

See inside for the memorable experiences our English-lovers have!



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WaOW

WE ARE  
SIMPLY  
"WaOW"!



## 5D Adam Chan

I think the fourth WOW is the biggest WOW because they had a chance of getting into the Government House to have a party with them even though not many kids went there and had a party before. Also, I learnt that nothing is impossible because the new side character could memorise the script.

## 5B Rabbi Kuan

When something unexpected happens and our best option is not available, we shouldn't give up. We should choose the second best option because no one knows what will happen finally.

**Dr Lee had 4 WOW moments during his speech training years ago. The ending was unexpected too! What do you think about his sharing?**

## 5C Caspian Yeung

I think the biggest WOW is definitely the second one. It is because it is amazing to not only memorise your lines, but to memorise your teammate's lines as well.

Besides "Be prepared", I think we can also learn, "Don't just do the ordinary. Do the extraordinary" from this experience.

## 6A Kingsley Wai

Besides "be prepared", I also learn about "no pain, no gain" and we should never give up. For example, the team practised a lot and skipped some classes and they still continued with their practice. This shows that they were determined and put in a lot of effort. But that's not enough – their main character left and the team needed to pay even more effort before the competition started, but they still didn't give up practicing. At last, they were the champion! So, it's important to work hard towards our goals and we will succeed one day!

## 5B Morris Mok

I think the fourth Wow is the biggest WOW because being invited to the Chief Executive's home and having a tea party there is a huge honour.



Scan the QR codes to watch these videos again!



**Mr Richard shares with you 3 WOW moments in his diving experience. He overcame his fear successfully. What do you feel about his sharing?**

### 6E Ethan Ngai

I think that diving into the sunken warship was the biggest WOW. It is because when you are navigating your way around the warship, you can have a visual of how life was for those sailors who fought bravely during the time of the war. Also, you may find ancient tools and weapons hidden in corners of the ship, and take as many pictures as you want with an underwater camera. Even though it may not be in perfect condition, it is still a spectacular sight in the middle of the ocean.

### 6E Horace Lee

I think my WOW moment is going on an entirely vertical water slide. They put you in a coffin-like space and send you through a chute at top speed, then you come crashing down into the pool underneath. I was never a fan of getting wet and was afraid of heights, so that was definitely a breakthrough of some kind for myself.

### 6D Richard Liu

In my opinion, the third WOW is the biggest WOW. It is because scuba diving inside a sunken navy ship is very precious and it must be an unforgettable experience. Only navy sailors have seen the inside of a navy ship, apart from scuba divers.

### 6B Jasper Yip

I think the second WOW is the biggest WOW because I think diving in the sea at night must be amazing and some sea creatures might swim behind you quietly.

### 5C Chan Pak Yin

I think my biggest WOW is a roller coaster which goes back and forth. I didn't want to play it but my height was 2 cm taller than the limit and I didn't want my parents to be disappointed, so I went up with my aunt and my mum. I was frightened because when it stopped, it meant it would start going back.



*There is no way to be a perfect mother...  
but a million ways to be a good one.*



*-Jill Churchill-*

## “WaOW” Moments as a Mother

**There are quite a few “WaOW” moments here from Ms Jenny Ho and Ms Jackie Cheng. What do you think about their “WaOW” experiences?**

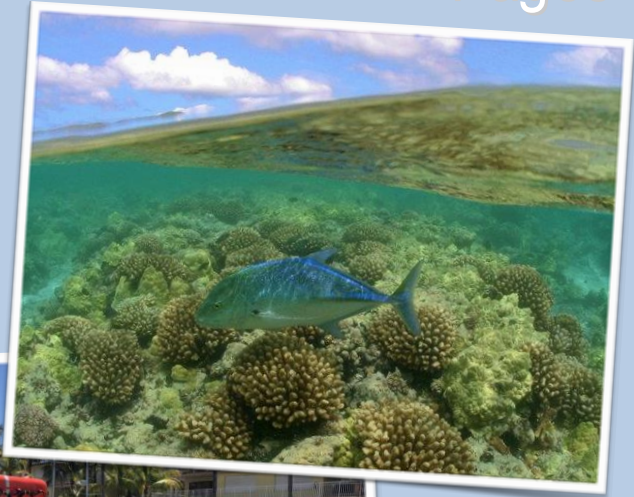
“WaOW” moments as a mother are collected over the years. I remember DAY 1 of my daughter being born. I woke up in the hospital with a new little life that was completely reliant on me, and she was just SO beautiful. This little girl has taught me all I know about motherhood. She’s been a great test subject and definitely gives me plenty of hands-on experience when it comes to new adventures, like teaching her to sit, crawl and even walk.

Watching her grow is such a “WaOW” thing to do. She amazes me every day with her new words and discoveries. She has taught me to be more patient, more loving, and much more appreciative of every moment we have together as a family. I love being a mum because of the hugs, giggles and grins.

These “WaOW” moments I treasure, and as each one steps into milestones where things I had gotten so used to melt away, like rocking her to sleep, holding her in my arms like the koala, or teaching her the ABC’s. It’s a beautiful, yet sorrowful feeling because some moments are gone before you realize that. All the “WaOW” moments are happening around me every day. I know they won’t last forever, so I hold on while it lasts and I can say the journey of motherhood is definitely the most “WaOW” experience of my life!

**Ms Jenny Ho**





## A trip to a Coral Reef

### John Pennekamp

#### Coral Reef State Park, Key Largo, Florida

It was a bright, sunny and warm day when I boarded a small bus. It eventually took me to a boat that would lead me to John Pennekamp Coral Reef Park. This reef is located about 8 km from the coast of the city of Key Largo, on Florida's East Coast.

As I boarded the boat, I could see that everyone was excited.

#### Scuba Diver and Snorkelers

The ride to the Coral Reef was a little bumpy but very enjoyable. The pretty blue skies and clear water were incredible. It was just the perfect day for snorkelling. After safety instructions were given by the boat crew, we all jumped into the water. Scuba divers went first since they had much heavier gear than us, the snorkelers.

My first surprise came as I realized that there was a current in the water, drifting me away from the boat. I had to swim hard to the front of the boat and hold on to the line so that I could remain stationary and able to relax and look at the fish near the reefs. I could see a lot of interesting colourful fish of different sizes and large fish swimming around me.

My favourite ones were the Parrot Fish. They are very brightly coloured fish of varying sizes.

Some are up to 40cm. They swim very close to the reefs. There were also Triggerfish. They were interesting to watch since they fiercely guard their territories. They kept on chasing after other fish and even snorkelers, despite their smaller bodies.

I also saw a Reef Shark, some Barracudas and a stingray. I could see that some of the larger fish were looking for a meal.

My second surprise was being warned by other snorkelers to beware of jellyfish. I saw one jellyfish coming toward me and had trouble getting away from it. It aimed at me. The tentacles were so long that I could not completely get away from them, thus I was stung by some of their tentacles. It was a strong burn. Once getting on the boat, those who were stung by jellyfish were treated by rubbing vine.

It was a great experience for me to snorkel on a reef. The sea is an amazing place with many diverse creatures. All of them are very interesting in their own way.

We should all work hard to keep the oceans clean so that all those species continue to thrive and flourish.

**Ms Jackie Cheng**



# Awardees of WUPS English

## A Birthday Adventure at the Toy Kingdom

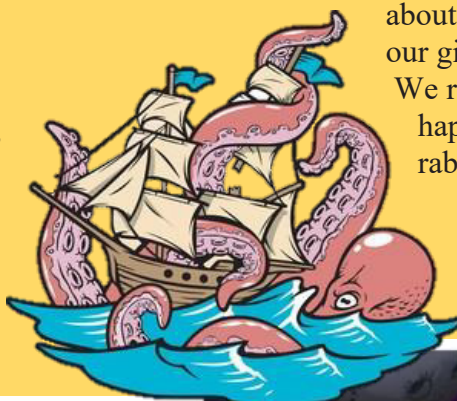
Jasper Wong 1B



I am turning seven years old this year. I wanted to have a different birthday. I invited my best friend, Cyrus to go to the Toy Kingdom. In the Toy Kingdom, there are many interesting toys that you would not be able to find elsewhere. I wanted to get a nice birthday present from there.

Cyrus and I jumped into a colourful magic hole, then sailed on a boat! Suddenly, there was a thunderstorm that hit our boat and a giant monster swirled out of the sea trying to attack our boat! It looked like a giant octopus with pointy teeth, a bloody mouth and it has twenty legs! We both were frightened and fell into the sea. Fortunately, we both are great swimmers, so we swam to the Toy Kingdom.

In the end, we finally arrived and felt exhausted. We met that monster again but it changed into its human form! That monster said with a loud voice, "I am the king of the Toy



Kingdom. You both are brave kids, please choose your birthday presents here!" We were so surprised but happy about it. We picked a robot dog as our gift. The robot dog has wings. We rode on it and flew back home happily. It was such a memorable birthday!



## Explore the Moon

Chung Ho Hin 2C



Being an astronaut is challenging but also brings me a lot of fun. Last week, I spent my five-day journey to the Moon with two other space travelers, Adrian and Stephen. It was my first time to explore the unknown in space to see if it was possible for people to live here.

Once our space shuttle began to soar, my heart beat very fast with excitement. Soon all of us were surrounded by darkness and millions of stars. When we undid our seat belts, we immediately floated out of our seats and up into the air like a balloon. "Wow! That's amazing!" I cried as I did three roly polies in a row.

"I can't wait to see the Moon up close!" said Adrian. It was wonderful to take giant leaps on the surface of the Moon. Stephen even did a handstand right away. "Phew! I've never nailed it on Earth!" But then he started to sneeze because there was a lot of dust. We only spent a few minutes out of the space shuttle each time as the temperature was rather extreme on the Moon.

Getting to the Moon was definitely the best travelling experience of my life!

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1 <sup>st</sup>	Jasper Wong 1B	Chung Ho Hin 2C	Jayden Lam 3D
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Myles Wong 1C	Shiu Long Hin 2B	Godwin Chan 3A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chu Chun Yin 1B	Ryan Lee 2E	Hadrian Kwai 3A
<i>Merit</i>	Torres Cheung 1A Hayden Yiu 1B Anson Lee 1C Ethan Wu 1C Alexis Chan 1E	Norris Chan 2B Jonathan Lo 2B Wong Cheuk Him 2C Feiman Lam 2D Ottis Mok 2E	Marcus Chan 3C Caden Leung 3C Jake Yip 3C Tyrus Butt 3D Kayden Kwong 3D



# h Writing Competition 2023

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Justin Hui 4E

Hayden Fu 5B

Roderick Yuen 6A

Moses Ho 4E

Darren Chen 5E

Zenith Lee 6E

Jarvis Kwok 4C

Caspian Yeung 5C

Richard Liu 6D

Brian Lee 4A

Golden Wu 5A

Kingsley Wai 6A

Bryan Tse 4A

Tse Wan Nam 5B

Caleb Chan 6B

Attis Mok 4B

Felix Ma 5C

Jayden Chu 6C

Jenson Ng 4B

Henry Fei 5D

Bosco Lee 6C

Gavin Ding 4D

Harris Leung 5E

Ethan Ngai 6E

## An Apron for My Mother

Jayden Lam 3D



"Eighteen, nineteen and twenty. What can I buy with twenty dollars?" Alex sighed. His mother's birthday was just around the corner and Alex did not know what to buy for her. He knew his mother would love a new lipstick because he noticed that she had been going around without any makeup since she used the last bit of her old lipstick. However, twenty dollars was not enough.

Racking his brain over the gift, Alex sauntered down the row of shops near his house. Suddenly, a shop which displayed a sign 'Mammoth Sale' caught his attention. As Alex drew closer to the shop, he realized that it was a fabric shop. Curious, he decided to take a look inside.

A wide array of cloth suitable for different uses was on sale. Alex caught sight of some cloth for making aprons. "\$3 per metre. Such a good buy!" Alex thought. He decided to buy three metres and make his mother an apron.

Back home, Alex started on his apron-making project. Blessed with a good memory, Alex could recall all the steps involved in making the apron which he had learnt in school last year. When the apron was completed, Alex embroidered the words 'For My Dearest Mother' on it.

When Alex's mother received his gift on her birthday, tears ran down her cheeks and she embraced her loving son. Never had she been so touched and happy on her birthday. She liked the apron very much.

## I Became Friends with a Robot

Justin Hui 4E



It was a silent night. All I could hear were wind breezes and the sound of insects. I was searching for my backpack that I had left after the picnic in the day time. All of a sudden, a gigantic cube object was straining from the sky at a mad speed. The ground caved in and a strong wave of wind smashed on my face. After that, strange lights were coming out from the crashed cube. While I was shivering, I saw an object approaching me slowly. When I cleared my sight, it came as a surprise that it was a robot dinosaur. The robot had a raptor-like appearance and it was hopping swiftly like a bunny. "Hi, nice to meet you! My name is Raptor." I calmed down eventually and realised it was a nice robot that wanted to make friends with me. We became friends and it let me ride on it. We found my backpack in a short while and I decided to bring it home and keep it.

The next morning, I got up late for school. Fortunately, Raptor offered me a helping hand and drove me to school. After school, I chatted with Raptor and learnt the reason why it travelled to Earth was because he was too lonely on his planet and wanted to broaden its horizon. It was also amazed and overwhelmed by how modern the technology on Earth was and impressed by the beauty of nature. On Raptor's planet, there was nothing but dust and plain deserts.

For me, it was definitely a blessing to meet Raptor. Day by day, we shared bits and pieces of our daily life. We gradually became the best companions of each other. I hope we can make more and more memories together, which will last for a lifetime in my heart.

# An Embarrassing Zoom Experience

Hayden Fu 5B



The pandemic is raging so I don't have to wake up for school. I can blissfully snooze until midday! I set the alarm for 12 pm. Then, after brushing my teeth I went to bed, anticipating the day which was going to be epic!

"HAYDEN, WAKE UP! YOU HAVE A ZOOM LESSON AT 8AM! LOOK AT THE TIME!" My mother yelled at me at the top of her lungs. I had totally forgotten about the English tutorial class! Groaning, I rubbed my eyes and looked at the clock. It was 8:09! Groggily, I put on my school uniform. I didn't cover my lower body because no one could see it when I was sitting down. I took out my computer and entered the meeting.

"Hi, Mr Phelps. I just experienced a slight technical issue, so I'm late. Sorry!"

"No problem. As long as you attend, then everything's fine." Mr Phelps answered in his calm voice. Whew!

As the class went on, I grew sleepier and sleepier. I decided to stretch by springing up from my chair and walking around my room. When I looked back at the screen, I discovered that everyone, including Mr Phelps, were all staring at me with their jaws agape, glaring at my lower body. Tom laughed so hard that all the blood in his body went to his head.

"Hayden...?" Mr Phelps murmured. "Would you sit back down?" After peeking at my underpants, my face became crimson. My underpants were neon-bright pink, with Hello Kitty patterns on them! I immediately put on a fake smile. My heart was racing as I hastily clicked the EXIT button and left the meeting.

After this mortifying experience, I learnt to always check our appearance for any defects before joining meetings. Then, we can avoid embarrassing Zoom experiences like mine!







# Hues of Dawn

Roderick Yuen 6A



Dusk to dawn, day after day,  
Four seasons, silent float away.  
The last silhouettes of December  
Sink into the past, the bottomless nether.

Hundreds gather in the vibrant plaza,  
Anticipating the aerial light extravaganza.  
Glimmering with hope for the new year,  
Fast arriving, as time turns its gears.

Then suddenly, in a brilliant blaze,  
The sober night morphs into ecstatic day.  
Fireworks launched, lasers hone,  
Tapestries waved by arrays of drones.

In sync with the crowd's shouts and whoops,  
A phoenix, afire, soars and swoops.  
A dragon ascends, riving apart the clouds,  
A beacon enkindles the hearts of crowds.

The horizon lights up with ebullient smiles,  
Hoping brimming in every aisle.  
After a year of regrets and sadness,  
Who doesn't long for some sweetness?

Dreams of a new year gradually rose.  
The reopening of borders, hitherto closed,  
Finally returning to the cherished normal,  
After three years plagued by global turmoil.

Leaning against a windowsill,  
An unspeaking spectator watched, still  
Seven stories up, he could nevertheless see  
Everyone's grins through the masks, the glee.

As the dense thickets of heads separated,  
The person looked upwards, sated.  
The first dawn crept by as he gazed  
At the gleaming sun and the night it razed.

Starry black gave way to azure blue,  
Decorated by an incandescent hue.  
Mesmerized, he watched the scene in all its grace.  
The shadow of a smile on his face.



# “WaOW” x

## Our Boys Shine at the 74th Speech Festival

Records are meant to be broken! At the 74<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival, **record-breaking 40 Winners** for English solo entries. Also, **39 Second Place** were awarded — **BIG HANDS** to our boys, parents and teachers! “WaOW”

### Records by the Numbers

**4**   
 winners in 1 boy!  
 So Yu Hang 5A  
 entered 4 events  
 and won them all!

**10**

  
 WINNERS with  
 Honours (Scored  
 90 or above).

**27**



WINNERS were  
 officially selected  
 and trained by  
 YWPS English  
 teachers.



## SOLO FIRST PLACE WINNERS List #



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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Yim Pak Yui 1A        | 21. Ethan Li 4C         |
| 2. Desmond Lau 1B        | 22. Wai Pak Yin 4C      |
| 3. Wu Ethan 1C           | 23. Nathan Fu 4D        |
| 4. Alexis Chan 1E        | 24. So Yu Hang* 5A      |
| 5. Caleb Li 2A           | 25. So Yu Hang* 5A      |
| 6. Tsang Yu Shing 2C     | 26. So Yu Hang* 5A      |
| 7. Vito Ip 2D            | 27. So Yu Hang* 5A      |
| 8. Lam Ching Pok 2D      | 28. Hayden Fu 5B        |
| 9. Lee Chun Yin 2E       | 29. Tang Cheuk Yiu 5B   |
| 10. Godwin Enoch Chan 3A | 30. Tsim Shun Chau 5B   |
| 11. Chan Chun Tin 3B     | 31. Nathan Hui 5C       |
| 12. Wang Tsz Chun 3C     | 32. Lincoln Powell* 5C  |
| 13. Dax To 4A            | 33. Lincoln Powell* 5C  |
| 14. Lau Yat Ching 4A     | 34. Caspian Yeung 5C    |
| 15. Woo Sem 4A           | 35. Lok Ho Fung 5E      |
| 16. Bill Chan 4B         | 36. Ernie Ip 6B         |
| 17. Ma Chun Him 4B       | 37. Lee Shun Chi 6C     |
| 18. Mok Ki Chun 4B       | 38. Tang Ching Leong 6C |
| 19. Nigel Chan 4C        | 39. Leung Chi Hang 6C   |
| 20. Chow Pak Yiu 4C      | 40. Yang Cheuk Hei 6E   |

# Class info as of Nov 2022  
\*winning in multiple categories

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stival, YWPS earned a  
ces and 32 Third Places  
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Happy to report that Mr Ivan Chan (YWPS Graduate 2014), who is currently a student-teacher in YWPS, also joined the 74<sup>th</sup> Speech Festival and won in Public Speaking Solo (Secondary 6 & University/ Post-secondary) with a brilliant score of 88.



# 40

WINNERS  
overall in English  
categories.

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# Ying Wa 204!

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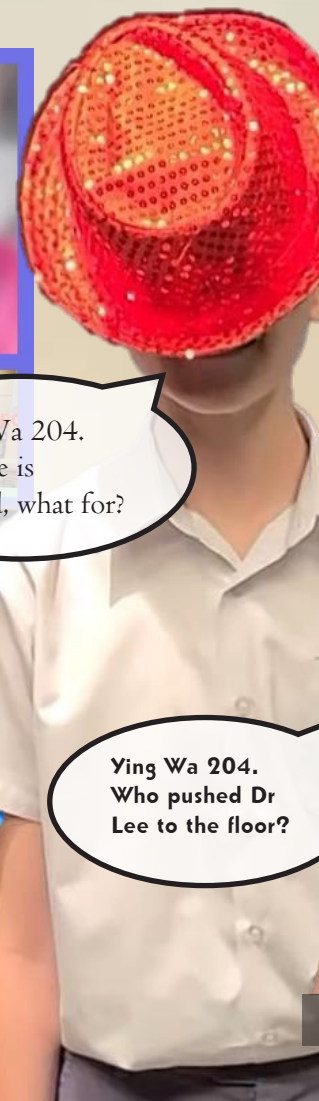
Having won the Most Popular Video by students' vote for "Ying Wa 201" and "Ying Wa 202", the English Department's "Ying Wa 204" video to celebrate Ying Wa's anniversary got elected as the No.1 video again! This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 4 years!



Find all the related clips here:

Happy Ying Wa 204! I'm very glad that the English Department has won the popular vote! I would like to thank Dr Lee for giving me a golden opportunity to be one of the hosts in the video this year. This is really a *WaOW* experience for me! I also want to thank all our wonderful teachers and students for putting their best effort into the videos, which are full of flying colours. The content is very diversified and the music fits nicely with the videos and these all create a very happy atmosphere. When Principal Chan announced that the winner was the English Department, I was so thrilled that I jumped out of my seat and cheered! Let's keep it up and win the popular vote for Ying Wa 205 again!

Shaun Ng 6B



Ying Wa 204. My face is covered, what for?

Ying Wa 204. Who pushed Dr Lee to the floor?

Screenshots from the Ying Wa 204 video with a wide range of clips from teachers and boys.



# Most Popular Video

## 3rd time in 4 years

I think this year we all did a good job for this video. I am very proud of myself when I found out that I was in the clip. I hope that next year we can keep up the good work we've done this year.

**Aiden Cheuk 5B**

Ying Wa 204, Our boys and teachers are adored! Congrats to Ying Wa for making it to their 204<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and to the English Department for winning the Most Popular Video. Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the rest. Keep up the great work!

**Aden Su (Graduate 2021)**

I think that this year's golden production is a wonderful symbol of the steps Ying Wa has been through. I thank Dr Lee for giving me this opportunity to be in this production, and also congratulate all the students in the video for such amazing slogans that I would have never thought of! The vote result revelation was extremely exciting, and I was touched to see masses of students cheering and clapping for the Subject of English.

204 is a word that symbolises something, Wow! It actually shows how long Ying Wa's been up and running!

**Aldon So 5A**



Screenshots from the result announcement session plus an extended video involving more creative clips! They are so hilarious!





Vincent Song pays a visit to the P.6 English Enhancement Class.



## An Old Boy Returns for a Lesson!

17 Feb 2023

**SONG Yiding Vincent, who graduated from YWPS in 2018, returned from London to visit our school on 17 Feb and re-experienced the English Enhancement lesson with Dr Lee and a group of energetic English lovers!**

I have a hypothesis. Memories are far away not through a separation in time, but by a separation in circumstance. Recollections feel distant only because there aren't any physical prompts for you to recall them. Given the right trigger, everything flows back to you.

So as I traced my way back to Ying Wa, I found myself connecting to a different space-time. I remarked how the school buses, street corners, and white paint were plucked straight out of my memories. Nothing seemed to have changed. Except perhaps the metal gates, which were quite a bit smaller than I remembered.

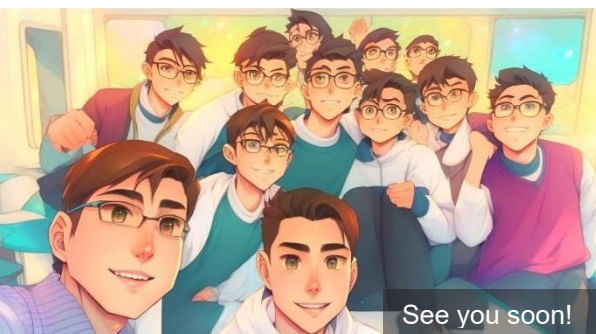
Dr Lee interrupted my train of thoughts. I was here for an English Enhancement lesson after all. As I entered the classroom, I was greeted by a pile of smiley faces and whispers of 'Vincent?' Whispers – really? Has Dr Lee been spreading rumours behind my back? The lesson was just how I remembered it to be: some friendly competition as Dr Lee read our works aloud, a lot of jokes that eventually re-

sulted in being on the "A-List" (for extra writing tasks), and no lack of challenges. Coming into the lesson as an older self, I could better appreciate what made Enhancement lessons so fun. Dr Lee does a great job of gamifying the lesson. He had built a narrative around a certain 'Vincent' in his sample story and invited us to work out the meaning behind it, encouraging us to peel away layers of evidence like detectives.

Slightly embarrassingly, I did not quite go the full way, but the final moment of realisation was tantalising. I hadn't had this sort of literary discussion for a long time and I was grateful to be back again.

Even after five years, coming back to Ying Wa awakened something in me. Perhaps it always will. Given the right trigger, everything flows back to you.

**Vincent Song  
(YWPS Graduate 2018)**



See you soon!



# VISITORS FROM HKU

18 Feb 2023



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**Dr M T Yuen led his Master of Education students to YWPS to be exposed to our creative ideas and productions.**



Dr Yuen (gentleman in red) leads his students to visit YWPS.

Small photos above:

1. Principal Chan welcomes the guests.
2. Shaun Ng (6B) speaks.
3. Ms Kei Yip introduces our innovative Capsule Toy Machine.
4. Aldon So (5A) interacts with a guest.

Read the full report here:







Junioract inaugurated as witnessed by the visiting Rotarians.



# Junioract

Installation Ceremony 1 Feb 2023

YWPS has opened a new English-Speaking Club named “**Junioract**” under Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile



**President Aldon So 5A**

Being the president of *Junioract* is a wonderful opportunity. It has affected my everyday actions at home, at school and even elsewhere. It has made a huge impact on me and one of the major changes through the start of this journey is my working attitude. I usually worked alone; that was my habit that had grown over the years. But, leading a group as president has changed that simple lifestyle of mine. I realise that as a leader, we must learn to fulfil the appropriate delegation of tasks. I hope to act with integrity and selflessness to everyone, and also to utilize what I have learnt, simultaneously assisting those in need by using my newfound knowledge to serve this community.



**Vice President Hayden Fu 5B**

I recently got elected as the prestigious Vice President of Rotary Club’s *Junioract* programme. It’s been a blast in this fantastic committee! As Vice President, I have learnt various valuable lessons about leadership and organizing events. By coordinating with different parties, I became a better team player. *Junioract* aims to enhance global and local awareness by organizing community services. It helps me to grow as an individual and to develop a sense of purpose. It also gives me a chance to make a difference in the world, no matter how slight, as there is always going to be something you can do to help. Together, *Junioract* can make a real splash in our society!

Small photos above:

1. Welcome speech by Supervisor Tsang
2. Welcome speech by Principal Chan
3. A group of Rotarians joining the Installation Ceremony
4. Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile Simon Castley pinning the Junioract members



# Opening Ceremony for the Legacy Train Revitalisation @ Ying Wa



“...an outstanding symbol of Ying Wa...”



11 Feb 2023



Hayden Yuen 6A



Hendrick Ku 6B

YWPS welcomes a carriage of a retired Phase 2 Light Rail Vehicle to be put in the campus for display use as a part of the MTR’s Legacy Train Revitalization Programme.

The popping sound of confetti launchers reverberated throughout the school. We proudly present the opening ceremony of “Legacy Train Revitalization @ Ying Wa”. Our VIPs from various government departments and our principals stood in front of the train, counted down to cut the red ribbon, which wrapped the train like a gigantic gift. It was a great honour to witness all these.

After the simple and grand ceremony, everyone was excited to enter the train. The decoration inside was stylish and artistic. There were pictures drawn by the Visual Arts team. I am proud of myself, for I am a member of the Visual Arts team and I could see guests were delighted, holding my robot and took wonderful pictures with it.

Being a huge railway fan, I really like the idea of this programme for which the retired train carriages were sustained and have become an outstanding symbol of Ying Wa now. It is truly amazing!

*On 11 Feb 2023, YWPS celebrated the opening ceremony of “Legacy Train Revitalisation @ Ying Wa.” I was very honoured to be one of the students to participate in this grand ceremony.*

*The most unforgettable and touching moment of the ceremony was when Mr Lam, the director of MTR passed the train board to our principals as it symbolizes that the trains were officially given to Ying Wa.*

*After the ceremony, all students went on board. I was fascinated by the fun components added inside the train, such as the AI camera. Guests can take photos and the background of the photo is actually drawings created by the Ying Wa boys from the Art team! I had the opportunity to sit at the captain’s seat. It was so fun and cool. This train is definitely another remarkable achievement of Ying Wa!*





**M** My favourite gift in Sam Lam. It is a robot. It is green and blue. It is smart and cool. It is big and tall. It has two small eyes with lights. It has a button on its body. I got it when I was five years old. My grandpa gave it to me as a birthday gift. It can help my grandma to cook and help me to do homework. I like it very much!

Desmond Lau 1B



**I scared a fat cat  
And it fell to the floor. Bang!  
Wow! It could still dance.**

Nathan Leung 4B

**Once in the forest,  
A creepy shadow was shown.  
“Boo!” Phew, it was just Ben.**

Isaiah Yeung 4E



This is my Hippo City. I like the café because the coffee and the hot chocolate are famous. The café is in front of the hospital and next to the hippo's eye glasses. The shopping mall is between the café and the fast food shop. My favourite library is opposite the pet shop. The shoe shop is next to the pet shop. My brother's favourite is the fast food shop which is next to the mall. He likes to enjoy the double cheese burger there!

Fred Woo 2C

My monster is called Greeny. It is green. It is short and fat. It has two big eyes, one oval-shaped nose and two long arms. It has one big mouth, sharp teeth and two horns. It likes eating and sleeping. If you disturb him when he is sleeping, he will be very angry. Every time he roars, it almost makes an earthquake. It is extremely scary.

Myles Wong 1C





# My Two Best Friends

Brandon jumps as far as a puma.  
He is also fast like a cheetah.  
He is handsome like a famous singer,  
and as smart as a computer.  
Rex is as tall as a skyscraper.  
He is also cool like a cucumber.  
He is quick like a hovercraft,  
and awesome like Minecraft.

Isaac Chan 3B

WaOW!  
We write.  
We inspire.  
We wow!

The school theme last school year "To Be Continued..." may have concluded, but its legacy continues as it was reported and published in "Word Matters", a UK-based magazine under the Society of Teachers of Speech & Drama. Find the full text here:



Dr H C Lee



**"To Be Continued..." – A Year of Interactive Reading Experience in a Hong Kong Primary School**  
Dr Peter Lee reflects on a unique diverse learning experience offered by his serving school promoting English reading and performing.

**Introduction**  
"Diverse Learning Experiences" has been an important feature of the school I am serving. Each year, we have a different cross-curricular learning theme that goes through the entire school year. Last school year (2021-2022), the theme was designed as "To Be Continued..." which required a lot of imagination and interaction when designing learning activities based on it. One of the ideas we had was to have a single story chapter as a motivation or prompt in the form of a course of learning. A big open book would appear at the school entrance and the story would appear on...

**The story**  
It is a symbolic decoder. From September 2021 onwards, students had to go to learn about the three young heroes of *Forgottentland* – Old Wex, Man's words in their special dialect in the multiverse.

**The narrative text** may not be of the award-winning quality but surely, it is a lot of effort and happening to students ranging from Primary One to six (page 6-7). It includes elements from different subjects (Chinese, English, Math, Science, Arts, Music, and Sports) and contain a changer in every...

**Why are the three heroes chosen?**  
This TBC series never explains how the three heroes are chosen, and I used this "loop hole"...



**"To Be Continued..."**  
Please find the video compilation here

**4) Reading tips and reflection of the TBC (verbal presentation task)**

**"To Be Continued..."**  
by *Forgottentland* was initiated, with each episode introducing one topic of English. And one of the "heroes" would host an episode. In fact, the videos here do not relate much to the TBC story except that the hosts identify themselves in character. But having these characters talk about English materials did students' attention and they enjoyed them. After each episode, viewers were about to leave feedback following the plentiful great responses to the department website.

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