

# PEN



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## PRIMARY ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

### FOREWORD

Can you feel the cool breeze outside the classroom?  
Can you sense the dry air when we walk around campus?  
Can you believe it's already late autumn?

What a busy few weeks we have had! The end of October marked our First Term Break as well as Halloween. So what's next? Look up your calendar in your Handbooks... **English Week** is here! From 9th to 18th November, listen out for some announcements broadcast through the school. Who knows what we might hear? Maybe some songs? Jokes? Trivia? Enjoy the fun sound bites throughout English Week.

Meanwhile, get comfortable in your chair and delight in the pages of the second issue of **PEN**. This month, get up-to-date on what all the Grades have been up to. Also, learn more about our newest teacher, Teacher Joanna!

Happy reading, everyone!

**TEACHER ARVIN ROBLES**  
(PANEL HEAD, ENGLISH)

How are you, boys and girls? I hope you all had a restful term-break! What do you think are the best activities for Autumn days? The answers may vary among students; however, someone will definitely tell you that the best activity is to grab a book and read under a tree. If you have no ideas what to read, go to the new section - "BOOK CLUB". Some of our Grade Four students will give you suggestions on what to read. ENJOY~

**TEACHER PHOEBE YEUNG** (DEPUTY PANEL HEAD, ENGLISH)

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AROUND THE CAMPUS

# Grade One

We have been learning a lot in Grade One so far. Not only do we have a lot to learn about English, but we are also learning about the daily routines of a primary school student!

This month we started writing about our day in the 'My Day Book' and sharing our school life with our parents and teachers. We have also had a few spelling tests! We were a bit nervous but we did great!

There are still some new things for us to get used to. We can't play at recess like we did in Kindergarten. But we are all being safe and using our masks during class. We also can enjoy our snacks at recess when we use our safety boards.

**Bon Appétit!**



# Grade Two

Grade Two students have been learning about festivals celebrated around the world. They have been finding out about the special ways people celebrate festivals. Some people have tomato fights (La Tomatina) while others have a party with the queen on her birthday (Queen's Day).

They read a book called *Celebrate*, which tells us about many festivals. Did you know that the festival, Day of the Dead, is very similar to Halloween? People clean graves, wear a skeleton mask and eat skull candy.

Do you know where 'Boxing Day' gets its name from? A long time ago, rich people used to put extra food in boxes and give them to the poor. Nowadays, it is a day when we help others.

Do you know about any interesting festivals?  
What is your favourite festival?



What is the name of the festival?	Cooper Hill's Cheese Rolling Festival ✓
Where is this festival celebrated?	Gloucester, England ✓
How do people celebrate this festival?	people chase a roll of cheese while running down a hill ✓ Interesting! ✓

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What is the name of the festival?	Puppet Festival ✓
Where is this festival celebrated?	France ✓
How do people celebrate this festival?	Thousands of people cheer the puppet parade. And they wait to see which show will win the prize. ✓

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What is the name of the festival?	Monkey Buffet Festival ✓
Where is this festival celebrated?	Thailand ✓
How do people celebrate this festival?	People give monkeys lots of delicious food, they believe that monkeys will bring good luck to people. ✓

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# Grade Three

Have you been to Brazil? Let us take you on a tour!

Brazil is the biggest country in South America. Brazil has more than 200 million people. Most people love soccer and it is one of the most popular sports in the world. Brazil is home to the Amazon rainforest and the Amazon River runs through the rainforest. Can you name any animals that live in the rainforest?



People in Brazil celebrate Carnival. They dress up and walk in big parades with music. Do you want to join, too?

After going on this tour, do you want to share it with your friends?

The G3 students have also been learning how to write friendly letters.

There are five parts in a friendly letter.

Remember not to miss any of them!

Heading

Greeting

Body

Closing  
(Pretend to fasten a belt.)

Signature  
(Pretend to tie shoes.)

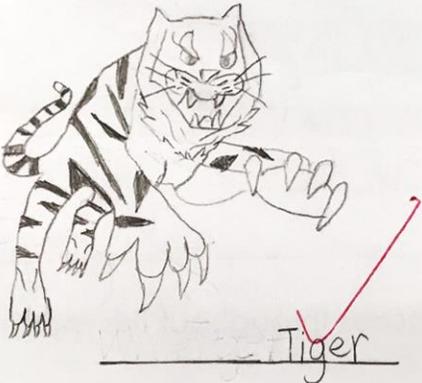
Parts of a Friendly Letter  
MOTIONS

# Grade Four

Do you know what a pre-task is? Students may be given a pre-task to complete before they learn a new key concept in class. It can increase students' motivation and interest and enhance their learning effectiveness. We would like to share with you, a pre-task that Grade Fours did ☺

Rainforests are home to many special and unique animals and the students have been learning about the rainforest animals in this module. To arouse students' interest and help them to build prior knowledge, we asked them to brainstorm some animals that they think live in the rainforests. Then, they did research to check if their guesses were correct. They also chose four rainforest animals that they drew and wrote a description about each animal.

Let's take a look at some of their awesome work:

Rainforest Animals	Description
 <p>Tiger</p>	Tigers are the largest cat, they are mammals. It lives in a rainforest. It is black and orange. Adult tigers can weigh up to 363 kg. Tigers eat deers, wild pigs and buffalos.

Rainforest Animals	Description
Capybara 	The capybara is the world's largest rodent. It has no tail and partially-webbed feet. It lives on river bank.

## Rainforest Animals

## Description

Golden orb spider



• female golden orb spider is bigger than male one.

• golden orb spider has 8 legs 2 tentacles and 2 body part

• the golden orb spider's color is red, golden, black and grey



Gorilla

• the female gorilla is 1.6 m, the male ones are 1.8 m

• gorilla is grey

• gorilla has hand, feet and just like human

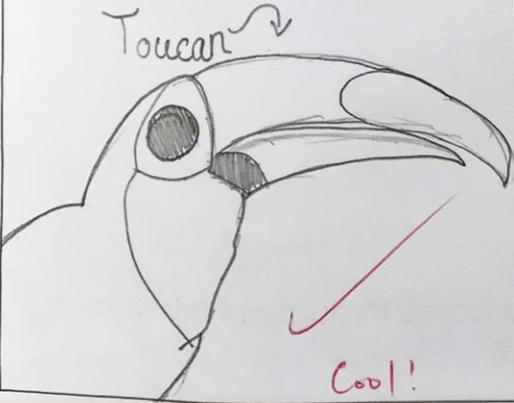
orangutan



• orangutan's fur is red

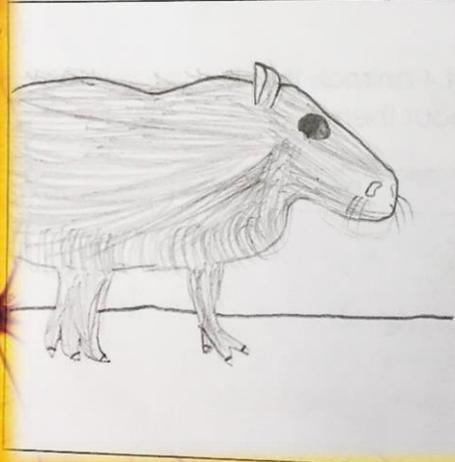
• orangutans are as long as 1.2 m to 1.5 m and

• orangutan has hand, feet just like human

Rainforest Animals	Description
<p>Toucan ↘</p>  <p>Cool!</p>	<p>The Toucan has a very large <del>beak</del>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Toucan's beak is 4 times bigger than its head.</li> <li>• Why its <del>beak</del> beak is so big?:</li> <li>- To attract mates ✓</li> <li>- To scare off predators ✓</li> </ul> <p>Good points!</p>



Sloths are nocturnal and sleep curled up with their head placed between the arms and the feet drawn close together.



Capybara

The capybara is the largest living rodent in the world.

Capybaras have heavy barrel shaped bodies and short heads with reddish-brown fur on the upper part of their bodies.

# Grade 5

Grade Five has been focussing on Secrets and Spies for Module 1. They have learnt about different gadgets and various famous spies. They have also watched a video about the James Bond shop, where an 80-year-old lady bought a bullet-proof vest.

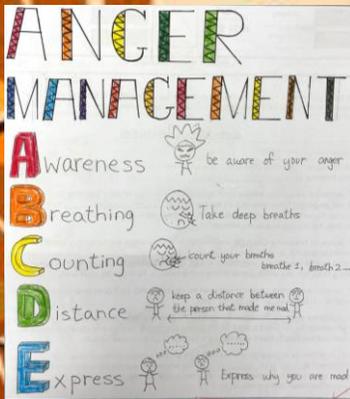
They will soon start their projects where they have to write a personal narrative either about a day in Spy Headquarters or a risky mission they went on. They will also be given the opportunity to act out a highlight from their personal narrative and put on a disguise.

Do you think you could pull off a good spy disguise?



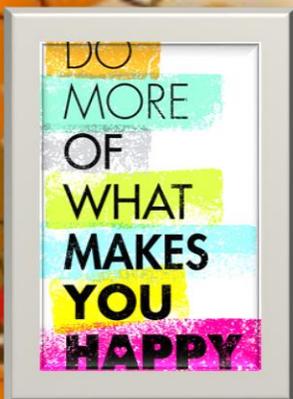
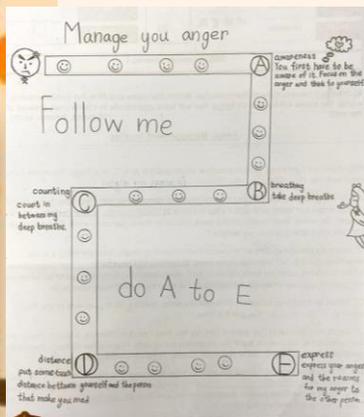
# Grade 6

What's behind the mask? Make a guess! Are the students smiling? Frowning? Are they worried about something?  
(Answers are on the next page)

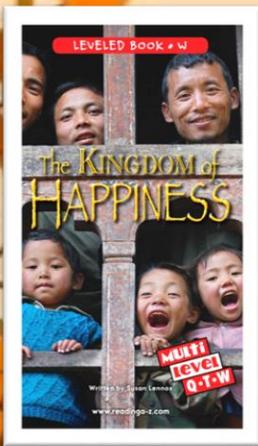


## How happy are you?

The Grade Six students worked on a "Happiness Pyramid" and they wrote about or drew what makes them happy and why. Do you know what the most popular things that bring happiness to students are?

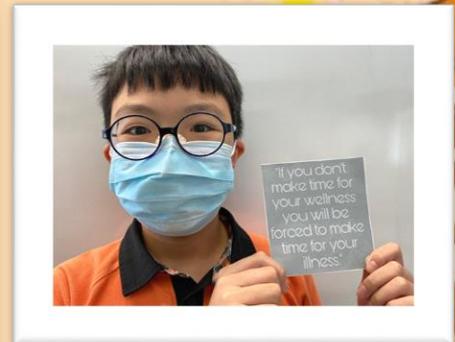


It's important to do something that makes you happy every day. Think of one thing that makes you happy. Even if it is just to draw or do colouring, read the book you really like again, try and see if that brightens up your day.



What is the key to happiness? How is happiness measured? The Grade 6 students read the reader *The Kingdom of Happiness* and found the answers to these two questions. The kingdom of happiness is Bhutan. Bhutan is a tiny mountain kingdom where happiness is the priority.

Students were also asked to look for quotes with pictures that improve a person's emotional health. We stuck them all around the classroom and shared why we chose that particular quote or picture. Let's take a look.



**SURPRISED**



**ANGRY**



**SILLY**



**HAPPY**



# Grade Six Plus

For Module 1 in Six Plus, students have been learning about **LITERARY DEVICES** that can be found in their novels, *Holes* and *Once*. **LITERARY DEVICES** are tools that writers often use to add meaning or create more compelling stories for the reader. Take a look at the literary devices Six Plus have learnt, as well as some examples written by the students themselves!

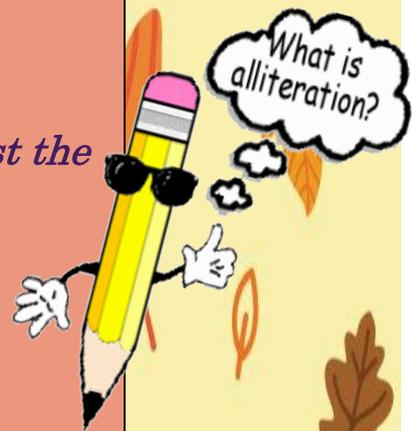
## ALLITERATION

- *words that start with the same sound (not just the same letter)*
- *are used repeatedly in a phrase or sentence.*

Accidents always awkwardly happen.

Chattering chickens can catch crying cats.

Cary and Casey are cooking cakes.



## HYPERBOLE

- *use language to exaggerate what you mean or emphasise a point*

He is so angry his head might explode!

You were told a thousand times to clean your room.

She has watched the musical, *Hamilton*, a million times.

I'm so bored I can watch paint dry.

I'm so tired! I ran across hundreds of bridges to get here.

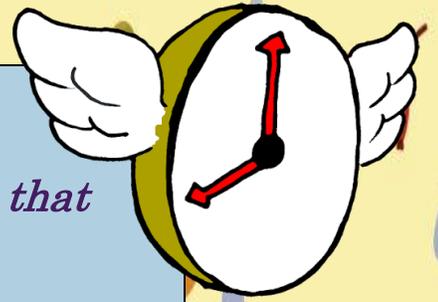
I'm so hungry  
I could eat a  
horse!



## METAPHOR

- *make a comparison between two things that aren't alike*
- *but they do have something in common*

Winter came and the green field was carpeted white. The sunset was slowly covered by white cotton candy as time passed by.



## ONOMATOPOEIA

- *a word describes a sound and actually mimics the sound*

"Grrrrr" growled the dog at me.  
The car racing through the streets drifted smoothly...  
Screech!  
The balloon popped.  
"Arghhh!" he screams as the rat chases him.



## PERSONIFICATION

- *an idea or thing is given human attributes and/or feelings*

The shining golden ball went back to sleep behind the grand mountains.  
My tears flowed and ran through the entire house.  
I was so bored – a stone statue sitting down.

## SIMILE

- *directly compares two different things*
- *use "as" or "like"*

I ran home as quickly as a horse to play video games.  
I was as happy as a hippo as I got good scores in the test.



# EPA

This is an exciting time for Grade One. They are having their first English performing Arts (EPA) lessons. At the beginning of EPA lessons, Grade One students are introduced to four main components. They are Drama, Music, Voice and Movement/Dance. Students learn these four components in one year.



The students are learning how to use their voices. They sing songs and read poems out loud. They are singing songs about 'Our World', such as 'Let's Clean Up' and 'The Neighbourhood Song'. It is such fun!



# Feature Teacher

## Teacher Joanna



Hello, let me introduce myself. My name is Teacher Joanna and I am new to the school. I started working at the school in September as the class teacher for 2W and the English teacher for 2W, Learning Edge teacher for Grades Three, Four, Five and Six. I also teach Learning Express for Grade Two.

Previously I worked at an international school for five years. In that school, I was working with students with learning difficulties, which was a rewarding and challenging job.

I am originally from the North of England, but moved to Hong Kong in 1996, to work at a private club as an equestrian coach. I also worked for the HKJC and was manager for a charity in Hong Kong working with disabled

children. I really liked teaching, which is why in 2010 I decided to train to be an English teacher.

When I am not being Teacher Joanna, I have lots of hobbies and fun things I like to do. Firstly, I used to be a professional equestrian coach, riding and training horses and riders. One of the highlights of my career was being a judge and technical official for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008. I was stationed in Shatin for nearly three months.



Another thing I like doing is taking part in running events. I prefer long distance for example 10K. I have taken part in the Standard Chartered races several times in Hong Kong. I even went to Cambodia to take part in a half marathon.

I also like music and can play a few tunes on the bass guitar. I really enjoy live music and hope we can enjoy it again soon in Hong Kong.

If you see me around the school, please feel free to say "Hi!"

# BOOK CLUB

Welcome to **BOOK CLUB!**

In Book Club, you can find out what books students in Pui Kiu College are reading. In this very first issue, we have invited some Grade 4 students to share their favourite book with us!



**Jayden PUN**  
from 4W

**Chosen book:**  
**The Adventure of Captain Underpants**

From class 4W by Jayden Pun

**Title:** The adventure of Captain Underpants

**Author:** Day Plikey

**My rating:**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Characters:**  
What were the characters in the book?  
What characters did you like or didn't like?  
 Captain Underpants is my favourite character because he is so strong.

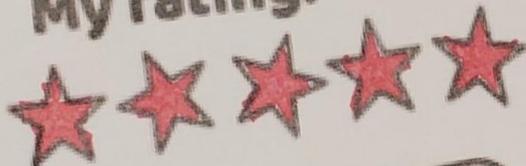
**Plot:**  
What happened in the story of the book?  
Two boys called George and Harold made a comic called "Captain Underpants" and their principal Mrs. Krupp did not like it. Suddenly one day, Mr. Krupp became Captain Underpants!?

**My Opinion:**  
What was your favourite part in the book? Do you recommend it to your friend or not? Why?  
My favourite part of this book is when Captain Underpants (which is Mr. Krupp) says "We need to save the world first!" But I don't recommend to my friends because George and Harold did nothing.

**Title:** Scarlet & Ivy

**Author:** (Sophie)  
(Cleverly)

**My rating:**



**Characters:**

What were the characters in the book?  
What characters did you like  
or didn't like?

Characters: (All books)  
Ivy, Ariadne, Penny,  
Ms. Fox

I like Scarlet and  
Ivy because they are  
very brave

I don't like Ms. Fox

because she locked up  
Scarlet just for power.

**Plot:**

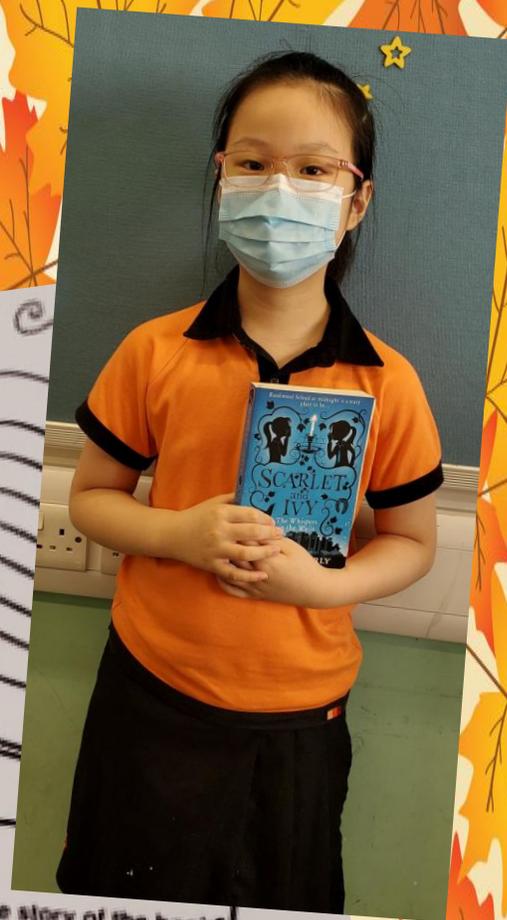
What happened in the story of the book?

In a creepy boarding  
school, Scarlet and  
Ivy attends, is not  
only creepy, but it's  
full of old secrets,  
Scarlet and Ivy have  
saved their school  
many times too...

**My Opinion:**

What was your favourite part in the book? Do you recommend it to your friend or not? Why?

Scarlet and Ivy had a horrible stepmother, at  
first, they hated the school their stepmother had  
sent them, but they are growing to call their school  
"home". But with evil teachers and loads of  
secrets, will they be able to stay there forever?  
And, will they uncover the secrets of their  
school and family?



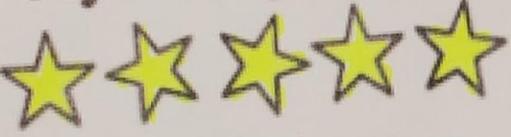
Angel LAU  
from 4W

Chosen book:  
Scarlet and Ivy

**Title:** How to train your dragon

**Author:** Cressida Cowell

**My rating:**



**Characters:**

What were the characters in the book?  
What characters did you like or didn't like?

- Characters that I like:
- Hiccup (hero of the story)
  - Toothless (Hiccup's dragon)
  - Egingarde (Hiccup's friend)
  - Stoick the vast (Hiccup's father)
  - Windwalker (Hiccup's riding dragon)
- Characters that I don't like:
- Alvin the treacherous (Hiccup's enemy)
  - Excellinor (Alvin's mother)

**Plot:**

What happened in the story of the book?  
Hiccup horrendous Haddock the third is on a important quest for finding the lost king's lost things. They met Hiccup's worst enemies Alvin the treacherous and Alvin's dreadful mother Excellinor. They had a battle for finding the lost things, and at last, Hiccup won and had a family reunion.

**My Opinion:**

What was your favourite part in the book? Do you recommend it to your friend or not? Why?

My favourite part is when Hiccup had his family reunion.  
I would like to recommend this book to my friend. It is because I think this book is very exciting and fun.

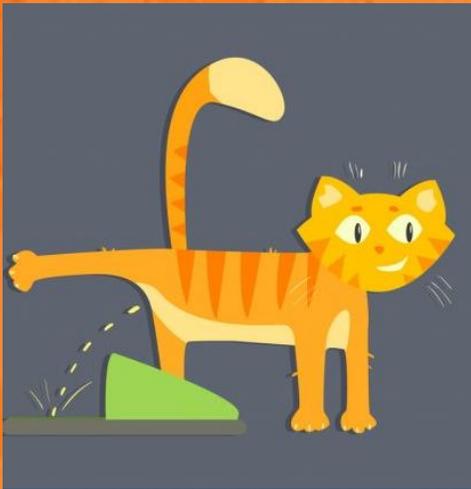


**Dora YAM**  
from 4W

**Chosen book:**  
**How to Train Your Dragon**

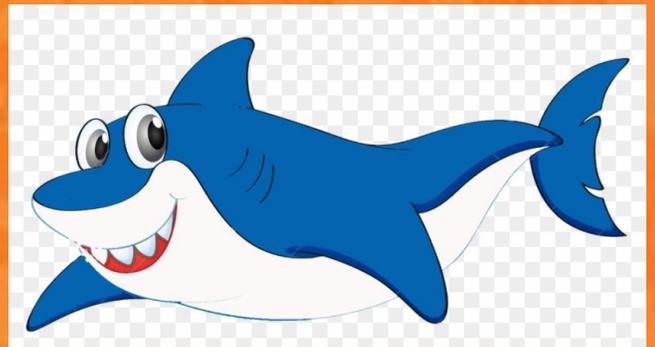


# TRIVIA AND STRANGE FACTS



Cat's urine (wee wee) glows under a black-light.

A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes.



## Black Cat Facts from the spruce



The black cats and witches myth began in the Middle Ages.



In Japan, women who own black cats are said to attract more suitors.



British sailors believed black cats brought ships good luck.



Cows have  
no upper  
front teeth

Adding salt to  
**pineapple** will  
actually cause  
it to taste sweeter.



The average strawberry  
contains about 200 seeds  
on their surface.

# JOKES AND RIDDLES

Q1. Why are cemeteries so popular?



Q2. What is the best thing to put into a pumpkin pie?



Q3. What did the skeleton buy at the grocery store?



Q4. What do you call a witch at the beach?



1. Everyone is dying to get in
2. Your teeth
3. Spare ribs
4. A sand-witch

Answers:

# Around the Campus









happy  
autumn

