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The Joyful "Thematic" Team

WAVES OF STUNNING EXPERIENCES

Cover Photo:

Principal Chan welcomes the boys on the first school day of the year 2019-2020.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Principal Chan starts the 2019-2020 school year in a creative fashion on 2 Sept 2019.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Principal Ms Sylvia Chan MH

Joining Ying Wa Primary School as a new “member”, I have a natural curiosity of knowing everyone here in the shortest time. In my getting-to-know-you process throughout these months, I have visited classes for lunchtime sharing, had lesson observations, participated in a wide range of outings with the boys, communicated with them through letters, had boys visited and played at my office (requested by them 😊) and many more...

Through these interactions, I have found that boys of YWPS are very versatile, intelligent and creative. While most of them are active and playful, some are philosophical and they enjoy thinking. But my strongest feeling about these adorable children is, they are truly blessed to be in this family of Ying Wa.

We nurture children’s growth in character and academic knowledge. Our boys have been advantageous

having so many great qualities inside them. However, what I’d like them to achieve further is to make better use of their good characters and abilities to make better choices in life. Life itself is made up of choices. For example, when we encounter a problem, there are always more than one solution to it. Through the use of positive values, I wish that students can learn to see the options and make the best choice to solve the problem at hand to achieve mutual benefit.

Beginning with the end, we should all start with a long-term vision and keep rowing our boats towards it. In rowing, the balance of the left and right movements of the oar is similar to that of intelligence and value. Only when we achieve a harmonious balance, we could move forward and sustain a fruitful voyage in life.

Ying Wa boys, get to know yourselves better and truly live up to your school motto – Steadfast Faith; Beneficent Deeds.

“In rowing, the balance of the left and right movements of the oar is similar to that of intelligence and value.”



NEW ERA, NEW ENERGY



Principal Chan having fun with the boys in the P.3 camp

Small photos above:

1. Happy "sharing" time during lunch
2. Principal's room as a playroom
3. Principal Chan selfies with our swimmers.
4. Principal Chan and Dr Lee (left) celebrate with a speech winner who receives a kiss from Muffin, Principal Chan's pet.



Lance sharing his view in front of other environmentalists during Global Climate Strike, 29 Nov 2019

ACTION NOW

Lance Lau 5C

Hi! I'm Lance Lau. I have been protesting with my sign to urge for Climate Actions NOW in front of Ying Wa Primary School every Friday morning for 16 weeks now. I am an Eco-activist, and I hope you can understand the situation...no, EMERGENCY after reading this.

Firstly, I'll tell you what is climate change or global warming – the Climate Emergency, as I call it. Since the industrial revolution, factories that burn fossil fuels to generate power have produced large amounts of carbon dioxide. Transports that run on petrol like cars and planes contribute to that too. Carbon dioxide is a type of greenhouse gas. Greenhouse gas traps heat in the atmosphere, making the earth become hotter and hotter, the ice caps melt and the sea level rises, flooding coastal cities; while inland cities get so hot that they become unlivable and forests catch fire...the rippling effect goes on. The biggest problem is: people don't care. They treat climate change as a myth and continue their consumerism lifestyle as usual, producing more and more carbon dioxide, while the world governments, typically on the side of the big businesses, also are doing nothing, bringing me into why this needs to be stopped. Now!

Climate change has gone too far. Anything, the Earth included, has a breaking point. The catastrophes I mentioned in the second paragraph will come true soon if no action is taken. In fact, it has come true in some parts of the world already. For example, millions of Australians are choking on smoke from wildfires, and the super typhoons that attacked Hong Kong in recent years. If the global temperature increase **goes over 1.5 Celsius, climate change**

may be irreversible (meaning that even if humans stop emitting more carbon, the Earth will continue to heat up anyway), and currently the temperature has already increased by 1 degree Celsius. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s carbon budget, we still have around 350 gigatons of carbon dioxide left. We spend around 70 gigatons every 1.7 years, so long story short, we now only have 8.5 years left to turn this around. News around the world shows a trail of destruction made by climate change. Typhoons becoming stronger, wild forest fires becoming bigger and more frequent,

droughts becoming more serious, up to 200 species of animals going extinct every day, and in the Australian Fires happening now, 5 million animals have already been killed...if this isn't enough evidence for you, I don't know what is.

If we don't act now, we will lose our future.

All that is why climate change needs to be stopped. If we don't act now, we will lose our future. Here are just a few ways to help: Fly less, eat less meat (especially beef), don't waste food, bring your own bag, box, bottle (3Bs), straw and cup when shopping or going out, live a zero-waste life and buy from second-hand stores, tell others about the climate emergency, exercise your rights as a citizen, speak up and demand climate actions, use public transport and write letters to LegCo and District Council members to ask for system changes. And to parents: the best gift for your kids is giving them a bright future by stopping climate change.

People, I have given you the facts. The future is in your hands. What kind of future world would you like to live in? The choice is yours.

Little Green Fighter

What do Lance's peers make of him as the first active environmentalist in Ying Wa Primary School?



Did you know that Hong Kong has its very own Greta Thunberg? Just 10 years old, Lance has inspired many across the city with his unerring commitment to climate activism. When you look at him, the term "climate activist" does not immediately spring to mind. Yet since September, Lance has been conducting a "morning propaganda" at school in Hong Kong every Friday to draw attention to issues harmful to the environment. After making headlines when he started his own great posters, he made us small notebooks about climate change and he also asked us not to use plastic. It will be a very good start for him and I will show the strongest support. I hope he will succeed and change our lives!

Bryan Cheng 5C

Lance Lau is the first Ying Wa student to focus attention on global problems in the environment, such as rising sea levels, forest fires, and air/land/sea pollution in Hong Kong. I personally have experienced difficulty in breathing on some days. Lance sets us an example with his enthusiasm and innovation. He has created an environmentally-friendly detergent for cleaning plastic bottles for recycling them. It is a fantastic idea, and will encourage people to reuse plastic bottles. All in all, Lance is an eco-warrior in the fight to save our planet!

Andrew Lee 5C

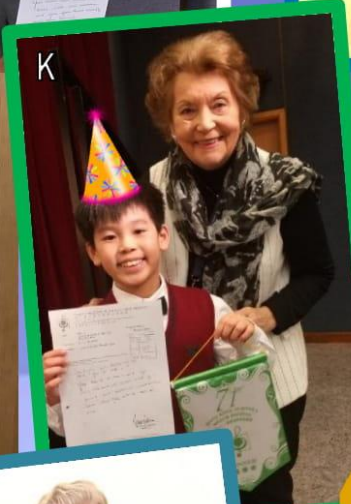
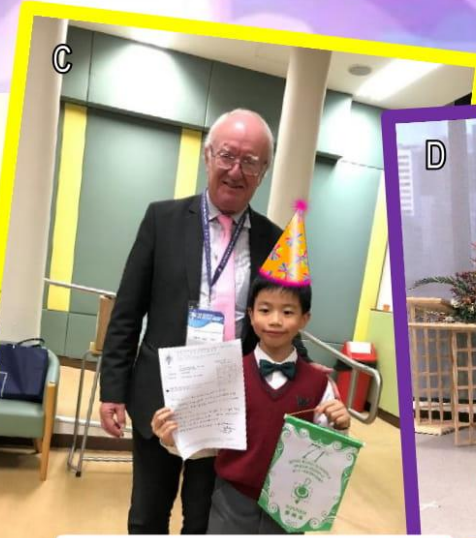
I think it's very important to know that the earth is destroyed by us and how to save the world, so I am in favour of Lance Lau doing this activity.

Now, environmental pollution is one of the key problems faced by our modern world. Though there has been massive technological advancement in these recent years, it has also invited negative effects to the environment. By doing a simple thing like planting a tree, we shall be making the world a better place and for sure we shall always live to be proud of our achievement.

Australian wildfires continue to spread locally, threatening the safety of local humans and animals. It is estimated that as many as 500 million animals have died as a result, and many animals have been burned to death in the fire, including mammals, birds and reptiles. In New South Wales, as many as 8,000 koalas have been buried by flames. But why would it happen? It frequently occurs due to man-made events such as arcing from overhead power lines, accidental ignition in the course of agricultural clearing and more.

Saving the environment is not just an issue anymore, it is a survival truth. We need to protect what is left of our planet so that the future is not wiped out. At last, I hope that Lance would succeed in his action of saving the world.

Ian Liu 5C





Festive Moments!

The 71st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival has given us a lot of memorable experiences this year despite the cancellation of the first nine days. In our group categories, we earned **2 Winners** (Thematic Group Speaking and Junior Choral Speaking) – see overleaf for more reports. In solo categories, we are thrilled to have **14 Winners, 21 Second Places and 25 Third Places!** Congratulations to all our awardees and we surely will join the Festival again next year!

Solo WINNERS List Solo Second Places

- A. Arvon Law 1A
- B. Keaton Chang 2C
- C. Marcus Lok 2C
- D. Hans Huang 2E
- E. Travia Law 3D
- F. Karson Yau 4B
- G. Samuel Wong 4C
- H. Ian Chow 4C
- I. Sky Lau 4C
- J. 5E Aden Su
- K. Adrian To 5E
- L. Peter Lok 6A
- M. Lincoln Kong 6C*
- N. Lucas Chavez 6D

*scored 90 and invited to perform at the Prize-winners' Recital.

1. Ivor Lam 1D
2. Mo Hei Yin 2B
3. Chan Cheuk Shing 2B
4. Mok Yui To 2D
5. Sze Ho Yin 2E
6. So Yu Hang 2E
7. Owen Ng 2E
8. Anson Lo 4A
9. Declan Wong 4B
10. Leung Yui Hang 4C
11. Leung Yui Hang 4C**
12. Chan Hang Shek 4D
13. Lam Ming Chi 4E
14. Wong Yiu Chun 5A
15. Lau Yat Nam 5A
16. Tung Kai Nam 5B
17. Tam Ho Hin 5C
18. Jayden Tang 5D
19. Isaac Tin 5E
20. Chong Yi Lam 6D
21. Lai Hoi Ching 6D

** awarded in 2 different categories

Thematic Group Spee



What an unexpected roller-coaster experience!

*At the brink of cancellation, the Thematic Group Speaking competition ran as scheduled on the first day of the Festival after the cancelled period. Though uncontested, our team achieved a great score of 88 and defended the title with the **First Place** for the 6th consecutive time. It was another amazing literary adventure for the boys.*

The story of rain fits our school theme this year as it helps us recognize the importance of rain and water. I think it must have been hard to find four separate pieces that had "rain" in them – Shakespeare, Edward Thomas, the Bible and Dufu...

It might have been hard during practice when we experienced the ups and downs, the uncertainty if we could perform, but all my teammates put everything they had into the practices and we were all super focused in doing our parts so I think it paid off in the end.

Thank you teammates and Dr Lee. I will treasure this experience.

Aden Su 5E

"A disciplined and well-rehearsed group. You worked well together. The extracts taken were good and you are learning a lot from them. Splendid choral work and also individual voices. Effective tableaux formed by this small, well focused and involved group. Well done boys!"

–Adjudicator Ms Norma Redfearn



Triumphant moment after the competition.





▶ WATCH VIDEO

MAKING WATER

aking SIX Years in a Row

To me, joining the Thematic Group Speaking Team has changed me a lot. I didn't join any team competitions before. I was afraid of messing up the whole team. This year, Dr. Lee encouraged me. And I joined. In the first practice, Dr. Lee introduced how Thematic Group Speaking works. Schoolmates with good English shared what they thought. I just sat there till the end without saying anything.

However, after few lessons, I noticed that sometimes, they also made mistakes. I started to say what I wanted to say. Practising and chatting with teammates also helped me a lot. My mother also encouraged me to speak more.

I'm very happy now cause I can speak English fluently and without lots of mistakes. Thank you teammates for listening to my speeches...

Keith Chu 6D

What a great experience for me and the whole team! Yes, we certainly had some ups and downs but we never gave up on ourselves and nor did Dr. Lee. This script is surely suitable for our theme this year, H₂O. The script was really put together very nicely and to me, it is definitely a masterpiece and Dr. Lee has really outdone himself this time! The costume made by Miss Yau was really amazing. I've really learnt many more different literary works. It's definitely an unforgettable experience for me, too bad I'm graduating this year so I can't join next year, but still keep up the good work! I will always support you, Ying Wa boys! 😊

Thank you all who have supported us the whole time, Dr. Lee, Miss Yau, and my teammates. Thank God for leading us the whole time. We couldn't do it without all of your help!

Calvin Tong 6C



learn about history and convey important messages to the audience.

Thematic Group Speaking Team in rehearsal – Team members (from left): Keith Chu 6D, Trevor Lam 6C, Bryan Cheng 5C, Aden Su 5E, Calvin Tong 6C, Lincoln Kong 6C, Cyrus Leung 6C, Samuel Lam 6D

Junior Choral Speaking



Our Junior Choral Speaking Team (P.1-3) captured their 8th First Place in this category at the 71st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival since our school relaunched in 2003. Our interpretation of "The Sad Story of a Little Boy That Cried" (anon.) earned ourselves 89 marks. It was a choral and visual triumph! Congratulations to our team!

Being a member of the Junior Choral Speaking Team is of great honour and pleasure. Thank you so much to Ms Ho for giving me the precious chance to work with the team. I learnt not just English pronunciation and facial expression, but also how to cooperate with others and be confident. We spent two months practicing almost every day. It was hard work, but all the effort paid off well. When the judge announced that Ying Wa Primary School was the champion, we were so happy that we danced!

Once again, big applause to Ms Ho and Miss Chui for their guidance and patience! (Also, thank you for your ice-cream, we definitely want more! 😊)

Hayden Fu 2A

"Swift and disciplined assembly. Interesting asymmetrical grouping. A very lively collective sound. Rhythm very well contrasted. The orchestration was most inventive – and movement and gesture were very well synchronized. Well shaped by pause – the lyrics delivered with clarity and energy! All 'faces' were involved fully. Exciting visual aids!!!"

–Adjudicator Mr Philip John Thrupp



Trophy time after the competition with teachers and adjudicator Mr Thrupp.



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Winning Winner The Eighth Victory

On 9th December, our Junior Choral Speaking Team went to the Hong Kong Speech Festival competition. I was so nervous that it kept in the back of my mind all the time. Moreover, that day was also my birthday!

When we arrived, everyone laughed at us because some of us acted like grandmas and wore pyjamas! After ten minutes of waiting, we finally got on the stage. We finished the poem smoothly with a great success because we performed well and received a big applause. At last, the judge announced that we were the champion! I was so happy that I jumped out of my seat.

I learnt that "practice makes perfect". This champion's award was really an unforgettable present for my birthday.

Morris Mok 2D

"Each day his great mouth grew taller and taller, and his dear little self grew smaller and smaller..."

Writing about my thoughts brings to mind many wonderful memories of my fresh Choral Speaking experience. I was so proud of being one of the team members.

Other than learning the techniques to express the words and emotions creatively to convey a message to the audience, Choral Speaking also inspired me how to be part of a group. This was beneficial to me since I am a bit shy and quiet.

I would like to thank Ms Jenny Ho and Miss Janice Chui for teaching us patiently. They always strive for the best. From now on, I will be more confident in speaking publicly in English.

Owen Ng 2E



Senior Choral Speaking



In spite of the unfortunate cancellation of the senior choral speaking (P.4-6) competition in the 71st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival, the students' effort did not go unnoticed.

The team's interpretation of Kenneth Grahame's "A Song of Toad", which describes an unlikely hero, was staged in a morning assembly, video-recorded, and importantly, entertained a group of visiting school heads under the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China when they paid a visit on 20 Nov 2019.



How to do



Public Speaking



Oscar Chan (YWC S.3)
YWPS Graduate 2017

Public Speaking Winner of the Speech Festival (S.3-4) shares his thoughts with his Ying Wa brothers.

What would you do if you were pushed onto the stage all of a sudden, being forced to speak about a certain topic for three minutes? Public speaking is not easy, I can tell you. It's all about the naturalness and the improvisation required that makes it so hard to master, because you have to sound as if you were literally "pushed on stage"!

To be a successful public speaker, firstly you have to know what message you are trying to bring to your target audience. Are you persuading them? Are you trying to make

them feel moved? Or are you just sharing a personal experience? That you have to be certain of.

And then you have to prepare for what you are about to say by NOT writing a script at all. Your aim is to sound natural, right? Then a script would only help you memorize and read, not speaking in public. Think of the main points on a cue card.

While practising, you will find that each time your speech would be different. Try having the same audience while practicing – you will

find that you have slightly different contents. Don't worry – that is precisely a characteristic of a successful public speech. Having nuances now and then brings the naturalness you need in the final speech.

A final tip for all of you: "The most precious things in speech are the pauses." Make good use of pauses. Do it naturally, and let your audience think by themselves.

Watch Oscar's final rehearsal here. 
Topic: Be an Organ Donor





How 2 Obvious – new school of YWPS provokes creativity

H₂O FUN TASK: PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE WATER-RELATED THING/CREATURE/ACTIVITY.

1. Dolphin

Cyrus Ng 6C

My favourite water-related activity is playing with a dolphin. Let me tell you my experience in a series of haiku poems:

hands on the black fin
swimming gracefully across
the shallow water

water on body
soothing against my skin
white foam trailing

smooth skin
pitch black with white under
a charming dolphin

2. Snorkelling

Aldon So 2E

I would like to go snorkeling. In order to begin, you must prepare equipment. You need to equip a snorkel (a tube that helps you breathe underwater), a snorkeling eye mask (to protect your eyes from the ocean water). You can see many ocean creatures in the ocean. Have fun!

3. Penguin

Jayden Chan 2A

Penguins are fish lovers. It was found that two penguins in New Zealand snuck in a sushi restaurant and refused to leave! This day, I decided to bring my lovely penguins for a sushi dinner. They tried different sushis and Toro was their favourite. However, they complained they were still hungry. Should I bring them to all-you-can-eat buffet next time?



Pool theme & interest

4. Sour Plum Drink

Dr H C Lee

What drink goes the best with a hot-pot meal? My favourite is always a sour plum drink! According to traditional Chinese thoughts, this drink helps to reduce heat (hot Qi) from the hot-pot meal! This evening, I had a sour plum drink toast with two boys who graduated from YWPS in 2011 (from left: Curtis, Godfrey)! Delicious!

5. Dive-bombing

Aden Su 5E

I like dive-bombing into the water. It is somewhat refreshing to have my face hit the water like a brick. I like the way my ears pop when I'm at the bottom of the swimming pool! If the school allowed us to do this during our swimming lessons, I would do it every time!

6. Sea-diving

Ken Pan 5C

My favourite water-related activity would certainly be sea-diving. In Bali, Indonesia, my family and I went sea-diving by an elegant beach. It was both mesmerizing and astounding watching swarms of fish weave around you. I even witnessed the sight of a gigantic sea turtle swimming by a hair's length beside me!

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7. Experiment

Evan Chong 2A

Let me introduce to you this volcano lava experiment.

First, I prepared a cup, water, oil, food colouring and two teaspoons of fruit salt.

Then, I added food colouring into the water. Next, I poured oil into the coloured water.

Finally, I put the fruit salt into the mixture. It exploded and there were lots of bubbles in the oil. It was very extraordinary and I recommend this easy and fun experiment for all to try.

8. Water Gun

Jayvis Chow 1B

This is a water gun. This water gun can spray water wherever you want. The nozzle of the gun will spin if you pull the trigger. At the same time, the nozzle will spit out water, shaping the water into a spiral.

9. Water Slide

Jayden Chow 6C

I ENJOY GOING ON WATER SLIDES BECAUSE THEY GIVE YOU THE FEELING THAT THERE'S NO GRAVITY. IT ALSO GAINS SPEED AS YOU GO SO IT MAKES THE RIDE EXCITING. MY FAVORITE ONE IS THE ONE SHOWN AS SHOWN IN THE PICTURE WHERE YOU'RE SWUNG LEFT AND RIGHT BY THE CURRENT.

10. Engines

Calvin Tong 6C

Water-powered engines, old enough to imagine.

They follow their tracks speedily, Uphill, downhill, going steadily.

This great invention, is still used in this generation.

Ever since that time, they haven't passed their prime.

Since 1802 they have lived, behold the steam locomotive!

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TASK cont'd

11. Rowing

Mr Sampras Lee

The glorious scenery in the background is, unfortunately, counterbalanced by the horrified look on my face as I struggle on the fine River Thames of London. Make no mistake about it though, there is hardly anything more rewarding than rowing your way through a beautiful body of water and enjoying the beautiful sights and sounds of nature – I just need to get better at rowing!

12. Water Bottle

Luke Wong 6E

My love of water bottles ignites from that they allow me to carry water safely and effortlessly to literally anywhere in the world. In large amounts, as well! They make drinking water as easy as slapping yourself in the face with your hand.



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13. Swimming

Nick Wong 6E

My favourite water-related activity is swimming. Why? It is because swimming is good for health. Even though I am in group C (the worst out of three) in swimming class, I enjoy every moment of swimming. Well, except the choking.

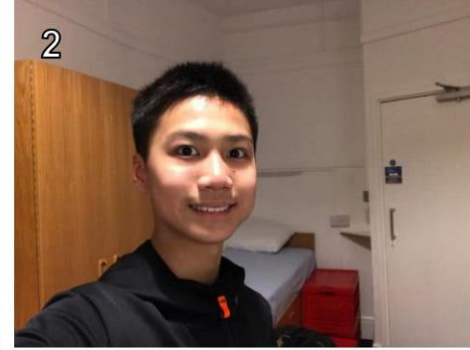
14. Fishing

Jasper Loi 6E

I feel my heart accelerate as a fish tugs on my bait, trying to feast on it. I pull on the rod and fling it upwards, struggling while doing so. I have always loved the feeling of fishing, the sensation of being victorious, being the winner in the battle.

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How 2 Obvious – overseas graduates of YWPS got inspired

H₂O FUN TASK: PLEASE TELL US ANYTHING WATER-THEMED WHICH COMBINES WITH YOUR OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE.

How Not to Feel Cold Vincent Song (Graduate 2018)

Ever hoped not to feel cold when it's actually freezing?

Look, it's not impossible. The key, is studying abroad in a UK boarding school. Trust me, you'll come back thinking seven degrees is warm.

It's really quite obvious why. According to my experience, the school you go to will force you to play rugby. Well, that's not too bad until it starts raining, which happens most times. The next thing you know, an oversized team stands shivering in a gust of autumnal fury, unleashing raindrops as big as your thumb. The sheer force of that rain contacting your skin could've woken you up at midnight. Now, guess what's coming? The good news is that life-threatening thunderstorms seldom occur in England, which means your coaches will force you to finish a ninety-minute training session in the raging rain, wearing nothing but sports tops and shorts, like a bunch of chickens in the arctic stripped of feathers.

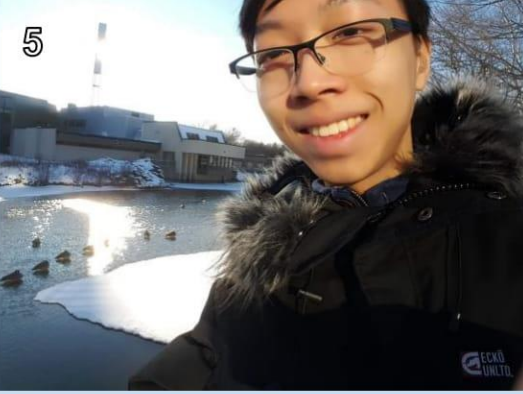
Everyone ends up soaking wet and freezing, drowning in a

“...I love it when the rain starts to get even bigger.”

bathtub paved with fresh grass and filled with heavy raindrops, struggling to even untie their shoelaces because your finger muscles simply refuse to activate in prolonged exposure to the brutal coldness. But honestly, I love it when the rain starts to get even bigger. Eventually, coaches might cancel the training, but I prefer to stay afterwards to run a lap or two in the rain, giving in to the cold so that finally I'll be able to forget about conquering it. I feel so free from everything, and at that moment all I know of is the splash of my feet and the silent, misty greenness that encompasses my world. It's all about being part of the rain, part of the cold, and then you kind of feel dry and warm, even though you still can't make out whether that substance under your nose is rainwater or snot.

Rainwater's a part of everything, bringing freedom, nourishing life, embracing dirt...What we're always meant for.

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Photos on these pages:

1. Vincent's residence in the UK
2. Vincent's room
3. Sunset at High Street, London
4. Light posts near Vincent's playing fields
5. Christopher's selfie with the creek and the geese at the bridge
6. Parent geese crossing the road with their goslings
7. Colourful maple leaves on Christopher's lawn in fall
8. Creek thaws as geese play on waters.

Four Seasons at Laurel Creek

Christopher Justin Lo (Graduate 2009)

I attend the University of Waterloo in Canada. Inside the campus, there is a narrow creek that carves through the university. It divides the academic buildings on the East from the residences on the West. Over the creek, there were three arch bridges built. Every morning, you could see waves of students crossing the bridges from their residences, hurrying toward the academic buildings. Every evening, you could see professors and pedestrians (and myself) alike promenading along the creek, perhaps trying to crack the deepest mysteries of the universe, or possibly trying to unwind after a long day.

“...the flow of water slows to a halt...”

In winters, the flow of water slows to a halt, as the world around it comes into a deep freeze. In springs, the creek thaws to welcome Canadian geese back home. In summers, geese flutter playfully as they look for their mates and nurse their goslings. And in falls, maple leaves in shades of orange, red, brown descend until they cover the water. I silently observe and ponder, is anything forever? From the creek to the birds, and from the university to the people, as time goes on, landscapes morph, actors enter or exit the stage.

Carpe diem – seize the day.

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Simile Poem

Matthew Choy 3E

My Family

dad		My dad runs as fast as a cheetah. He is busy like an ant.	
mum		My mum walks as slowly as a snail. She is beautiful like a flower.	
aunt		My aunt sings as sweetly as a bird. She is intelligent like a scientist.	
uncle		My unde speaks as gently as a lamb. He is funny like a juggler.	
sister		My sister jumps as high as a kangaroo. She is cute like a baby hamster.	
cousin		My cousin plays as naughtily as a monkey. He is thin like a piece of paper.	

By Matthew Choy



TAI O

Located on the outlying islands, Tai O Stilt House is a close community for Tanka people. These fishermen built their house on stilts. Thus, they always live on water. After walking past the Hong Rope-dram Ferry Bridge, we can see this special architecture in Hong Kong. It is worth visiting.

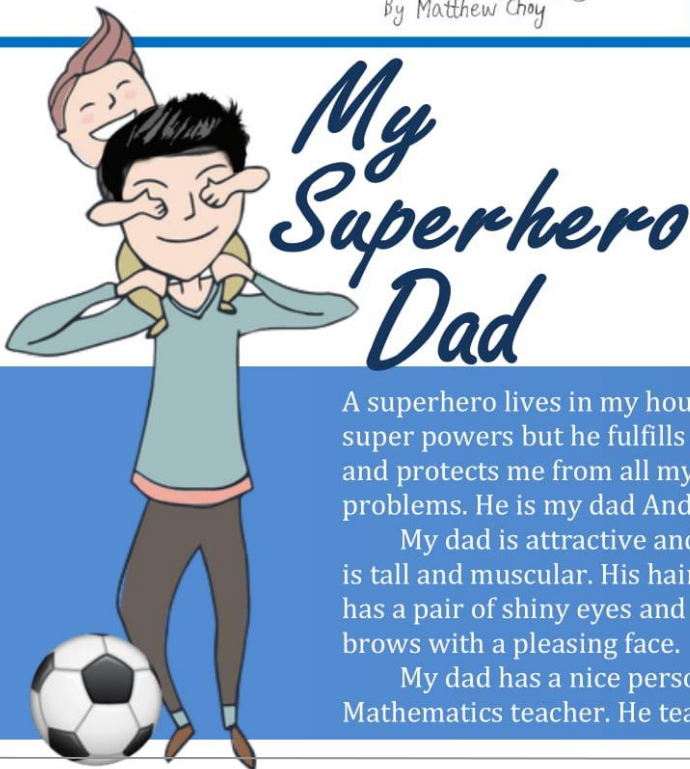
Tai O is on western side of Lantau Island. First, you can get to Tung Chung by MTR. Then, take bus route II. Lastly, you need to walk for 5 minutes. Other than that, you can take Ngong Ping Cable Car from Tung Chung MTR Station. After that, take bus route 21 and walk. I recommend tourists to take the Cable Car because you can see a beautiful view of Hong Kong.

Unlike most of the Hong Kong people, people living in Tai O do not live a life of hustle and bustle. There are a lot of photographers who like taking pictures in Tai O because it is a famous village setting.

Tai O was an active fishing port before. It is now a tourist attraction. There are fishermen working along the river with net and fishing rod.

Other than the village, you can take a sampan to see White Dolphins. Ticket price is not too high but the experience is priceless amazing. Try your luck and see if you can see any of them. Tai O is a relaxing and peaceful place.

Hayers Chan 4A



A superhero lives in my house. He has no super powers but he fulfills all my desires and protects me from all my difficulties and problems. He is my dad Andy.

My dad is attractive and handsome. He is tall and muscular. His hair is spiky. He has a pair of shiny eyes and bushy eye-brows with a pleasing face.

My dad has a nice personality. He is a Mathematics teacher. He teaches children

patiently. Also, he is hard-working, tough but soft on the inside. I once saw him going to work even though he was ill. Besides, he is active and positive. His one saying will always be on my mind, "Never give up even when you are facing big problems." He always cheers me up in my hard times. He guides me, motivates me and encourages me to pursue excellence and embrace challenges.

GE ARTS

January 2020

Dress Special Day

"How Too Obvious" is the thematic title of our school this year. Thanks to the help of Mr Chan, our class teacher, and many parents, we prepared a story around this theme at the Dress Special Day on 30 Sept 2019. And of course, we all dressed up strangely. There were "pirates", "captains" and "mermaids" around in the school. It was great fun!

Our drama started with two aquamen. We displayed jellyfish and amoeba as the very beginning of living creatures in the ocean. Later, we talked about the water sanction that happened in Hong Kong during the 1960s. Four classmates dressed in plain white vests and black shorts lining up for water. This made us laugh!

I dressed up as a cowboy from US and talked about the pollutant in water affecting the health of the neighbourhood. At the end, eight classmates played "Ode to Joy" with violin, viola and cello. The rest of us sang "La! La! La!" along. Finally, we chanted the slogan "Water does not come easily. Preserve water resources!" Our class got "The Best Costumes Award".

It was cool dressing up as a cowboy in school, especially when I drew my gun out of my pocket! We played "Gun War" in our classroom during recess. I love Dress Special Day very much!

Evan Wong 4E



The Last Drop of Water



Aurelius Wong 5E

It's the last tiny sapphire,
how would you use this fresh water,
to avoid gaining God's ire?

With the last drop of water,
perhaps you may perform the deed,
to quench the thirst of Mother nature?

Or will you concede,
and drink it yourself,
as a lovely treat?

But if you save the water yourself,
maybe you can defy your fate,
and save the others and yourself.

Change now, before it's too late.

My dad is very energetic. He excels in sports, especially table tennis, football and snooker. He plays them very well. My dad is also good at Mathematics. He is an expert at Mathematics. He always helps me to solve a lot of difficult Mathematics problems. However, he is weak in Visual Arts and his drawings are awful. Sometimes he draws a picture which even he himself doesn't know what that is.

My dad always accompanies me. He likes to play Chinese chess, board games, card games, etc. with me. I love him very much. My dad is surely my super role model. I hope I can be like Dad when I grow up.

Samuel Lau 3A

SPARKS

Visit the English Department Website at www.englishywps.com for more English Language achievements of our boys.

VICTORIES

CONGRATULATIONS to the following boys for winning in these Solo Verse contests.



Norman Wong 2C
FIRST PLACE – Asia Pacific Children Speech Cup 2019 (Group JP M1)



Louis To 2B
CHAMPION – Asia Inter-school Speech Cup 2019 (Group P.1-2)

Joyful Reading

Our school sent to HKEdCity 3 Eng we are glad to have received notifi



AWARD: **Joyful Reading Award for Schools**
VIDEO TITLE: Joyful Reading in Ying Wa Primary School
PARTICIPANT(S): various students and teachers

DESCRIPTION: This is a sum-up video of the English Department's effort in the school year 2018-2019 in promoting English reading with a school-wide reading programme for leisure. It describes particularly our school's English reading atmosphere and various reading schemes especially our English Room and Reading-sharing Activities.

PRIZE: book coupons of HK\$800



Snapshots of the award ceremony, Renaissance Hotel, 11 Jan 2020

DR H C LEE CROWNED CHAMPION IN "LOVE IS ALL AROUND" THE 2ND HONG KONG CHINESE & ENGLISH ESSAY-WRITING COMPETITION

January 2020

g Award Scheme for Schools

English-reading-themed videos last July for the captioned award. And notification from them that ALL THREE VIDEOS ARE AWARDED.



AWARD: **Joyful Reading (Special) Award for Students**

VIDEO TITLE: BALLOONS Lit. Journal
PARTICIPANT(S): **Colin Tong (Graduate 2019)**

DESCRIPTION: For the promotion of reading literary magazines, Colin was invited to present to the school a literary journal designed for youngsters – "BALLOONS Lit. Journal". Colin wrote a very sophisticated script for this video and thus was nominated for this SPECIAL prize which he won.

PRIZE: book coupons of HK\$500

AWARD: **Joyful Reading Award for Students**

VIDEO TITLE: The Land of Stories
PARTICIPANT(S): **Ian Chong (Graduate 2019)**

DESCRIPTION: As one of the YWPS Reading Championship 2019 winners, Ian was invited to introduce to the school a book of his choice by filming a video. Here, he introduced Chris Colfer's "The Land of Stories – The Wishing Spell". The presentation was entirely designed by Ian.

PRIZE: book coupons of HK\$200

Organized by the Hong Kong Federation of Journalists, 'Love Is All Around' – The 2nd Chinese & English Essay-Writing Competition was held with an innovation writing task. Competitors were to respond to a 6-min animation known as 'The Last Knit'.

"I joined the Open Section (English) and was struggling whether or not I should use poetry to participate in the contest. In the end, I

followed my heart and wrote a 1300-word poem called 'Cocon', which was well appreciated by the judging panel. I felt fortunate that poetry was recognized in this contest and moreover, I was moved by the very positive messages from the awarded pieces showcased in the official anthology published.

"Let love and peace be spread in our community and our world!"

Scan Me!



Dr H C Lee

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There's a lot of FUN!

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WATCH VIDEO



The Ying Wa Anniversary celebration video produced by the English Department was voted as **THE MOST POPULAR YW BIRTHDAY VIDEO** with 41% of students' votes, well surpassing the runners-up, Sports-Arts and Chinese, which had 17% each. This is in fact the very first time that the English video achieved this feat since the YW Birthday Videos Polls were initiated over a decade ago.

Photo on Top:
YW Anniversary Celebration Party at School Hall, 11 Nov 2019



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Produced by the English Department. Edited and designed by H C Lee.