

PEN



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FOREWORD

Finally, after weeks and weeks, we can officially say, "Welcome back to school, everyone!" Most of all, a warm Pui Kiu College welcome to our Grade One students, our new schoolmates and even our new teachers! The first month has indeed been interesting – from starting on Zoom in our virtual classroom to our now half-day timetable. No matter which timetable we are following, we hope that everyone has had a fantastic start to this academic year!

In every monthly issue of the *Primary English Newsletter*, or **PEN**, we are given an inside look at what the different grade levels are learning, and the fun activities they are up to, in their English lessons. From the different festivals around the world the Second Graders are discovering, to the thrilling world of espionage in Grade Five, from the majestic rainforests learnt in Grade Four to the brand new module on wellness and the different dimensions of health in Grade Six, read along and find out what our students have been up to this month. We're also thrilled to introduce our new teachers in the monthly "Feature Teacher", starting with Teacher Sean!

So grab your device, pull up a chair and enjoy the year-start issue of **PEN**.

TEACHER ARVIN ROBLES (PANEL HEAD, ENGLISH)

After all these months, we can meet face-to-face at school. We, teachers, are as excited as all of you – new timetable, new students and new facilities are around the school campus. There is also a new section in **PEN** starting from next issue, it's called "BOOK CLUB". Students can submit a review on the book they have read.

If you would like to share what you have read with others, please do send me your book review at wyyeung@pkc.edu.hk. I am looking forward to receiving your entries.

TEACHER PHOEBE YEUNG (DEPUTY PANEL HEAD, ENGLISH)



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AROUND THE CAMPUS

Grade 1

Welcome to Pui Kiu College!

We are so excited to start our primary school life together! It may have started in a very odd way but we still enjoyed meeting new friends and teachers through Zoom. Luckily, schools have also resumed and we are meeting face-to-face and experiencing our new campus life.

In English lessons, we play games, sing songs and work on our LAB together. 😊 We also enjoy reading and storytelling. Make sure you read English books every day! 😊







Date: 6th September 2021
What do you like?

Draw pictures and write about four things that you like.
Write complete sentences using the words I like.
★ Remember to use capital letters and full stops.

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| 1. 
I like black. | 2. 
I like bananas. |
| 3. 
I like ponies. | 4. 
I like my family. |

Date: 7th September 2021
What do you like?

Draw pictures and write about four things that you like.
Write complete sentences using the words I like.
★ Remember to use capital letters and full stops.

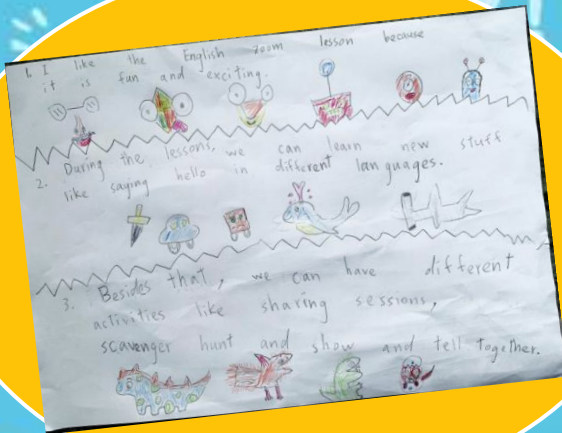
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| 1. 
I like gold. | 2. 
I like coconuts. |
| 3. 
I like blue whale. | 4. 
I like my mom. |



Grade 2

We started a new school year with a special arrangement - Virtual School! The Grade Two students were all excited about the Live Meets on Zoom because there was a variety of learning activities.

The first module is "Festivals Around the World" and students have been immersed in a joyous festival atmosphere. Let's see how they felt about the online English lessons.



**Gladys
Chan**



Andy Wang

I like our Zoom lessons because I can learn many things, just like at school. I can meet my teachers and friends at home! We can also watch videos, play games and sing songs together. They are very interesting and exciting.



Chesnie Law



Jaydan Li 2B
My favourite online class is English. It is because I can try some new online learning like playing games in kahoot and listening to songs in Youtube etc. Also, I can have group discussion with my classmates in Zoom. Although we cannot go to school, we can still play games during online lesson. My favourite game is Sit or stand. It is fun and interesting.



Jaydan Li



Zoe Li

English Class is verry fun!
Even though we can't go to school, we can still see our friends and teachers on Zoom! I think English class is very interesting. We learn about lots of fun things. So far, we learned about countries, continents, festivals around the world and people from different places. I love playing Kahoot with my classmates. Mostly it is to review what we learned last year. I won many times! I wish we could go back to school. It's even more fun there!

Zoe

Grade 3

Different Countries



The Third Graders are going to learn about different countries and continents in Module One. Throughout the module, we will focus on two exotic countries – Australia and Brazil!

First, how much do you know about Australia?

Australia is a huge island called a continent and it is also a country. You can locate Australia on a map easily; but when compared to our home, Hong Kong is just a dot on the map. So you can quickly imagine how big Australia is!



As for Brazil, it is a country located within the continent of South America. Do you know that almost half of Brazil's territory is covered by the basin of the Amazon River and the rainforest? Unfortunately, a substantial proportion of this area has suffered the effects of modernization and the rainforest fires in recent years.

People born in Brazil are called Brazilians. They love to throw parties as can be seen with their world famous annual carnival, where everyone from children to the elderly jump into the celebrations with full enthusiasm and party spirit. How fun!



Grade 4

"Rainforests"

The Fourth Graders are learning about rainforests in Module One. Throughout the module, we are going to find out what this place is, its location and how this oldest ecosystem helps animals and humans to survive. People normally think about trees and animals when speaking of rainforests. So, how much do you actually know about this place?

Here are some interesting facts about rainforests that everyone should know:

1. Tropical rainforests cover less than 3% of Earth's area, yet they are home to more than half our planet's terrestrial animal species.



2. Rainforests play an essential role in maintaining the Earth's limited supply of fresh water.



3. Rainforest plants are used in some of the world's most important, life-saving medicines.



Source: <https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/pictures/9-rainforest-facts-everyone-should-know>



Grade 5



Our Grade Five students started their new school year by immersing themselves in the world of spies and secrets.

To start with, everyone completed a checklist to see if they have what it takes to become a good spy. Most students agree that to be a good spy, one has to like finding out secrets **AND** be able to **KEEP** them! They also feel that it is very important to be able to keep **CALM** in a "sticky" situation and act natural when they are tailing someone.

As students journey through the module, they are all thrilled and amazed by the many ways spies can disguise themselves, invent and decode secret codes, and the cool gadgets they use. Everyone certainly had fun making their own **cipher wheel** and using it to crack messages. They are all looking forward to reading about breath-taking stories of different spies and how they have used their marvellous gadgets to complete their dangerous missions.



Grade 6

The new school year brings a brand new module for Grade Six students.

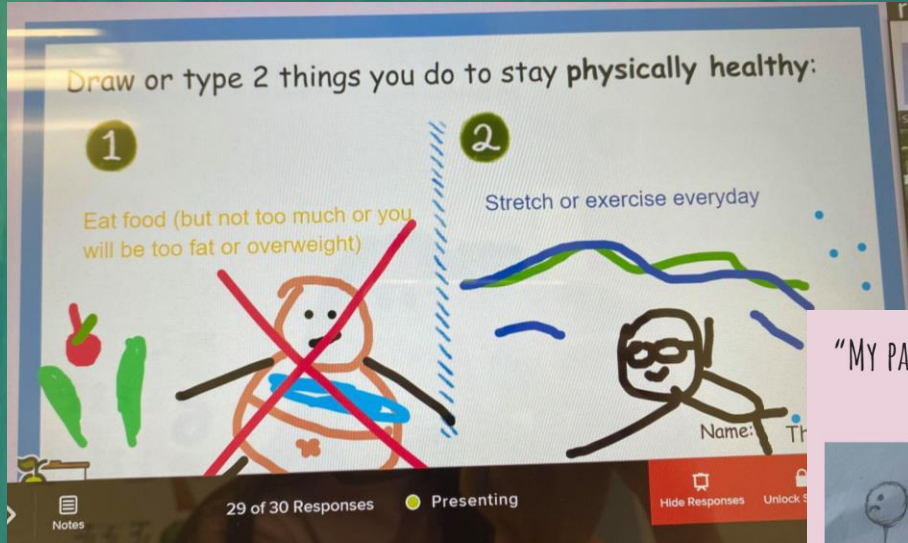
In Module 1: Health and Wellness, the students are being encouraged to deepen their understanding of what health truly entails. As well as learning about physical health, the students are starting to learn about the importance of mental health.

In these first few weeks on Zoom, the students were introduced to new concepts, such as the 8 Dimensions of Wellness and mindfulness. Since then, the students have been conducting their own research into these concepts and even interviewed their friends and relatives to find out what their understanding of health and wellness is. The students also thought about how they might support or advise their classmates if they are facing emotional difficulties.

Afterwards, the students used their ever-growing repertoire of IT skills and apps to share their thoughts, ideas and findings with their teachers and classmates.

Here are some examples of what the students have been up to this month:

The collage displays various student projects and a Zoom screen. On the left, a grid of four posters titled 'Social Health', 'Mental Health', 'What does Wellness mean to you?', and 'Physical Health'. Each poster includes definitions, student comments, and illustrations. For example, the 'Social Health' poster features the text 'STAY SOCIAL' and 'For my social health, I meet friends for coffee or we go on hikes together.' The 'Mental Health' poster shows a person meditating and includes the text 'Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, it affects how we think, feel, and act.' The 'Physical Health' poster shows a person doing a yoga pose and includes the text 'Physical health is critical for overall well-being and is the most visible of the various dimensions of health.' On the right, a Zoom screen displays a presentation titled 'What can we do to stay mentally healthy?'. The presentation includes a 'Big smile' illustration with the text 'Think positive' and a cartoon character with the text 'ask friends for advice'. Below the presentation, a Zoom window shows two students in a video call. The bottom of the collage features a book titled 'SW 30 YANG Pu Zhi'.



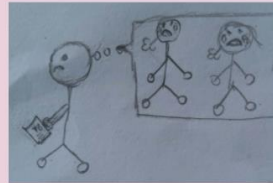
"MY PARENTS ARE GOING TO BE SO DISAPPOINTED."

"It's ok as long as you tried :D"

Do better next time so your parents won't be disappointed. C_c

And ask good marks classmates, to learn other things you don't know!...

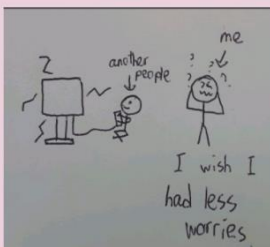
And you your teachers what you don't know too!!!



Ask me some questions related to health...
open ended questions (use WH-words) - Related your questions to the 8 dimension of wellness

Jayden What exercise do you do?	Yoyo Which wellness do you think is most important?	Sing Are you aware of environmental health?	Pili kwok Are you feeling happy in your life? Do you enjoy your life? How to be health?
Ronnie Do you enjoy your life?	Seth Au Do you think that doing regular exercise can help Physical health?	Nathan Do you think you have financial health?	Janis Do you think you're life can live without mental health?
Daniel Do you happy for your life?	Exercise Regularly 	Evan Which kind of health do you think is most important?why?	Jason Are you happy
Andrea How can you be healthy?	Queenia do you think you have physical health?	Prudy Do you know what social health is?	happy
Thales Do you think you have good mental health? 	Joey Ho How can I stay healthy all the time?	STAY SOCIAL 	Koko Do you have at least one friend you can talk to if your in trouble? Do you do regular exercise every day or just sit around?
Chiquita How do you think if a person is healthy?	Lee Hin Lok Do you think the food you are eating is healthy	Leo Do you get enough sleep?	

"I FEEL REALLY STRESSED!"



You can tell your friends, parents or teachers about your situation, or just relax! You got punished? A nice cup of tea. Your pet died? A nice cup of tea and a biscuit.





Grade 6+(E)

Six Plus is an advanced English learning class made up of 14 students from 6M and 6W. With our unique small class size, our English classroom is characterised by dynamic participation, vibrant class discussions, lively games and activities, challenging tasks and lots of inter-personal and intra-personal communication.

Our first module this year focuses on two literary works, the novels ***Holes*** and ***Once***. Despite the very different settings and tones, both novels deal with troubled youths and how they overcome their obstacles through courage and virtue. We have also been learning literary devices, such as alliteration, metaphors, hyperbole and personification.

Our lessons are packed with a games, role-plays, presentations, discussions, literary circles, student-teaching, drama, and other exciting ways to cater for the different learning styles of our very unique Six Plus students.

Please enjoy the posters below and meet the class of 6+(E) 2020-2021.



GOALS

MY NAME'S CHLOE, I AM FROM 6W AND I WILL BE STUDYING IN THE ENGLISH CLASS 6+ FOR THIS YEAR.

MY GOALS ARE:

READ NON-FICTION BOOKS AND NOVELS.
SEEK FOR MORE WRITING AND SPEAKING TECHNIQUES.
USE THE SKILLS WE LEARNT IN OUR DAILY LIFE.
STAY UNITED WITH OUR CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS.
NEVER GIVE UP OR FEEL DEFEATED EVEN IF YOU MAKE MISTAKES.



NEVER GIVE UP

- Always keep learning even if you have difficult problems to solve.
- Don't give up, keep doing your goals and don't stop.

• Hi! My name is Reece. I am a part of the Grade 6+ English class. My goal is to get better at English by going to 6+ English class. I would also like to thank T. Robles for teaching me and my fellow students who are also in this class.



Hi everybody! I am Alice from 6W. In this year, I will study Grade six plus English. I have three goals to accomplish:

1. Finish my work as soon as possible which also should be high quality
2. Improve my writing, enrich my vocabulary
3. Read more English books, use English to communicate more

I will manage myself to help me accomplish my goals. I won't be lazy anymore. I hope that I can have a happy year learning English.

My Goals for English Subject This Year:

1. Increase English vocabularies, idioms and know how to use them in the sentence.
2. Speak English with confidence in social and school situations.
3. Get good results in 4 skills.
4. Write rich paragraphs.

How to Achieve my Goals:

1. Read more useful books or passages.
2. Read more Raz-Kids.
3. Take important notes of what the teacher taught.



Hi, I am Cathy 6W (31), let's take a look at my goals!

6M 08 HUNG CHING LEONG KURT

Hi my name is Kurt, I'm from 6M and my goals this year are:

1. Get the top marks for English this year in the class.
2. Have a fun time in my last year of primary.
3. Learn more about literature since it's the topic for module 1

How to achieve?

1. Revise and read more materials for example: Newspapers, novels, comics etc.
2. Do my work and have fun. ☺
3. Just focus in class.





Hi! I'm **Annabelle**. I am in the **6+ English class** this year. My goals for this year is to use more adjectives and **new words** in writing. I will achieve this by learning and searching more new words from books or passages.

Hi, my name is **Hok Yan** and I am from **6W**. I am a **6+ English student**. My goals are to do better in **writing and listening**. I can achieve my goals by writing more often like writing a **diary entry** everyday and listening to **English news reports**.



Hi I am Jaycee Ho from **6M**
My GOAL is to
Be
KIND
 and
BRAVE



Hi! I'm **6W 32 Jeff Wong** and I'm a **6+ student for English!** My goals for this year are:

1. Write at least one story with all the five parts of a plot
2. Use more literary devices in my writings
3. Write more stories in my free time

I will achieve these goals by:

1. Memorising the five parts of a plot
2. Writing down the literary devices and putting a tick next to one when I have used it
3. Entering writing competitions

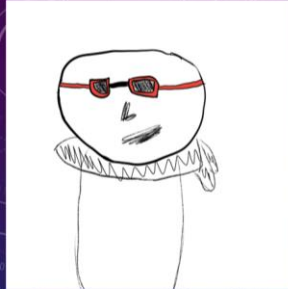


Hello! I am **Ronny** from **6+** English this year. My goal is to be better and learn more comparing to the previous year. I will take notes on lesson and try to read more books.

My Goals for this year

Kaka Chung 6M (5)

1. Learn more vocabularies by reading more books
2. Do my best in exams by revising more often
3. I will improve my listening by watching more English news, movies, shows and so on.



HI, MY NAME IS LOGAN AND I AM FROM 6M. I HAVE BEEN A VSS SINCE THIRD GRADE. THIS YEAR IS THE FINAL AND MOST CHALLENGING YEAR OF VSS. 6+ IS A VERY WONDERFUL ADVENTURE WHERE I LEARNT MANY THINGS THAT ARE MORE ADVANCED. FOR MY GOALS THIS YEAR, I HOPE TO IMPROVE MY WRITING BY USING THE SKILLS THAT I HAVE LEARNT FROM 6+. I HOPE EVERYONE CAN HAVE A NICE YEAR!

No matter what,
do not give up!



Hi, I am Cedric from 6+ English. My goal for this year is to not give up. You may ask, why shouldn't we give up? You might think, if you are not capable of doing something, just give up! That is actually incorrect, if you give up, everything will be lost. If you continue, you might succeed. Just remember that, no matter what, do not give up.

My Goals :
Be kind to
others

I am
M and I
am one
of the
6+
English
Class.

I will complete
my goal by
speaking
politely and
help others
more often.



Lincoln

Tsang



EPA

Grade 1



EPA is a thrilling experience for Grade One and Two. They have such fun in their EPA lessons - playing games, singing songs, acting out stories and practising their dancing. It is a wonderful opportunity to express themselves in English, while having fun at the same time. In Grades One and Two, the students learn singing, drama and dance as part of their integrated curriculum. The English language curriculum is linked with the EPA curriculum in both Grades.

Grade 2



Grade 3

In Grades Three and Four, the students build upon the skills they have already learned in EPA. They have the opportunity to study four different modules: Voice, Music, Movement and Drama. They focus on full dances, play scripts and delightful songs, which they share with one another and the school during English Week. Their experience helps them prepare for the Grade Five Show.



Grade 4



Grade 5



In Grade Five, everyone is ready to put all their EPA skills to good use. Students spend the entire year devising, rehearsing and finally performing the Annual Grade Five Performance. Last year was different due to the school suspension, but that didn't stop our intrepid Grade Fives from presenting a recorded radio performance.

In Grade Six, the EPA curriculum is once again integrated with the English curriculum. The students are preparing themselves for life in secondary school and EPA combines all the performance skills learned in primary school in preparation for life in secondary school and the wide world.

Grade 6

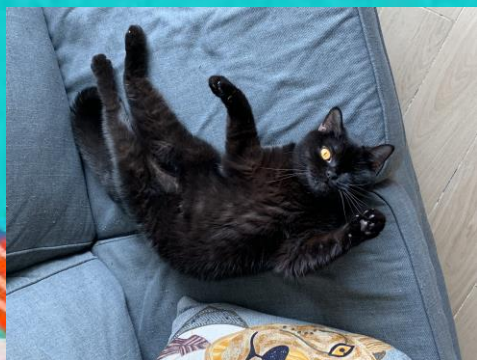


Feature Teacher

Hello everyone!

My name is Teacher Sean. This is my first year teaching at Pui Kiu College and I am very excited to be here! Let me tell you a little bit about myself.

I was born and raised in Canada. The city I grew up in is called Calgary. It is very cold there. The coldest recorded day there was -43 degrees Celsius. I am glad it does not get that cold here in Hong Kong!



I am an only child but I had lots of pets growing up. I've had dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, a horse and a llama. The horse and the llama didn't stay in the house. They lived on my aunt and uncle's farm. Today, however, I only have one pet. I have a one-eyed black cat. He is a rescue cat, so we don't know what happened to his eye. But he is still very cute!



Feature Teacher



My favourite thing to do is eat. I loooooove to eat. For me, the best food is spicy food. That's why I love to eat Sichuan food, Korean food and Mexican food. If you know of any good spicy food restaurants in Hong Kong, don't hesitate to tell me! My favourite food in the whole world would have to be spicy hot pot, even though my clothes smell like hot pot for days after.

Before I became a teacher, I had a very interesting job. Can you guess what it was? I used to do voiceovers for Japanese cartoons! Because most people in North America can't speak Japanese, the dialogue needs to be translated into English. This is called 'dubbing' and it was my job to speak the dialogue in English. You can hear my voice in cartoons like ***Dragonball*** and ***Zeta Gundam***.



I am excited to get to meet everyone this year! If you see me in the hallway, feel free to tell me about your favourite food or your favourite cartoon! Talk to you soon!



Asian English Usage Contest

Before the Summer Break, our students received some good news from **2019-2020 Asian English Usage Contest**, organised by the English Association of Asia.

The following students received prizes in the Final Events:

LAU TSZ YAN (3P) P2 Final Event Bronze Award

CHENG PUI YAU (4W) P3 Final Event Bronze Award

ISIS LAM (4B) P3 Final Event Bronze Award

The following students also did well and received prizes in the Heat Events

WANG ZI AN P1 (2B) Heat Event Silver Award

TANG HIN YU P1 (2B) Heat Event Bronze Award

WONG HEI TUNG (3M) P2 Heat Event Bronze Award

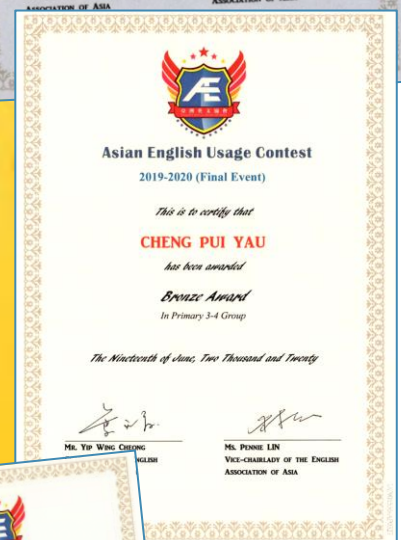
LAU TSZ YAN (3P) P2 Heat Event Silver Award

ISIS LAM (4B) P3 Heat Event Bronze Award

CHENG PUI YAU (4W) P3 Heat Event Bronze Award

LEUNG HIU WING (5W) P4 Heat Event Silver Award

Congratulations and a job well done
to these winning students!



Wow!

Trivia and Strange Facts



A reindeer's eyes change color through the seasons. They're gold during the summer and blue in the winter.

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MENTAL FLOSS



Bacon was used to make explosives during World War II.

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MENTAL FLOSS



Ravens in captivity can learn to talk better than parrots.



Wow!

Wow!

A chicken survived for 18 months without a head!

In 1945, a Colorado farmer went out to kill a chicken for dinner but when he chopped off the animal's head, it just wouldn't die. It's not unusual for chickens to survive a few minutes headless but as the time went on, he realized he had narrowly missed the jugular vein so while the poor creature had no head, it could still survive. The farmer named him "Magic Mike" and instead of eating him, fed him with an eyedropper until he died 18 months later.

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VILLAGE WITHOUT DOORS

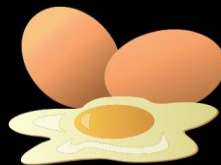


Houses in the village of Shani Shignapur in Maharashtra do not have doors since people living there believe that the resident deity of the village (Lord Shani) will protect their house and properties from thieves.

Jokes and Riddles

95% PEOPLE CAN'T SOLVE THIS

I have 6 eggs
I broke 2
I cooked 2
And I ate 2
How many eggs
are left?



You now have four eggs left because
you broke, cooked and ate the two.

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

If a chicken says
"All chickens are liars"
Is the chicken telling
the truth



Chickens can't talk.

What am I?

I have many teeth
but I cannot bite
I'm often used early
but rarely at night



A Comb

What am I?

I JUMP when
i WALK
&
SIT when i
STAND



A Kangaroo

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