Ying Wa Primary School has entered a new era—an era of innovation, creativity, multimedia, technology and interaction. We (Wa Square) has started as the first of its kind among all Hong Kong primary schools.

We are happy to introduce this interactive broadcast featuring different types of information. We named it 'Wi' because 'Wi' means 'Wa x Wa'. It gets bigger and bigger! It grows!
Patrick Wong

A True Hero

He who ventures to make the world a better place is a hero; but a true hero, above all, has an appreciative heart, a generous heart, and a heart for children.

Words from Patrick...

When I was 10... I was just like other 10-year-old boys, nothing special.
The old Ying Wa Primary School was... old and there were no facilities.
The new Ying Wa Primary School is... well-equipped.
My biggest personal achievement so far must be... that I rescued my crew members from pirates in Papua New Guinea.
My biggest unfulfilled dream is... to be a university graduate.

"There is no reason why (I help Ying Wa), just love YW as my mother school."
Wa Square
We create. We share.

On 15 October 2010, Ying Wa Primary School invited honourable guests in the education field to attend a formal kick-off ceremony of "Wa Square" (Wa²), a television broadcasting system installed in the school. Each TV screen is divided into zones to give us different information. We are happy to be the first primary school in Hong Kong to introduce this interactive learning channel.

Jeremy Cheung 6C

IN YING WA PRIMARY SCHOOL, THERE IS A BRAND new facility — Wa². Apparently, it is our own broadcasting channel which can be described as 'special' and 'enjoyable' to me. There are a few reasons why I like it.

Firstly, the Zone A on the screen includes news and some videos. The news is pretty up-to-date, so you don't need to go home to watch them. Also, the clips are memorable because we can see our classmates and teachers in the shows and performances. Many classmates who watched them long time ago still share them with others. This shows that the clips are effective. That's convenient and amusing.

Secondly, Zone B is surely wonderful because it shows the winners in competitions. We can find out how talented our classmates are and this surely makes us proud.

Last but not least, I like Zone C the most. Why? It's because the relaxing jokes and hints on life that appear there can remind us of facts and support us with truth. I think this suits me.

Therefore, I think that Wa² really cares about us. Wa² provides animation, entertainment, and current news. I think if you watch it, you will gain something too!
English in Act: Speech Festival 2010

Congratulations to our many prize-recipients in this year's Speech Festival.

In solos, we've had a total of 8 winners (see left), 19 second-placed and 19 third-placed. In choral speaking, our senior group was awarded a third place (below) whereas our junior group convincingly won the contest (see next page).

"Every day after practice I was exhausted. It was hard work. However, it got more interesting day by day and I learnt new things and made new friends. We did better and better and at last we won the third place. I was very excited. Although we didn't come first, having competition in this team was one of the best experiences I have had."
Kwok Sung Hai 6A

"I'm very happy that we got the third place. We didn't practice as a whole group often because many other groups in the school were called for practice at the same time. The chance to practice was not easy to get. There were many problems we had to solve and I'm happy with our result."
Ezra Chiu 6C
Journey to Victory
Speech Festival 2010

An enjoyable train ride brought out an impressive performance. The 47 junior boys of YWPS put on stage an imaginative, dynamic and memorable leisure journey which impressed everybody. Following our victory in 2007, our junior English Choral Speaking team won the contest for the second time. But what is to be cherished is not the award, it is the effort our teachers put into the training and the enjoyment of our boys. This is surely a journey to remember.

Here is what the judge said:
(Scored 89) Excellent interpretation. You show such imagination.
Outstanding in your training. You show such promise in your work. That ending was quite wonderful! You are very good! Such good thoughts.

I love choral speaking very much. Besides, I can learn more English from it. Thanks to Miss Leung and Miss Ho as they taught me how to speak faster and present well. Moreover, I like the poem “The Train Journey” because it is very interesting and exciting. When I was taking the poem on the stage, I was being a passenger sitting on the train for a wonderful journey.

John Wong III

On the day of the choral speaking competition, we were all very nervous. We held a deep breath and recited the poem “The Train Journey” in a vivid way, just like we were going out for a happy travelling together. When the judge announced us the champion, we turned to each other and hugged together. That great moment is still in my mind.

Colin Yang III

I enjoy the training process even though it was a lot of hard work. The performance was really like riding on a train. It was fun.

Steve Tang III

When we were practicing for the competition, I thought I didn’t want to practice. But when we got the champion, we felt happy and I thought “Oh, practice can make us better.” So practicing more is correct.

Byron Chiao SC

On the day of our competition, we missed two lessons for training. Before I went on the stage, I felt scared about our performance. But when the judge spoke out that Ying Wa Primary School won, I felt very happy. I felt proud of Ying Wa Primary School.

Michael Lo III

After every training session, we would feel tired. Sometimes, we didn’t want to have the training. But we felt happy now and the gold prize tells me that training is very important.

Anita Chung SC

After joining the choral speaking team, I found that my English speaking improved. My confidence also became stronger than before. I am very thankful for Miss Leung and Miss Leung’s patience.

Michael Chung SC
A Memorable Trip

Chris Pang 3A

Frog

Chris Leung 4D

Frog, frog, you come from the black blob. Though you do not have legs to jog, you can dance in the pond with your tail. It's really a good job. You always croak when you talk. You get your bugs when you hop.

Frog, frog, you scare your enemies a lot. When the snakes taste your goo, they will have a great shock. That's why you're never afraid of being caught.

Frog, frog, history should forget you not. You went up on Pharaoh's head and toes, scared him to let the Israelites go. The witch also kept you in the look. But the kiss from the beautiful princess freed you from the sob. You — the handsome prince, have you thanked God?

Last Saturday, I went on a memorable trip in space! It all started on Saturday night. I was lying on my bed, fiddling with the TV remote. Suddenly, I noticed a new button marked ‘at’, which I somehow knew was the short form of ‘Space Trip’. I was curious and I pressed it. Big mistake. There was a beam of bright light, and I blacked out soon...

I awoke in front of a military-looking team of people. The leader, at least who I THOUGHT was, stepped forward.

"Steady, young Alpha," he said with a smile on his face. He told me that my mission was to find the shattered ONE KING KEY OF POWER and restore it. I agreed. But I must find the map first.

"Easier said than done. The first piece was under a box of chocolate in a supermarket! While the second was behind a can of tinned food! The third was stuck on an underground pipe! PHREW, no more, I thought. Then I had to rush into a herd of buffalos to find one part of the key, while the other was on Mount Fuji. The past piece was in a volcano!

At last, the key was restored. I placed it into its special slot and this world was, finally, in peace. I walked to the home plate and pressed a button. I sat on my bed, in perfect time, position, as if nothing had happened at all.
Issac Wong 5D

I am an orange. I used to live in a jungle. One day, I became so heavy that I fell down to the ground. I knew nothing but only that an adventure was waiting for me...

I rolled to a path. Suddenly, a huge shoe was about to step on me but I slipped away from it. I was exhausted and wanted to find a place to hide but I saw a monkey staring at me at a distance with a hungry look. It chased me. I rolled and rolled and rolled. Phew! The monkey was found nowhere.

I thought the adventure was over but I realized I was wrong. I rolled to a cave. It was spooky there! I felt someone was behind me. I looked back. It was a wolf! And the chase began again.

Finally, I left the cave safely. But every place was dangerous! Where should I go now?

There were some children playing football nearby. Suddenly, the ball hit me and made me fly and I went into a box. Wow, there were many oranges inside the box. I felt a man put the box onto a truck and he drove to a market.

The man sold me to a woman. Now I am in a fridge. The adventure was over and it was very exciting. I am so happy to be an orange.
My Dream Job

Among all jobs, like journalist, editor, fashion designer, actor, accountant, lawyer and so on, my dream one is a surgeon.

The major duty of a surgeon is to perform surgeries to cure diseases and even save a life! A surgeon requires considerable intelligence and a benevolent heart. I have decided to be a heart or brain surgeon. The reason is that most diseases related to the heart and brain are deadly. What the patients need is a brave and experienced surgeon.

In order to make my dream come true, I have to study hard and read more books on medical science. But there is one thing for sure. I don't want any of my family members, classmates or teachers to be my patient!
Ernest Chow 3C

School Picnic

On Tuesday, I went to Sai Kung for a picnic. I went with my principal, my teachers and classmates. The weather was windy. We went there by school bus.

On the school bus, I was very excited because the school bus shook a lot, like riding on a roller coaster.

We arrived at Sai Kung at half past nine in the morning. At first, my group members and I went to play on the trampoline. Jumping on it was exciting. I liked it so much. After that, we went cycling. There was a very long queue and we could only cycle for a short time, so I did not like it.

At lunch time, we played the air-gun shooting game. We had a great time! Meanwhile, I ate some sandwiches for lunch. They were yummy! After that, we went to the football pitch and played football. It was fun.

At last, we went home by school bus at three o'clock in the afternoon. I had a great time on that day!
Eddie Loong 4A

The Animal I Create

I found a new animal in a field. Its name is Feather King. It has beautiful feathers and their colours are red, yellow, blue and green. It has a small mouth and small teeth. Feather King lays ten to fifteen eggs each time. The baby Feather Kings come out of the eggs. The mother Feather King looks after the eggs in her nest. Sometimes, they are found roaming in the trees. Sometimes, they live in the water. They watch and wait for their prey. They eat fish, meat, insects and leaves. If they see a group of men with guns and dogs coming towards them, they will run or fly away.

They have a lot of friends in the field, such as lions, leopards, parrots, crocodiles and elephants. They like to play hide-and-seek, jump and run.

I feel happy to see Feather King and other interesting animals in the field. I hope they will play happily together with me in the future.
Adrian So 3C

Reading is Not a Waste of Time

Reading is good for us. It is not a waste of time.

Reading can help students with their school works, because many comprehension exercises are adapted from the books. We can learn many new words from reading. We can use the words while we are writing essays too.

Now we can borrow many different kinds of books easily. We can get books from Internet and book shops. Many people like to borrow books from public libraries. All the books there are free of charge.

Reading is for all people no matter what level they are. People can choose many different books which are suitable for them. Even babies can read picture books although they don't know how to read.

Reading can let us know our world, because books, magazines and newspapers tell us about many current events. Many story books give us a lot of information about our world.

So reading is good for us. Reading is for everyone. Start reading now!
My Favourite Country

My favourite country is Spain. I went to the Spain Pavilion in Shanghai Expo last summer holiday. The Flamenco show was fascinating! Since then I have wanted to know more about Spain. I even started to learn Spanish! I like Spain very much.

Spain is located in Western Europe. Madrid is the capital city of Spain. The climate of Spain is Mediterranean Climate. In spring and autumn, it rains a lot. It is surrounded by Portugal, France and Morocco. Spanish is spoken in the country and by four billion people in other parts of the world. It is the second most spoken language!

A Flamenco show is divided into three groups, including Jondo, Chico and Medio. It totally matches with the "full of passion" character of the Spanish and it is just like me! Next time, if you have a chance, I think you should go and enjoy the show.

The food in Spain is amazing! There is a kind of ham called "Jamon I Berck Hams". You need to hang it for five years before you can eat it! The seafood rice looks yummy too! I really want to try it! I will try to learn Spanish. Perhaps, one day I will have a chance to go there!

Joshua Yong 9D

IF I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS

If I had a million dollars, I would save it up for my future study.

A million dollars sounds like a large amount of money for a primary five student like me. However, when I think about it seriously, I don’t think one million dollars is enough for me to do what I really want to do. Therefore, having a million dollars right now seems not that meaningful to me.

Actually, I think I have everything necessary in my life, even though my family is not that rich. I have a nice home, enough food and a good study environment and so forth. I am really contented with what I have already had.

In fact, a million dollars is not a very big amount of money in the adults’ world. A million dollars cannot buy a medium-sized apartment. If someone does not keep working and earning money, a million dollars cannot support a household for long.

However, I understand that to be a doctor, which is my dream job. I need to study for many years. It will cost a lot of money. Therefore, I think if I have a million dollars now, I would better save it up for my future study.

Joshua Yong 9D

Five Little Seeds

Five little seeds,
Five little seeds.
Tree will make flowers,
And two will make weeds.

Under the leaves,
And under the snow,
Five little seeds are Waiting to grow.

The sun comes out,
Down comes a shower,
Comes up with tree Pretty pink flowers.

Noddy Chuang 2D

Baryonyx

Baryonyx lived on 105 million years ago. It ate fish and possibly carrion. Ran fast. A big dinosaur! A long neck and tail. It was a theropod.
Speech Gala 2011

To encourage English speaking and oral presentation, Ying Wa Primary School will hold its first English speech competition named Speech Gala 2011 in the second term of the year. This is a whole-school activity and it is a good chance for students and teachers to celebrate different forms of English texts and oral presentations.

Winners in the classroom round will enter the hall for the Grand Finals.

Who will take part?
All current students of YWPS can join the gala. All of them will have the chance to perform in class and be nominated by their teacher to enter the finals.

When is it going to be held?
The classroom round is going to be held in May and the finals in June, after the examination.

What categories are there to enter?
P.1-2: Poem; P.3-4: Poem and Prose; P.5-6: Poem, Prose and Public Speaking

What are the prizes?
- Grand Finalists will all receive their score sheets, certificates, and gifts.
- A $250 book coupon will be awarded to every Winner in the Grand Finals.

Who will be the final judges?
We are glad to have invited our school-head Mrs Maria Lam and an expert English teacher and curriculum developer Mr Simon Tham to form our judging panel in the Grand Finals.

Look out for more details soon.