 4A (2)
5. He Wu Yoni 4A (16)
6. Yim Chi Ching 2A (26)
7. Leung Yui Fung 2A (17)
8. Chen Xiaoru 2A (33)

2ND PLACE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE:
WONG LOK CHUN SAMUEL 3B (29)

Teacher: Fernando Linn

THE 12TH ENGLISH WRITING COMPETITION

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Jinny Lu Jin 3A (8) 1ST PLACE

Junior Group Question # 3

The giant panda is often referred to as the 'national treasure' and they are often lent by the Chinese government to zoos around the world for breeding as well as for diplomatic negotiations. Write an essay on whether or not you agree that giant pandas be used for diplomatic purposes, particularly in light of mistreatment allegations in some zoos.

Pandas: The World's Treasure

Pandas are the 'national treasure' of China and are well-known worldwide, boasting an impressive fan base hailing from diverse nations, including Japan, Korea, and the UK. These countries have applied for custody of pandas from the Chinese government with the ambition to attract visitors and generate significant revenue through the display of these beloved animals.

Pandas owe their global popularity to their adorable appearance. Their black circled eyes enhance their endearing looks. They are also quite cuddly with a fur mix of snow-white and black-marble. Their fat bodies and round faces make them irresistible, giving everyone the desire to hug and squeeze them.

These charming natives of Sichuan province in China are the superstars of the zoos worldwide. For instance, the Sichuan Zoo attracts over 900 thousand visitors each year. The Everland Zoo in Korea has lured 5.4 million visitors from 2021 to February 2024, with pandas taking the centre stage. Furthermore, at Ueno Zoo in Tokyo, Japan, thousands of people are reduced to tears just from catching a glimpse of these glorious creatures. Additionally, Ueno Zoo merchandises all sorts of panda-themed items, such as postcards, stickers, and dolls with customers clamouring for anything bearing a panda logo.

Though pandas are coveted for zoos worldwide, care standards can vary significantly. For instance, pandas in Japan receive commendable treatment. They are provided with fresh bamboo, and a forest-like environment is maintained to offer them space for rest.

Regrettably, not every panda is treated with the same level of care. Last year, a Chinese news outlet reported two pandas, named Le Le and Ya Ya, who were based at the Memphis Zoo in the United States, were subjected to poor treatment. Both were emaciated and displayed a weak, fatigued demeanour. Consequently, the Chinese government liaised with the zoo to repatriate Le Le and Ya Ya to China.

The author of the news article expresses their concern about pandas being used for diplomatic purposes and proposes that the Chinese government should abstain from loaning pandas to other countries. This proposal aims to mitigate scenarios where pandas could be mistreated due to insufficient resources or used for scientific experimentation. Such arrangement might endanger their survival, given the dwindling panda population, currently calculated to stand at around 2,060 globally.

Hence, I must agree with the writer that China should be mindful on who they loan pandas to because pandas are valued treasures to protect. Pandas need to continue to multiply and thrive in the future. But I disagree that China should completely abstain from loaning out pandas because they are regarded as symbols of peace and friendship in Chinese culture. So the Chinese government must have strict rules and regulations for those that receive these magnificent animals, and be stern in administering diplomatic consequences to those nations that do not follow them.

In conclusion, China must be more discriminating when loaning out pandas, but it will require an international commitment to their care and conservation, ensuring they are never mistreated or lost forever.

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Kotian Ishana 2B (4)

2ND PLACE

Junior Group Question #2

As a result of the Covid pandemic, many students studied via online classes while adults had to work from home. Write an argumentative essay on whether online learning and/or working remotely from home should be the new norm. If so, why?

While there may be some negative aspects to online learning, the benefits certainly outweigh any possible problems. Online learning isn't perfect, and potential complications such as a bad internet connection and lack of discipline might occur. However, there are multiple reasons why online learning is a good and convenient method for learning. It offers various resources and can be more interesting. It also saves money and gives more time to rest.

Of course not everything is perfect. Online learning does have some disadvantages. At times, there might be a poor internet connection or the Wi-Fi might fail, which can hinder learning. For instance, students might miss a class due to an unstable internet connection, and until the internet is working again, they cannot participate in the class. Also setting up the technology can be time-consuming. Teachers may be unfamiliar with the tech, resulting in a slow start to classes making the teaching less effective.

Furthermore, some students might lack discipline. They struggle to work independently and require external motivation to complete their assignments. In physical classrooms, if students don't pay attention, teachers can discipline them and ensure that they complete their work. In contrast, when teaching online, teachers aren't in the same physical space to monitor the students, giving them less control over the students' work production. Thus, online learning requires motivation and discipline for successful independent study.

Despite the aforementioned problems, the advantages of online learning significantly outweigh any complications. For example, online learning is more convenient for both teachers and students. With online classes, students don't have to worry about the issues associated with commuting. For instance, they don't have to be troubled about the costs of train and bus tickets. The average monthly cost of MTR transportation for a student is around \$900. For those who don't earn much money, or students who only receive a limited allowance from their parents, this can be an issue.

Moreover, they can get an extra hour of sleep by not going through the hassle of travel, thereby improving their focus and productivity. The added rest reduces feelings of tiredness and drowsiness during lessons as some students tend to fall asleep in 'face-to-face' classes due to the lack of sleep.

Lessons are also more engaging with online classes. There are many elements that make online learning more enjoyable. For instance, teachers can use PowerPoint presentations and online games to enhance learning. Students may also develop a greater interest in subjects they find boring or difficult to grasp in face-to-face classes. For example, students can get a more in-depth understanding of the teacher's online lectures through the many interactive features present in learning applications that are usually prohibited in an in-person class. For online English classes, students can use the app called 'i-solution' for e-books. For online Math classes, students can use 'Photomath' for problems they don't know how to solve. These apps assist students with detailed explanations and translations.

As a final point, I believe that online learning should be embraced as the new norm because it's convenient and more engaging.

THE 12TH ENGLISH WRITING COMPETITION

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Wong Lok Chun Samuel 3B (29)

3RD PLACE

Junior Group Question #2

As a result of the Covid pandemic, many students studied via online classes while adults had to work from home. Write an argumentative essay on whether online learning and/or working remotely from home should be the new norm. If so, why?

The Pros and Cons of Online Schooling

Some argue that online schooling is challenging, while others find it enjoyable! To be honest, online schooling does present its own set of challenges, such as managing student behaviour, but the advantages significantly outweigh the disadvantages. There are numerous benefits of online education for teachers, including the wide variety of special tools found on online teaching platforms.

One of the benefits of online learning is its convenience. Students can attend classes from the comfort of their own homes using their PC or iPad. This approach often makes learning and absorbing information much easier. In a traditional classroom, teachers move around the room to teach and assist students. Due to time constraints, however, they often can only help one or two students at a time. Conversely, online teaching platforms offer many special tools that enrich the learning experience.

Teachers can easily prepare PowerPoint presentations before class and, when it's time to present, they can effortlessly share it with all the students by just one click in their folder, thus eliminating the need to carry around a USB. This convenience, combined with the capability to record and replay classes for study purposes, creates an engaging and flexible learning environment for students.

However, there are challenges associated with online learning too. A weak internet connection could disrupt the flow of the class, delay lessons and meetings, and students might exploit these disruptions as an opportunity to lose focus on learning. Additionally, some students might lack discipline and struggle with independent learning.

Perhaps the biggest challenge is for those teachers who are not as tech-savvy. They may struggle with using online platforms, such as Zoom, which can impact the effectiveness of their teaching, but despite these challenges, when online learning's benefits are factored in, including its flexibility and the ability to tailor the pace of instruction, it appears an attractive option for students, especially those dealing with stress or illness.

To conclude, while online learning does have its drawbacks, it offers unique benefits traditional classrooms cannot, including convenience, flexibility, and a more personalised learning experience. Despite the occasional technical glitches and the steep learning curve faced by some teachers, online schooling represents a valuable addition to our education system. According to my friends and myself, online schooling is indeed a preferable option, and it is my sincere hope that schools bring back online classes in future.

JOINT SCHOOL SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

Seven CCPASS students competed in the Joint-School Scrabble Tournament at Methodist College, Yau Ma Tei on February 17th, 2024. The students tested their vocabulary knowledge and English skills against sixteen other schools. The CCPASS students did well for playing for the first time. Chan Pak Hong, Lam Chi Hang, Lee Cheuk Yan, He Yiqing and Ngan Siu Yau each had victories. Teacher: Fernando Linn



Lee Cheuk Yan & Lam Chi Hang prepare.



He Yiqing (right) versus a Methodist College student.



Wu Wenkang tries to outsmart his opponent.



Chan Pak Hong (right) studies the Scrabble board.



CCPASS Scrabble Team: (left to right) Lu Jin, Chan Pak Hong, Mr. Linn, Wu Wenkang, He Yiqing, Ngan Siu Yau Yoyo (front: left to right) Lam Chi Hang, Lee Cheuk Yan



Ngan Siu Yau Yoyo (left) wins again!

S.1 ENGLISH WRITING COMPETITION 2023-2024

WU WENKANG 1A (28)

1ST PLACE

A blog post about a family trip

I am an adventurous guy, so I wish I can travel around the world someday. But I did visit Shenzhen for the first time last Saturday! Mom, dad and I went to Shenzhen to explore this harmonious city.

We didn't join a guided tour. We planned for this trip on our own, so we can have the freedom to do what we like! Mom and I took the train from Hong Kong to meet my dad who was already in Shenzhen. So mom and I rushed to see him. After we reunited with my father, we went to HEYTEA where we could try the most popular milk tea in Shenzhen. We also ate cakes and drank fruit-tea. The cakes looked very delicious, but the taste was not so good. We were so disappointed!

Next, we had hotpot for dinner. We ordered a lot of dishes to put into the soup, such as beef tripe which was delicious. While we were eating hotpot, a waiter approached our table clearing his throat. Then suddenly, he sang a happy birthday song to me! My family had a good laugh when they saw how excited I was. I am so happy that my mom and dad remembered my birthday. I was very impressed!

In the end, we returned to Hong Kong. That day was an unforgettable day. Although I felt exhausted, I was very excited and happy!

LIN YA WEN 1C (4)

2ND PLACE

My unforgettable trip to Japan

Last weekend, my family and I went to Japan. I was thrilled because I would see my favourite animated idol. Let me share with you my amazing trip in Japan.

We arrived at the hotel before midnight. First, we went to eat dinner. I wanted to eat sashimi but my family wanted to eat roasted pork. In the end, we went to eat roasted pork, so we had a yummy dinner at a local restaurant.

On the next day, we went to Animate in Tokyo. We went to see an exhibition about 'isagi'. I saw a lot of cosplayers playing my favorite roles, shaking hands with me and talking to me. The cosplayers were very handsome. It was an interesting day because I saw and talked to my favourite animated idols in person.

Then, on the next day, we went to Mount Fuji but we got lost. We could not speak Japanese, so we felt helpless and worried. Finally, we met a kind Japanese woman. She taught us how to leave. It was embarrassing but we were shocked by the stunning view of Mount Fuji. It was like a painting! I was so mesmerized by its charm that I couldn't come to my senses for a long time.

The trip was unforgettable. I made a lot of new friends and learned a lot of things during the trip. Japan is very lively because people are so polite and friendly. I miss the colourful billboards on the streets, and great views of Mount Fuji.

FU SZE YIN 1C (2)

3RD PLACE

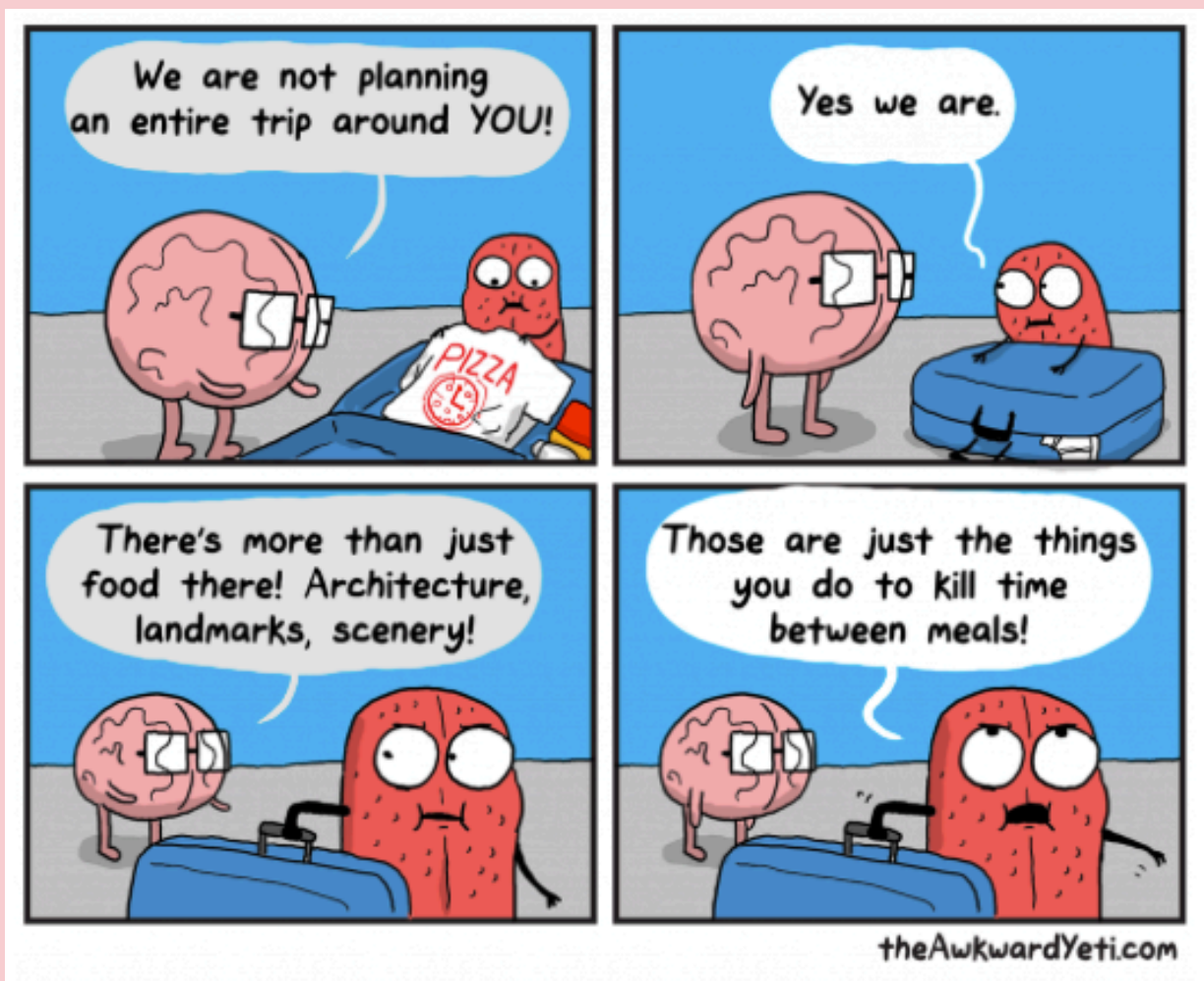
My thrilling trip to Beijing

Last weekend, my family and I went to Beijing. I was thrilled because I can visit my hometown. Let me share with you my amazing but disappointing trip in Beijing!

In the morning, I felt so excited when I arrived at the airport. But then, I realized that my boarding pass disappeared. I felt so disappointed. All I could do was to buy a new ticket. But after I got on the airplane, there was one family sitting near me. They shouted at each other and laughed loudly. I told them to stop but sadly they didn't. The experience was just terrible! I'll never join this kind of trip again.

After I arrived in Beijing, we went hiking but it rained suddenly. After the rain stopped, we went to the Forbidden City. It was very spectacular and unique. The traditional crafts there were amazing. In the evening, my family and I went to eat gourmet food. The spicy hotpot was delicious. I was excited but also exhausted.

We got back home late. I couldn't wait to go back to Beijing! This is a very thrilling trip!



S.2 ENGLISH WRITING COMPETITION 2023-2024

Yeung Hau Yi 2A (32)

1ST PLACE

A unique stay in Mong Kok

There are a lot of attractions and a lot of things you can do in Mong Kok, since Mong Kok is a bustling place. No matter what the bloggers say. If you only have one day to stay in Mong Kok, here are a few things that I think you must do in Mong Kok.

Morning, Yuen Po Street Bird Garden

Yuen Po Street is known as the Bird Market and the traditional Chinese-style garden. Right here, you will see a wide variety of birds. There are parrots, cuckoos, sparrows and other kinds of birds. And the special place is that the bird owners will take a walk with the birds. These birds are so rare, you can't see these birds anywhere else. Therefore, take the MTR to get to the Prince Edward Station, go to Yuen Po Street for a special experience with birds!

Afternoon, Tung Choi Street

Tung Choi Street is famous for pets and goldfish. On Tung Choi Street, you can see a lot of cats, dogs, goldfish and even snacks! For the goldfish stores, the most interesting thing is they keep the goldfish in plastic bags! It's just like the goldfish swimming in a bubble! Are you hungry? Then you must go to Kam Wah Cafe for their famous buttered pineapple bun (Boulouyau). I promise, you will not forget the flavor of buttered pineapple bun forever! Tung Choi Street is quite close to Yuen Po Street, so you can go to Tung Choi Street on foot to visit the amazing animals.

Evening, Ladies' Market

Ladies' Market is a street market with many stalls that are selling clothes, toys **and** souvenirs. All the souvenirs are about amazing views of Hong Kong. And the **best** thing is that the souvenirs are very cheap! There are some Indian restaurants **in** Ladies' Market and the foods are quite tasty! Ladies' Market is just next to **Tung** Choi Street. You can **directly** go there on foot to get some special souvenirs!

These are the places you must go in **Mong Kok**. If you follow my suggestions, I am sure you will have a **wonderful experience!**

S.2 ENGLISH WRITING COMPETITION 2023-2024

Wong Wing Chin, Ginny 2B (11)

2ND PLACE

A three-day trip in Mong Kok

Day 1, Tung Choi Street

If you go to Mong Kok, you must go to Tung Choi Street. You can take the MTR to get to Mong Kok East Station and walk there. Tung Choi Street, also known as the Goldfish Street or the Ladies' Market, has a wide variety of pet shops. Animals like dogs, cats and turtles are displayed in pet shop windows. There are also some less common pets ranging from snakes, beetles and snails. If you feel hungry, you can go to Kam Wah Cafe on the same street. It's a typical Hong Kong Cha Chaan Teng. It's famous for its pineapple bun (***Boloyau***).

After that, you can go to the Ladies' Market on foot from Kam Wah Cafe. There are many stalls that are selling phone cases, souvenirs, toys, etc. You can buy some affordable fashion goods and souvenirs and bargain with vendors for a lower price. You can also enjoy delicious local food such as egg waffles, curry fish balls and fried squid there.

Day 2, Fa Yuen Street Market and Sneakers Street

You can go to Fa Yuen Street by MTR. There are licensed hawkers who are selling clothing, daily necessities, fresh fruits, etc. You can enjoy local street food like fish ball lettuce soup, imitation shark fin soup and rice noodle roll at Tung Tat Food Shop.

Then, you can walk to Sneakers Street from Fa Yuen Street Market. There are a lot of flagship stores. You can buy the latest sports shoes and hunt for the special edition designer shoes.

Day 3, Yuen Po Street Bird Garden and Flower Market

Yuen Po Street Bird Garden, also known as the Bird Market, is a traditional Chinese-style garden. There are many song birds in cages. You can get there by MTR to get to the Prince Edward Road and walk a few minutes. You can meet the bird's owners and take a walk with the bird. Finally, walk to the Flower Market from Yuen Po Street Bird Garden. There are a large number of flower shops. During Chinese New Year, local people love to come and buy some seasonal flowers such as daffodils, orchids and chrysanthemums. After visiting the Flower Market, you can go to 'Cafe Hay Fever' for coffee and cake to have a break.



Shi Ka Tsun, Sunny 2D (14) 3RD PLACE

Three-day Trip in Mong Kok

Day 1 Tung Choi Street

Tung Choi Street is also known as the Pet Street or the Goldfish Street. You can see a wide variety of pet shops. Pets such as puppies, kittens and bunnies are displayed in the windows of the pet shops. There are also some less common pets ranging from scorpions, rhino beetles to snakes. If you go to Tung Choi Street, you should go to a typical Hong Kong Cha Chaan Teng, Kam Wah Cafe. You can eat their famous buttered pineapple buns and egg tarts. You can take the MTR to get to the Mong Kok Station.

Day 2 Ladies' Market

In the Ladies' Market, you can see many stalls that are selling clothes, jewelry, bags, etc. You can buy inexpensive fashion goods and souvenirs. You can bargain with vendors for a lower price. You can enjoy delicious local food such as wonton noodles, curry fish balls and deep-fried squids. You can go to the Ladies' Market by taxi.

Day 3 Flower Market

In the Flower Market, you can see a large number of flower shops. During Chinese New Year, local people love to come and buy seasonal flowers such as daffodils, orchids and cherry blossoms. You can walk from Yuen Po Street to the Flower Market.

Come and visit Mong Kok.



S.3 ENGLISH WRITING COMPETITION 2023-2024

Lai Chi Chun 3B (16)

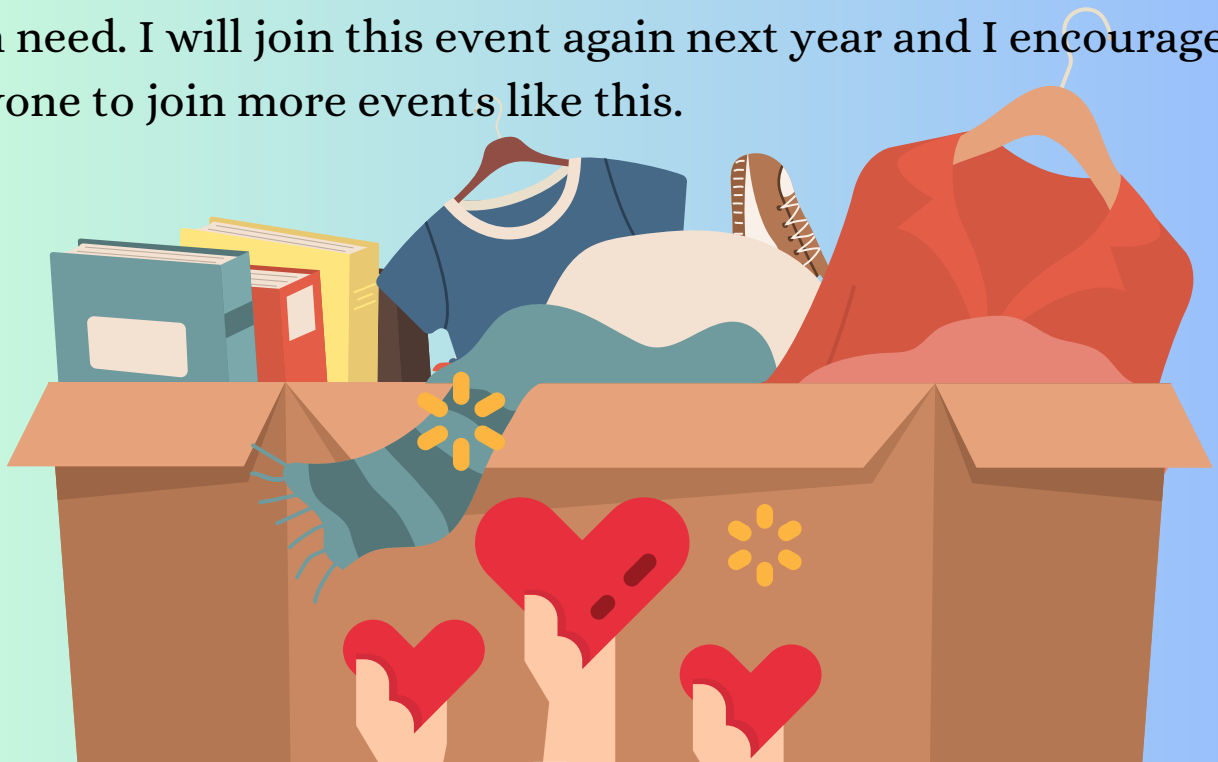
WINNER

The Amazing Fashion Star Charity Sale!

Not long ago, I took part in an event called ‘The Fashion Star Charity Sale’. The event was held on 26 May, Saturday at the school gym, from 10 am to 7 pm. The target of this event was to raise \$200,000 to help the homeless and the poor. The items sold in the event were second-hand clothes and accessories donated by students and teachers.

When I arrived at the charity event, it looked magnificent. In the event, there were lots of clothes to choose from like T-shirts, fashionable jackets, trousers, etc. Participants could also get some accessories to match their clothes such as caps, glasses and bags. I asked the teacher that hosted the event what I should do. He told me I needed to help run a stall.

Overall, this event was meaningful and enjoyable. I learnt a lot from this event. I learnt that we should always help people that are in need. I will join this event again next year and I encourage everyone to join more events like this.



S.3 ENGLISH WRITING COMPETITION 2023-2024

Wong Chun Pong 3C (19)

WINNER

A Meaningful Charity

I took part in a fundraising event for a charity named ‘Fashion Star Charity Sale’ on the 26th of May in the school gym. It was a local charity. We aimed to raise \$10,000 to help the homeless. I was a participant in this event.

There were two activities in this charity sale. The first one was the ‘Accessories Collection’. It was going to get some accessories to match our clothes! There were many magnificent pieces of jewelry. As a seller, I needed to sell as many products as possible and my purpose of this activity was to raise \$2,000. The amount of money that I earned will be used to raise funds to help the homeless. I felt so content and successful after I had sold the products.

The second activity was ‘Clothes Donation’. At this event, my work was collecting and sorting. I collected the donated items from various sources such as drop-off locations, clothing drives or scheduled pickups. I carefully sorted through the donated clothes and separated them based on factors like size, gender and condition. I would do this job again because it is so relaxing.

This was a meaningful charity event. Finally, we raised \$20,000 at the end. I recommend everyone to join the charity event and hope everyone will get involved.



S.3 ENGLISH WRITING COMPETITION 2023-2024

TAN YINGXIN 3A (12)

WINNER

Fashion Star Charity Sale

Last month, I participated in the Fashion Star Charity Sale. The purpose of the event was to raise \$80,000 to help the homeless. The event was divided into two parts. First, a sales market was open for business. Customers could shop at numerous stalls selling used or brand new clothes donated by teachers and students. The second part of the event was an award giving ceremony for the most charitable donors.

The sales market offered a large variety of used and brand new clothes donated by teachers and students. All the money from the sale of the clothes will be used to raise funds to help homeless people. My friend and I were in charge of one of the stalls selling clothes. We also donated a lot of clothes. Our participation made us feel happy and satisfied because we can help people in need.

The second half of the event was an award presentation ceremony for the best donors. In this event, I was a staff member responsible for awarding the winners. My job was handing out the certificates. The certificate stated their name and the number of clothes they donated. If there's another chance, I think I will definitely participate in such an event again.

This was a meaningful charity event. From this, I realized that there are many people in the world who are willing to help homeless people. I encourage everyone to participate in this kind of event because this is going to be an amazing experience in your life.



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