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PRIMARY ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

FOREWORD

Welcome back to school, everyone! To our First Graders, new schoolmates, and new teachers, welcome to Pui Kiu College! We hope that your first month has been a fun, exciting and rewarding one. And we are only getting started! Have you set any goals for this year? What do you want to achieve by the end of this grade?

There are so many wonderful things to look forward to this coming month alone, such as the First Term Break and even the end of Module 1. In the meantime, please spend time reading through our first issue of PEN. In this issue, we see what our Grade One to Grade Six students have been up to in the English classroom, including Six Plus. We also get to meet a new, yet very familiar, face as our "Feature Teacher" for this month. Also, we are thrilled to introduce a new section, "Get Booked"! Get the latest updates on the fantastic things happening in our school library.

So, get comfortable in your chair and enjoy our first issue of PEN for this academic year.

TEACHER ARVIN ROBLESPANEL HEAD, ENGLISH

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GRADE ONE



Welcome to Pui Kiu College, First Graders! =) During the first week of school, the Grade One students had different orientation activities to get to know more about our school. The most fun part was definitely the school tour!





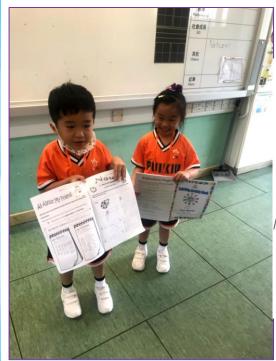
Our English curriculum consists of three modules and each lasts for about eight weeks. The Grade One modules are "Our World", "Animals" and "Space".

Through Module 1, students will be able to know how to introduce themselves, their friends and family members. Moreover, they will be learning about their community and different occupations.

To start off, students introduced themselves to one another by singing songs. They also interviewed their friends about what they liked and recorded the information in their LAB. Well done, Grade One students! =D









GRADE TWO

Welcome back, Second Graders!

The first module is about festivals around the world. Look at the list below! They are the 26 festivals we are going to learn about soon.

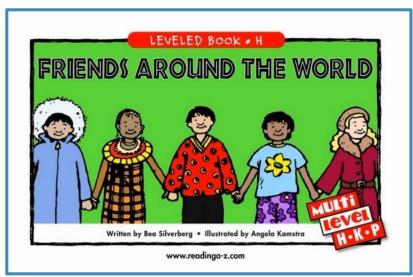
How many festivals do you know? ©

April Fool's Day Lantern Festival Martin Luther King Jr. Day.. Boxing Day..... New Year's Day..... Christmas Oktoberfest..... Day of the Dead Puppet Festival..... Earth Day..... Queen's Day Ramadan Festival of the Sun..... St. Patrick's Day ... Groundhog Day Thanksgiving...... Halloween United Nations Day. Valentine's Day Independence Day..... Women's Day Junkanoo Festival..... Xylophone Festival Kite Day...... Yom Kippur

Zanzibar Day



We will also read a book called "Friends Around The World". It is about some different traditions and living styles of people living in different parts of the world.



It is going to be an informative yet interesting module. We hope that you will have a wonderful time with your friends and teacher in class this year. \odot



GRADE THREE

DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

The Grade Three students are going to learn about different countries and continents in Module 1. Throughout the module, we will focus on two famous and exotic countries – Australia and Brazil!

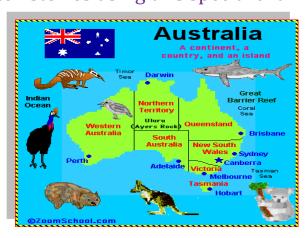
First, how much do you know about Australia?

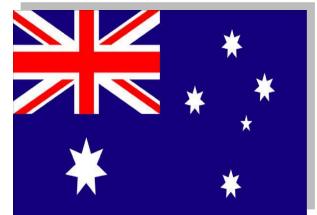


Australia is a huge island called a continent and it is also a country. You can locate Australia on a map easily, but when comparing to our home, Hong Kong, it is just a dot on the map. So you can imagine how big Australia is!

Australia is also a multicultural country. You may find many different races of people with different cultures. Its landscape ranges from desert and bush land in the central areas, to rainforest in the North, not to mention the famous Great Barrier Reef! If you visit Australia, you may find many things decorated with aboriginal dot

paintings. The Australians love to tell stories using this special art!







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 modernisation in recent years and the rainforest fires.

People born in Brazil are called Brazilians. They love to throw a party 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!



Coming back to school after a long summer vacation, our Grade Four students have started a new learning journey. We began with a module which relates to something very important to our Earth – The Rainforest.

The students have been learning a lot about the rainforests, for example, the four layers of the rainforest, plants and animals that can be found there, why the rainforest is important to us, etc.

As you may already know, the Amazon Rainforest, which is the largest rainforest in the world, is experiencing the biggest threat ever. It is burning at a rate scientists have never seen before. In this module, we will also read and learn about the threats that the rainforests are facing. Last but not least, we will learn and explore ways that can help to protect the tropical rainforests. We hope that through this module, students can have greater awareness of and appreciation for nature.

Here are some photos of some group work and individual work of our students.





GRADE FIVE

Grade Five students are learning about Secrets and Spies in this module! Do you think you can be a spy? Let's find out!

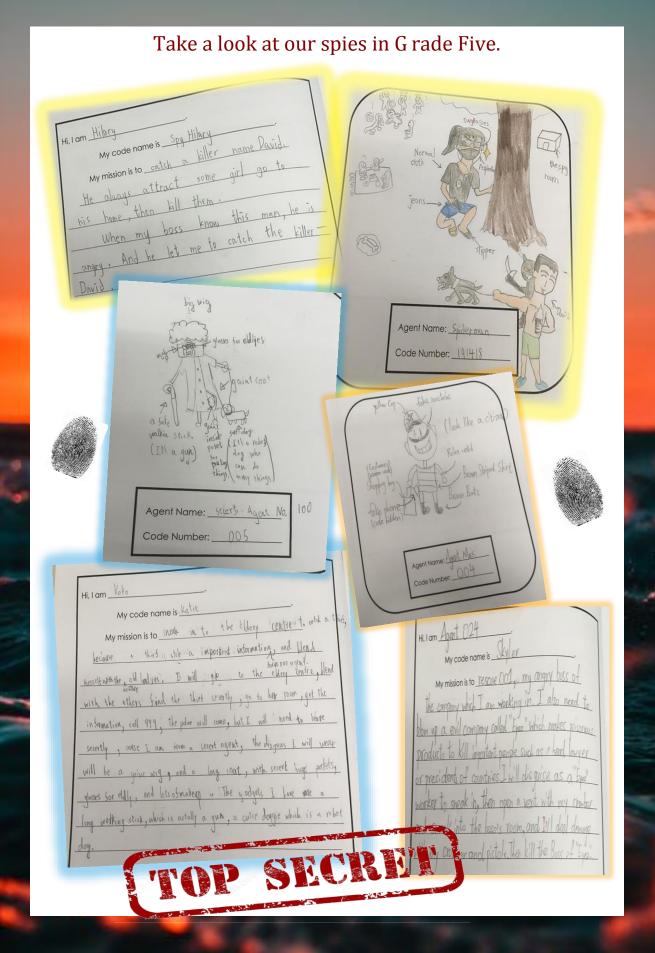
- 1. Do you like finding out secrets?
- 2. When you've learned a secret, can you keep it?
- 3. Are you good at blending into a crowd?
- 4. Can you creep about very, very quietly?
- 5. Do you always do your homework?
- 6. Do you like dressing up, and using cool gadgets?



7. Can you keep calm in a sticky situation?

How many boxes can you tick off? Well, if it's more than 5 like our Grade 5 students here, then you can probably become a great spy!



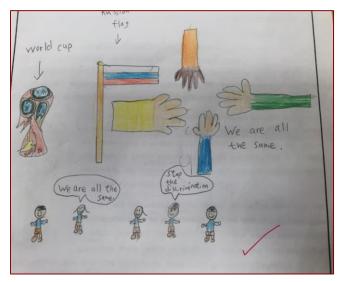


GRADE SIX

DIFFERENT PEOPLE, SAME WORLD

The Grade Sixes have come back to school with new energy, new books and a new module in English – Different People, Same World!

In this module, we take a good, hard look at the types of **discrimination** people around the world encounter. We also look at

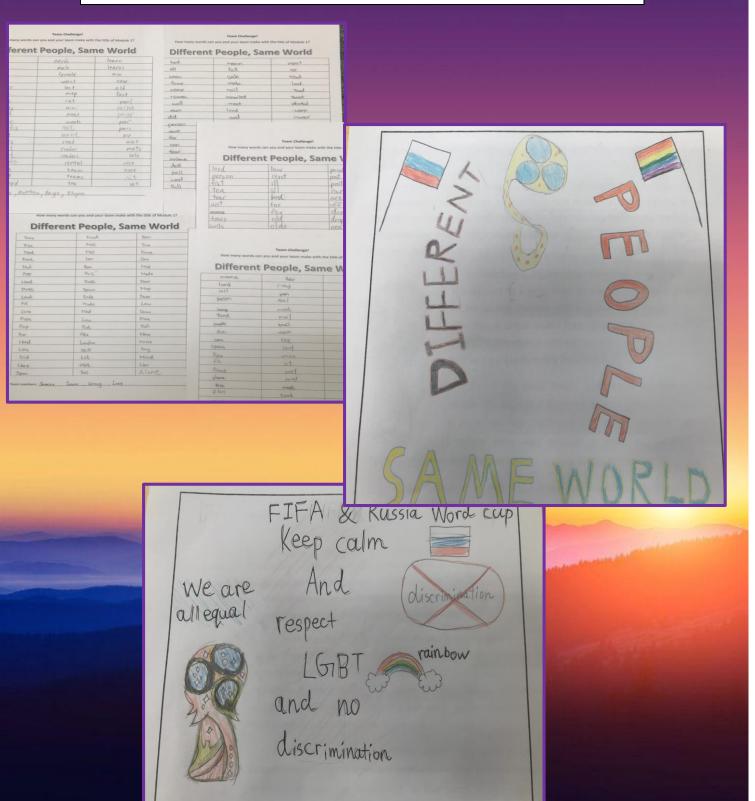


what **Human Rights** are; and how we can do our part to wipe out discrimination in society. Students also read and learn about two Human Rights activists – *Martin Luther King* and *Cathy Freeman*.

The concept of Discrimination is studied through **Reading**, **Listening**, **Speaking** and **Writing** tasks. Class activities like cooperative learning, poster work, pair work and discussion are some learning strategies which will be employed, and which are frequently seen in the English classroom.

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Towards the end of the module, students will study the book *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne. Various activities will be done based on this reader, and the study of this book will be a good introduction to the world of Literature for our Grade Six students.





SIX PLUS

This year, Six Plus (English) comprises 11 students from 6C and 6P. In our small class size, this final year of learning English in the primary section focuses on more topics, concepts and materials that will prove to be fun, challenging and rewarding. Six Plus is taught three modules this year, and they are:

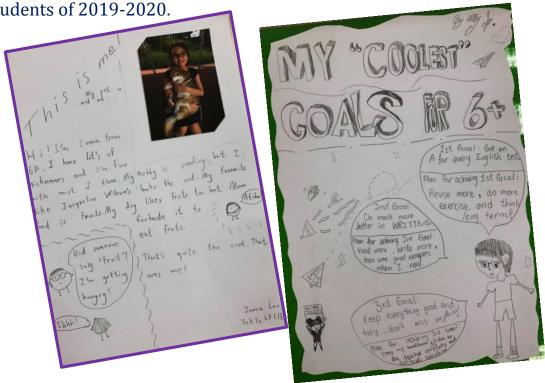
Module 1: Literature (the novels "Holes" and Once")

Module 2: World Religions

Module 3: All About You (exploring Genetics)

The Six Plus lessons are perpetually infused with SRL, with plenty of pre-lesson tasks, own goal-setting, task extension. In addition, every class is filled with wide variety of games, role-plays, presentations, discussions, student-teaching, drama, and other exciting opportunities targeting and optimising the different learning styles of our very unique Six Plus students.

Speaking of whom, we're pleased to introduce to you the Six Plus students of 2019-2020.





I am Jayden Yau from 6P,

Today I'm going to talk about.....

MYSELF!

About Me:

Name: Jayden Yau Ho Chit Gender: Male Age: 10 Birthday: 06th October, 2008 Constellation: Libra



My Favourite..... Food: Yogurt Sport: Table Tennis Subject: English

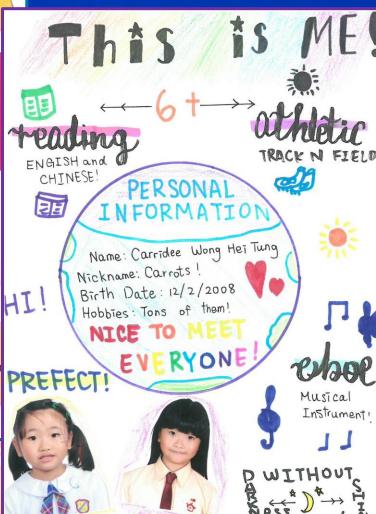
Genre: Action/Comedy Animal: Jaguar

My Hobbies Are:

-Reading

-Playing Video Gam

-Playing Sports



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- My favorite colour is blue

- My favorite food is sush

-I like playing the video game Clash Royale

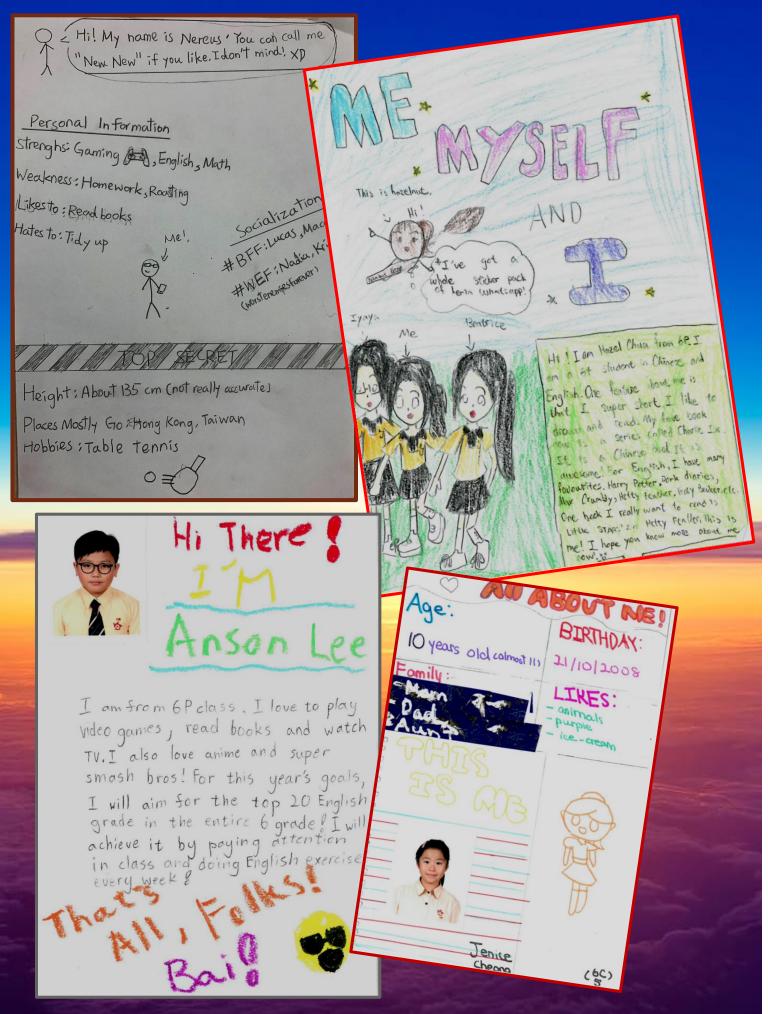
- My favorite subject is English (of course)

being 185 in grade four

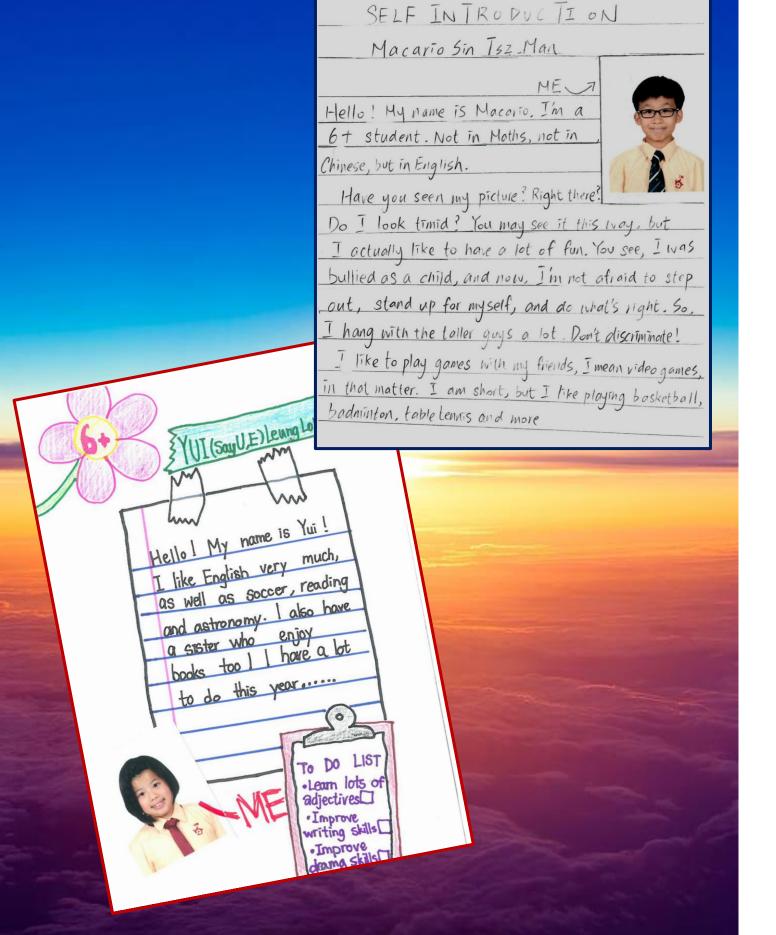
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Once again, the Grade Five Show was an enormous success! Let's look back at our four great stories...

Better Together!









FEATURE TEACHER

Ms. Jennifer Lopez

Hi everyone, you may not know this, but I once taught and worked in this school for many years!

So, after four years away, I feel very happy and excited to come back to Pui Kiu College – it's a bit



like coming home after travelling for a few years!



TRAVELLING

Hmmm... talking about travelling, I

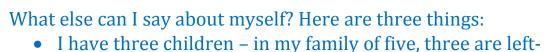
really enjoy going on long walking trips with my friends. We call this 'trekking'. The pictures you see here are taken in Finland, Japan, Nepal and Bhutan...do you know which is which? ©

BOOKS, BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS

Another thing I really, really enjoy doing is READING! I must admit that I read mainly fiction books, like mysteries (I LOVE Sherlock Holmes books) and crime and thrillers. I stay away from horror books as they give me nightmares.



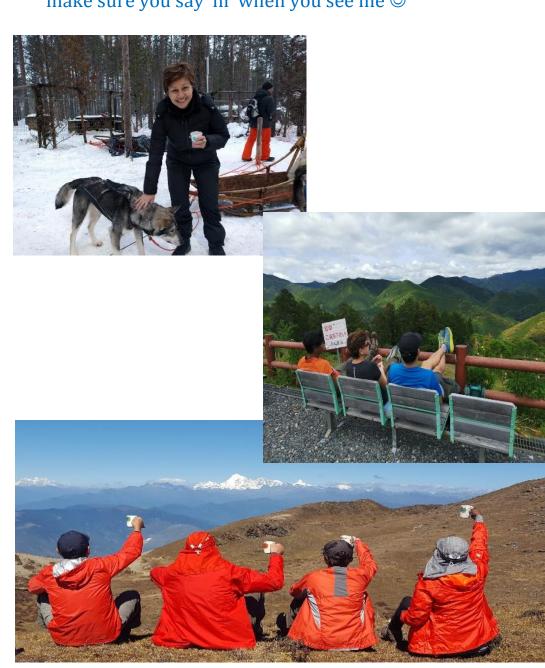




 I have three children – in my family of five, three are lefthanded and two are right-handed!

 I tend to treat my students like my own children – I want the best for them and I make them always do their best!

• I love it when people say hi and stop to have a chat so please make sure you say 'hi' when you see me ©



GET BOOKED

Welcome to a new, regular feature of PEN! This little, but very important, section of PEN will tell you all about what's up in our library!



BOOK BUGS!

Do bugs bug you? What if books bugged you? How would you feel about being called a Book Bug? This means you LOVE books, and books BUG you to read them!

Are you itching to know more? Go on down to the library and BUG the librarians for a Book Bug form – you read a book, do an exciting activity based on that book, then hand the Book Bug form back to the librarians. You will see your work displayed proudly in the library!

OUR PLANET EARTH

Do you know what a Wonder Wall is? Do you know a lot about Planet Earth? Challenge yourself! The library will have a Wonder Wall where you get to answer some mystery questions by writing your answer on a postit and sticking the post-it to the Wonder Wall! Imagine a WALL full of colourful postits! A WALL which is the sum of our knowledge!



GET BOOKED!

What are you waiting and WONDERING for? Don't wait for your teachers to BUG you! **Go to the library now!**



TRIVIA AND STRANGE FACTS



Goats do not have circle pupils in their eyes...

THEY HAVE RECTANGLES.







pooked on them!

Because they get



Why do fish like to eat worms?

Q: WHY DO FISH LIVE IN SALT WATER?



JOKES AND

RIDDLES

These critters are sure to crack you up.

A: LEMON AID.

A: BECAUSE PEPPER MAKES THEM SNEEZ

Q: WHAT DO YOU GIVE A SICK LEMON?

AROUND THE CAMPUS

