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PRIMARY ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

FOREWORD

Happy New Year, everyone! We are sure that your Christmas and New Year's holiday was full of joy, excitement... and revision! Even though you had quite a lot of work to go through over the season, we hope that more importantly, you've had quality time to spend with your loved ones.

Could you believe that not only have we arrived at a new year, but we have also arrived at a new decade? What a truly amazing time we are at now. Therefore, now is a good time to take a breath and reflect on what we have learnt in the years past – all the bad habits we can stop and all the good habits we can pick up – and set our goals on making this decade the most rewarding yet!

Let's aim higher... let's do better... let's achieve more than we have ever before!



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AROUND THE CAMPUS

Grade One

Grade One have been working really hard and are coming to an end with their Module 1 topic, Our World. They spent lots of time learning about people that work in their neighbourhood. They even came up with jobs that don't exist. They also did a presentation on what they want to do when they grow up. Make sure to check the English Board – located on the ground floor, outside the Student Activity Centre – to see pictures of your fellow classmates.

Grade One will soon learn about animals and their habitats (where animals live) and they seem really excited to learn more since they love animals so much.





Grade Two

Create Your Own Unique Festival

If you could create your own festival, what would it be about? What would you celebrate during your own unique festival?

Our Grade Two students have learnt a lot of different festivals around the world. They have designed many wonderful posters introducing their own unique festival! Students were so excited when they were sharing their festival with their friends during their presentation. Some ideas are indeed creative and inspiring.

In the poster, students introduced their festival by answering Question Words:

Why?

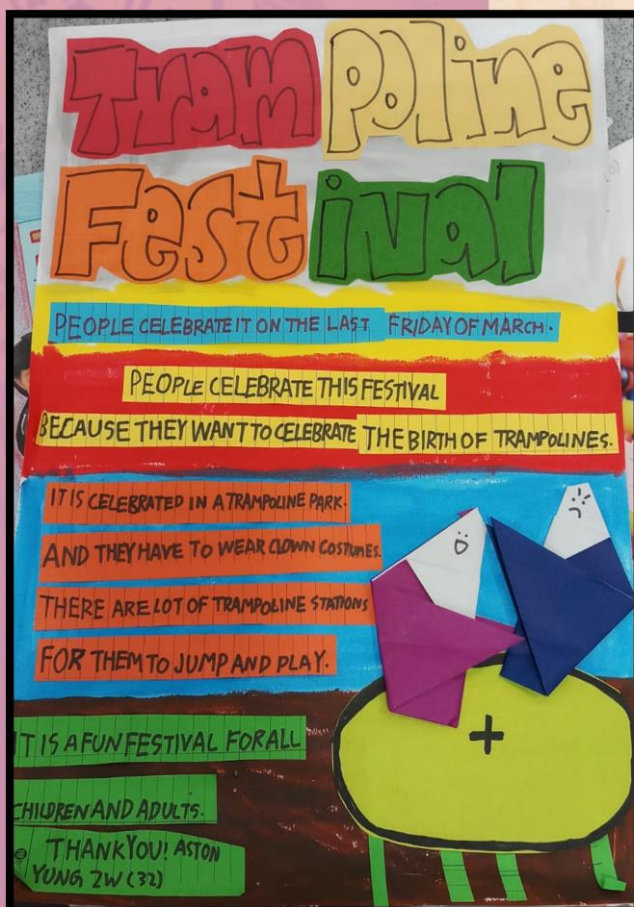
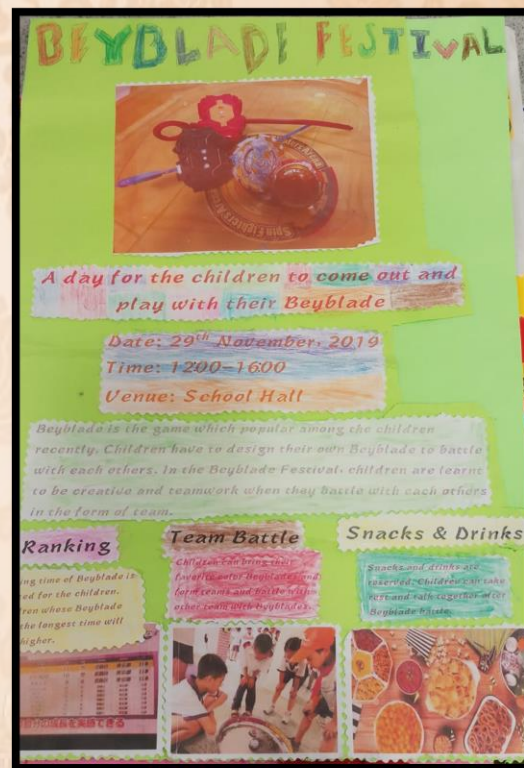
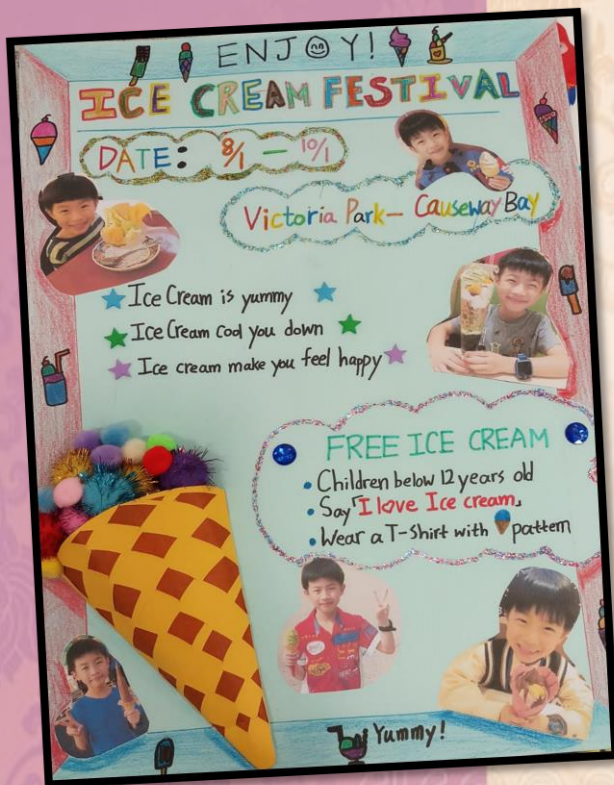
What?

How?

Where?

When?

Students have made a lot of beautiful posters about their own festivals.



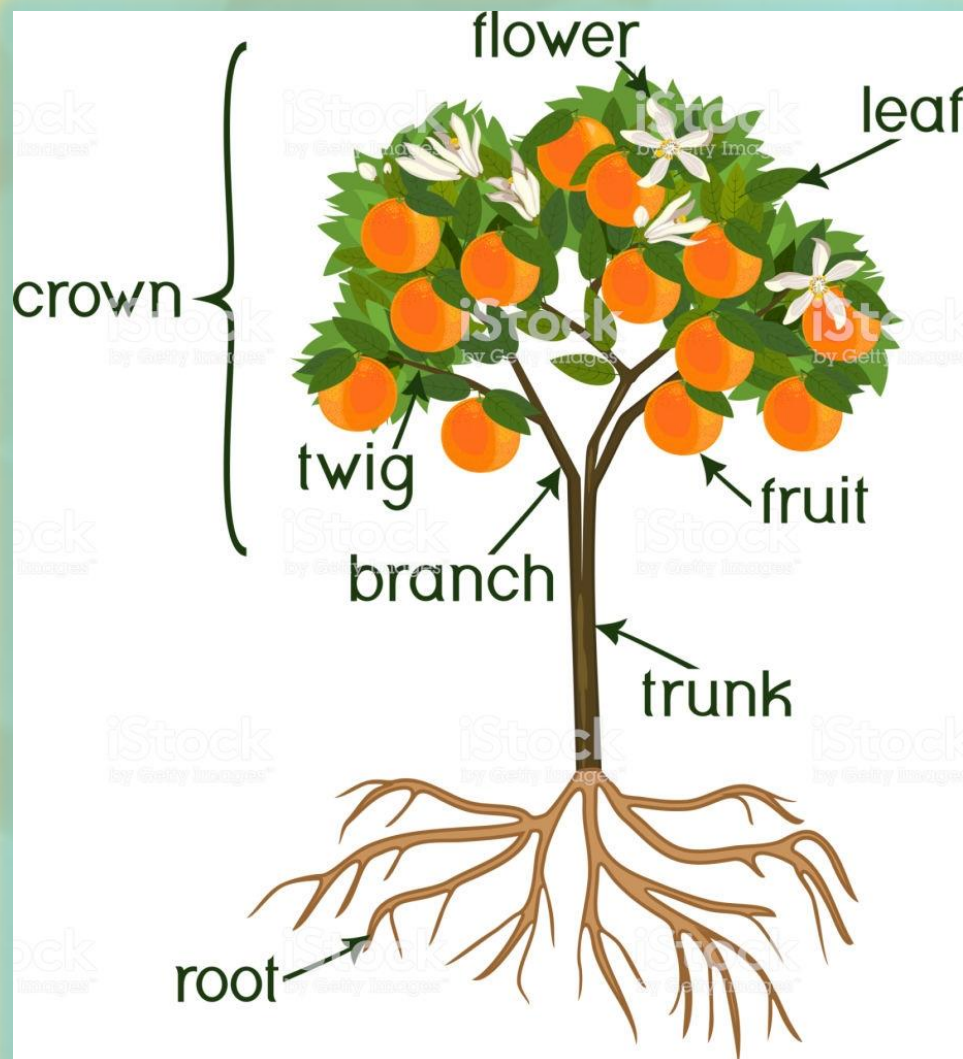
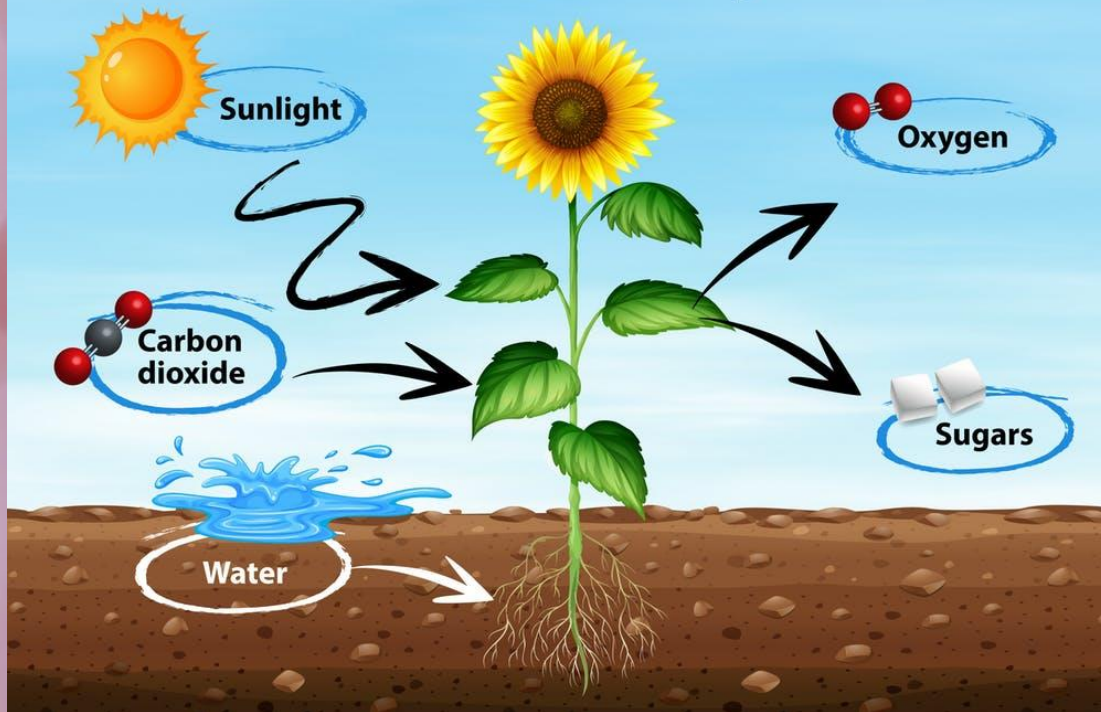
Grade Three

The Grade Three students are fascinated by a type of living thing on earth. This type of living thing is able to make its own food without cooking, hunting or even going to a restaurant! Yes, they are plants!

Students have learned many fun facts about plants; for example, the amazing process of photosynthesis, the magical green pigment chlorophyll and the delicious sap (e.g. maple syrup) that trees produce.

We are all looking forward to preparing our project, for which we get to collect leaves with different types of edges and shapes. Boys and girls, stay tuned and don't miss the fun!

Process of Photosynthesis



Grade Four

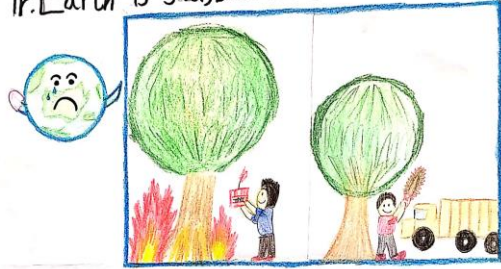
With the New Year fast approaching, Grade Four have been working very hard. They have come to the end of their Module 1 topic, Rainforests. Some of the classes designed a poster informing people of ways they can help save rainforests.

The Fourth Graders are now starting Module 2, where they will learn about natural disasters. They are looking forward to finding out more about earthquakes, tsunamis, typhoons and the like.



Help Save The Rainforest

Mr. Earth is sad, because

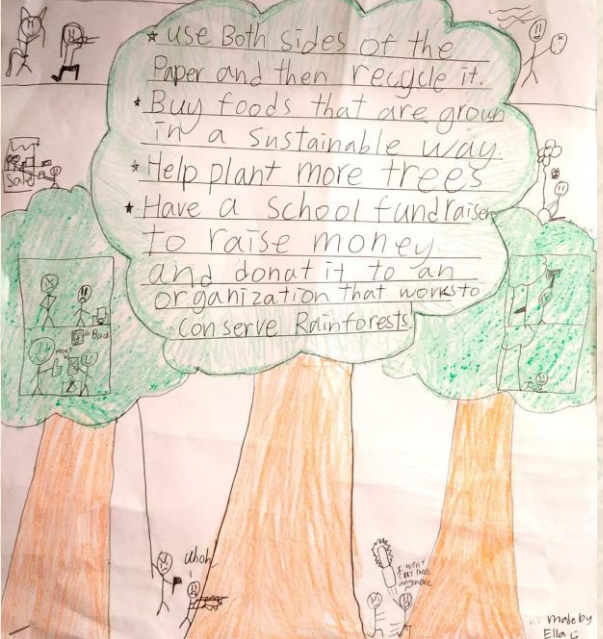


Ways of protecting the rainforest

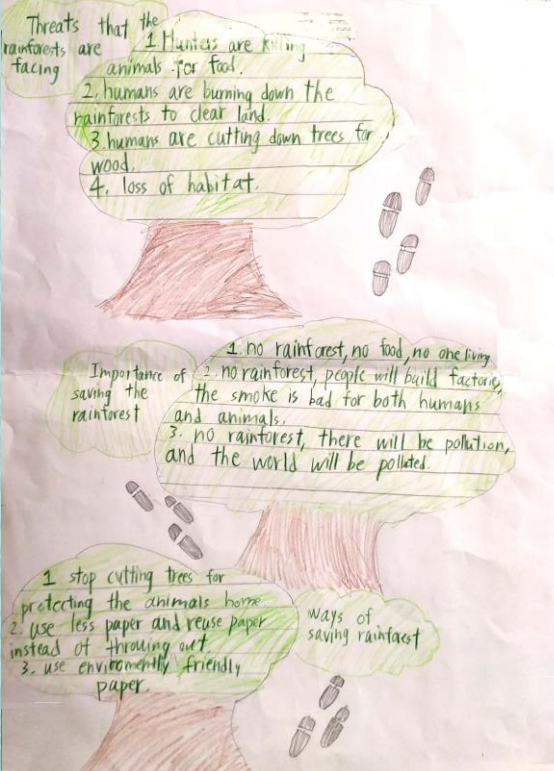


Help save the Rainforest

Rainforests are disappearing! Here are some ways you can save them

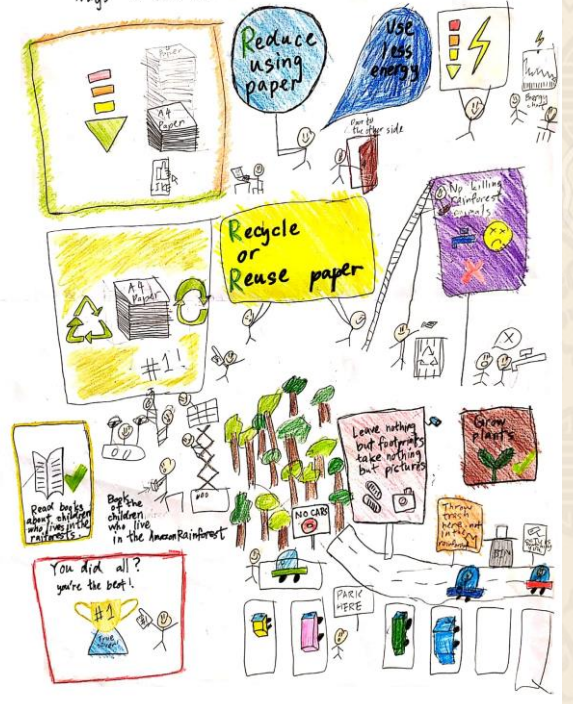


Help save the rainforest



Help the rainforest!

ways to save the rainforest





Grade Five

Module 1 has officially come to an end, our Grade Five students have started learning a new module - Inventions. Many inventions were based on people's needs; while some were innovated based on an existing product.

To allow our G Five students to experience the invention process, they went to the **Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association Science Innovation Centre** for a workshop. The speaker not only taught them the **SCAMPER** method, but also showed them different inventions invented by students.

SCAMPER is an acronym and each letter stands for one thinking technique:

- S**ubstitute
- C**ombine
- A**dapt
- M**odify
- P**ut to another use
- E**liminate
- R**everse

It is a useful and creative technique which helps us generate ideas for new products or improve existing ones. Let's have a look at the wonderful moments in the centre.



Grade Six

In Grade Six, we've been busy completing our project as little reporters, discussing the world of discrimination. Each of us made a video as a reporter, using technology as a channel of communication, to show our understanding of the world. Please see below for pictures of us in action!



We have also begun Module 2 – The Wonders of Science. We discussed different branches of Science and how they help us in our daily lives. We have started to read 'Wonders of Nature' and looked at many different living beings in our curious world.



Grade Six Plus

As part of the Six Plus learning experience this year, they spent a month honing their dramatic techniques, teamwork skills, quick thinking and creativity to compete in the Improvised Dramatic Scenes. Both teams did very well, with one winning 3rd place with a score of 86 marks! Bravo, Six Plus!



Prior to the competition, the Six Plus were able to get a taste of what it takes to command the stage as a team by watching a hilarious version of the classic fairy tale, *Sleeping Beauty – The Panto*. Unlike normal drama productions, a pantomime (or “panto”) is a kind of theatre entertainment usually performed around Christmas in Britain. It takes a traditional fairy tale, makes it larger than life with a very modern and witty script, pop songs, dance numbers, outrageous jokes, exaggerated characters... and lots of audience participation. The Six Plus students enjoyed an uproarious night at the theatre, and even got to take the stage to sing the traditional “songsheet”, right before the grand finale.



To book-end 2019, Six Plus once again took the stage, this time at school along with the PKC Drama Team and the English Teachers, to perform a Christmas drama based on the classic, *A Christmas Carol*. It was the most enjoyable way to celebrate the festivities with the entire school.



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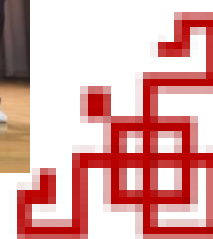
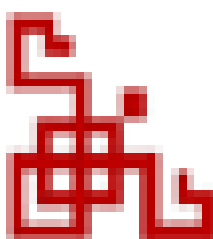
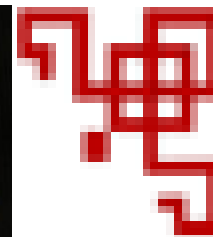
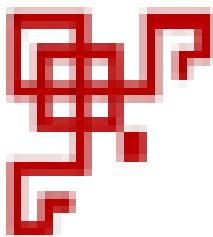
The students have enjoyed English Activity Week.

During recesses, students could participate in various activities hosted by English teachers. These included activities such as the Riddle of the Day, Kahoot! quizzes, “*You’ve Got Talent*” singing contest and the intriguing Charades-inspired challenge featuring “*The Dude*”. Students collected point cards for doing well in these activities and these points were added to their class score for the week.

The winning classes in each grade were: **1B**, **2C**, **3P**, **4C**, **5B**, **6M**!

Well done, everyone!





GET BOOKED!



Happy New Year, everyone! Did you have a good Christmas break? Did you read a lot? Do you have any exciting book news to share with your classmates? Why not get a “Book Bugs” form from the library and do an activity based on the book you read, and liked best, during the Christmas break?

Storytelling

We all love a good story, and we all love it when someone tells us a good story. Do you know the library has weekly storytelling sessions told by the parents of your classmates?

Look at the details:



When? Every Wednesday at lunch recess for 20 minutes

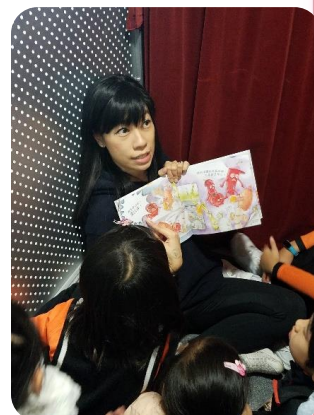
Who? Parent Volunteers

(you can ask your parents to volunteer too!)

What? Different kinds of stories are told based on themes like ‘Honesty’, ‘Creativity’, etc. The stories are told in Putonghua, English or Cantonese.

After listening to the story, you can choose to borrow a book from a range of books with the same theme.

See you at the library!



FACTS & TRIVIA

Interesting New Year's Traditions

Denmark:

People save their cracked or damaged dishes all year. Then, on New Year's Eve, it is tradition to smash these dishes on the doorsteps of friends and family to wish them good luck in the new year.

Spain:

The Spanish try to win good luck by eating twelve grapes as the clock chimes in the new year. If a person manages to eat one grape on each of the 12 rings of the bell, they will have good fortune in the following year.

South America:

In a number of South American countries, people believe that wearing the right colour underwear will earn you fortune in the following year. If you want more money, you should wear yellow or green underwear. For love, wear red underwear. But if you just want a peaceful year, you should wear white.

JOKES & TONGUE TWISTERS

Betty bought a bit of butter,
But she found the butter bitter.
So she bought some better butter,
To make her bitter butter better.

Q: Why did the boy bury his
flashlight?

A: Because the batteries were dead.

Q: What starts with a 'p', ends with an
'e' and has millions of letters?

A: a post office



AROUND THE CAMPUS



Movie & Hand
Painting Day



Bollywood
dance time in
English Week



Storytelling time





Wonder Wall



Volleyball



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