

# The Chiu Chow Post

HK & KLN Chiu Chow Public Association Secondary School

## Star Quest

2021 Film-It: Student Film Competition



Best Ensemble Performance Award

## STAR TREK

Hong Kong Drama Festival 2021



Award for Commendable Overall Performance



S.2 English Homework Champions  
Jelly Chan Cheuk Woon & Russell Lui Hoi Kit



2021 Film-It: Student Film Competition  
5 Overall Nominations



# Around Campus



## The Speaker: Speech Contest 2021

Dora Ng Kwun Wa was a guest speaker on the RTHK Radio Show at the Broadcasting House in Kowloon on June 2nd, 2021. She was interviewed by hosts Ms. Vanessa Li (Toastmasters International World Contest Top 20) and Ms. Alyson Hau (veteran DJ) about her award winning speech and her thoughts about public speaking.



Film-It: Student Film Awards Ceremony  
July 7th, 2021



## 2021 Speak Up-Act Out Improvisational Drama Competition

Team A	Team B
<b>3rd Place Trophy</b>	<b>Participation</b>
(photo: left to right)	(no photo)
2A Chan Cheuk Woon	1A Ho Yuet Hei
2A Lai Wing Tung	1A Tsang Siu Tie
5B Lo Wing Ki	1A Chong Sze Wai
4A Ng Kwun Wa	1A Lam Chun Kit
5A Song Yijia	3D Leung Tsz Chun
5A Zheng Zian	3D Fu Ho Wang
1A Luk Tsun	Cochair: Mr. Matthew Kavanagh
Cochair: Mr. Fernando Linn	



# Online English Speaking Homework Winners

There were no official English speaking marks given for the 2020-2021 school year due to the pandemic. But these S.2 students still made a great effort in their online English speaking courses by handing in their homework and participating in class.



S.2 Champion  
Chan Cheuk Woon



S.2 Champion  
Lui Russell Hoi Kit



S.2 Champion  
Lai Wing Tung



2B 1st Place  
KUANG YUK PANG



2C 1st Place  
Wei Xiaolin



2D 1st Place  
Zhang Yuet Ying

## Honorable Mention

2A Chen Junyi

2A Lo Pui Yu

2A Lo Ching Man

2A Yip Pui Yau

2A Cao Ming Shan

2A Ng Wai Tin

2A Chan Ho Ching

2B Lee Wing Kiu

2A Lam Wing Hei

2B Ho Pak Hei

2A Wu Wing Man

2B Yu Ching Lam

# The 13th English Radio Drama Competition

presented by Smart Education Charitable Foundation

The Junior CCPASS Players performed their original radio play *The Magic Journey*, winning the **Most Popular Performance Award**. The story is about a wealthy businessman named Scrooge that wants to destroy the environment to build a theme park. When Scrooge enters a mysterious photo shop, an old shop keeper gives him special glasses that transports him to a dark future.



## Cast

(photo on left: left to right)  
Chan Cheuk Woon as Mr. Ash  
Lai Wing Tung as the Old Man  
Lam Wing Hei as the Mermaid  
Ho Yuet Hei as Scrooge  
Lee Wing Kiu as the Narrator  
Teacher: Mr. Fernando Linn



The radio drama team received over 2,000 votes as the **Most Popular Performance Award** winners.

## Stories on Stage 2021

Script Writing & Radio Drama Competition

The Senior CCPASS Players earned the Merit Award for their radio drama *The Journey West* based on *The Monkey King*. The story is about a rascally monkey named Wukong that claims to have superpowers and can lead his monkey friends to paradise. The Senior Players also did a live reader's theater performance at the Education Bureau Center in Kowloon Tong on June 26th, 2021.



## Cast

(photo on left: left to right)  
Ouyang Baoyi as Caesar  
Zhang Wenxi as Wukong  
Cheung Hoi Yuk as Buddha  
Li Chak Ho as Subodhi  
Teacher: Mr. Fernando Linn



The Senior Players based their Merit Award winning play on the Little Fox book series *The Journey to the West*.

## 2021 Hong Kong Drama Festival

Space the final frontier. These are the voyages of the star ship Enterprise. The star date is 2287. Captain Kirk, Spock and the crew of the Enterprise are on a mission to deliver an alien beast called a Mugato to the planet Kronos. The people of Kronos are dying of a plague and the Mugato carries the cure. The creature must be killed to extract the healing properties to save the planet. Is it moral to kill a being that is intelligent enough to value its own life for the greater good?



The S.4 & S.5 CCPASS Players performed an original episode of Star Trek, written and directed by Mr. Fernando Linn.



The Star Trek cast and crew won a total of 5 awards including the 'Award for Commendable Overall Performance', the 'Award for Outstanding Audio-visual Effects', the 'Award for Outstanding Cooperation', the 'Award for Outstanding Performer' and the 'Award for Outstanding Director'.



Ouyang Baoyi as the warlord Khan with her alien henchmen.



Lo Wing Ki earned the Award for Outstanding Performance.

### Cast

Zheng Zian as Captain Kirk  
Chim Wing Sing as Mr. Spock  
Lo Wing Ki as the Mugato  
Wu Minshi as Lt. Uhura  
Ng Kwun Wa as Scotty  
Ouyang Baoyi as Khan

### Crew

Li Chak Ho - Sound Technician  
Lai Ying Ying - Stagehand  
Li Man Tung - Stagehand  
Yam Yat Chung - Understudy  
Fung Shuk Cheung - Understudy  
Chung Sing Shing - Understudy  
Mr. Fernando Linn - Director

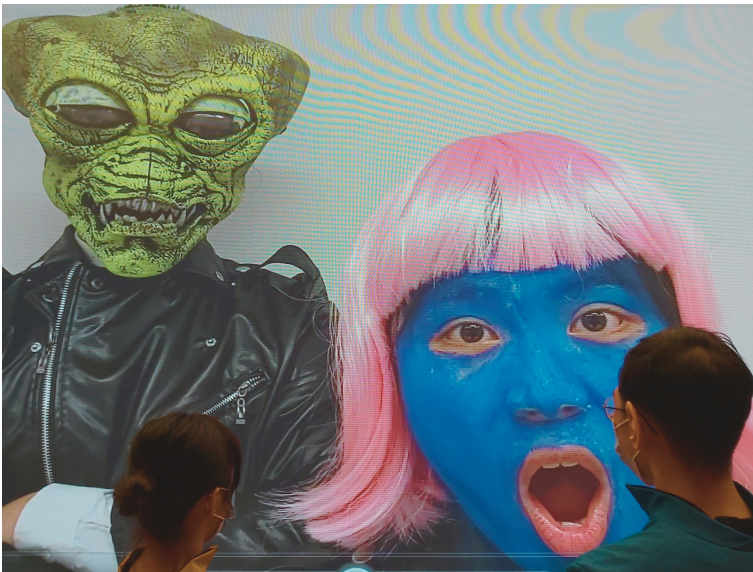
# 2021 Film-It: Student Film Competition

presented by the European Union

Two CCPASS film production teams submitted movies about diversity to the *Film-It: Student Film Competition* presented by the Hong Kong EDB and the European Union. Both teams were honored with an invitation to the Film-It: Film Awards Ceremony on July 7th, 2021, receiving five overall nominations.

## Star Quest

"Star Quest" tackles the topic of social and economic mobility within a Star Trek theme. The film was nominated for "Best Overall Film" & the "Technical Excellence Award", and the **winner of the "Best Ensemble Performance Award"**.



## First Day

"First Day" created by the S.3 NAI class earned nominations for the 'Most Popular Film Award' and the 'Best Film Poster'. The story follows a new immigrant student in Hong Kong played by Fan Shaoying. She is bullied by her classmates at first but they eventually grow a heart and accept her.

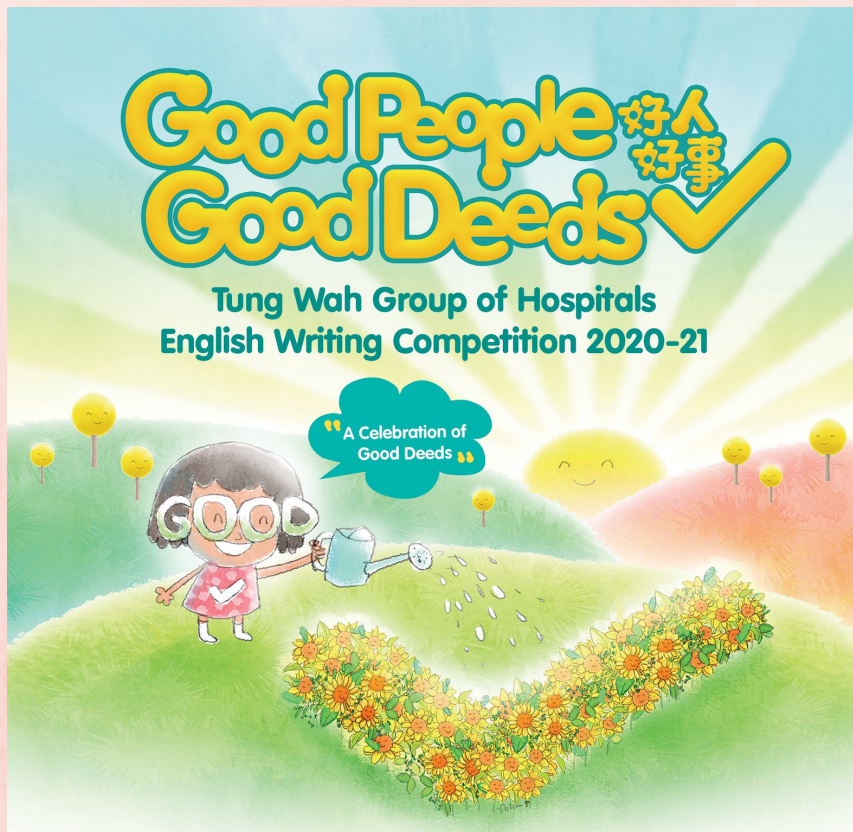
## Star Quest Cast

Yam Yat Chung as Spock  
Fung Shuk Cheung as Kirk  
Ouyang Baoyi as Khan  
Zheng Zian as the Alien  
Emilio Vidal Linn as Young Spock  
Mr. Matthew Kavanagh - Extra  
Lam Wing Hei - Art Production  
Director - Mr. Fernando Linn



## First Day Cast & Crew

Xie Ziming  
Fan Shaoying  
Qu Ka Man  
Li Yi Yeung  
Zeng Xinyi  
Tsoi Kai Ham  
Xie Yi  
Ma Simin  
Ye Dan  
Lai Oi Lam  
Wu Phoenix  
Mr. Michael Mui  
Teacher - Ms. Jane Lam



The S.3 Star Class participated in the 'Good People, Good Deeds' English Writing Competition presented by Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. The students wrote about a selfless person that helps others within their community. Presented below are the most notable essays from CCPASS.

## Little Acts of Kindness Matter

Jenny Lai Oi Lam 3A (6)

In this world in both life and at work there are many people who need us to reach out when they are in difficulty. Everyone should provide a hand to help. While some people are complacent to just sit back, others are eager to help those struggling to just make ends meet. To quote an anonymous source, "to help others is to help yourself". I don't remember where I read this but it has a deep meaning for me. The names of the people that have the most impact in your life are not household names but you will always remember their kindness. When I think of good people that do good deeds...



I think of my grandmother.

My grandmother is in her sixties but her heart is young. Her head of jet black hair and pair of kind eyes radiate warmth. Although she is a simple country woman, she is very open and loving. My grandmother lives in a small village and has earned the respect of the people in her community.

There was a small bungalow near her house, in which there lived two people, an old woman and her adult son. The old woman picked up trash around the village for some small cash but her son wouldn't pull his weight. She had five children in all and none of them would support her. The old woman was usually stuck eating scraps. So my grandmother would boil delicious food for the old woman and take a bowl to her every day.

The old woman was quite lonely because the son was only interested in watching his television. My grandmother would prolong her visits to the old woman's house by staying for a chat or watching a television program with her. It became my grandma's daily routine because neglect can create huge psychological turmoil.

My grandmother is not only enthusiastic to help others but has a strong belief in fairness. One day while shopping with my mother, my grandmother paid for 100 Yuan worth of plums or she thought she did. When my grandmother returned home, she looked inside her purse and saw the 100 Yuan still in her purse. My grandmother felt a sense of duty to return the money to the produce seller. My grandpa urged my grandmother to count her blessings and let it go. He said, "It's lucky that people give it to you for nothing". Grandma retorted, "You are wrong. It's not easy to make money. They might need it more than me." Then she went to return the money. Thinking of this, an old saying comes to my mind: morality is a simple matter of right and wrong, but in practice it is very difficult.

My grandmother since childhood has planted the moral seeds in this child's heart which will shape me into a good person. If everyone could give just a little bit of love like my grandmother, the world will become a more beautiful place.



## The Angels around Me

Leon Zie Zi Ming 3A (24)

Let's commend the unsung heroes in the fight against Covid-19, the doctors. In my opinion, doctors are the front line of the Covid-19 battle because they risk their own lives with the possibility of being infected with the virus. Many have actually died in their battle against Covid-19. These are great men and women doing great deeds because doctors have been leading us into battle against this deadly virus since the sudden outbreak. Two good doctors in particular stand out most in my mind, Li Man Leung and Zhong Nanshan.

A Chinese doctor named Li Man Leung was a famous ophthalmologist employed with Wu Han Central Hospital. But more importantly he was a good man that did good deeds. Li Man Leung contracted the Covid-19 virus while he was helping elderly people that had already been infected during the early stages of the Covid-19 outbreak. And just 29 days later after first discovering the virus on 7 February, 2020, he died.

Unfortunately, Li Man Leung's heroism wasn't rewarded at first. Instead he was punished for disclosing the virus before the government. He was accused of spreading rumors. So he faced serious charges for helping others. But Li Man Leung was a rebel with a good cause. Although he knew the government would ruin his reputation, Li Man Leung still posted information to warn the people.

Eventually, the charges against Li Man Leung were withdrawn. But unfortunately, Li Man Leung had already passed away by then. Li Man Leung saved so many lives during his lifetime. Now, he is the pride of the Chinese people and the role model for doctors around the globe! Fortunately, the government changed their tune and bestowed upon him many awards posthumously, and compensated his family.



Another person that deserves our respect and admiration is Zhong Nanshan. He is now 84 years old and has made many contributions in the medical field. He is also a member of the 'Heroes in Harm's Way' organization. At eighty four years old Mr. Zhong Nanshan could have avoided the danger of the virus and lived out his golden years safely, but he still appeared when the people needed him most. He courageously went to Wuhan with his team in the early period of the pandemic.

Zhong Nanshan was also on the frontline during the SARS outbreak 17 years ago. During the SARS age, he firmly said to the Chinese people, 'give all the patients to me!' This was a comforting statement that brought people a great sense of security.

Now seventeen years later, his passion for serving the people still exists; evident in his display of sincere emotion, crying twice during the outbreak. One set of tears for the people of China as the virus was spreading very fast and seemed out of control.

The second set of tears was for Li Man Leung. Nanshan felt aggrieved for Li Man Leung as he showed his concern for his colleague. A man that cries for his people and country is absolutely respectable. It's incredibly touching to witness one doctor pay tribute to one of his peers as Zhong Nanshan did with Li Man Leung.

The one thing the two doctors had in common is faith in victory.

In conclusion, the doctors fighting Covid-19 like soldiers knowing they can kiss death at any moment are angels on Earth. They could have chosen to hide and feel the warmth of their families. But they decided to take the hard road in life for the greater good. There are so many doctors I don't know and I don't mention in my article. But I will give them my best wishes and respect. I hope they can return to their families soon. They truly are 'heroes in harm's way'.

## **Flying High with Miss Zhu**

**Vivian Chen Jin Shan 3A (2)**

As an idealistic 12 year old new to Hong Kong, I joined the primary school organization 'I Want to Fly High'; which I was a member of for a year. This scholastic association provided numerous activities for students newly arrived to Hong Kong. It gave immigrants like me an opportunity to adapt to the pace and culture of Hong Kong by providing games and teamwork activities. But it also gave me a chance to make a difference by doing community service.



'I Want to Fly High' is where I met a good person that does good deeds, a local social worker named Miss Zhu. Miss Zhu had been in charge of 'I Want to Fly High' in our school for many years. The wonderful Miss Zhu is very approachable and helpful and makes everything enjoyable. Compared to when I first arrived in Hong Kong, I am no longer a stranger. I am used to living here because Miss Zhu helped melt away my insecurities. She organized many interesting activities in the program, such as barbecues, volunteer activities, Ocean Park day trips and camping. Those activities helped me a lot. They not only made me happy, but also made me closer to Hong Kong.

She never hesitates to help others and is never condescending. For instance, there was a rock climbing activity, I was terribly frightened to participate. When other students had no issues with climbing high, I stood aside shivering and dreading the moment it was my turn. Miss Zhu comforted me. She encouraged me with her words and promised me that she would keep me safe. I had to overcome this difficult situation so I tried. But I still felt scared and I cried. Although I did not do well, Miss Zhu and other students gave me a surprising applause. This could have been a moment where I would have been overwhelmed with a sense of failure or worse been the target of bullying. But Miss Zhu eased the situation and made it a memorable experience that pushed me to try again.

Miss Zhu said a social worker's job is to deal with all sorts of social issues. For example, she provides support services for newly arrived immigrants like me and organizes community activities such as visiting nursing homes; which Miss Zhu provided me with the opportunity to visit a nursing home. We spent the afternoon there and I could feel the elderly people were happy because we stayed with them. They lived without their families in the nursing home for a long time, and their children did not visit them frequently. They felt lonely.

Before we visited, we had prepared numerous gifts for the old people in the home. Miss Zhu purchased the gifts then my classmates and I packaged them. Miss Zhu told us beforehand that we had to be very careful to not make any promises to the residents of the nursing home; because if someone can't accept a person close to him/her, then we shouldn't fib. It would break someone's heart if we were dishonest about visiting them or having a friendship. Miss Zhu said she would prepare another visitor for a resident if we did not feel comfortable having a long term friendship with someone.

Besides giving the nursing home residents gifts, we sang old songs with them. One song that sticks out in my mind is 'The Moon Represents My Heart' (originally sung by Teresa Teng). After we sang, we played a game. A student paired up with a resident to make a team of two. Then we played catch by passing the ball to one another while 'The Moon Represents My Heart' was playing on the CD player. But when the song stopped playing, whichever team had the ball in their hand must answer a question. If they answered the question correctly, they got a present.

It's these types of brilliant activities created by Miss Zhu that make people's lives happier and more meaningful. Miss Zhu taught me to fly high and show compassion and love for the people in this wonderful city called Hong Kong.





## Hong Kong Student Letter Writing Competition

Vanessa Zhang Wenxi (S.5) participated in the Hong Kong Student Letter Writing Competition presented by the Hong Kong Institute of Education. She wrote a personal letter to anyone based on the following three questions: 1. What are your aspirations for the future? 2. What will help you achieve your aspirations? 3. What can Hong Kong schools & HK society do to help you achieve your aspirations?

Dear Arnold,

How have you been recently? Thanks for your trust by lending me your laptop. What's more, I want you to know that I finally discovered what I want to do in life.

Admittedly, I wasn't a hard-working student who was willing to sacrifice my leisure time to succeed in academics. Like a host of Hong Kong students, I had no gauge for my potential and I was unsure of my future. How could a person put any effort with someone with such a blurry outlook and without a goal?

Yet, you have always shown concern for my enduring confusion about my prospects. But this time, I can tell you that I found something that I am immensely interested in.

I aspire to develop skills in film & television production and photography. There are lots of aspects in those fields; for example, creating video clips, advertising, digital technology, special effects, etc. I've been looking for an interest for a long time. But I never thought that I would find my passion due to a kind of childish reason.

During the pandemic with the wild spread of COVID-19, I watched a Pop Idol Contest on television. The contestants sing, dance and perform with the audience picking the winner. I really wanted this girl to win and wanted to support her in some way. As a user of 'bilibili', an app that allows people to upload videos, I started to think about making a video for her. In the process of conceiving the video, I felt quite troubled because of my lack of creativity and the meticulous research of finding suitable editing material. However, a week later, my first 'baby' was born. When I watched my video, which was made with painstaking effort, I felt thrilled and exceedingly satisfied.

This is a brand new but long-lasting interest. I have always tried new endeavors, but once I experienced three minutes of heat, I either quit or did it half way. Nevertheless, I strongly believe that I will be adamant this time until I achieve something.

What will help me achieve my goal? In my opinion, the most significant attribute I need for success is perseverance. And it's also essential that I maintain the passion for my interest. Furthermore, support from my family and friends are vital for my success.

I've read a story about a full-time up-loader on bilibili that started manufacturing videos in 2015. At first, there was a very small number of people who watched his videos and that led him to want to give up. But his girlfriend always stood by his side and told him that he could do what he wanted. She didn't care about his income. Eventually in 2018, he succeeded to go viral with a self-produced show. His success can't be separated from the support from his girlfriend. When you face difficulties, perseverance, passion and those closest to you will help you get through it.

Additionally, professional knowledge and having the right equipment are important too. Thanks to you, I have a piece of basic equipment to aid my projects. However, I would like to learn more to develop the quality of my videos. If my school can increase the scholarship amount, I will do my best to use the funds for relevant causes. Moreover, I hope there will be more activities related to film & television production and photography. Then I can seize the opportunities to participate and practice my skills.

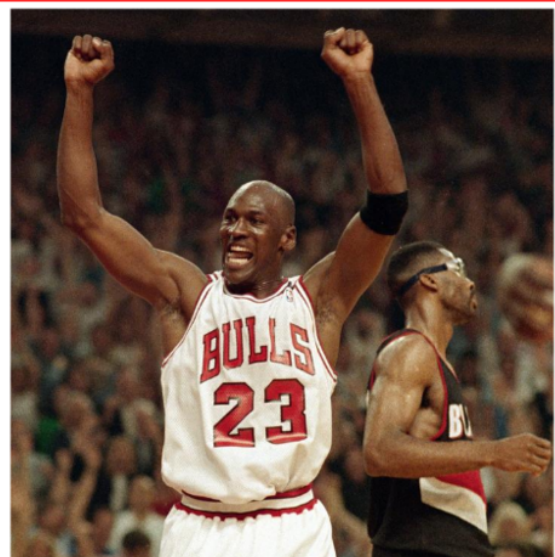
Thanks for spending your time to listen to my aspirations for the future. I hope to hear from you soon!

Best regards,

Vanessa

**"Champions don't become champions when they win an event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it."**

Michael Jordan



## Speak Up - Act Out: Improvisational Drama Competition 2021 Student Reflections

Chong Sze Wai, Avery 1A (1)

**What did you learn from taking part in the competition?**

I think the biggest thing I learned was how important teamwork is. My teammates helped me to get ready for the competition by helping to practice my lines. I am very happy to have such a great team.

**What was the hardest part of the competition?**

The hardest part of the competition was learning all of the lines for the show. There was a lot of sentences that we had to remember. Also, we needed to remember what others would say so we could start talking at the right time.

**What would you do differently next time?**

I think next time I want to have more chances to speak during the show and to be one of the main characters so I can improve my speaking and drama skills.

**Would you join Speak Up - Act Out again?**

Yes, I would like to join the competition again. I really had a lot of fun and enjoyed practicing with my classmates.



Fu Ho Wang, Murphy 3D (10)

**What was the hardest part of the competition?**

The hardest part for me was trying to remember all of the lines. I had to say a lot but I think after working hard, I was able to do it.

**What did you learn from taking part in the competition?**

I learned that practice makes perfect. If I work harder, then I can do something even if it is really difficult. Also, I think my English improved from doing the competition.

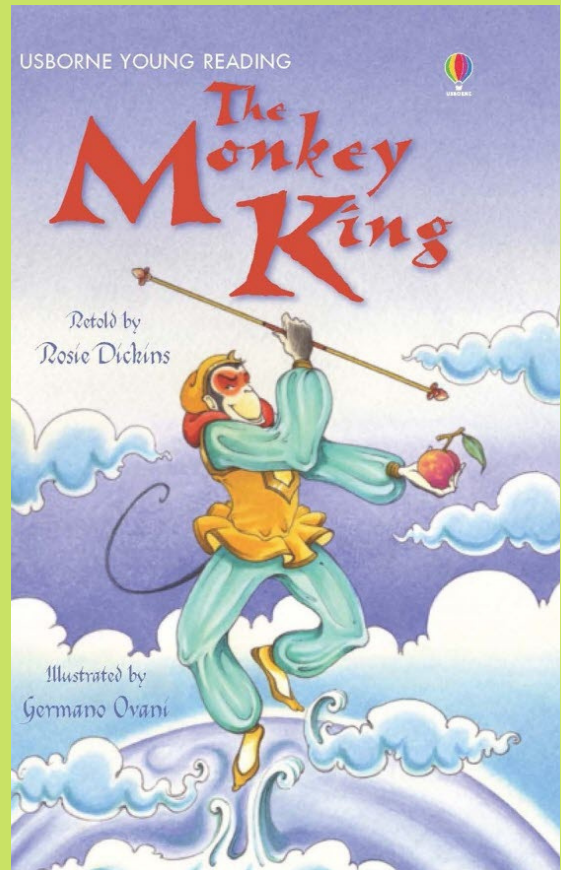
**Would you like to join the competition again?**

Yes, I want to join again because it was really fun to practice with my friends and to work with Mr. Matthew Kavanagh.

# Library Book Recommendations



Ken Xu Ho Pok 3A (23)  
Title: The Monkey King  
Author: Rosie Dickins  
Publisher: Usborne  
Genre: Fantasy



## Describe the content of the story briefly:

The story is about the king of the monkeys and how the gods try to punish him for his naughty behavior. The Monkey King is always stealing food, demanding gifts from others and disrespecting the gods. The Empress gives him a job to guard the Heavenly Peach Garden but he goes too far when he steals a crop of magic peaches.

## Write a brief comment on your impression of the book:

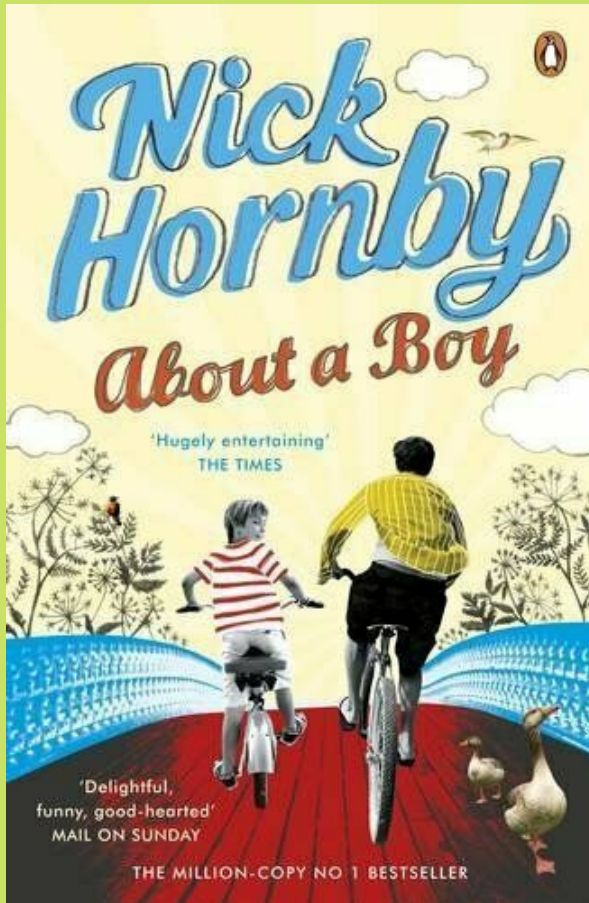
It is a really good book with a great story and I would like to give it four out of five stars. The book is not too challenging to read and even without the words there are a lot of colorful and well-drawn cartoon pictures to see. This means that even if the words are difficult you can still understand the book. I would highly recommend this book to all of the students in my school.

## Name one character in the book that impressed you & state why the character impressed you:

The character I like most is the Monkey King because he does whatever he wants which is really funny and makes the story more entertaining. However I really disliked the Emperor because he wants to kill and hurt the Monkey King who is (mostly) innocent.

## If I could rewrite the end of the story, I would make the following changes:

When the Monkey King challenges the Buddha, the Monkey King should win. The Monkey King should be able to leap further than the Buddha's hand and become the Emperor of Heaven. Then after a thousand years as the Emperor of Heaven, the Monkey King should be even stronger.



Adam Wong Mu Yuen 5A (25)

Title: About A Boy

Author: Nick Hornby

Publisher: Pearson Education Ltd

Genre: Adolescent Fiction

**Describe the contents of the story briefly:**

Twelve year old Marcus' mother Fiona is very strict and tries to control his education, his appearance and even his hobbies and interests. She sets rules for Marcus to follow but he doesn't try to disagree with her because she is his mother. Not only is Marcus constrained to stay at home, but also isolated and bullied by his classmates at school. Fortunately with the help of his thirty-six year old friend Will, Marcus learns what he really needs in his life. He learns to be a normal child like other children of the same age and finds himself.

**Write a brief comment on your impression of the book:**

After reading this book I realized that the education method that Fiona uses is quite different from my own family. I think his mother is exceedingly strict with her son. It reveals a parenting problem - strict parental education can hurt children. I felt sympathy for Marcus for the darkness of his childhood as his appearance and behavior led him to have no friends. I don't think the education of children should restrict their freedom of life. Furthermore, in life there is always someone to be grateful for. Will helped Marcus into a normal life, and I'm happy for him.

**Name one character in the book that impressed you & why they impressed you:**

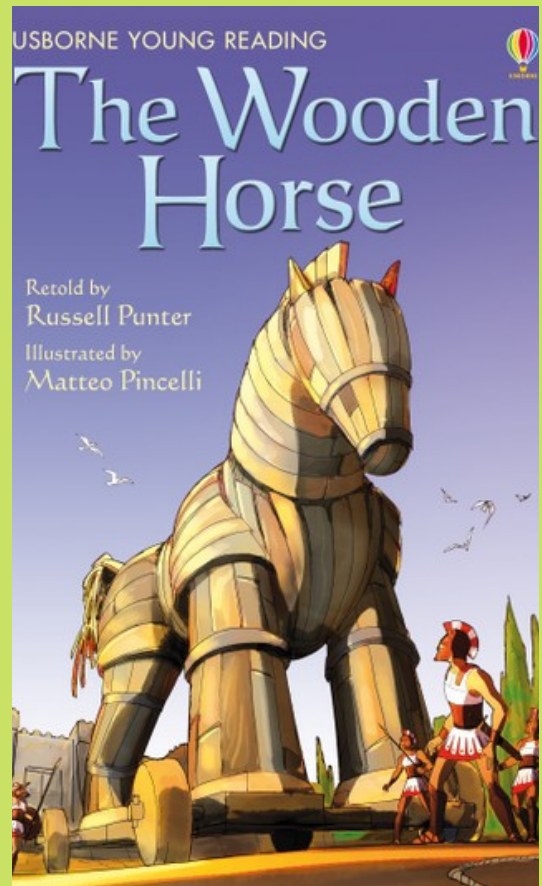
I would say that the character that impressed me most is Marcus. Marcus looks very strange and his behavior is ridiculed by his classmates. Marcus' mother doesn't think clothes and hair are important and this leads to Marcus being bullied by his peers. In addition he could not watch TV programs, listen to music or play computer games as his mother did not allow him to do so. Yet, Marcus eventually overcomes his obstacles.

**If I could rewrite a part of the story, I would make the following changes:**

If I could rewrite the ending of the story, I would make Fiona realize how her rules affected and hurt her son. She would encourage him to develop his hobbies and skills such as listening to music and playing games in order to make his life better.



Leon Zie Zieming 3A (24)  
Title: The Wooden Horse  
Category: Print fiction  
Author: Russell Punter  
Publisher: Usborne  
Genre: Romance



### Describe the content of the story briefly:

The story is about Queen Helen of Sparta, described as the most beautiful woman in the land. She runs away with Paris, the Prince of Troy, spurring Helen's husband Menelaus to declare war on Troy. To win the war, Menelaus uses a wooden horse full of his army to get inside the city and defeat the Trojans. Then Menelaus brings Helen back to Sparta at the end of the war.

### Name one character in the book that impressed you & state why the character impressed you:

Paris is the character that most impressed me in the story. Throughout the book we see that he is not only a romantic character but also a brave person who is willing to die for his lover and to die for love. I like that he is so different from King Menelaus who is rude to others and doesn't truly love Helen.

### If I could rewrite the end of the story, I would make the following changes:

I would let Paris kill King Menelaus to protect Helen and let their love grow. I would also make it so Paris' army wins the war to allow Troy to become the most powerful country in the world. Their power would help them help other countries to be strong and successful. Paris and Helen would also grow old together and have a perfect life.

### Write a brief comment on your impression of the book:

This book is often described as a fairy tale by a lot of readers because of the fact that Menelaus' army uses a giant wooden horse to get into Troy. However I would say that the story is a love story. Helen isn't married to Menelaus because she loves him but because he stole her from her family; and when she wants to be with Paris, the man she really loves, it's impossible! Paris causes a war because of how much he loves Helen and even dies to protect her. Sadly, at the end of the story she is forced to stay with Menelaus, which I think is similar to some love stories in society now.



## Should Hong Kong students temporarily stop going abroad for university because of Covid-19?



Sylvia Yuen 6A (17)

Of course! At least for a short while, it's better for Hong Kong students to stop going abroad for university. We can see that Covid-19 continues to spread and cases are still increasing like crazy every day. Most Hong Kong students who are travelling abroad to study are going to places like America and the United Kingdom where there are hundreds, and even thousands, of confirmed corona-virus cases daily.

It is quite risky to study abroad unless these countries can entirely control the infection rates. The majority of universities are providing online classes during this pandemic so it's a waste of time and an unnecessary risk to fly overseas. In fact I would say it's exactly the same to have online classes in Hong Kong. Don't you think that it's not worth paying the expensive fees associated with attending overseas universities while you can't use any of the facilities, equipment or resources on the campus?



Selena Ho 6A (5)

I think that students should definitely reconsider studying abroad. We can hear daily news about how awful the Covid-19 situation has become in foreign countries. For example, the number of cases of Covid-19 in America keeps increasing and it doesn't show any signs of improvement. As some Hong Kongers want to come back from overseas, why do you want to go abroad for university?

According to the W.H.O. everyone should stay at home and avoid any unnecessary flights. For the sake of doctors and nurses, who work really hard to fight the virus, why don't we just be patient until everything has improved? Some may say "I have to go abroad to finish my course" or "If I don't go abroad, I won't graduate". In fact, I believe that most universities are offering online courses for people who cannot return. It's extremely convenient for students to attend classes in this digital era. For instance, you can use some online meeting apps, like Zoom, to have lessons. It's much safer than flying to another country to have face-to-face lessons, right? It would be better to take a gap year and think about your goals or do what you want to do. We don't need to feel stressed about university studies. Our lives are much more important than studying. Please consider the points I have mentioned above if you are a Hong Kong student planning to travel abroad for university. Staying in Hong Kong is undoubtedly the best choice.

Noah Li 6A (24)



With the current cacophony of international politics and the clogged pathways of travel due to Covid-19, students should seriously reconsider travelling abroad for university. Rather than studying where they can access the education they want, they should critically analyze which countries political stance or values they want to adopt. Otherwise, going abroad is but blind optimism for a prosperous future which is likely to result in disappointment.

Most parents, especially those of a traditional Chinese background, generally believe that their children are only safe under their close companionship and guidance. Given the surging number of confirmed cases overseas there is a lack of confidence in their ability to stay healthy while living abroad. As global citizens, students should avoid travelling unless it is urgent and necessary. Cross border travel may increase the chance of getting infected for not just visitors but also locals. Different countries have also been shown to have different strains of the virus and travelling could develop a 'super-virus'. This may lead to a disastrous explosion of the global pandemic. To that extent, the situation is at a risk of becoming beyond control.

