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# **JANUARY**

# **PRIMARY**

# **ENGLISH**

# **NEWSLETTER**

## **At a Glance**

Welcome to a new year! I am glad to see that all of our students coming back to school with a great smile on their face. In this issue, you will see how wonderful the school life of our students are – some of them created posters in class; some of them went on an excursion while some of them did extremely well in a competition.

# PUI KIU COLLEGE

## ENGLISH PANEL

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### WHEN

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### WHAT

The School publishes our printed and online newsletter to report on the primary school's latest updates, major activities, programme developments and news about the English Panel.

### WEB ADDRESS

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## FOREWORD

Happy new year, boys and girls! Have you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year's holiday? Even though it might have been packed with revision, we hope it was also packed with good food, rest and quality time with your loved ones.

How amazing that it is already 2019! Not only does time fly, every month seems to be packed with exciting events. This month alone, we are celebrating the beginning of the new year, all students will be busy sitting for our first-ever Mid-Year Assessment, which is then followed by our first Parents' Day and the end of the first. Amidst all the goings-on, all First to Sixth Graders have also been embarking on their second module for the academic year.



Indeed, it might be an opportune time to reflect on how far we have come throughout 2018 – all our successes, our challenges, the lessons learnt in and out of the classroom, the good habits we hoped to start and the bad habits we hoped to end. Why don't we take this time to make resolutions for 2019? If we find ways to become better versions of ourselves, we can find ways to fulfill our own potential.

Let's reach within ourselves... and maybe for the stars!

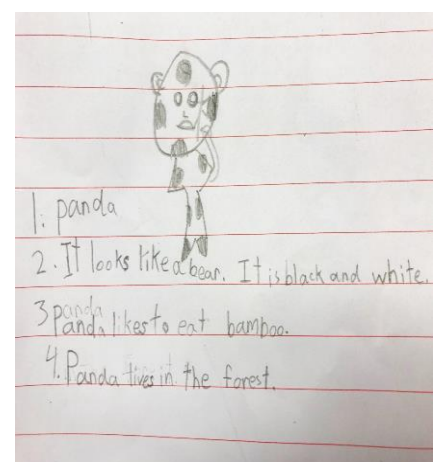
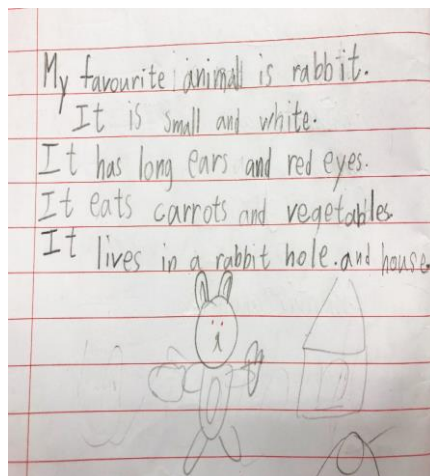
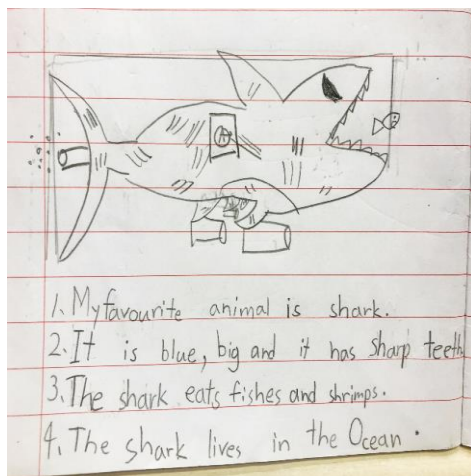
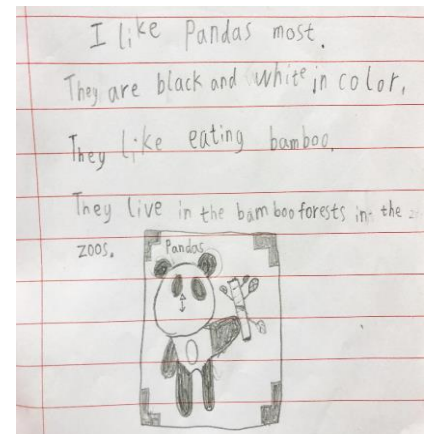
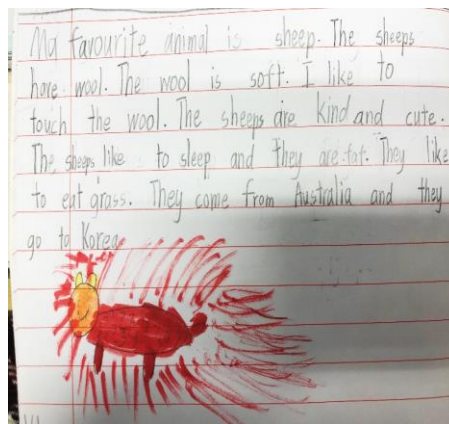
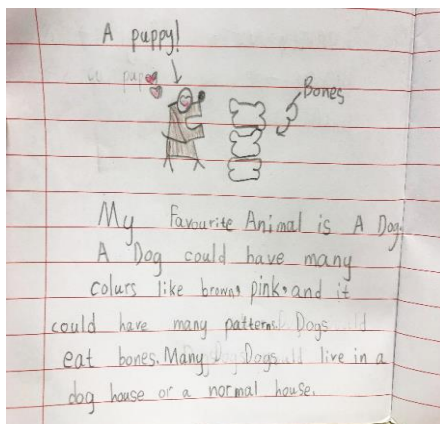
*Teacher Arvin Robles*

Acting Head, Primary English Panel

# First Grade



Grade One students just started the second module, which is all about ANIMALS! Do you know this is the favourite module among both teacher and students? We will find out the habitats of different animal groups, such as mammals, fish, reptiles, insects and birds. We will learn to label the body parts of insects and fish. Through reading books, we will be able to tell the characteristics of different kinds of animals and categorize them into different family groups. We will have a lot of fun exploring some very interesting facts and topics about animals during our study. So what is your favourite animal? Please tell us!



# 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

The Grade Two students are so excited about Module 2 ~ “Hong Kong, My Home”. Students are learning the basic facts of Hong Kong and they will be learning about different types of buildings, the differences between the urban and rural area and famous landmarks in Hong Kong.

Students created a poster about Hong Kong when the module started. They collected pictures and put them into different categories, such as famous places, local food, types of transportation, currency, etc.

Let's have a look at their work:



Hong Kong is our home.



What do you know about it? Here are some interesting facts about it:

1. Hong Kong means “Fragrant Harbour”.
2. Hong Kong has more Rolls Royces per person than any other city in the world.
3. Hong Kong has the most skyscrapers (classified as buildings with more than 14 floors) in the world; double that of its nearest rival – New York City.
4. Hong Kong is counted amongst the most densely populated areas of the world.
5. The terrain of Hong Kong is pretty hilly and there are outdoor escalators in the Central district of the Island.
6. The Hong Kong dollar is the eighth most traded currency in the world.
7. In Hong Kong, architects take Feng Shui (wind/water elements) into consideration in the design and construction of buildings.
8. The Tsing Ma Bridge is the world’s longest road and rail suspension bridge and a Hong Kong landmark.

**I ♥ Hong Kong**



# 3<sup>rd</sup> GRAdE

**In Module 1, the Grade Threes learnt about different countries and continents! They had a project on a specific country and all of the English Teachers for Grade Three said all classes did very well!**

**Good job, Third Graders!**

**In Module 2, our students are going to learn about plants. Grade Three students, you always see plants in your surroundings but do you know what they are called? For example, take a look at the SUPER BIG heart-shaped leaf you see when you are walking up to Pui Kiu College. We teachers are going to test you after we teach you! But we are sure you will remember them not because of the test but because of how lovely those wonderful plants are.**

**The Grade Three's also went to the Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden to experience learning outside the classroom! Take a look at their exciting and smiling faces! :D**





# Grade 4

We have started Module 2, an exciting module about different types of natural disasters. Students are all astonished by how powerful and destructive a natural disaster can be.

Students got to watch various news reports about earthquakes and tsunamis. The devastating damages they cause leave all of us speechless.

Everyone is looking forward to learning about the causes of different natural disasters and precautions that we can take to reduce their level of destruction.



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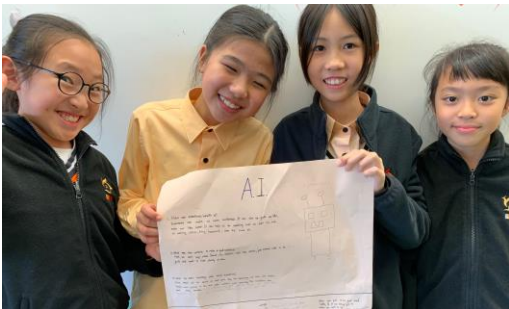


# 5th Grade

The Grade Five students have just finished their journey of being a spy in Module 1. Now, they are moving on to the next module - Inventions! The students were brainstorming some questions before they learn more about this module. The questions are:

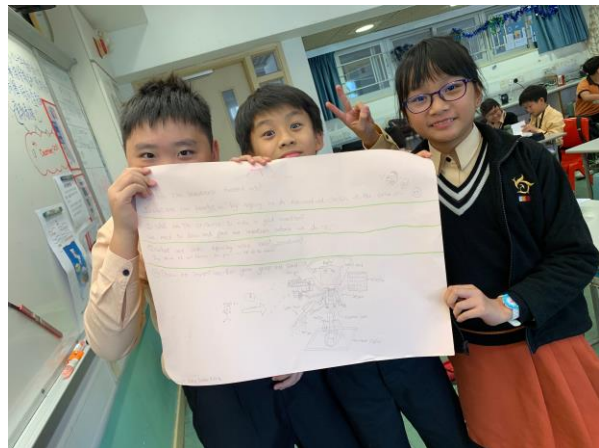
- 1) What are the benefits that inventions can bring us?
- 2) What are the criteria of a good invention?
- 3) Do you know any opposing voices about having inventions?
- 4) Draw an invention you have in mind now.

Let's look at some of their work:



Inventions make our lives more comfortable and easier!

We should have plans or experiments before the last stage of invention.





# 6TH GRADE



When you are asked to name a scientist, Albert Einstein is probably one of the first people who pops into your head, right? And when you think about scientists at work, you probably imagine men or women in white coats surrounded by test tubes and Bunsen burners.

But not all scientific discoveries are made by adults. Even kids are making amazing scientific discoveries all the time.

So here is just one example of kid scientists making a revolutionary discovery.



## A school project results in the makers of Ribena facing legal action



You know Ribena, right? That delicious blackcurrant juice drink that is often covered in labels advertising how much vitamin C it contains? Well, when two New Zealand school girls designed an experiment to show how Ribena is healthier than cheaper brands of juice drinks, what they uncovered shocked people all over the world: There was almost no vitamin C in the samples that they tested!

Blackcurrants have a higher concentration of vitamin C than oranges, so when Ribena advertised that their drinks have four times more vitamin C than similar orange juice drinks, Pakuranga College students, Jenny Suo and Anna Devathasan, really thought



Jenny Suo and Anna Devathasan test the vitamin C content in Ribena in the science lab of Pakuranga College. Photograph: Sandra Mu/Getty Images

that that was what their experiment would show. But their test results kept showing the opposite. "We thought we were doing it wrong. We thought we must have made a mistake," Anna told New Zealand's Weekend Herald.

The girls tried to contact GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) to ask for an explanation, but were ignored at first. They did eventually get through to them on the phone but they got a disappointing response. "They didn't even really answer our questions. They just said it's the blackcurrants that have it, then they hung up," Jenny said.

But when the New Zealand government got wind of the girls' findings, they decided that GSK's vitamin C claims were misleading and decided to take the global company to court. GSK claimed that only ready-to-drink cartons in New Zealand and Australia had a lowered vitamin C content and that their vitamin C claims were still true for their bottles of concentrates even in the affected regions, but courts found them guilty misleading to the public with their advertisements and labelling. GSK was fined NZ\$217,000 (about HK\$ 1,100,000).

As for the girls, GSK invited the girls to visit their head office to personally thank them for making their fantastic discovery.



# SIX PLUS

The Six Plus students accomplished a remarkable feat in the recent Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival. Two teams of seven students each competed in the Improvised Dramatic Scenes event, in which teams are given only 10 minutes to discuss and prepare a 10-minute dramatic performance. The competition was very strong, with fifteen teams representing over ten esteemed schools.



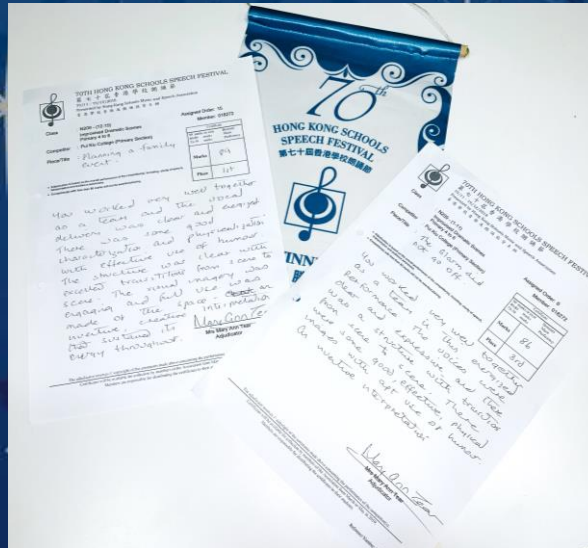
As you may recall from the previous issue of PEN, the Six Plus students have been training for several weeks. Not only did they integrate all their EPA skills (drama, movement, voice and music) accumulated from all their years at Pui Kiu College, they had to demonstrate quick thinking, excellent teamwork, creativity and working under pressure. At the event, the Six Plus students were impressed and inspired by the work of the other schools and the adjudicator's constructive advice.

Ultimately, not only did both teams perform their best efforts at the competition, but they also walked away with both the 3rd place and 1st place prizes!

See details of the winning teams below.

## 1st Place 89 marks

Robert Steve WONG  
Abbie LEE Tsz Yau  
Baihan ZHU  
Abby CHAN Ching Yau  
Esta DENG Tung Fong  
Sabrina HO Sze Ching  
Jayson WONG Ka Long



## 3rd Place 86 marks

Hailey LEE Long Yee  
Angie CHEN Chit  
Anisa CHENG Lok Yan  
Calix CHEUNG Chi Chun  
Kristy FOK Yan Kei  
Alvin KWOK Yui Heng  
Jack WONG Yat Hei

Congratulations to the Six Plus students for having learnt so much... particularly how to work successfully as a TEAM!

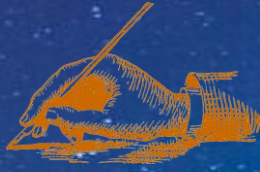


# eapa ENGLISH PERFORMING ARTS

Grade Two enjoyed a busy month. They took part in English Week where they showed off their singing, acting and dancing skills. Now they have turned their attention to 'Hong Kong My Home'. They have been thinking about all the exciting and interesting places they can visit here in Hong Kong.



# FEATURE



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## Countdown to New Year's!

My sister was the one who woke me up in the morning shouting, "Tomorrow will be 2019! We must do the countdown tonight!" She was shouting so loudly that my eardrums almost exploded.

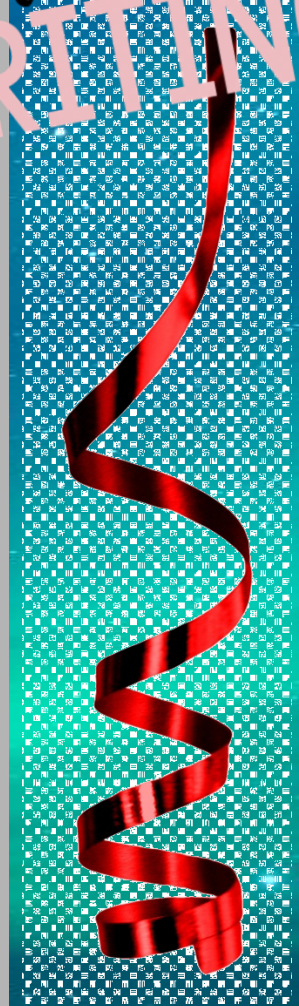
As I was enjoying the last breakfast in 2018, the sun was beaming at me. But I was feeling so blue because I just remembered that I had to revise. However, my mom suddenly said, Um, since today is New Year's Eve, you won't have to revise!" "What?!" We decided to go shopping for the hotpot meal tonight.

We arrived at the mall, it was stuffed with pounding people. Firstly, we went to buy some meat, such as beef and pork. Then, we went to buy some vegetables like tomatoes and corn. Finally, we went to buy ice-cream for dessert.

When we arrived home, it was nearly dark. The flowers were dancing in the wind. We took out the food and started to boil them. The beef was so juicy and the pork was so soft. The smell was satisfying, too. The tomatoes were as sour as lemons but also as sweet as candy... it was wonderful. Our tummies grew bigger and bigger as we ate.

After our last dinner, we ate ice-cream. The sour sherbet flavor made my head spine but I loved it so much. "Ring, ring!" went the alarm. It was 10 seconds till 2019! "10... 9... 8... 7... 6... 5... 4... 3... 2... 1. Happy New Year!" we all shouted happily. 2018 was a wonderful year, I hope 2019 will be the same.

- by Anisa CHENG Lok Yan (6M/6+)



## Countdown to New Year's!

On the very last day of 2018, I went to a barbecue site near Tai Wai. I sat on the very back of a private car and went straight to the barbecue area.

After a long journey, which took like a thousand years, we finally arrived. We went to the entrance. The owners' dogs were going "woof" and their cats were going "meow", Suddenly, wind flew past. The grass and flowers near the entrance were much like dancing. What a warm welcome!

At the entrance, I immediately saw many things happening. There were children playing in the playground. They were as noisy as they could be. The kids on the bouncy castle were killing my ears! I saw parents sitting around in a circle, chatting and barbecuing. The smell of the tasty food incensed the air. "Ah!" I point to a friend, "found them!"

I gathered with my friends and started playing with them. We were playing different kinds of games to amuse ourselves, as we were waiting for a special event – the New Year's countdown! After three and a half hours, it was almost midnight, which was almost the end of 2018. We went back to our barbecue place and started counting down. "Ten...", we started shouting, "Nine... Eight... Seven... Six... Five... Four... Three... Two... One!"

"Happy New Year!" everyone cheerfully shouted.

After the countdown, we were exhausted. We bid our friends farewell and started to go home. Before leaving, my friends sadly reminded, "Good luck for your Mid-Year Assessment!"

- *Abbie LEE Tsz Yau (6C/6+)*

## When?




1. When does the sun rise  
Up from the East?  
When does the beast come  
To have a feast?
2. When do hallucinations go  
In a desperate man's eye?  
When do ants mold  
To make an elephant die?
3. When does a kid  
Eat a horse?  
When does a man  
Fight his boss?
4. I know I sound like a baby  
With so many things to worry!  
Who am I looking so prissy?  
And let's go crazy!


- Jack WONG Yat Hei (6C/6+)

# Poetry



## Who!

Who ate the food    
Who did the worst?  
Who popped the   
And made my heart burst?

Who drank the juice  
Who played with blocks?  
Is it you? >!  
Or the  with long locks?  
Who will mix up numbers  
or drink some water?  
Are you doing it now  
or will do it later?

I know I'm curious to death  
but I am filled with questions  
Do you know who did it?  
I don't want an investigation.

- Kristy FOK Yan Kei (6M/6+)

# WHO?

Sabrina Ho 6M(U2)

Who was the first person  
To come alive?

Who was the first person  
To lost his or her own life?




Who invented "important" homework  
And made it super hard?

Who got a high-tech robot  
That had an iron heart?

Were there aliens?  
Who really saw one?  
Who saw real ghost?  
Or were there actually none?



The things I ask may make you ponder  
But I'm dying to know  
So try to tell me the answer  
And see how far you can go 

- Sabrina HO Sze Ching (6M/6+)

# TRIVIA & STRANGE FACTS

- The longest one-syllable words in the English language are "scaunched" and "strengthened." Some suggest that "squirreled" could be included, but squirrel is intended to be pronounced as two syllables (squir-rel) according to most dictionaries. "Screeched" and "strengths" are two other long one-syllable words, but they only have 9 letters.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.

# JOKES & RIDDLES

What do firemen put in their soup?

Fire crackers!

Why did the cookie go to the doctor?

Because it was feeling crummy.

What did the egg say to the other egg?

Let's get cracking!

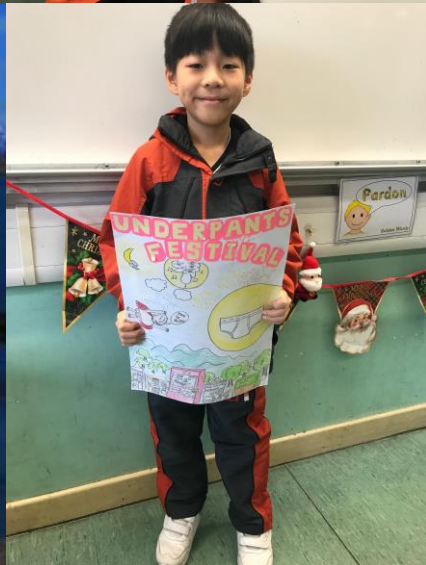
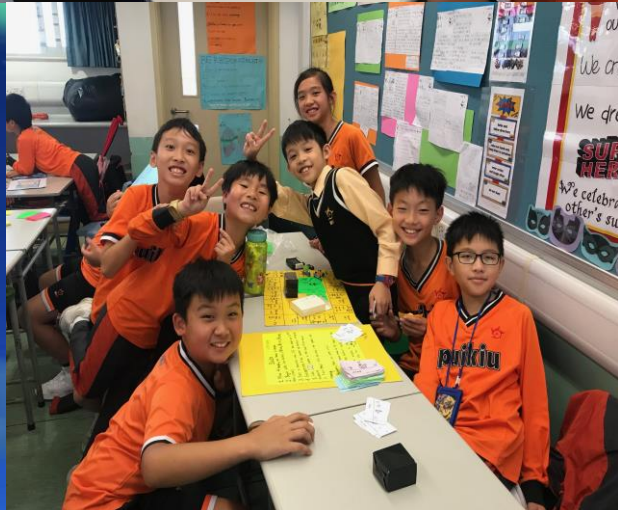
What do you say to a cow that crosses in front of your car?

Mooo-ve over.

Why did the boy bring a ladder to school?

He thought it was a high school!

# AROUND The CAMPUS







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