

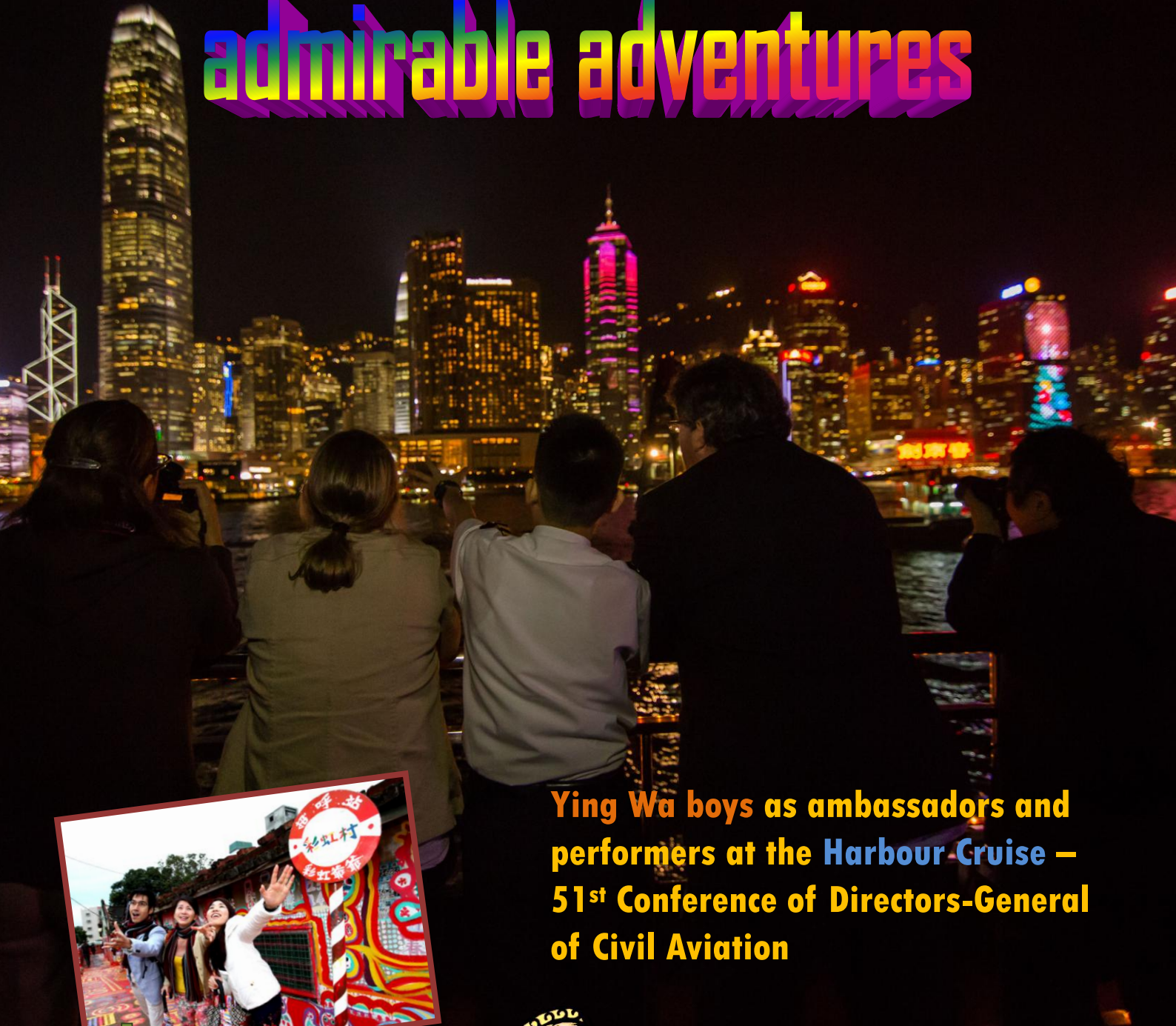
# ALIVE

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## admirable adventures



**Ying Wa boys as ambassadors and performers at the Harbour Cruise – 51<sup>st</sup> Conference of Directors-General of Civil Aviation**



### Taichung Tour

An amazing staff development trip for YWPS



### UK Trips

### Speech Festival Results

Our boys have an unforgettable holiday travelling to the UK and it makes a difference.



# 2014 'MILES' Year-End UK Trip



Photos on these pages:

1. All participants in a train at the London Tube
2. Boys preparing for a meal in the kitchen
3. Having fun at the Natural History Museum
4. Big Ben in a hand
5. Erik (middle) guiding his younger peers at the Imperial War Museum
6. At the international Farnborough Airshow  
Right Background – Great time on Westminster Bridge!



Anson Tang (YWPS Graduate 2014)

"VIRGIN 201, descend to 1000 feet, 300 knots, landing runway 27R clearance."  
"Gear down, flaps 30 degree, spoilers ARMED, landing check."  
"Five hundred, one hundred, fifty, forty, thirty, twenty, ten, retard..."

On the early morning of 19<sup>th</sup> July, we, the MILES ten brothers and 7 adults landed on the territory of the Great Britain. It was a fabulous moment of our lives but we also arrived with a worried mind. How would we spend the next ten days having no cook, no bed, and no coaches to take us around the country?

May I ask a question? If a ten or eleven-year-old said that he would lead you to a tourist attraction in a country where none of you have ever been before, would you follow the child? I bet nine times out of ten you would not. I personally wouldn't, it's too risky. However, our principal Mrs Snoopy, her husband and the staff were willing to. Why? It was because they wanted us to be more proactive; they wanted to give us a chance to finish the "mission impossible".

Over these ten days, we got lost, we made a lot of mistakes and we even took one hour to finish a twenty-minute walk! But every time, we were forgiven, reminded and encouraged. I think that the ten of us were very lucky to have a principal and so many teachers who all love us and continue to inspire us to strive for excellence. Thank you.

Time passed by too fast. VA200 has made it back to Hong Kong with a perfect landing. Although we are not in Great Britain anymore, I believe that the spirit and attitude that I have learned from this trip will remain deep in my heart forever.

Chris Pang (YWPS Graduate 2014)

Going to England has been my dream since the beginning of time, and through the MILES program, it came true. I was one of the lucky ten boys chosen on a 11-day award trip to the land of the Union Jack, and it has affected me deeply since.

During this trip, I saw many places that once resided in my wildest dreams: Kings' Cross Station, Trafalgar Square, and Tower Bridge, just to name a few. Besides such landmarks, I even got to visit Warner Bros Studios, Duxford Imperial War Museum, and the massive International Farnborough Airshow. Many of these events are unheard of in Hong Kong, or anywhere else in the world. The experiences I received were enough to last a lifetime.

What matters even more than these places, however, are the things that changed internally. We had to do most of the housework, and take care of daily commodities. I learnt to live independently from others. Still, it was great fun for all of us to live together in a massive living room in our apartment at 49 Egerton Gardens. We shared a great friendship bond and many memorable events, like rushing to the bathroom and conducting operations at 2 in the night. It was truly a memorable experience!





# 2014 'MILES' Year-End UK Trip



SMILE  
for  
MILES



Photos on these pages:

1. Mr Liu and Erik's feat in dish-washing!
2. Mr Lam conversing with Mrs Lam on cookery
3. Dr Lee visited the group on 25 Jul.
4. A day-trip in Cambridge; play time on grass!
5. A collective effort in the kitchen
6. Big meal treat by Mr Anthony Wu Ting-yuk GBS JP

7. Ready for the Show "The Phantom of the Opera"
8. An exciting outing at the Natural History Museum  
Background – Teachers posing in front of the Emirates Stadium

## Erik Cheung (YWPS Graduate 2011)

Last summer I went on the MILES year-end UK trip with the ten YWPS boys and it was one of the most meaningful trips I've ever had. I was Form 3 by the time I went on the trip. I was invited to go on the trip by Mrs Lam as a tour-guide since I started studying in the UK when I was in Form 2. I agreed to go on the trip the moment she showed me the itinerary of the trip. Then off we went to England with 10 boys I've never met before and also 4 teachers.

The trip was really fun and if I have to choose my favourite part of the trip, I would choose the Farnborough Airshow trip. The air show was truly amazing! We also stood next to the runway and we watched planes take off in front of us and perform amazing stunt moves. Other than sightseeing and having fun, I learnt a lot from the trip as well. Throughout the ten days the boys grew up a lot, both physically and figuratively.

The most important thing is they've managed to learn to be independent along with many other important skills. This trip had got their mindsets ready for the next stage of their school career. I am sure that the teachers were particularly glad that they had managed to achieve this during the ten days.

Finally I would like to thank all the teachers who went on the trip. Without them the trip would not have run as smoothly or might not even have happened. A massive thank-you to you all!

## Jeffrey Lai (YWPS Graduate 2014)

I have learnt a lot throughout the MILES Program and my most memorable part of our trip to the UK is attending the Farnborough Airshow.

That day, we set off pretty early in the morning. Even though I was sleepy, I was still looking forward to this show. Once we arrived, I was stunned by huge military and civilian aircraft, like the A380. When the show began, I heard the loud and droning noise of an F-15 taking off. I covered my ears but it was no use. However, the others seemed calm.

The highlight of the day, however, goes to the Red Arrows flying team. They are Britain's most famous special flying team and through them I realized the importance of teamwork. Some maneuvers required the pilots to fly within metres of each other just to create the full effect of the spectacle. I was amazed by the precision and bond that these pilots had. It even reminded me of how us "Ten Brothers" bonded throughout the trip.

After watching this Air-show, I really understood that having teamwork is essential to everyone.

## Jason Cheung (YWPS Graduate 2014)

"Mission Invaluable: Life Education Scheme" is the last theme of learning that I experienced at YWPS. This scheme not only provided us with lots of chances to learn in different fields related to aviation, it also surprised us with this great END-OF-YEAR TRIP TO UK.

Getting selected to go is not only a reward for my hard work, it also strengthens my belief that the fruits of success always grow on the tree of hard work and patience.

This trip provided us with lots of pleasurable learning experiences and countless advantages. First of all, I have gained lots of information and knowledge about the scientific principles and development in aviation. Secondly, the 11-day training abroad improved my self-management ability. I have learnt how to take good care of myself and help others. I have also gained experience to act as a leader and got my team members to cooperate in different tasks. Finally, we, ten brothers, were eating, playing and staying together for the whole trip. We have shared and enjoyed the best, we have also faced and endured the worst. These have helped enhance our friendship and the brotherhood spirit of Ying Wa. We are good schoolmates and friends from now onwards.

This trip was a great way to explore more about ourselves. It couldn't have been better.

## Hugo Au (YWPS Graduate 2014)

27<sup>th</sup> July, 2014, 10:45a.m, the day we were to return to Hong Kong. While our room was filled with our luggage stored with our belongings, the memories of living at 49 Egerton Gardens were the things I stored in my mind forever.

Nights were when our room was the liveliest. We would chat about the day's activities or research for the next day's activities (like "How do we get to the British Museum?"). Sometimes Erik, our Ying Wa elder brother, would talk about the planes we saw at the Imperial War Museum. These were the sounds I would hear as we laid out our sleeping bags and mats on the ground.

Other images set in my mind include seeing Mr Ching peeping into our window like the phantom and scared group-mates who fell to the ground as they saw him; mates who saw spiders in its web near the toilet and feared every time when he went into it; mates who poured the big jug of water calmly from his glass to the table but didn't even see it; best friends who argued over some small things and shed tears onto the ground. Every moment of this trip enhanced the friendship between us – some from not knowing each other to friends; some from best friends to best BEST friend.

Goodbye, 49 Egerton Gardens!  
I will remember you and lock those memories within me forever!



# Cambridge Tour 2014

*A quiet and poetic environment...* 27 Jul - 9 Aug 2014



1. The beautiful scene of punting
  2. Boys ready to depart for the UK
  3. A typical meal time experience
  4. Our teacher leader Mrs Ho with our Cambridge team
  5. At the entrance of Churchill College
- Background – The tranquil campus of Churchill College

## Wilfred Wong (YWPS Graduate 2014)

The Cambridge Programmes was absolutely an inspiring programme.

We had lots of interesting lessons. We had three main lessons in Cambridge, Science, English and History. Science was so much fun since it taught us a lot of interesting knowledge. We learnt facts about planes, renewable energy...In my opinion, it is really important to learn about renewable energy since the earth is running out of resources. The only way to help this situation is to learn more about environmentally friendly energy and make good use of it.

English was really a fun subject. The teacher, Ms Ann Muston, used a lot of exaggerative expressions to make us concentrate and enjoy the

lessons. As she taught in such a dramatic way, I did like her lessons. I could also see that she made a huge effort to prepare our lessons.

My favorite lesson was History. History is supposed to be boring, isn't it? But the History teacher did make me feel interested in this subject. He didn't talk about history in a boring tone or with phrases that I would never understand. Instead, he talked about history in a way that attracted me to learn. He told the class lots of interesting facts which got our attention. He also proved to us what he said by showing us historical items such as war gas masks!

I am so sure that every one of us had a very wonderful time learning in Cambridge.



## Law Wing Yat (YWPS Graduate 2014)

Cambridge Programmes is the most amazing trip that I have ever experienced. I met two interesting people. Who would you like to make friends with?

The first one was born in a well off family and he had great parents, but he didn't like schooling. He failed in most of his school subjects and some even scored 0 marks...

The second man was a sensible poet, an award-winning writer, a brilliant painter, a wise historian and is simply an adorable scholar!



He's also a gifted military expert and leader. Most importantly, he later saved his nation from extinction!

So, what's the answer?

No matter what choice you have made, I just want to tell you a secret – THEY ARE THE SAME PERSON! His name is Prime Minister Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill!

Thanks to our heavenly Father that I finally understand why we all need HIM. Nobody is perfect and none is worthless. It is great to be great, but it's greater to be human! Studying how to be a good-natured, devoted and faithful human has become my lifelong goal! What a fruitful trip it was!

## Tyler Ng (YWPS Graduate 2014)

I had so much fun in Cambridge. I have made a lot of new friends in the programme, and I think that I became more mature over the two weeks.

There were many outings to different places, and I liked Duxford Imperial War Museum most. It was because I was extremely interested in air and space. There were so many WWII aircraft like the Mosquito, Mustangs and Spitfires. Besides planes, there were also infantry information as well as ammunition and loads of guns. My favourite gun was the Luger which all the German officers carried. It stood out because of its sleek silver barrel and leather grip. Its statistics also made it one of the best pistols ever used in the World War II.

In the campus we stayed in, Churchill College, we all had fun jumping and chasing around on the gigantic grasslands that the College possessed.

Our rooms were single rooms with a basin in it, and four rooms shared a toilet and a shower. I had to argue and push my way through my classmates just to get the privilege to take a shower first!

Our Mentors, the most important figures in the programme, helped us get through difficult situations and guided us out of trouble whenever we silly boys got into it one. Kind and passionate, they were all. I started to miss them already when I got on the coach heading towards Heathrow Airport.

I have cherished all the bits and pieces in Cambridge, as it would probably be the last time I went on a learning trip with my friends overseas, and to a famous UK University. Two weeks passed very quickly in front of my eyes, and I want to go to Cambridge again. So much fun, yet so little time.



# Cambridge Tour 2014

"Boys, see you there next summer!"

27 Jul - 9 Aug 2014



Photos on these pages:

1. Boys amazed by Mrs Lam's surprise visit
  2. Hog Roast Dinner in aid of Charity
- Background – Everybody toasted at the lawn of Churchill College before the formal dinner.



## Ares Fan (YWPS Graduate 2014)

We stayed at Churchill College and had lots of fun. We also learnt some English, history and English facts through lessons and more through field trips. We also met lots of new friends.

The most remarkable field trip I had was going to the Swaffham wind turbine. We could even climb into the wind turbine! The view was marvelous up there! At the Green Britain centre, which was next to the wind turbine, we also watched a few clips about living a green life and made our own mini wind turbines. It was really exciting.

At Cambridge, we learnt a lot about the culture and history of England. We also learnt about science, but the facts were always told in an interesting way. We were also asked to interact more, breaking the "barrier" between us. So, we didn't just learn, we learnt how to learn. Our time at Cambridge was short, but it was unforgettable. It was the best tour I had ever experienced.

## Marius Lau (YWPS Graduate 2014)

My first trip to Cambridge was a very memorable one. We went to many attractive places, but the Duxford Imperial War Museum caught my eyes the most.

The museum was categorically massive for anyone in Hong Kong. I think that it was even superior to our whole airport. It had quite a few museums, for example: D-Day, Airspace, Air and Sea, The American Air Museum etc. The one I would like to talk about is the Battle of Britain.

It is indeed an important moment in the British history as well as considering air defense of the UK during the First and the Second World War. I could explore the people and machines involved in the Battle of Britain and the Blitz, and learn more about RAF Duxford's vital role in the air defense of Britain during 1940-1941.

Moreover, there was a massive collection of planes, vehicles, boats and bullets in this museum. For instance, there was Grumman FM-2 Wildcat, Hawker Hurricane Mk IIB, Aerospatiale Concorde 101 etc. It was amazing!

## Himson Lau (YWPS Graduate 2014)

I had many exciting activities in these two weeks in the *Cambridge Programmes*. I have learnt many things besides the knowledge of Cambridge.

Communication is always a useful skill to learn in this programme. Talking is not the only way to express our feelings; we use facial expression to express our feelings more comfortable. We can know more about others' feelings from their voice, action facial movements, eye contact...

I became more mature in my heart. Although this may not show in my action, I know what I'm doing and what I should do. I'm growing every second; I try my best in everything. Creative mind improved my life. It made me more curious and knowledgeable.

This programme changed my life and my views in many ways. Be fearless in every moment and you will get more. I liked this programme and I want to join it again and again. Happiness is everywhere in this journey and this is what I always want and need.

## Colson Yang (YWPS Graduate 2014)

It has been a dream for me to set foot in Cambridge since this tour was first introduced to me in Primary Five. Now that I have, I feel rather powerless. I am amazed by how big Cambridge actually is. I used to think that Cambridge is a university ten times bigger than the ones in Hong Kong, but now I realize Cambridge is way bigger than I thought. It is not just a university, but a learning centre formed by multiple colleges. How magnificent!

After the lessons in the morning, I went to play rounders. It's my new favourite activity. It's fun for the boys as we got to swing a bat and run. It was fun for the girls too as they got time to chat.

The evensong was extremely religious. I do not have a religion so I was more into the marvelous architecture and beauty of the church than listening to the hymns and speeches. I think I would have enjoyed it either way. It didn't matter to me.

If I had to pick one favourite activity so far in the programme, I would have to say watching "The Phantom of the Opera". That show was simply spectacular. I loved the story plot, I loved the actors, I loved the props, I loved the special effects...

To wrap up, I have had a fantastic time in Cambridge. I did truly hope this feeling would last forever.



# YWPS

# Rocks Cruise Party

51st Conference of Directors-General of Civil Aviation, Asia and Pacific Regions - Harbour Cruise, 24 Nov 2014



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Nathan Cheng 6B

*It was a great honor for me to go on the "boat party" on 24 Nov 2014 which was held by the Civil Aviation Department.*

*Some of the members of the Senior School Band, Senior String Orchestra and two of the Chinese Drum team members were invited to go onto the boat. As I was one of the members of the Senior School Band, I was also invited to go.*

*In the middle of the ocean, we still had to continue to do the last preparation for the performance which would be watched by the senior staff of the Civil Aviation Department.*

*When we arrived at Disneyland to pick up the guests, they brought a cold wind onto the boat and it frightened us. We were shivering the whole time when waiting for all of them to get on board and settle down.*

*Then, it was our turn to perform. They gave us a big applause before we started and that turned our mood back to normal so we could play the music pieces naturally. Although we had missed some notes of the music pieces, they still said that we performed well. It was only a sentence of praise, but we still felt satisfied as it gave us courage to work harder.*

Kyle Leung 6C

**"B**ang!" after the crushing sound of the cruise and bumpers at the Disney dock, the cruise started moving tardily. I lay on the handrail, feeling the gentle wind blowing through my whole body. The sea was like a mirror reflecting the beautiful sunset. There were only several ships or boats on the quiet surface, but at the same time, inside the well-decorated cruise people were doing the opposite things – it was a night cruise for all the directors of Civil Aviation (Asia and Pacific Regions).

I felt proud being one of the performers of the Chinese Drum Team with my partner. When the audience had settled down, the sound of the drum was heard immediately. All the people who were still chatting turned towards the direction of the stage instantly. At first, it was stunning and shocking. At some point, we threw the drumsticks up high and we scraped the edge of the drum. In the end, they clapped loudly and cheered with appreciation.

Except performing, we went up to the deck to chat with the foreign guests. I found that they were very nice indeed. Some of them even taught me something about aviation! With the beautiful light show on the shore of the Victoria Harbour, the atmosphere of the cruise was raised to the helm. What a night!

Photos on these pages:

1. The amazing drummers performing
- 2,3 The Orchestra stuns the guests at the banquet.
4. Greatest time for the children!



# YWPS Rocks Cruise Party

51st Conference of Directors-General of Civil Aviation, Asia and Pacific Regions - Harbour Cruise, 24 Nov 2014

Photos on these pages:  
Snapshots of the exciting activities on the Harbour Cruise.



Mrs Lam with Mr Norman Lo, Director-General of Civil Aviation



Ten Brothers as ambassadors – another collaborative feat after the MILES UK tour

Letter below:  
Thank-you letter from Director-General of Civil Aviation appreciating the talents of the boys of YWPS.

Franco Yim 5E

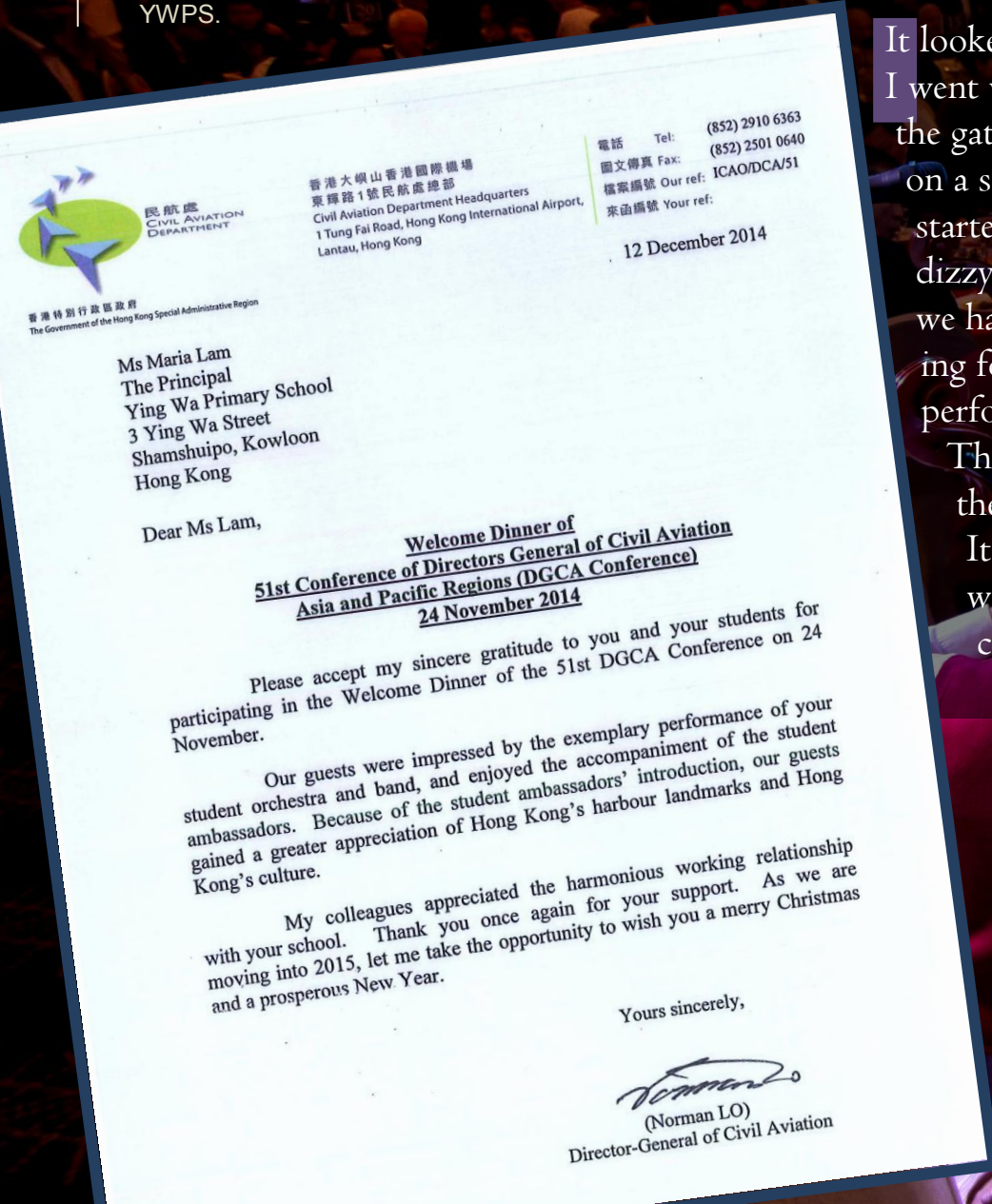
Isaac Yan 5E

Goran Shiao (YWPS Graduate 2014)

It looked like several weeks ago that I went with the String Orchestra to the gathering of the Civil Aviation on a ship. After settling down, we started practicing. I was a little dizzy on the cruise at first. Then we had some snacks and were waiting for the guests to come. We performed quite well in the show. The guests clapped and I felt that they loved our music very much. It was a wonderful night and I wish we would have another chance to go there again!

About two months ago, a small part of the String Orchestra involving me handpicked by Miss Luk went to an annual conference of Civil Aviation on a cruise. This year, the participants came to Hong Kong for the meeting and luckily I was chosen to go! We went on board a few hours earlier to practise. Unfortunately, after a few minutes, I started to feel dizzy. I told myself I wouldn't feel dizzy and it worked! At last, we started to perform. I concentrated and played as well as I could. The guests clapped enthusiastically after our performance and I felt pleased. It was a very unforgettable cruise and performance experience.

It was my honour that I could be one of the Student Ambassadors to introduce Hong Kong to the Directors-General of Civil Aviation from over 40 countries I and the other nine brothers made a lot of effort to prepare this event. The event was held on a cruise and it took us around Victor Harbour. After the cruise arrived at the Disney Pier, the guests came on the cruise and we welcomed them. They were shocked because we dressed like pilots. They said we were so smart. We then went to the upper deck of the cruise to introduce the special buildings in Hong Kong. I spoke to a French and Australian director. The Australian said I spoke English very well and had great information on the buildings. The French was really interested in Hong Kong so he asked me a lot of questions. I was glad that I could respond to all of his questions. At last, he gave me his name card and I promised him that I would send him more photos of beautiful places in Hong Kong. I really thank Mrs Lam and the Ying Wa old boy for giving us a wonderful learning experience. I also thank the teachers for giving us training for a few times. Thanks a lot!



Yours sincerely,  
*Norman Lo*  
(Norman LO)  
Director-General of Civil Aviation



# Taichung Trip

YWPS's staff development tour 17-21 Dec 2014

Photos on these pages:

1. Spectacular view at Cingjing Farm (altitude 1750m above sea level)
2. Miss Shum and Miss Hio conversing at Cingjing Farm
3. Having fun with DIY souvenirs at Ji-Fong Elementary School
4. Mr Richard and Ms Ming enjoying their walk at a wetland park
5. English teachers in front of the Luce Memorial Chapel
6. Hot street food at a chilly night!

**Teaching staff of YWPS enjoyed a fruitful professional learning tour in Taichung before the Christmas break and the cultural experience was simply more than memorable...**

Mr Richard Woods

Visiting Taichung with my colleagues during the 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 strengthened my appreciation for several things.

Firstly, after visiting several schools in Taichung, it was evident that the teachers there are sincere and devoted to helping their students. However, the greatest benefit for me was having a strengthened appreciation for my colleagues in YWPS. It helped me see what a wonderful effort all of the teaching staff at YWPS make to bring out the best in our boys. Really, the teachers in YWPS are doing a wonderful job!

Secondly, I came to appreciate more fully how fortunate both the teachers and students of YWPS are. For example, the resources at some of the schools we visited were limited, both in terms of quantity and quality. It made me appreciate the resource rich environment of our school.

Let us cherish our privilege to be teachers and students at YWPS!

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# Taichung Trip

YWPS's staff development tour 17-21 Dec 2014



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## Miss Agnes Hio

Even to someone who used to be an expatriate to the sweet potato-shaped Island, this four-day trip to Taichung had not failed to surprise and inspire, especially when it comes to its admirable recycling culture.

Taiwan's recycling culture is renowned in Asia, but I have never really dug into this area with a fine-tooth comb – until now. As the music blasted from vehicle speakers – Beethoven's "Für Elise" in some neighborhoods signalling the approaching of garbage and recycling trucks, residents from different apartment buildings would quickly gather their wastes and dash to the street to personally dispose the trash they produced at home. The

question I had in mind was how did the citizens get used to this ritual?

The answer lies in their education. In our visit to one of the biggest and oldest schools in Taichung, we have witnessed admirable recycling culture and advances in technology, ranging from solar-powered showers, organic fertilizer machineries and manual water pumps to simple division of wastes into plastic, paper and glass. In several of the schools visited, faucets in the water taps were set on a low level to limit the use of water for hands washing in the toilet. Students had science lessons in which they made different functional arts and crafts such as fans and lights, from recycled materials.

I was also quite awestruck by how skilful the carpenters were at the furniture rehabili-

tation centre in renewing pieces of table would be resurfaced and polished at the centre and can be resold again.

Although the culture of using a lot of plastic bags, wooden chopsticks and cardboard lunch boxes, rubber bands and plastic chopstick wrappers in overly-crowded night markets is a draw-back from all the efforts made in recycling, the conscience and spirit amongst the citizens are intact and supported by public policy incentives and behavioural changes.

Hong Kong – well, good luck.



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## Miss Claire Leung

### Under the Rainbow

Under the rainbow  
at the village station  
we waited  
we waved  
we got on the bus  
to reach the roses  
of dreams.

Dreams  
flourishing  
like the rainbow,  
same as classics  
which their colours never fade  
along time, but precious,  
same as friends.

All the way  
we share  
the same dream  
we care  
and we create  
all vibrant colours for our youth  
to reach their dreams.

#### Photos on these pages:

1. Amazing duologue from boys of Ji-Fong Elementary School
2. Welcoming drum performance of Ji-Fong Elementary School
3. Lesson observation at San Min Elementary School
4. Teachers attending a briefing session at an earthquake exhibition centre
5. Ms Li (left) & Miss Hio (right) enjoy their street food at Taichung
6. *Wait for me!* Pretending to catch a bus at the Rainbow Village!
7. Choir performance from Taichung Municipal Guang Fu Elementary School



# Speech Festival New Record *again!*

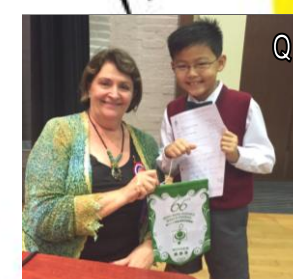
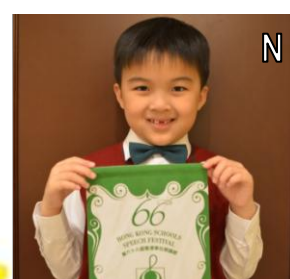
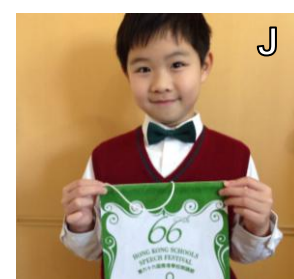
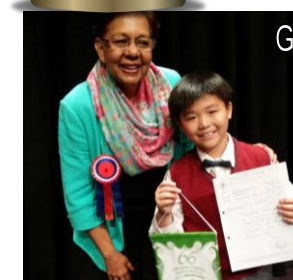
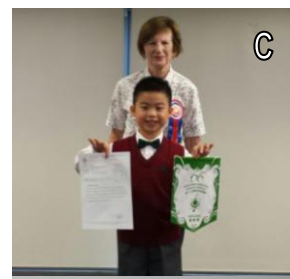
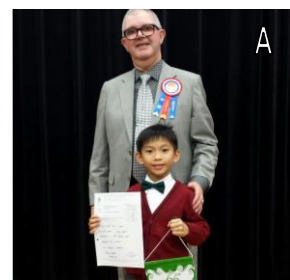
English Solo Performers Shine at the 66th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival

Congratulations to all of our Speech Festival participants, especially our solo performers who achieved marvelous feats in this year's Speech Festival. When we thought that last year's record was to be held for a while, our competitors this year showed no hesitation in proving us wrong by wowing us with a record-breaking **29 Winners, 43 Second Places and 37 Third Places!**

## SOLO WINNERS

- A. Ng Cheuk Hei 1A
- B. Chavez Mocan Lucas 1C
- C. Chong Kan Ngai 1C
- D. Leung Lok Kei Bryan 1C
- E. Lok Chi Sum 1C
- F. Leung Kin Fung 2A
- G. Lam Markus Lok Hin 2B
- H. Leung Yin Lok 2B
- I. Wu Yin To 2B
- J. Fung Yu Hang 2C
- K. Liu Chit Man Reinhold 2C
- L. Liu Chit Man Reinhold 2C
- M. Ma Yin Nok 2C
- N. Wong Chit Dominic 2C
- O. Chan Wai Lok 2E
- P. Tang Dong Kok 2E
- Q. Kim Ian 3A
- R. Ip Hiu Tung Hayden 3B

- S. Lam Yatto Monet 3B
- T. Lau Pak Hei 3C
- U. Chan King Hang 4B
- V. Lau Chun Hei Andrew 4C
- W. Tam Hoi Hin 4C
- X. Tang Justin Kit Hang 5A
- Y. Liu Yin You 5B
- Z. Wong Wai Ching 5B
- AA. Ng Leung Yung 5C
- BB. Hui Chun Kin Jason 5D
- CC. Zhu Ching Yan 6E





- Photos:
1. Thematic Group Speaking Team enjoyed their triumphant moment with coaches and adjudicator.
  2. An entertaining staging of the act with Blenkinsopp at the centre (snapshot from video)
  3. Fun time during a rehearsal in the English Room

# Thematic Group Speaking

# WINNER

## NO MORE EXCUSES!

Our first attempt in the Thematic Group Speaking contest in the 66<sup>th</sup> Speech Festival brought us a great triumph! The 15-min script of "Don't make excuses" cast spotlight on the hilariously annoying Blenkinsopp, who always makes poetic excuses!



"YES!" screamed the thematic team. I will never forget the smile on Dr Lee and Miss Leung's face. We did it! We won!

It all started at the beginning of October when Dr Lee invited us (drama team) to enter this competition – it was the first time our school participated in this competition!

Of course, I would really like to thank my teammates, without them the whole play will surely fall apart and we wouldn't receive such brilliant results. However, I would like to thank Dr Lee and Miss Leung for actually giving me a chance to participate! Also I learnt a lot through this experience! Thank you Dr Lee, thank you Miss Leung!

Ronney Chang 6D

I liked our thematic group speaking theme "Don't make excuses!". The script, which is well put together by our teachers, is very funny.

I am so honoured to be chosen as a member of the drama team led by Dr Lee and Ms Leung. They taught us drama and voice projection skills. In preparation for the competition, we practised again and again. We had so much fun during the rehearsals. When our team was announced to be the winner, I was very excited as this was my first time to share the joy of winning in the speech festival.

Thanks Dr Lee and Ms Leung for teaching me and giving me such an invaluable and memorable experience in Ying Wa.

Samuel Yau 6D

I remember when I first heard the news, I was totally thunder-struck as I knew we would be having a whole new experience – the thematic group speaking.

Dr Lee explained what it was about. He jokingly said that the form of performance was so mixed it was like a being given birth by a cat and a dog! Then we were handed a script. I was suitable to be one of the main roles, the teacher. Since it was my first time participating, I was excited about this.

Eventually, we really came first in the speech festival! I want to thank Dr Lee for the wonderful script and Miss Leung and all the actors in this group for their effort put into this act!

Cedric Leung 6E

### Words from adjudicator Mrs Aideen Crowley-Dynan:

*"... This was well scripted and was played with energy and good characterization.*

*A very credible Blenkinsopp. Well done all round!"*

(Scored 88)



# Junior Choral Speaking WINNER

**Congratulations to our Junior Choral Speaking group for their deserving victory in the 66<sup>th</sup> Speech Festival. Their portrayal of Kenward's "Giant Thunderclogs" proved nothing less than stunning and mesmerizing. The giant was so alive and vivid! The honourable score of 90 represents just how good their performance was. This is the team's fifth victory in this category since 2003.**



I am very happy to join the English Choral Speaking this year for the Speech Festival. I learnt a lot of things while I was having the training. I learn the proper pronunciations of many words. I understood that facial expression was very important. Choral Speaking is teamwork. We all do our best and finally we were the Champion at the festival! I was extremely happy. I want to say thank you to Miss Leung, Ms Ho and Miss Hio for teaching us. I really enjoyed it and hope I can join it again next year!

**Alvin Ching 2B**

It has been a wonderful experience joining the English Choral Speaking team this year. At the beginning, I was a little bit worried because this was the first time I took part in this competition but I was so happy that I could see my favourite friends during our training! I enjoyed the fun of our training very much and also made a lot of new friends there. I was glad that our team performed really well in the festival.

**Nicholas Cheng 2E**

Thirteenth of December was the best day in 2014! I was overjoyed as our team won the first place in English Choral Speaking! I was very proud because I was the Giant Thunderclog, the main character in the poem!

The training was not easy. We spent much effort on practising and improving our facial expressions. The hardest part was to make every face animated with energy and cohesion. Luckily, our time and effort was not wasted. Cheers!

It was a great experience. I have taken away with me a sense of pride as a member of Ying Wa. An acknowledgement goes to our teachers for all their patience and support in preparing us for the festival

**Kevin Kwong 3A**

## **Words from adjudicator Mr Jonathan Owen:**

*"Excellent control, focus & energy; shared with cohesion, enthusiasm & fine intelligence. V. good! Every face was animated, & you work as a synchronized team. Fantastic work!..."*

**(Scored 90)**



# Senior Choral Speaking



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Photos: 1. The Senior Choral Speaking Group rehearsals for the verse "Mr Flack".  
2. Group "Fear" of our Thematic Group Speaking performs (snapshot from video).

# SECOND



# Thematic Group Speaking

**Congratulations once again to our Senior Choral Speaking group for their excellent result in the 66<sup>th</sup> Speech Festival. Their interpretation of Hopkins's verse "Mr Flack" brought the team to the Second Place (scored 87). This is the team's fifth year in a row earning a spot in the top three in this category.**

On the first day of school, I volunteered to join the Senior English Choral Speaking Team. I was very delighted and excited because this was my third year to join it and I knew it would be relaxing and full of fun!

But this year, I was pretty disappointed because the poem was about a very weird and disgusting teacher. I did not like a teacher like that. Although I did not like this poem, I tried to enjoy it and perform it well.

During the practice, Mr Richard taught us to perform the poem in some fun ways. That made me like the poem more! He always gave us positive comments to encourage us to do better.

One month went by and the competition day arrived. Thanks to Mr Richard's patience and time, we got the Second Place. By joining the team, I learnt to work together and understand practice makes perfect!

Calix Deng 4C

This was my first time joining the Thematic Group Speaking at the Speech Festival. I was very nervous when I had the solo part. I played the role of Nala. On the stage, I felt relaxed because I was confident. From this competition, I have learnt that teamwork is very important. If we don't cooperate well, we may speak the word out of sync. I know that if we prepare well, we will get good results. This was a very good chance to let me have more experience. Although we didn't get the first place, we weren't upset because we knew that winning is not the most important, the most important is the process of learning.



Ryan Keung 5C

# THIRD

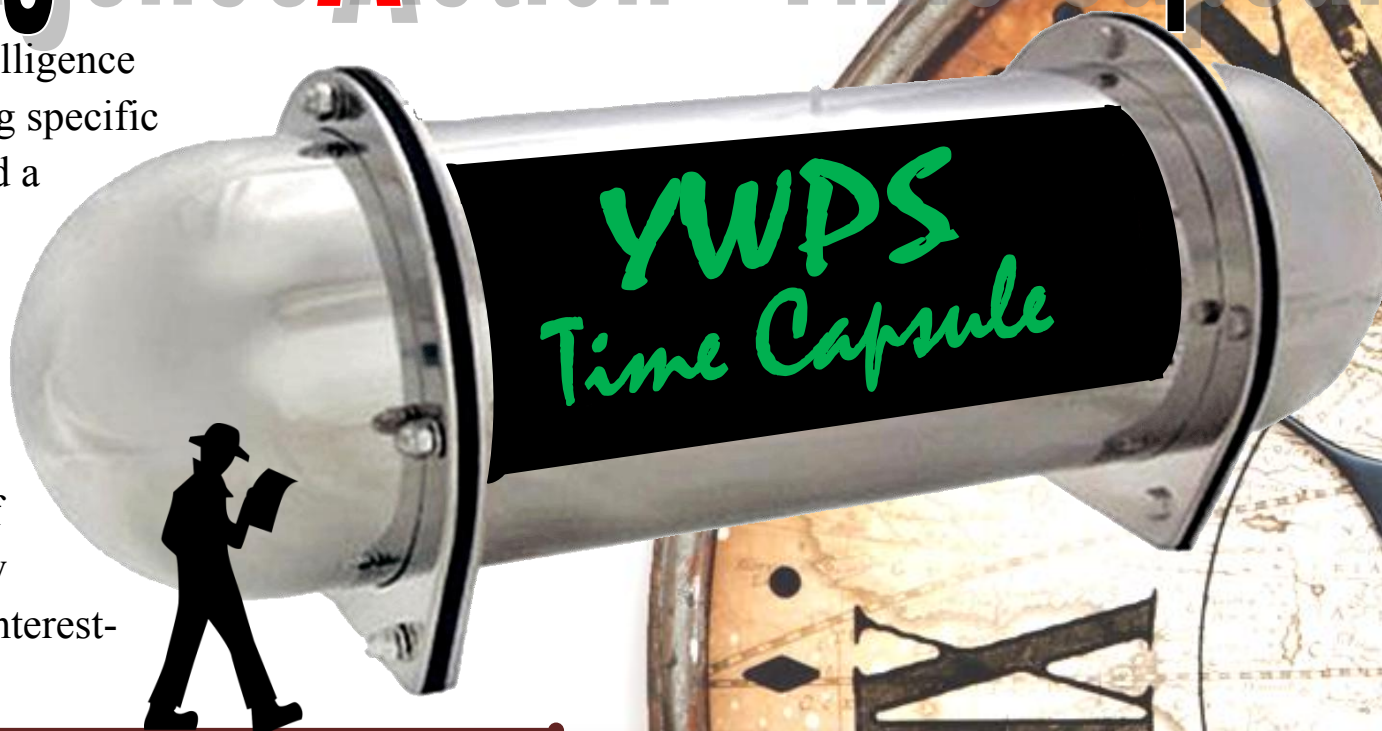
**Along with our victory in the Thematic Group Speaking category in the 66<sup>th</sup> Speech Festival by the Group "Don't make excuses", the second group we sent out for the same session, on the theme "Fear", also earned their deserving Third Place (scored 86). Comprising students of P.3 & P.5, this younger group had no fear performing the highly complex materials. To them, it was a good game of learning and performing!**





# Creative Intelligence Action - Time Capsule

This year, our school theme “Creative Intelligence Action” has an ultimate mission of locating specific items for our “Time Capsule” to be opened a decade later. While our boys are putting extra effort following various clues to locate those items suggested and contributed by YWPS’s teachers and alumni, some of our boys have used their rich imagination to come up with their own list of items to be included in the capsule. Below are some selected entries. Let’s see what interesting suggestions they have got!



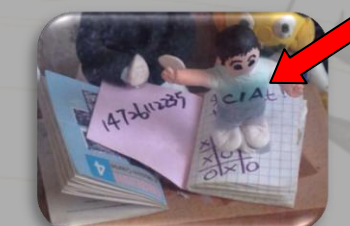
## What's the school theme this year?

Chris Lo 4A

Every year on the first day of school, we are excited to know the theme of the year. But, this year, Mrs Lam didn't tell us anything! She only gave us some hints to find out the answer!

We first had to find some small pieces of paper, they were under the chair. I thought there were 6 (or 5?) words, with an "a" and an "s" and many others letters.

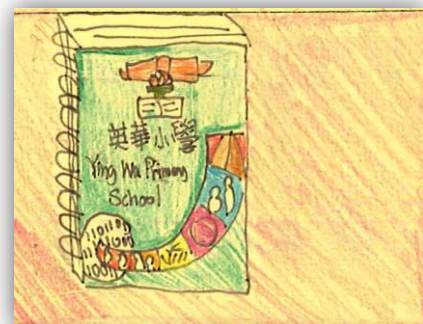
The second tip she gave us was the website of hers. But there were too many photos. But then, Mrs Lam said there were HINTS in the mini-market. We looked at it and saw a boy wearing a T-shirt written "CIA".



Our handbook also had "CIA" hidden! ("AIC" are high-lighted in "Ying Wa Primary School"). And when we looked at the mini-book and it had shown 14726112235. It looked like THIS photo...



It indicates (Year) 14 (Month) 7 (Day) 26 (Time) 11 22 35!!!  
And if you look at the wall carefully, you will find out that the wallpaper behind Mrs. Lam has many and many Sherlock Holmes!  
So this year's theme should be about detectives!



Samuel Chang 5C

*"This is a Ying Wa Primary School student Handbook. In my school life, it is an important book of record."*



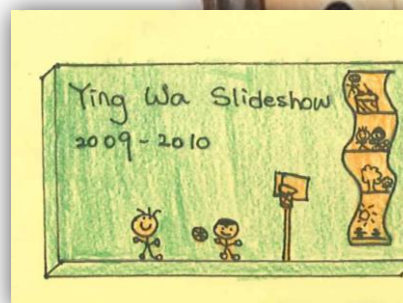
Suen Yat Long 5D

"It is the **YWPS plane model**. It should be on the list of items as it is fun and can let us remember the "MILES" programme last year."



Yeung Chun Ho 6A

"These are **magazines of different subjects**. They should be chosen because they are designed and created by the different subject teachers. These magazines are very memorable."



Keith Kwok 6D

"It is the Ying Wa Primary School SlideShow. It is a book which has many photos of Ying Wa students. It can let us remember our fabulous school life."



Kwok Chun Wang 5B

"**Trophies and medals** should be included as these can acknowledge the all-rounded achievements of the Ying Wa boys and let the future boys know the glories we have fought for all these years.



"Also, **school uniform and group photos** should be put in the capsule. As time goes by, future Ying Wa boys may not be able to recall the history of our time correctly. The Time Capsule can keep and record all the things about our school life and future Ying Wa boys can learn what we are wearing at school now."





English Teachers at a recycling firm at Taichung

