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FOREWORD

“It's the most wonderful time of the year!”

Some of you might know the above as the starting lyric to a famous Christmas song. Besides Christmas, other cultural festivals are also celebrated during the final month of the year, including the Jewish festival Hanukkah, the African-American Kwanzaa and the Sikh festival Guru Nanak Jayanti. No matter what culture you hail from or belief you embrace, the end of the year is always a wonderful time to be appreciative for all that we have, thankful for how much we have grown and learnt; and be excited for the new adventures and challenges ahead.

Probably the greatest challenge just around the corner is coming in January – our Mid-Year Assessment! We are sure that you have already started your revision. Do take the time to look back on all you have learnt since the start of Module 1. Review all the words and grammar items that are new this year and take a glimpse at the new lessons we learnt in our Writing Journal. We can avoid making the same mistakes from before and aim at pushing ourselves to do even better from now on. Over the Christmas holidays, you can do your MYA preparation bit by bit, day by day. However, we must always spend quality time with our family and loved ones too.

Until our next issue in January 2020, the entire English Panel would like to wish all of you...



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boxer



cameraman



detective



journalist



housewife



diver

Our First Graders have been having lots of fun learning about “Our World”. The module is coming to an end very soon, and students are all ready to present their project about occupations. Here are some more occupations that you might hear about every day.



pope



priest



salesman



librarian



pirate



singer

Apart from the exciting projects coming up, our students also joined the “Reading Buddies” programme with the library. The Grade Five and Six students got to pair up with a Grade One little buddy and share with them stories and games about books. Here are some of the happy moments they had together.



Reading is more fun when you have someone to share it with!

GRADE

TWO

The Grade Two students have been working very hard on their first module, "Festivals Around the World". They have read and watched videos about many different festivals celebrated in countries around the world.

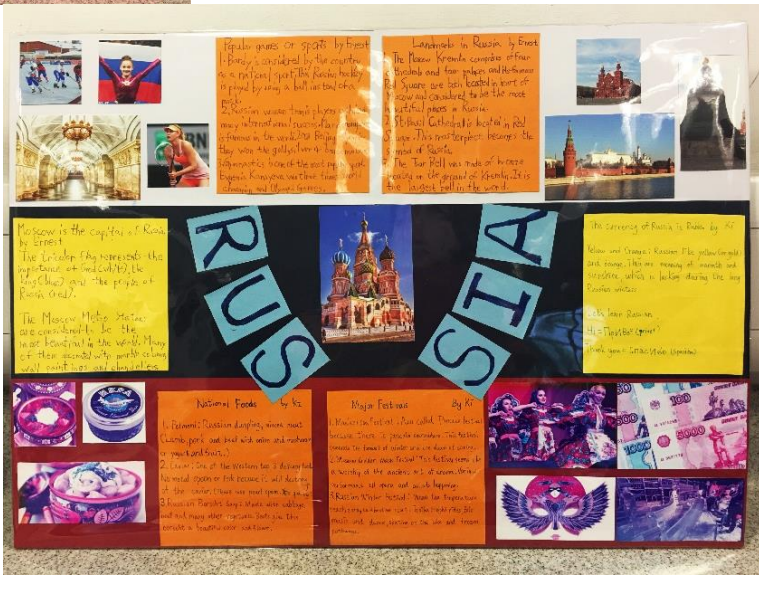
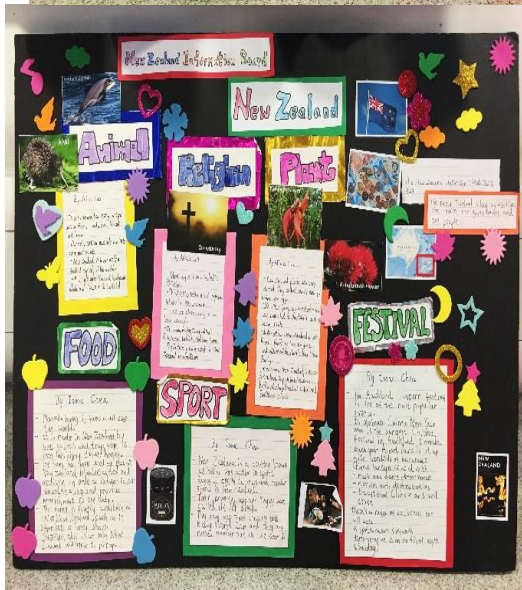
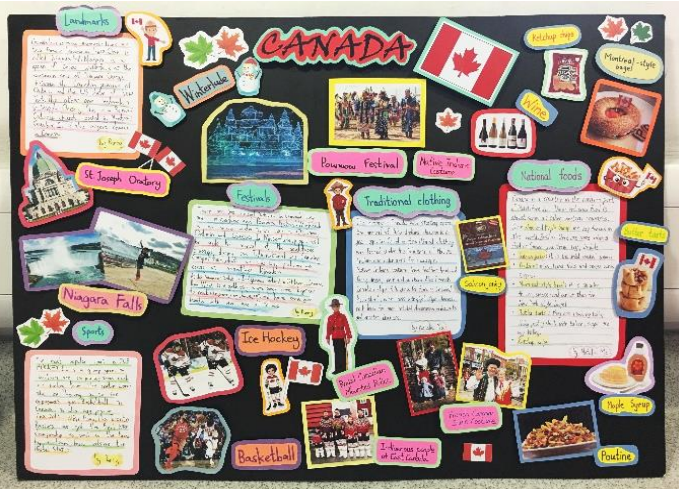


The module has come to an end and our students have put a lot of effort into their projects. They invented their own festivals, made a poster for it and presented to the class using their presentation skills. There were some interesting festivals like Hero Festival, Video Games Festival, Woof-A-Doggie Festival and many more!



GRADE THREE

The Grade Three students have successfully completed their Module 1 projects and presentations with great effort and very satisfying quality. Here are some beautiful masterpieces:



To wrap up Module 1, the Grade Three students also shared what they have learnt through an interactive class activity called 'Quiz-Quiz Trade'. Each student set a question and answer related to Module 1, then they went around the class to find a partner to take their 'quiz'. After each pair had their turn, they traded their quiz paper and found another new partner; exploring new ways to check their understanding. Look at how much fun they had through learning from one another!



Coming up, the Grade Three students are going to move on to learn about "The World of Plants" in Module 2. Looking forward to seeing further accomplishments from them in their learning journey!

GRADE FOUR

Grade Four is finishing up the Rainforest module and everyone had a chance to present their project! Below are some photos of their performances with some wonderfully-made costumes! Everyone's hard work showed as they gave splendid performances!



We also went to Fanling Environmental Centre to learn about how Hong Kong is doing its best to preserve the environment around us by using renewable energy, recycling and waste treatments.

Everyone had a lot of fun!



GRADE FIVE

Grade 5 has been working very hard on their Module on “Secrets and Spies”. They have watched many videos on how to spy on someone and how to avoid getting caught by others. They have also learnt about famous spies throughout history such as Mata Hari and John Walker. Feel free to ask Grade 5 students about all the various spy methods and spy gadgets that they have learnt about.



For the next module, they will focus on “Inventions”. They are excited about this module as they will also go to the science museum and learn about many inventions and how they work. Grade 5 will also learn about many famous inventors. Do you know any famous inventions or inventors?



GRADE SIX

The students have finished exploring different topics of discrimination and are engrossed in the module reader: *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. This book is a very powerful tool for students to see the horrendous events which happened during the Second World War from the perspective of a young person. If you haven't read the book before, here is a quick synopsis of this amazing book!

The story of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* is very difficult to describe. Usually we give some clues about the book on the cover, but in this case we think that would spoil the reading of the book. We think it is important that you start to read without knowing what it is about.

If you do start to read this book, you will go on a journey with a nine-year-old boy called Bruno. (Though this isn't a book for nine-year-olds.) And sooner or later you will arrive with Bruno at a fence. Fences like this exist all over the world. We hope you never have to cross such a fence.

'Stays just ahead of its readers before delivering its killer punch in the final pages' INDEPENDENT

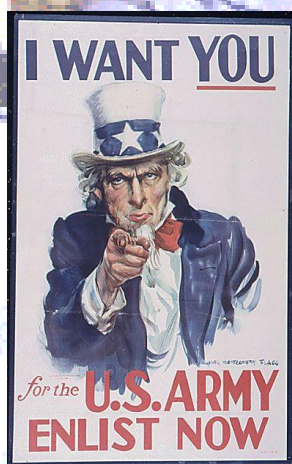
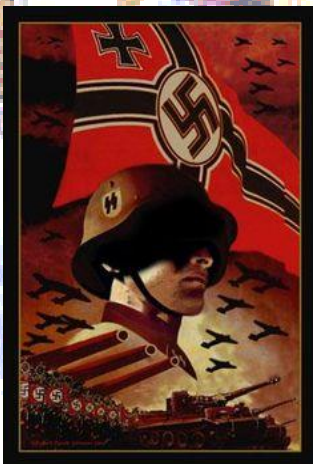
'A book that lingers in the mind for quite some time' IRISH TIMES



DEFINITIONS



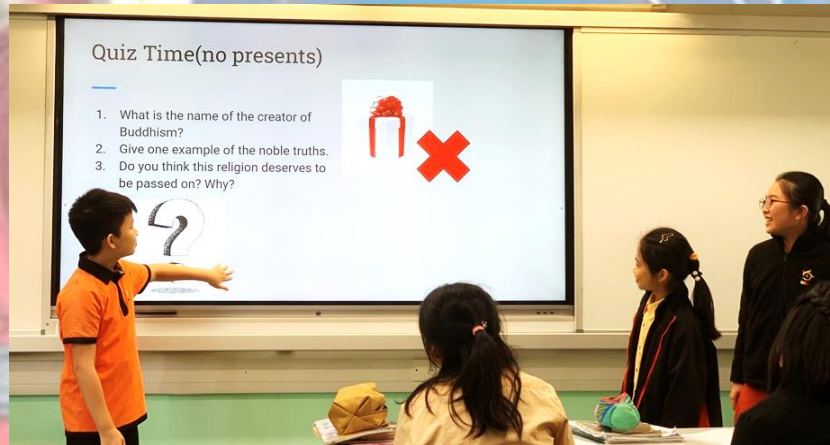
Some classes have also looked into specific details of World War Two and explored the impacts in which it has on today's society, such as the creation of the Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations a couple decades post-war. Take a look below at some posters from the countries involved in WWII!



GRADE SIX PLUS

Before starting Module 2, “World Religions”, Six Plus were assigned with a pre-lesson task of grouping themselves independently and researching one of the major religions of the world. They looked for information on the origins, the faiths, the traditions, the customs and the followers of Christianity, Islam and Buddhism. The Six Plus students demonstrated resourceful study skills and shared their comprehensive findings through group PowerPoint presentations.





Take a look at some of their lively and fascinating presentations. Whilst listening to their peers, other groups took copious notes to gather all the pre-learning information they can acquire for their module-start K/W/L chart. Stay tuned to their developments as they completely immerse in Module 2 in the coming weeks, and learn about other beliefs as well, including Judaism, Hinduism and Taoism.

EPA

Our Grade Two students are mastering their performing skills in English Performing Arts lessons. They are learning to react quickly to characters they are assigned to work with, and to make sounds associated with various actions. They were learning about different festivals, so they learnt how to move and dance through different festive music.



EPA

Our Grade Two students have been working very hard on their pieces to perform in the coming English week.



Get Booked

As December and the holiday season draw near, why not hop down to the library and cast your eyes over the many tomes the library has to offer? From magazines to eBooks to recipe books; fiction and non-fiction texts await your hungry eyes! Get to the library now to take books home for some holiday reading!



New Books!

Imagine being on holiday, curled up in a comfy armchair, with some hot chocolate... What would make this picture perfect? A good, riveting, exciting book for you to get lost in!

Have you seen some the new books in the library? We have exciting new trilogies, and we have an assortment of hardcover books about World War II. There is also Shakespeare written in English we can easily understand 😊.

eBooks!



Do you know that you can borrow iPads from the library to read eBooks? Do you know that the library has two online platforms for students to read eBooks? You can use your own device to access these platforms, or borrow an iPad from the library and read eBooks at your own leisure. 😊

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Featured Teacher

Hello!

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



My Family

I come from a big family of 8: my parents, 4 sisters, a brother and me. Growing up in such a big family was fun. I always had someone to play with and talk to since I was never alone. Being one of the youngest, my parents and my sisters were always there to look after my brother and me as well. Although we do not all live together now, we are still very close-knit and try to get together whenever we can.

My Interests

I love travelling and learning about different cultures. I have been to Thailand, the Philippines, South Korea, the United Kingdom (England and Wales), New Zealand and more. So far, my favourite country has been New Zealand. It is absolutely beautiful. I really enjoyed a road trip all over UK with my family, too. It was crazy but fun. When I visit a new country, I like to try new things. For instance, I have tried white water rafting with my friends in New Zealand, and zip-lining with my siblings in Wales.



Apart from travelling, I like to watch movies in my free time. My favourite genres are horror and comedy. Horror movies sometimes give me nightmares but I enjoy watching them anyway. I also like to listen to music. You will always find me listening to music when I'm travelling (even if it's a short distance). In my spare time, I like reading books, too. It is hard to pick a favourite book since I like so many of them. You can come and share your favourite book with me if you like.

So what are your interests? Do you like to read books and watch horror movies, too? What kind of music do you like to listen to? Come and tell me about yourself.



FACTS & TRIVIA

A cloud can weigh more than a million pounds.



Clouds are not as light and fluffy as they appear. In fact, researchers have found that a single cloud weighs about 1.1 million pounds. How do they know? Well, that number is calculated by taking the water density of a cloud and multiplying it by its volume. Fortunately, the cloud can still "float" at that weight because the air below it is even heavier.

Bumblebees can fly higher than Mount Everest.



If you think it is impressive that humans can make it to the top of Mount Everest, you'll be stunned to find out that bumblebees can make it to the summit, too. Researchers who tracked two bees that were able to fly at more than 29,525 feet (or 9,000 meters, which is higher than Everest) admitted that they were "shocked at how high they could fly."



JOKES

QUESTIONS:

Q1. Are any Halloween monsters good at Math?

Q2. Why is Peter Pan flying all the time?

Q3: What do witches ask for at hotels?

Q4: What do Italian ghosts have for dinner?

Q4: What is the name of the witch who lives in the desert?

ANSWERS!

A1. No—unless you Count Dracula!

A2. He Neverlands!

A3: Broom service!

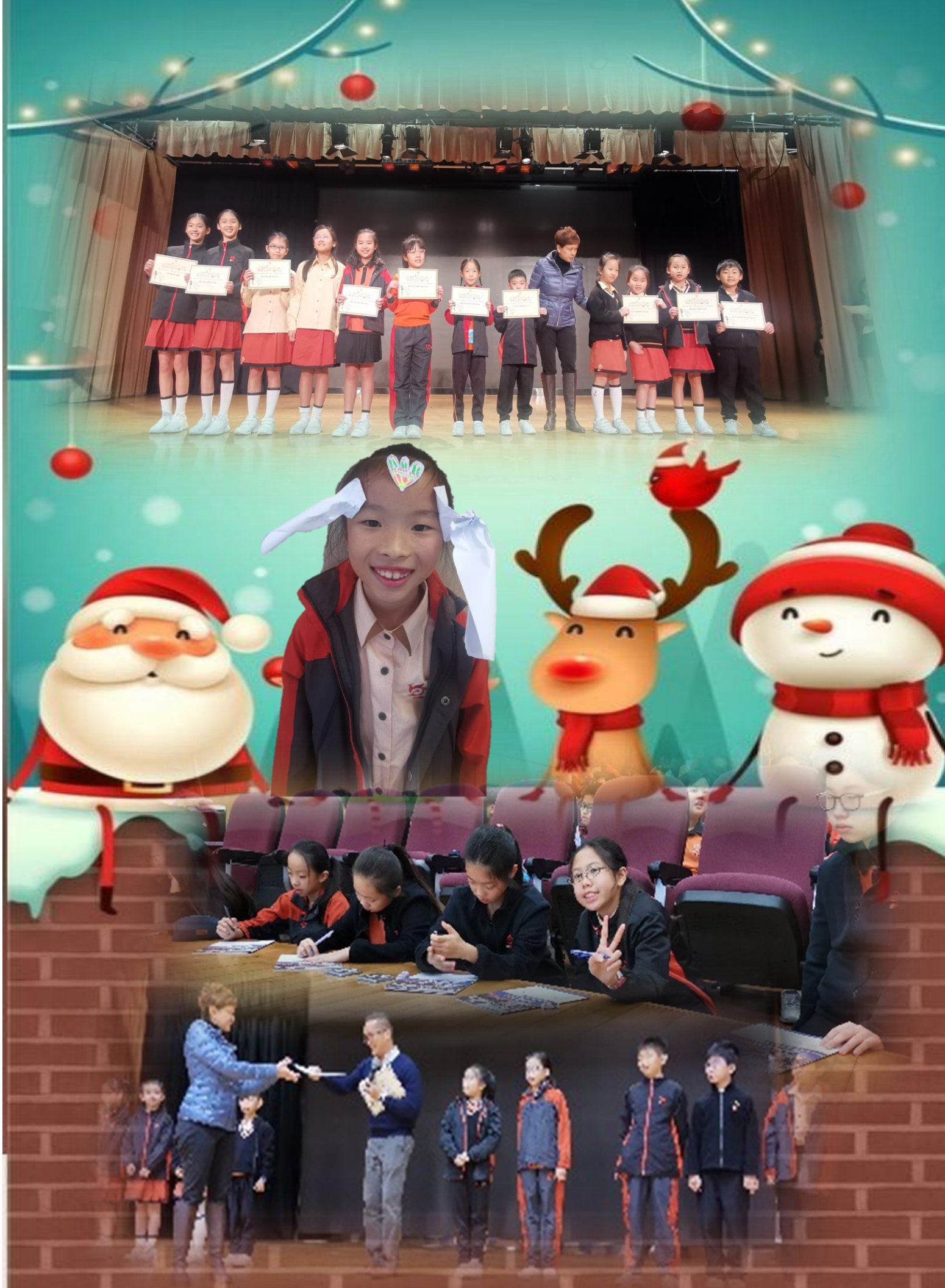
A4: Spook-hetti!

A4: Sand-witch!

AROUND THE CAMPUS







A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!



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