

And many more mind-blowing learning adventures for our boys!



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Dr Mackenzie (left) received from Supervisor Mr Tsang a souvenir in appreciation of their team's work and great hospitality for this visit.

A Visit to PolyU

Lui King Hei 5B

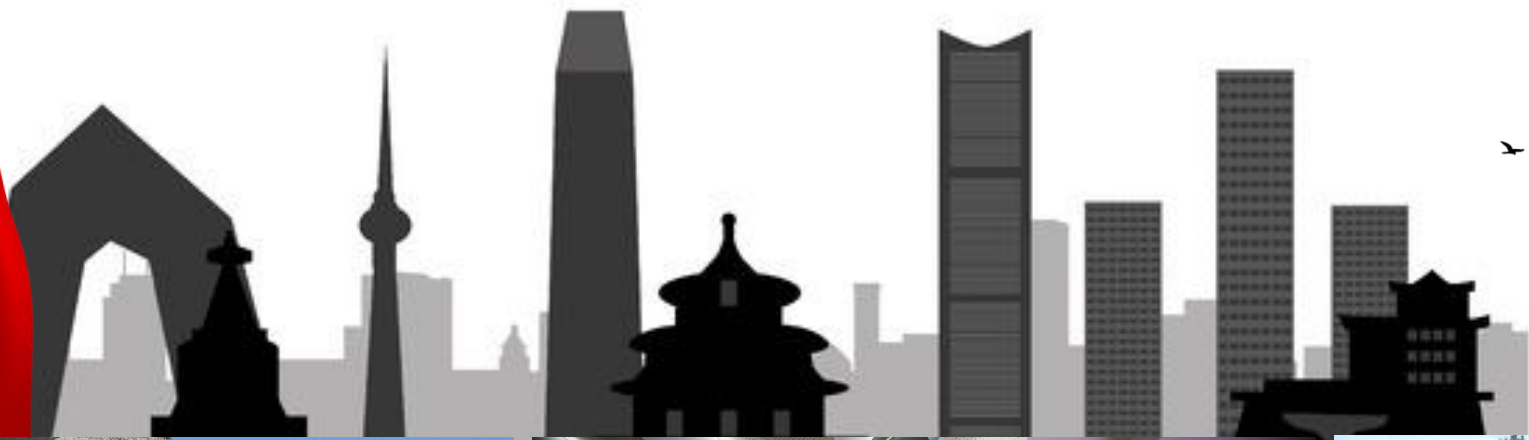
On 10 March, I, together with 28 classmates of P.5 and P.6 went to visit the Polytechnic University in Hung Hom. To tie in with the theme of Food Detective Academy (FDA) of Ying Wa, we visited the School of Hotel and Tourism Management and Hotel Icon. It was a very interesting tour that enabled me to understand more about the school.

Among all the parts of the school and hotel we visited, what I like most was the food academy. We were lucky enough to have the chance to tour around the kitchen for making desserts! Though it was not awfully big, there were many people busy preparing different types of desserts. I also saw a huge sized refrigerator for storing the ingredients for desserts as well as big ovens for baking cakes and pastries. Moreover, there were numerous packets of butter, fresh cream and eggs which might take me several months to consume them all. As desserts could never go without fresh fruits, there were plenty of them. Mangoes, strawberries, peaches and oranges did not surprise me, but I saw durians too! The chef also showed us the making of durian tarts. The fresh durian, mixed with flour, sugar and cream, was made into a durian paste. Then, the paste was put onto the flour pastry to make some little tarts. Finally, the tarts were put into the oven.

Having toured around all the interesting places, our tour came to an end. I was so excited because it was a totally new experience for me. I also hope that I can join the food academy when I grow up so that one day, I can be a master of desserts!



Check out the full news article here:
<http://www.englishywps.com/news/a-visit-to-hotel-icon-and-polyu>



Photos on these pages:

1. Excitement in front of the "Bird's Nest"!
2. At the Great Wall – the inscription reads "Slope of Great Man"
3. Beijing students performed for our boys.
4. At the flag-raising ceremony
5. A gorgeous kite in the Beijing sky.



1-5 April 2016

P.6 Beijing Study Tour

Chan Kwan 6D

"The Beijing tour is over. We had a lot of exciting and interesting activities...we did not repeat the same activities so the whole trip was fun. All of the activities fit perfectly too and it helped us save a lot of time. Most of the activities finished in the morning and there were only a few in the afternoon, so we could have plenty of time to rest at night (we even had time to chat with our room-mates!) But in the schedule, the worst thing was that we needed to wake up at half-past five or even earlier in the morning... many of us did not have enough energy to visit the marvellous scenic spots. Also, I am not interested in tanks or aeroplanes. The visit to these museums could have been replaced...The Beijing tour was great overall. If it could have been changed as suggested, it would have been perfect!"

Lachlan Lai 6C

"On the third day of the trip, my class went to an aviation museum. As I am interested in planes, I was looking forward to this activity...Firstly, we went into a cave. According to the guide, the cave was used for parking planes before. There were lots of different types of aircrafts. They made me understand that China isn't too behind in aviation, but is hugely improving, catching up with the best two aircraft supplying countries in the world. Secondly, it was the indoor exhibition hall. Through the tour, I surprisingly found that there were American missiles package attacked by the Chinese army. It turned out that China is very powerful! I was so glad to know the awesomeness of China!"

Sparkle Suen 6E

4-4-2016 (Monday)

Cool

Dear Diary,

What a great day! This morning, I went to the Confucius temple. Although I did not understand some of the sentences that Confucius said, I still enjoyed the trip. Then, we went to two ancient gardens. The tour guide told us that the kings and queens lived there in the past. The stories really attracted me.

Then, we went to visit a space museum. The museum itself isn't big, but I liked it very much. I learnt a lot there. I knew why things are captured into the black hole. I also bought a robot there. I think I will make it when I return to Hong Kong.

At night, I had Peking Duck for dinner. It was really tasty and I hope I can try it again.

Time to end now!

Sparkle

Johnny Chou 6A

We had a unique experience in Beijing and it was still very vivid to me.

During the third day of the tour, I woke up at 3:45am in order to see the flag-raising ceremony. I was extremely tired! I patiently waited for the ceremony to start. After a few minutes, the ceremony began. I felt very honoured when I was singing the Chinese national anthem, as the Chinese people have contributed so much to us; it was actually my honour to be one of them. Then we went to the Great Wall's Juyongguan. The journey to the top was pretty difficult but my teammates insisted on climbing to the top of it. Although every step was fraught with difficulties, I did not give up. At last, I succeeded and proved that I wasn't a coward at all!

After this tour, I have learnt a lesson that we should know more about history as it is very vital for our future – we now understand more about our motherland."

Queen Elizabeth Stadium, 27 April 2016

Ying Wa Fantasia 2016

Lo Yik Ming 3C

27th April 2016 was Ying Wa Fantasia. This year our concert was held in a new place – Queen Elizabeth Stadium.

All the performers needed to go to the stadium at 1:15pm for rehearsal. I had two performances: the Junior Choir and the Intermediate School Band. When I finished my choir rehearsal, I was supposed to go to the band, but something surprised me. Vice Principal Chan picked some of us, including me, to take part in a video-recording. I was delighted that I could share my happiness of singing.

After that, I quickly went to tune my oboe. Oboe is a woodwind, double-reed instrument.

I have learnt the oboe since Primary One. I like the sound of it, as sharp as a bird... I was also appointed to be the principal player of the oboes, so I needed to help others to tune their instrument.

After dinner, all of us were ready. At around 7:30pm, the show started with the Senior School Band, followed by Junior Choir. We sang "Can you keep a secret?" with a smooth and secretive voice.

After the intermission, it was the Intermediate School Band's turn. We tried hard to play the "Love, hope, peace and happiness". At last, we sang our School Song "Home of our Youth" solemnly. And ended with our "Ying Wa Cry!"

Although this concert overran for almost an hour, we still did not want to leave!

p.s. I was very happy to be one of the performers of the band this year. Hope that I could be promoted to the Senior Choir and Senior School Band to learn and play more fantastic music!



Photos on these pages:
Snapshots of the various scenes at the Ying Wa Fantasia 2016

Background: Senior Choir's award-winning performance of the song "Jabberwocky".

SPEECH GALA 2016

A Speech & Drama Triumph

The sixth Speech Gala ended triumphantly with a full engagement of all the participants and audience. Students on stage shone as usual, expressing the evidence that hard work for months had been put by teachers and students together. Personally, I was particularly moved by the duologue performers of P.5 & 6 as the groups were so committed to their characters. Such a dramatization was delivered professionally as if it were an inter-school contest!

Our new adjudicator Ms Mary Ann Tear, world renowned expert in the field of speech and drama adjudication, was also infected by our boys' charisma! In her own words, "I had a marvellous time – it was not only the talent but the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment that I admired – down to a dedicated and caring staff team – hopefully I will be back!"

Thanks Ms Tear and congratulations to all!

H C Lee (Dr)

Speech Gala 2016 Winners

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| 1B Wong Kwan Yui | Verse-speaking |
| 2A So Yu Chun Andrzej | Verse-speaking |
| 3A Leung Wang Hon | Prose-reading |
| 4D Monet Lam | Prose-reading |
| 3A Leung Kin Fung | Verse-speaking |
| 4A Eugene Lo | Verse-speaking |
| 5A Chan Ho Ming | Public Speaking |
| 6E Ryan Keung | Public Speaking |
| 5A Chan King Hang | Verse-speaking |
| 6B Tom Kwok | Verse-speaking |
| 5E Matthew Chan | Duologue |
| 5E Ethan Yan | Duologue |
| 6B Ang Kwok Hei | Duologue |
| 6B Chan Cheuk Nam | Duologue |



Photos on these pages:
Snapshots of the Grand Finals (15 Feb), Speech Gala 2016



Awardees of the Creative Writing Competition 2016



My Favourite Dinosaur

Malcolm Wong 1C

My favourite dinosaur is Tyrannosaurus rex or T.rex for short. I like it very much because it is big, tall and fierce. It has a massive head filled with sharp teeth that are as long as bananas! Bumpy scales cover its body.

Two short arms end with only two little claws! Big strong back legs and a long heavy tail to help it balance.

There are no more dinosaurs today but I like to wonder what they might have done all those years ago. Swim in the lake with their pals playing a game of holding their breath? Did they have to run very fast to catch their dinner? Maybe it read

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| 1 st | Malcolm Wong 1C | Trevor Choy 2C | Adrian Kan 3A | Ethan Chan 4C | Matthew Chan 5E | Nikka Lai 6A |
| 2 nd | Lance Lau 1A | Nathan Yau 2E | Koo Ying Lap 3B | Ambrose Young 4B | Oscar Chan 5A | Jason Chan 6B |
| 3 rd | Cyrus Soo 1E | Ryan Hou 2C | Dante Chang 3E | Anthony Cheung 4A | Isaac Chan 5A | Chester Wong 6B |
| Merit | Adrian Cheng 1A | Adrian Fung 2A | Choi Lok 3C | Ryan Kwan 4A | Edwin Chan 5B | Parco Chan 6B |
| | Brandon Mo 1C | Marco Wong 2A | Lucas Wong 3C | Raymond Chan 4B | Julian Miu 5B | Wesley Yip 6B |
| | Jonathan Tiu 1D | Ian Fok 2B | Toni Wu 3D | Monet Lam 4D | Lucas Martins 5B | Jose Lai 6C |
| | Benedict Cheung 1E | Nathan Sing 2B | Jason Fok 3E | Lok Sze Chai 4D | Joshua Lam 5C | Martin Wong 6C |
| | Ho Cheuk Yip 1B | Leonardo Lo 2C | Jonathan Ford 3E | Marco Lam 4E | Lo Hoi Hang 5C | Lau King Man 6D |

quietly underneath a tree, but how did it hold its book with such little arms? Sitting on a mountain top thinking and writing some deep thoughts. Did they go to schools made out of rocks listening to their teachers talking about...Rocks?

Yes, T. Rex is my favourite because it lets me use my imagination.

My Dream Job

Trevor Choy 2C

Did you ever think of your dream job? Yes, I did! I want to be an astronaut when I grow up. It is because I want to know all about the universe.

I will drive my space shuttle to space for finding a nice planet that has good living environment. At the planet, I will stay for a certain period of time for doing a number of experiments.

I will collect some stones and soil to test whether they can be used for planting and building houses. Next, I will explore a place under water for change of temperature and climate. If the environment



Artwork done by author

is suitable for human beings to live, I will build a supersonic space tunnel to connect this planet to the Earth. I will also build some resort facilities, such as hotels, beaches, pools, fitness rooms and so on.

In the future, if people feel bored living on Earth, they can buy a space tunnel ticket from me to take a vacation on this extraordinary planet. I expect this planet will become one of the most popular attractions in the world and this place will be well known to many people as 'TrevorLand'.

If I had a magic finger, I would...

Adrian Kan 3A

If I had a magic finger, I would ask my Daddy and Mummy to take me to Africa. This is because Daddy and Mummy said many children in Africa are very poor, with no food, no toys and no hope for the future.

When I visit the poor villages in Africa, I would use my magic finger to touch the leaves and turn them into food. I will then give these food to the children who are starving. I would also use my magic finger to touch the stones and turn them into toys. I will then give these toys to the children so that they can have fun.

I would also use my magic finger to draw a big and colourful flower. I will tell the children that life can be full of joy and colour, just like the flower. I will tell them that they should have hope for the future!

A Night at the Castle of Sacred Spirits

Ethan Chan 4C

In the mythical kingdom of Prussia, all was well. The people there built a great empire, and they were the most powerful kingdom in Europe. But, things had changed. War had begun.

Every day, battle cries were heard, and by night cannonballs ignited the sky. Different kingdoms went to war against Prussia for gold. They were greedy, but the Prussians refused to surrender their gold. So the war went on for months. The Prussian soldiers were too tired and exhausted to fight the never-ending battles. The enemy had reached the Royal Palace, and the Prussians were one step from being wiped out.

One night, the bravest knight called Pascal was guarding the Royal Palace. Balls of fire flew across the sky like shooting stars. He anxiously sought for a plan to turn the tides. He came up with his last resort – the gem. He was told by his grandad that there was a gem hidden in the most secret place in the Castle of Sacred Spirits, filled with dangerous traps.

Once Pascal entered the castle, he was locked up in the Pentagon of Axes. One wrong move, and his limbs could be severed or he could even be chopped to pieces! Luckily, he was able to dodge all the axes. He suffered all kinds of injuries, but he carried on, making his way through all kinds of traps. Eventually, he came to the final trap – The Path of Fate. There were two paths. One path would lead to the secret place, while the other would lead to a deep pit, where he would be stuck forever. Pascal was exhausted, and he wanted to stop for a rest. But what lingered in his head were the desperate cries of the children, and the pitiful wailing of the citizens, so he decided to go on. He followed his heart, and chose the path on his right.

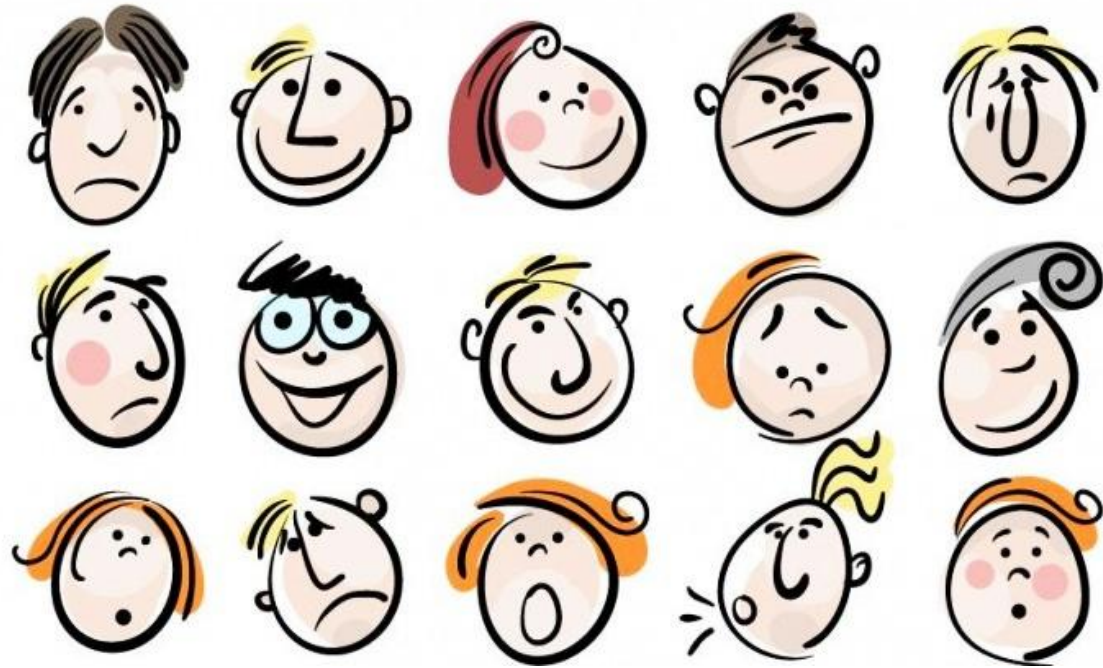
At the end of the path was a square arena with a chest in front of him. He opened the chest, found the gem, held it in his hands, and a flash blinded him for a few seconds. He felt blazing hot, as if he were in a volcano. The blazing mass of fire let out a loud shriek. It was a phoenix!

Soon, Pascal rode the phoenix into battle, destroying enemy camps one by one. The enemy fought back with arrows and cannonballs, but they were no match for the great beast. Soon, they ran off into the darkness, screaming and pleading for their lives. Finally, the phoenix dropped him off at the entrance of the Royal Palace, and flew off into the night sky, like a comet. Covered with ash and smoke, the battlefield was finally silent.

The sun shone its golden rays onto the grain fields surrounding the palace. The war was over, and peace had returned to Prussia...for now.



Different Emotions



Matthew Chan 5E

Jumping with joy,
Overwhelmed like a little boy,
Yelling "Ahoy!"

Sob until I am flooded by tears,
And cry for a hundred years.
Don't stop drinking my beer,
Never remember what I hear,
Endure my pain in fear.
So leave me alone, my dear,
Sadness is here.

A burning feeling is inside me,
Now you see how mad I can be.
Go away, I want to be free!
Erupting lava above me, you can see,
Right, I am going to sting you like a bee.

Father, I am so afraid,
Escape quick, I have been hit by a blade!
Around me is the mess I have made,
Repressive feelings as I begin to fade.

Everyone has emotions every day,
Maybe it's not so bad as you say.
Of course you're right, they know how to obey,
Together, they could do a great job in your way.
I think they will not betray,
Once, all of them made me feel okay.
Neither one will make you say "yay!"
So, you can continue to play.



A Blackboard's Life

Nikka Lai 6A

I used to be a nobody.
Wood was my body.
I lived in the forest
And let time go by.

But suddenly I felt pain.
I was being hit by the bark.
I was taken away by a train
And it was so dark.
So,
I decided to sleep.

I woke up in a classroom.
I was brown no more.
I was big,
Not like the broom.
Or even the door.

A teacher came in,
Threw something in the bin,
Picked up a chalk
And walked up.

She scribbled something on me,
And pointed at me.
I felt insulted,
But found out
This was to be
The life of a blackboard.

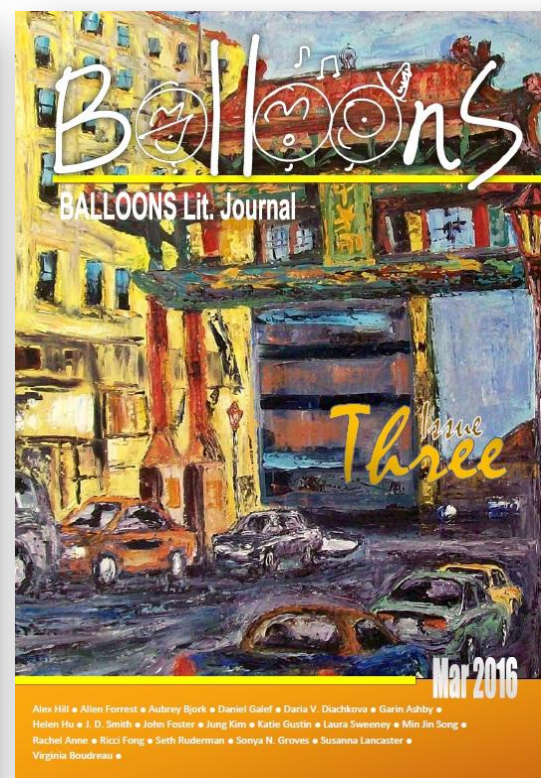
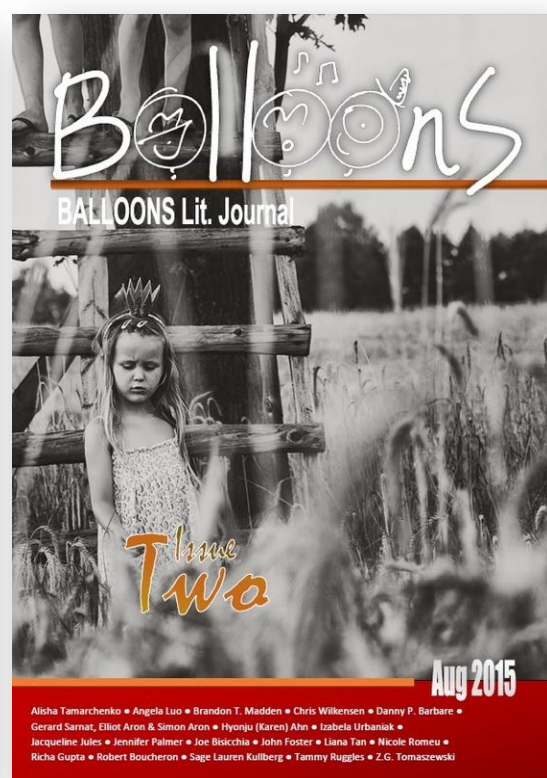
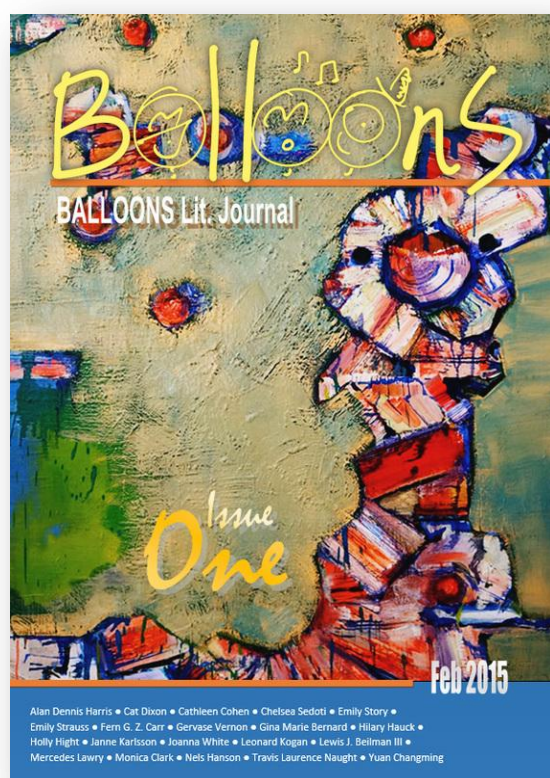




Balloons



A Literary Journal for the Young



RECOMMENDED BY **MRS MARIA LAM**, HEADMISTRESS

BALLOONS Lit. Journal (BLJ) is an independent online literary magazine started up by YWPS's English Panel Head Dr Lee in 2014. Three issues have been published so far, collecting poetry, fiction and artworks from creators all over the world. All issues are freely downloadable to everybody.

When Dr Lee first introduced this project to me, reading out the brilliant pieces, I was amazed by the passion of this English teacher. One thing is always true – when a good idea lands on the wrong hands, it gets screwed up; when a good idea lands on the right mind, it takes flight and goes viral. I always believe that creativity breeds creativity. One person's creative effort can move a group, and a group can move many and then the world. That is how this budding journal builds up its contents and readership.

I have always been touched by this project. I think that the endless fountain of creativity of our boys at YWPS is fueled by the teachers around them with such infinite power of innovation in the subject they are devoted to.

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Hong Kong Teachers Dream Fund

Supported by donations and enthusiastic educators in Hong Kong, the first voyage of the Hong Kong Teachers Dream Fund was made in 2015. Dr Lee's literary project BLJ was among the 300+ applications. After discussions and an interview, BLJ was selected as one of the 17 awarded projects to receive funding. It is also the only English-based project among the awarded.

The award ceremony was held on 10 Apr 2016 at Cordis, Hong Kong. Dr Lee, BLJ's founder and editor-in-chief, received a certificate and award package on stage and re-started the journal as a free print and online magazine at least for the next 6 issues. BLJ is available at: www.balloons-lit-journal.com



Mrs Lam (2nd from left) visited Dr Lee's (2nd from right) booth with other guests at the Fund's award presentation ceremony.



BLJ's introductory video played to the audience.



Ms Pauline Chow officially presented the award to BLJ.

CANADA Educational Trip

29 April – 8 May 2016

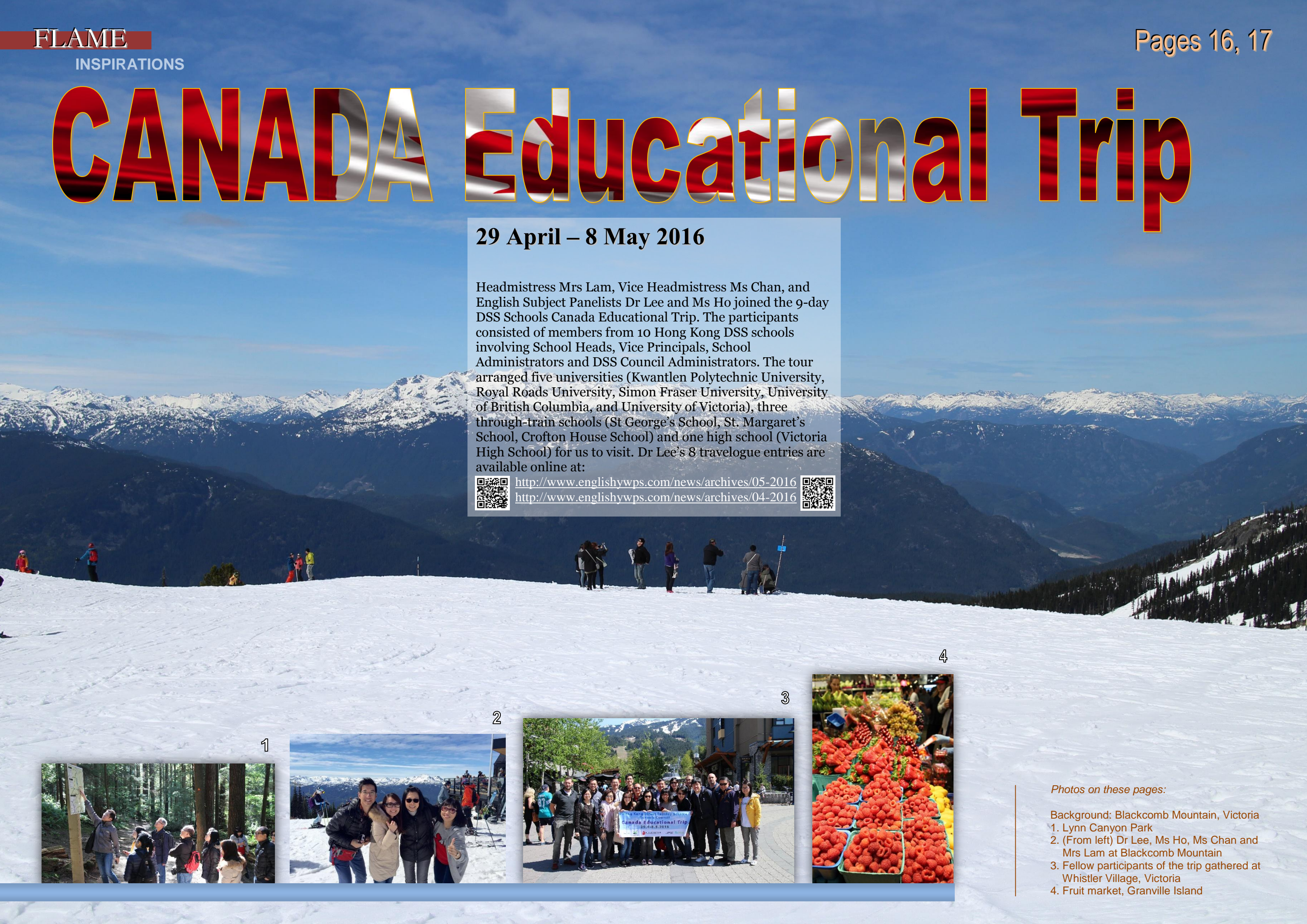
Headmistress Mrs Lam, Vice Headmistress Ms Chan, and English Subject Panelists Dr Lee and Ms Ho joined the 9-day DSS Schools Canada Educational Trip. The participants consisted of members from 10 Hong Kong DSS schools involving School Heads, Vice Principals, School Administrators and DSS Council Administrators. The tour arranged five universities (Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Royal Roads University, Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia, and University of Victoria), three through-train schools (St George's School, St. Margaret's School, Crofton House School) and one high school (Victoria High School) for us to visit. Dr Lee's 8 travelogue entries are available online at:



<http://www.englishywps.com/news/archives/05-2016>



<http://www.englishywps.com/news/archives/04-2016>



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Photos on these pages:

- Background: Blackcomb Mountain, Victoria
- 1. Lynn Canyon Park
- 2. (From left) Dr Lee, Ms Ho, Ms Chan and Mrs Lam at Blackcomb Mountain
- 3. Fellow participants of the trip gathered at Whistler Village, Victoria
- 4. Fruit market, Granville Island

CANADA Educational Trip

29 April – 8 May 2016



Mrs Maria Lam:

Two ideas struck me the most during the tour in Canada.

First, the philosophy of St George's School on teaching boys with a boy-oriented curriculum was to me a proof that YWPS has been on the right track for over a decade. Yet, quoting from their words, "On track but not resting on our laurels", meaning that we will never be content merely with what we currently have. We will continue to strive further for our students' learning.

Second, the school forest of Crofton House School really impressed me. In Hong Kong, we certainly do not get a forest in our schools, but creativity is to get something out of nothing. If we need a forest for experiential learning (drama, science projects etc), we will work with a recreational centre where a forest could be provided for our boys. I have always wanted our students to get into "green" more often. Seeing Crofton's environment, I think I will develop a curriculum with a forest involved for our boys in the near future.



Ms Pansy Chan:

This tour was certainly an eye-opening staff development tour for me. There are a few things in the tour that are still in my mind: I like the many badges on the blazer of St. George's School's boys to recognize their participations in various activities; I like the many post-its on the boards at the library of Crofton House Junior School under a theme, plus their canteen was so large that could house the entire school! I am particularly impressed by Victoria High School's offering of Trade & Technology subjects like carpentry. It is a pity that in Hong Kong, we used to have these practical subjects which boys liked, but now they have become so unpopular and rare. On a different note, I would love to have visited some government schools where they might not have so many resources as those independent ones we visited this time. But on the whole, Canada is a very good option for Hong Kong students to experience for their studies in different stages.



Ms Jenny Ho:

Continuous professional development
 Among principals and educators
 Nice tours around the city with
 A combination of mountains, forests and rivers
 Delicious food and gourmet restaurants
 Allow a taste of life in Canada

Educational visits to
 Different schools, including
 Universities, seniors and juniors
 Confident student ambassadors
 Amazed us in the way they led the tours
 Thoughtful school leaders
 Implemented curriculum designed for their learners
 Offering different possibilities and dimensions of learning
 Needs and interests of students are catered
 Adventurous and creative learning experiences
 Leading to the nurturing of future leaders

The 10-day Canada educational trip
 Reaffirms our belief and direction, and
 Inspires us to build on strength to reach
 Perfection



Photos on these pages:

Background: Stunning sea-view enroute to Victoria

1. Posting at the entrance of St. George's Junior School
2. Ms Chan and Ms Ho at the Legislative Building of the Parliament of British Columbia
3. Sports Centre of the University of Victoria
4. A carpentry class in action
5. Mrs Lam presented souvenir to Crofton House Junior School

Congratulations to Oscar Au 6B and Edmund Wu 6B for their sparkling results in the Hong Kong Budding Poets (English) Award and Hong Kong Young Writers Awards respectively.

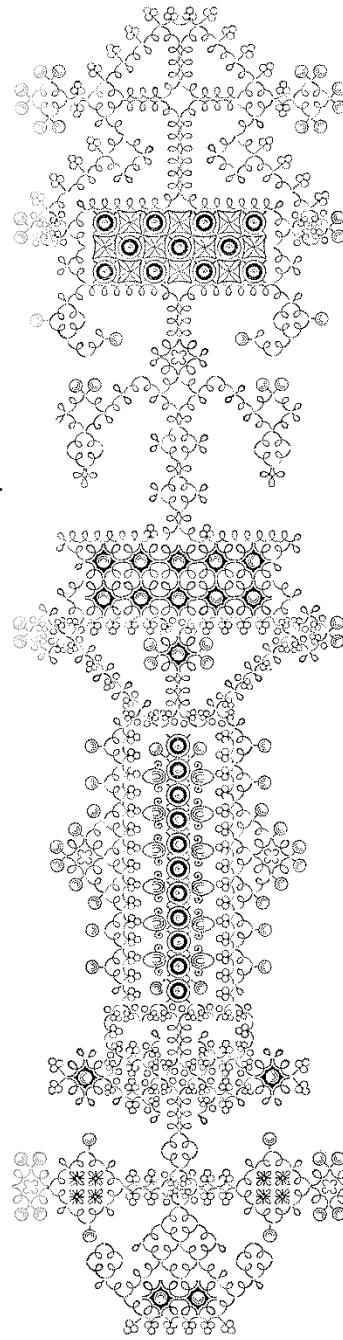
TYPHOON

Oscar Au 6B

Staring out of the window desperately,
As grey clouds rolled in and draped the sky hurriedly,
Strong wind gathered and whooshed with might,
Breaking up the silence in the once peaceful night.
Gigantic waves tramped into the sandy shore,
Tearing seashells apart and giving out an ear-piercing roar.
Lightning flashed through the immense weight of cloud
And thunder cracked my ears with their growl so loud.
Rain tormented the windowsill of my building
As whirlwinds arose and destroyed the clearing.
My heart thumped hard as if leaping out of my chest.
Would the typhoon ever end and leave what was left?

**Note:*

The verse above was written by Oscar Au, as one of the shortlisted budding poets to perform improvised poetry writing, on the spot before an interview. He was given around half an hour to compose this under a given topic. And this piece tops the group of elites.



Photos above: Oscar Au 6B received the **Commendation** and **Best Improviser of the Year** Awards.

Photos on the right: Edmund Wu 6B received the **Highly Commended Certificate** (Fiction Group 3) for his work.

THE SPECIAL MISSION

Edmund Wu 6B

Ben worked in the 4th Pit of the Terracotta Warriors. He was an archaeologist's assistant, but he found the job extremely boring. So, he always sang this song:

"If you found something here
We'll go and dig it up
When there is treasure down there
We'll get it up for you
Then we will dust dust dust
The treasure will be kept
And the money-
cling cling cling
rolls into *our* pockets!"



The archaeologist frowned.

"Stop singing that tedious song for the *infinite* time!"

"Okay," sighed Ben as he turned around and started dusting a warrior model. It was atypically heavy. All of a sudden, the model burst!

"WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!" shrieked the archaeologist in a piercing voice, "YOU'RE —"

Someone came out of the dusty air around the fragments. He was wearing robes of the Emperor—the Qin Dynasty style. He stood and looked at the two.

"— not fired," muttered the archaeologist.

"Hello everyone," greeted the Emperor, "allow me to introduce myself. I am the First Emperor from the Qin Dynasty."

"But...you passed away a long time ago!" exclaimed Ben.

"I am half-dead," replied the Emperor. "The other half of me — which was the one gone — was kept after a fight with a devil. The devil made half of my good to be detached from my body, which is kept in a Terracotta Warrior model. And now the half-good...is me."

The archaeologist and the assistant couldn't believe their eyes.

"Please," pleaded the Emperor, "we have a mission to do."



"What mission?"

"To escort me back to my body, and change the bad things the devil had done. You two will be turned into my most loved concubines to stop the devil."

"Concubines...WOMEN?" yelled the two. "ARE YOU INSULTING US?!"

"If you two weren't concubines, you might have your heads off *by the devil*."

"Err...okay," stammered Ben.

The three returned to the Qin Dynasty.

The First Emperor went to his own bed with two ravishing concubines—who actually were Ben and the archaeologist. While the Emperor was talking to them, something black swooshed past them all, leaving a dark trail behind it. It struck the Emperor on his chest. The four-legged scaly creature made the emperor struggle and choke. The other two could not pull it out. Ben ran out, called some strong men in, who successfully removed the creature. It was a dragon — the devil.

The Emperor was exhausted but relieved.

"Thank you," he said. "There are two models of you two in the Warriors' Pit. It is a present for you. Goodbye..." He held his hand up, causing a tunnel. Ben and the archaeologist returned to the Pit.

Ten years after they had returned, Ben, the famous archaeologist, found two painted models of beautiful-looking concubines. Above them was a portrait which was the scene of them saving the Emperor.

Ben murmured to himself, "Was that me?" He dreamily gazed at them.

**Note:*

This story has been collected in the official anthology of the Hong Kong Young Writers Awards 2016

1st Debating Champion

YWPS Debating Team won BIG at the Grand Final of the "Primary Schools Debating Tournament 2016" – crowned Overall Champion, and Jason Chan was awarded Best Debater in the Final.

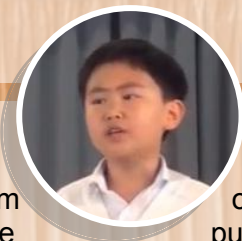


Jason Chan 6B

Yesterday was an unforgettable and wonderful day. The YWPS debating team were won the championship of the Debating Tournament held in St. Joseph's Primary School and I was awarded the best speaker.

From the deepest of my heart, I thank Mr Tam greatly as he taught me how to become a debater. He also used a great deal of time to prepare us so that we could have stronger points and rebuttals which were essential for our win. Mr Tam also taught me with such patience that I learnt a lot. Best of all, Mr Tam paid for lunch and I got a rib-eye steak! Secondly, I thank Mrs Lam for granting me a chance to be a member of the Ying Wa debating team and let me have a valuable opportunity to shine on stage. Thirdly, I thank all the teachers for nurturing me in different categories and teaching me. Fourthly, I thank my parents and my teammates, Isaac and Isaac (Lee and Yan), for supporting and helping me.

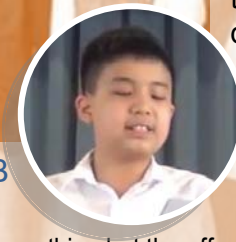
I hope that I will have more chances to debate on stage in the future!



Isaac Yan 6E

From the bottom of my heart, I thank Mr. Tam for coaching us! He put lots of effort into the debate team and almost didn't sleep on the night before the competition! Although I was sick after the competition and had a very serious sore throat, I really enjoyed debating with the other schools and of course, getting the first place. It was indeed a very exciting and unforgettable experience to have 3 matches in 1 day! I hope I will have chances to keep on debating in secondary school!

I learnt a lot while competing with the other schools and I thank all of the supporting teachers, supporting classmates and schoolmates, supporting parents, Mr. Tam, my teammates (without them I would never succeed) and of course Mrs. Lam for creating the debate team a year ago.



Isaac Lee 6B

"Winning is not everything but the effort to win is!" Mrs Lam always says. In fact, this is what I've experienced in this year's debating journey. We got defeated in the NESTA Debate Competition, we were frustrated and upset. Yet, failure not just allows us to grow but also makes us stronger. Four months of training finally paid off. We beat the strongest team, DGJS, and won the Championship of the Primary School Debating Tournament 2016.

Debate is such a wonderful way to put into practice methods of formulating and articulating an argument. It allows me to develop self-confidence, hone my research skills, refine my writing abilities, widen my vocabulary, sharpen my critical thinking, enhance my communication and challenge my mindset. I am so thankful that I could be one of the debate team members this year.

Also, we were so fortunate to have Mr Tam as our coach, who always stretched us to a high level and pushed us to improve and perform at our best while being understanding, caring, available, encouraging and always a pleasure to be around. We really owe him a huge debt of gratitude. Without his professional training, we would not be crowned Champion.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Mrs Lam, the English Department and parents for all your support and encouragement. We couldn't have done it without your support.

Photos on these pages:
Snapshots of the Primary Schools Debating Tournament 2016



News launch of this victory is available at:
<http://www.englishywps.com/news/ywps-debate-team-wins-big>

Primary Schools Debating Tournament 2016
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Motion: Single-sex primary schools are better than mixed-sex primary schools



More Honours for Performers

Congratulations to our speech performers who participated in the 9th Hong Kong Students Open Speech Competition and readers joining the 13th Dr. Book Chart Competitions. They have shown marvelous works!

Winners in the 9th Hong Kong Students Open Speech Competition



P.5-6 Duologue Winners Cyrus Ho (right) & Lachlan Lai (left) with adjudicator Mr Simon Tham



P.3-4 Storytelling Winner Lawrence Ma 3B with adjudicator Ms Nicole Tavares



P.1-2 Storytelling Winner Jonathan Yip 1A. Award re-presented in the school hall by Vice Headmistress Ms Yiu (right).



Cyrus Ho (left) 6C, and Lachlan Lai (right) 6C celebrated after their duologue victory! Cheers!

Cyrus Ho 6C (Winner, Duologue)

"It's such a wonderful and memorable competition of my life because I remember a lot of scenes. In December, Lachlan and I decided to join the duologue in the Speech Gala. However, we were so busy and we only practised for a few times...At last, we failed to get into the final. We felt sorry for each other...I want to thank Dr Lee for giving us such a great chance to perform on the stage..."

Lawrence Ma 3B (Winner, Storytelling)

"I was very happy that I won! The story I told tells us that in some cases, we are the only one who could help ourselves. I think this story is very meaningful. I also understand that when telling a story, the voice needs to be more dramatic and expressive. I also got some experience from the adjudicator. She said that "MVP" was the most important in speech. M stands for meaning, V for voice and P for presentation. I enjoyed this competition very much!"



Mrs Rebecca Ho accompanied our enthusiastic English readers to join the award ceremony.

13th Dr Book Chart

Book Report Competition – Upper Primary Division

Second Runner-up Merit Ryan Chang 6E
Oscar Au 6B

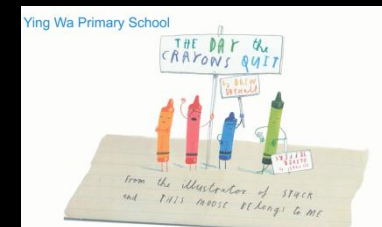
"Why this book is good" Promotion (video-making contest)

First Runner-up Joseph Ho 6E
Henry Ng 6E
Okumura Harutoshi 6E
Sparkle Suen 6E
Percy Wong 6E



Want to take a look at our prize-winning book promotion video? Visit our video channel at: <http://www.englishywps.com/videos-2015-2016.html>

The 13th Dr. Book Chart.
The Competition of
"Why this book is good!" Promotion
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Snapshots from our video promoting the book "The Day the Crayons Quit"

Drama Festival 2016

5 Outstanding Actors...

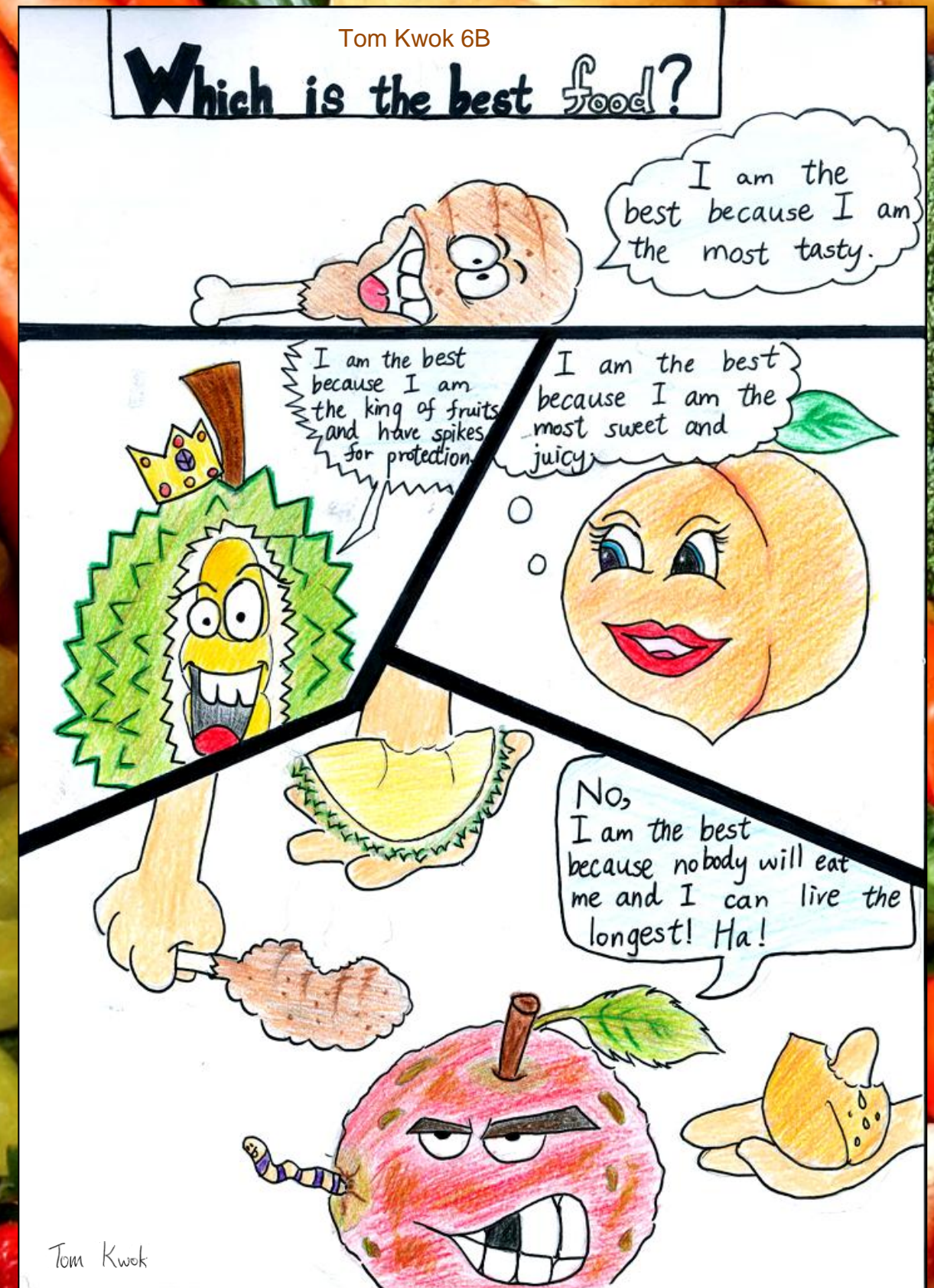


Congratulations to our Drama Festival Outstanding Performer Awardees this year (from left): **Mike Wong (5E)**, **Anson Ng (5C)**, **Tom Kwok (6B)**, **Joseph Ho (6E)**, and **Daniel Cheng (5C)**.

Also, the team won the Award for Outstanding Script (**YWPS Team**) and Award for Outstanding Director (**Mr Thomas Ching**)! Check out the full report at:



<http://www.englishywps.com/news/ywps-drama-team-outstanding-four-years-in-a-row>



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Semester Two, 2015-2016

The Disappearing Tiger

Bryan Fung 6D



It began in a war period – WWII, when the Nazi invaded the Soviets and hence biggest tank battle in history.

Three days after the battle of Raseiniai, all signals were lost. The Soviets sent a recovery army to the battlefield. All tanks were destroyed; soldiers were dead – except for one in a T-34.

He was taken to an army hospital immediately. 90% of his body was burnt. He luckily survived, but forgot everything except the battle. He described, 'It's "The White Tiger"... I just saw smoke flying towards me... Then, close enough, the shell was pointing at me... "The "White Tiger" was a mysterious tank. It destroyed thousands of tanks but the Soviet didn't know what was going on.

He was then called Катюша and sent to 74 tank group. Afterwards, he fought a few battles. The general of that group found him outstanding at driving. Therefore, he grouped him with another gunner, Валентин (Every shot of his hit the

target), and loader, Борис (he was always drunk before missions) to drive a special T-34 to defeat the "White Tiger". The next day, they went on a mission, with other tanks. They broke into the enemy line fast. But as they went deeper, artillery fire roared through the air. Катюша knew it was the "White Tiger", which God of T-34 – whom he worshipped, told him. They barely survived from the "White Tiger"'s bombard and rushed into a forest, leaving other tanks to be bombed behind them.

They passed through the forest and rolled into a small village. He discovered a Panzer in a cottage. Валентин fired at it. In a few seconds, the Panzer's turret was blown off and set on fire. Катюша sensed the God of T-34 told him that the "White Tiger" was behind him. He turned around and drove towards the "White Tiger". They fired at each other. Then, he drove back and crashed into a cottage. While the "White Tiger" turned its turret towards him, he quickly drove to its left so it couldn't aim at him immediately. Валентин fired and hit its turret, it couldn't move. He went forward but fell into a wallow and the cannon was stuck with mud. Валентин fired a shot again but the cannon exploded. The "White Tiger" seized the chance to escape. Катюша went mad. He took out his gun and shot at it...

Three years passed. Nazis surrendered. The general went to find Катюша and told him "The war has ended. Germany surrendered."

'The war hasn't ended. The war doesn't end until I kill the "White Tiger"...' Катюша answered and went on a journey again.

KA CHAI

Lee Ka Chai 1B

Kind
Active

Cheerful

Happy

Aggressive
Interesting

I Love My School – Ying Wa

Jerry Kung 6D

I walked through the gate of Ying Wa.
Holding hands with Mama and Papa.
Seeing warm smiles on teachers' faces.
Made me nervous and walk in faster paces.

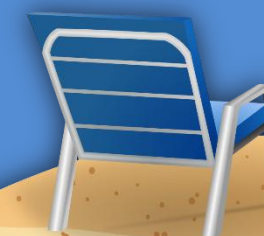
I met a lot of passionate teachers.
Patiently teaching us naughty little creatures.
Although Dr. Lee gave me a lot of "A-List"* to do,
I know it's good for me and I'm grateful too.

I'm proud of studying in this school.
With strong sports and even building a swimming pool.
Swimming and football are the strongest of all.
Even the news reporters gave us a call.

Our music group is impressive as well.
The band made audiences clap and yell.
These six years were filled with joy.
I'm honoured to be a Ying Wa boy.

* "A-List" is extra writing given by my English teacher.

I ♥ School



Jasper Lai 2D

My favourite season is summer. The weather is hot and sunny, but sometimes it is rainy and humid. It is because typhoons always come in summer.

I like to go to the beach during summer time. It is

because I can build sandcastles and go sunbathing on the beach.

I can have fun in the boat trips during summer time. Sometimes, some friends arrange parties on the boat and we swim and play with

them. After the party, we go swimming and collect shells on the beach.

I love summer because I can do my favourite activities such as collecting shells, building sandcastles, eating yummy ice-cream and much

more. I think summer is just a great season!

The Hole



Marco Chan 6C (author & illustrator)



THE HOLE is a 4000-word fantasy story.

In my English lessons, when we do something that causes unneeded disturbance, Dr Lee, who is our English teacher, will put us on the "A-list". When we are "A-listed", we would need to do extra writing. Once I was A-listed four times in a day! Dr Lee asked me to write a sustainable story. Actually, I planned to stop this at Chapter Four, but I couldn't stop writing! So, I continued and that is how this story was born.

Chapter 1

Tom and his family were having dinner. Tom said, "Mum, at night when I was going to sleep, I heard some mysterious sounds, it's like "dong, dong..."

Tom's dad said, "Maybe our neighbour Mr. Lau was still playing his musical instrument at night."

Tom's mum said, "You shouldn't be so worried about it. It must be Mr. Lau. He loves music so much. I can complain to him tomorrow."

After dinner, Tom did some homework and went to sleep. He slept badly and had a nightmare. It was about a monster that wanted to eat him...

"Bang!" "Whao!" Tom woke up with a fright. He looked at the clock, it was 3:00 am.

Suddenly, there were some sounds from the basement. Tom thought, "It is definitely not Mr. Lau. They are coming

from the basement!"

Slowly, Tom took a torch and walked to the basement. The basement was full of dust. Tom's family had put every old thing in the basement. But the strange thing was that there was a big hole in the centre of the basement! Tom was scared. When he wanted to go back to his room, he heard some footsteps and someone talking...

He quickly hid behind some boxes.

Chapter 2

The basement's door was opened. Two horrible creatures came in. One of them was green. Some saliva was dripping from its mouth. Its hair was made of green worms. They were squirming and wiggling. The other monster was bald and had four hands and six long legs. It had only one eye.

The green creature said, "Is the weapon ready yet?"

The bald monster replied, "Don't be so hurried. The weapon is very complicated. But after the weapon is ready, we can destroy the humans immediately and the world will be ours!"

The green creature laughed. Tom was terrified. He watched as the two hideous creatures jumped into the hole.

Tom ran to his parents' room and woke them up. He said nervously, "Mum, Dad, there are two creatures, two creatures! And a hole! A big hole!"

"What on earth are you talking about?" Mum asked furiously. "It's only six o'clock. Today is Saturday! You don't need to go to school!"

"No... but..." Tom muttered.

"Go back to sleep now!" Mum snapped.

Tom was frustrated and tried to open the basement door again. But the door was locked. Tom, without any better option, went back to his room.

Chapter 3

"It was such a tiring day!" Tom thought, picking up the broomstick. Mum was very angry after what he did in the morning. She made him do all the housework.

"Tom, wash the dishes now!" Mum shouted. Tom nearly fell into the rubbish bin.

At night, Tom was forced by Mum to tidy his room before sleeping. But Tom knew that he won't sleep tonight. He planned to go down to the hole and find out what was actually happening in the basement.

At 2:00 am, Tom got out of his bed. He had been pretending to sleep in the last few hours. He was sure that his parents were both asleep and took a torch. He knew that it would be dangerous so he took his grandpa's walking stick too. He felt frightened when he saw the hole again. Slowly, he

tried to climb down into the hole but he slipped and fell into it!

He thought that he would fall on the floor and hurt his back but instead, he fell on something soft. It was a big piece of sponge. It was very thick but dirty. He lit up his torch so that he could see the path. Finally, he found a room. He opened the door. It was dim inside. There were different kinds of potions. There was a potion on the table in the middle of the room.

While Tom was exploring the room, he heard footsteps. He wanted to hide behind the shelves but he accidentally knocked over a bottle! The potion fell on the floor. "Oh no!" thought Tom. Fortunately, he managed to hide behind the shelves in time.

"Bang!" The door was kicked opened and a voice came, "Who's there?" It was the bald monster! It saw the broken potion and roared, "Who has broken my precious potion? I want you to stand in front of me now!"

No one replied.

"Ugh! Whatever! It was not a good potion actually. And let me test my weapon now!" He took the potion which was on the table and dropped a few drops on some vegetable. After that, it gave the vegetables to a rabbit. The rabbit ate it happily. Suddenly, it started to change. Its body became blue and much larger. Its eyes became red and its teeth became as sharp as knives.

"That's it!" the bald monster cheered. While it was cheering, Tom crept out of the door quietly. He went back the same way as he had come and climbed up the hole.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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