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### Welcome back to school, boys and girls!

After a short summer break, it is such a thrill to meet everyone face-to-face, especially our First Graders, our new schoolmates, and also our new teachers.

This is a new year filled with new faces, new classrooms and new experiences. We hope you are as excited as we are. This month, in the **Primary English Newsletter**, or **PEN**, we look what all the grade levels are getting up to in their English and EPA lessons, and get to know two new teachers, Angel and Derrick.

So what are we waiting for? Dive right in and enjoy the first issue of **PEN**!

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It's been a month since the new school year has started. Do you know the theme for this school year? It is **PERSEVERANCE**. Have you thought of how to achieve this? It's simple – do everything with your whole heart and never give up!!

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# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

## School is Starting

School is starting once again.  
It's time to see all my friends.  
To share my fun-filled memories  
At the summer's end.

The first day there, I'm nervous,  
For everything is new...  
My classmates and teachers,  
And all my classes too!

I hope to try my hardest  
To make good grades, you see  
For my parents and all my teachers,  
I'll make something out of me!



## Back to School

Summer's over,  
The time is near,  
It's back to school  
Time over here!

I'm feeling nervous,  
I'm feeling excited, Yippee!  
But most of all, I hope  
I hope I make my teacher happy.

I have my pencils,  
I have all my glue,  
I've got paper, crayons,  
and scissors too!

I can't wait to make friends,  
I'm excited to learn at school!  
I'm getting ready for a new year,  
3rd grade is going to be so cool!

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## WELCOME!

Goodbye vacation!  
Hello to school!

Hello new class,  
Goodbye old pool.

Vacation time is over,  
School time is here,

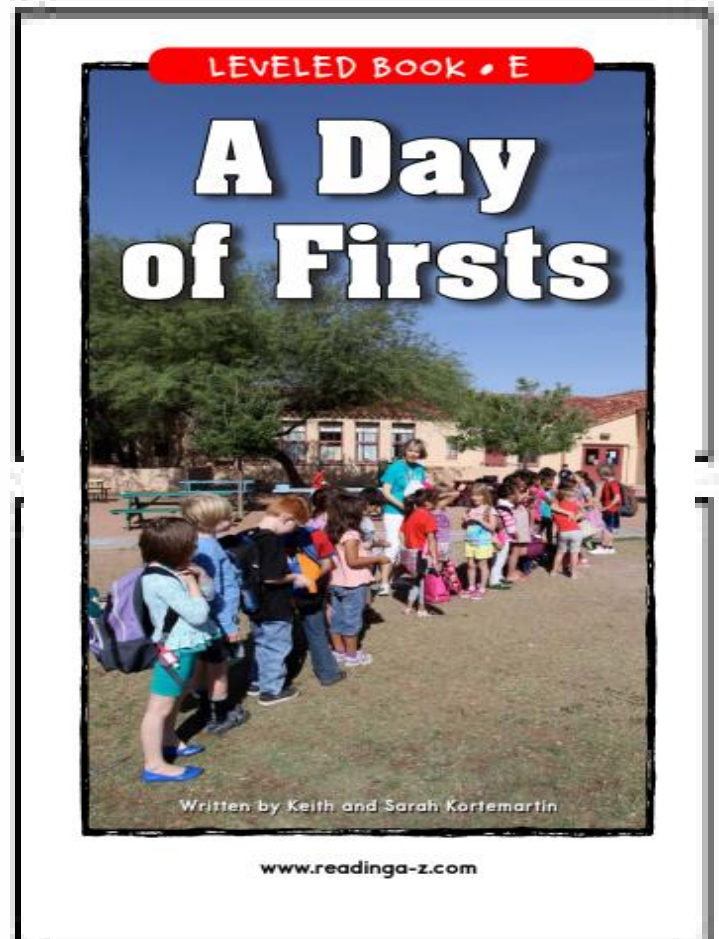
Now we welcome  
A new school year!



# 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE

A very warm welcome to our Grade One students! Welcome to the amazing family of Pui Kiu College. We are honoured to be part of your many “firsts” in your Primary school life. Our First Graders are all very excited to meet their new friends and teachers. They can’t hide their excitement when they know they can choose where they want to go and how they would like to spend the 2<sup>nd</sup> recess. Some of them choose to run like a leopard on the huge playground while some read like a bookworm in the school library. Some students chat like a bird with their new friends in the classroom while some enjoy taking a walk in the corridor.

We are setting our class routines and getting ready to embark on our wonderful journey of English learning. In September, we have enjoyed all stories shared by our teachers and the interesting discussions that followed; we also had a wonderful time introducing ourselves to our classmates and finding out more about our new friends. We all are looking forward to having more fun during English lessons!



# 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

Grade Two students started off the school year learning about **Festivals Around the World**! We have many festivals in Hong Kong, such as Mid-Autumn Festival, Dragon Boat Festival and Lunar New Year. However, do you know about any festivals around the world?

Have you heard of **Diwali**? Diwali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. People celebrate Diwali because they want to celebrate the victory of good over evil. Ask the Grade Two students and they can definitely tell you more about Diwali and many other festivals!



**Mid-Autumn Festival** - Did you celebrate it with your family and friends and have lots of mooncake?



**Halloween** - Do you know the origins of Halloween?



**Diwali** - Diwali is also called the "Festival of Lights".



Do you know what festival this feast is for? People like to eat pumpkin pie to celebrate this festival.  
It's **Thanksgiving**!

# 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE

Grade Three students have started their first module and it is all about **Different Countries**. How many countries have you been to? There are 197 countries around the world. Hong Kong is just a dot on the world map, which shows us how **BIG** and **wonderful** this world is. In this module, students will explore Brazil, Australia and Canada in the coming few weeks.

Apart from the different countries, the students have also been learning about the seven amazing **continents** of the world. Do you know we live in the **BIGGEST** continent, Asia? Do you know the names of the **coldest** and the **hottest** continents? Our Third Graders can tell you all about them.



# 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE

This year, our Grade Fours have set out on an adventure to explore rainforests and everything that can be found within them - from plants, to animals and even people! Do you know that there are four layers in a rainforest? Can you guess what they are called? Different animals also live in each layer. There are jumpy jaguars, mischievous monkeys and slimy snakes.

Do you know that 20% of the world's oxygen comes from the Amazon rainforest? Do you know it can take ten minutes for a falling raindrop to travel from a rainforest's thick canopy to the forest floor?

Do you know any facts about rainforests? Here are some unusual and interesting creatures and vistas from rainforests around the world.



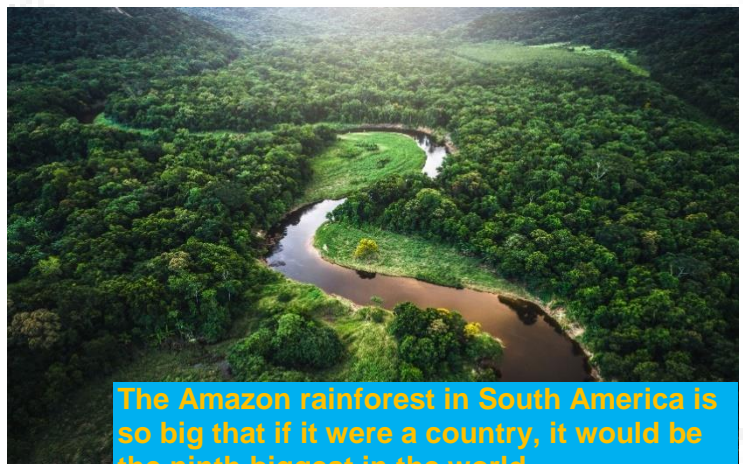
The rhinoceros hornbill bird from Southeast Asian rainforests has a hornlike structure on its head that looks like an extra beak!



Living in Central American rainforests, a sloth can carry algae, beetles and cockroaches in its fur!



Latin American rainforests are home to black howler monkeys, whose calls can be heard almost 5km away!



The Amazon rainforest in South America is so big that if it were a country, it would be the ninth biggest in the world.

# 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Our Grade Five students started their new school year by immersing themselves in the world of **Secrets and Spies**.

To start with, students 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 by the cool gadgets they use. Students also made their own *cipher wheel*.

Students designed and drew their costumes and gadgets and shared with their classmates how their equipment helps them survive in this dangerous world of spying!



# 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

## Health & Wellness



This month, our Grade Six students have been learning about health and wellness. They explored different ways to stay healthy. They are also exploring the different types of health.

Grade 6 have also looked into how they can be happy in life and how they can live a longer life. They explored mindfulness, meditation and how people can handle their anger effectively.

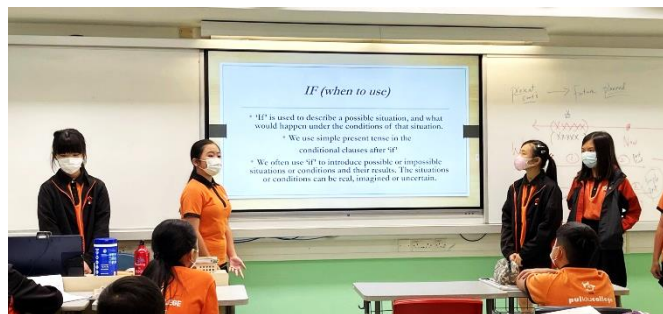
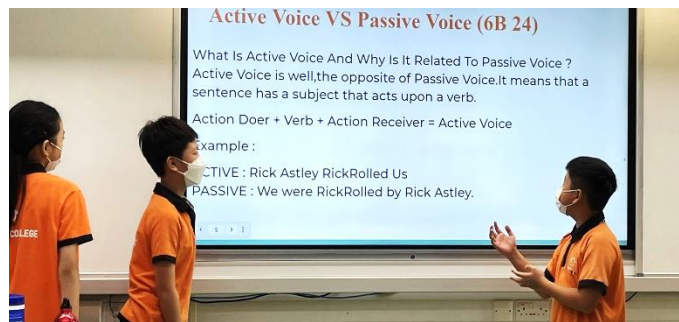
# SIX PLUS

**SIX PLUS** is made up of 16 students from 6B and 6W. This smaller class is our advanced Grade 6 English learning class. Each lesson is filled with proactive participation, spirited class discussions, vibrant games and tasks, extended tasks and plenty of chances for presentations and student-led activities.

Module 1 focuses on two novels, **Holes** and **Once**. Although set in different eras and have contrasting worlds, both novels delve into troubled youths and how they overcome their obstacles through courage and perseverance. Six Plus will also learn literary devices, such as alliteration, metaphors, hyperbole and personification.

During the first month, we have already had student-taught lessons, class discussions, literary circles, quizzes and challenges, all to cater for the learning styles of our avid learners in Six Plus.

Take a look at Six Plus in action!



# EPA

Our students always have fun in their English Performing Arts (EPA) lessons. It is a wonderful opportunity to express themselves in English.

**Grade One and Grade Two EPA is an integrated curriculum.**

Grade One students will learn to sing and dance to songs. We learn “The More We Get Together” , “Let’ s Clean Up” and they also learn poems about occupations and about people around them. Towards the end of Module 1, both Grade One and Two students will learn and sing Christmas songs. It’ s going to be lots of FUN!

Besides singing and drama, we have lessons that compare current music to music from the past, and lessons that connect movement and music. There are also lessons focusing on both voice and drama skills.

There are plenty of activities to keep our students engaged while building their language and critical thinking skills.



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. Students learn full dances, study play scripts and sing delightful songs; which they share with one another and the school during English Week in Terms 1 and 2. Their experience helps them prepare for the Annual Grade Five Show.



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 Grade Five Show.



In 2021, our school wasn't able to perform the show as planned due to COVID-19 and restrictions. So, over Zoom, the students and EPA teachers created a video drama. We streamed the video for one week in July.

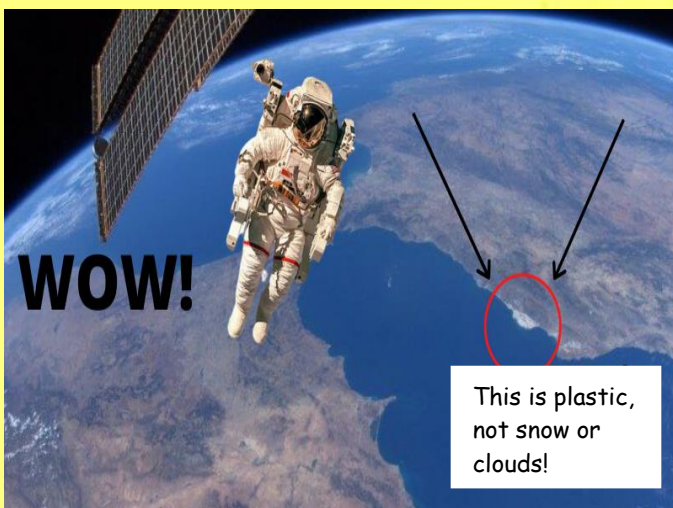
# Featured Teacher

Hello, this is Teacher Ángel. It is pronounced like this: Ahn-hel. So, when you see me around campus, please try your best to say my name as well as you can! My name is so difficult because it is not an English name, it is Spanish. Yes, I teach English but I am from Spain!



*I look so much better with a hat.  
Wish I could wear one all the time!*

I can also help you learn some Spanish if you are interested. More than 560 million people speak Spanish, 460 million of those are native speakers (this is the second largest number of native speakers, only after Mandarin!). Let's start learning something simple: ¡Hola! (Oh-la), this is the way you say "hello" in Spanish.



Sorry, this is not me. I didn't have the chance to go check myself!

Now let me tell you a bit about myself: I was born and raised in southern Spain, in a place called El Ejido. It is a very warm and dry place, which lets us harvest fruit and vegetables during the winter months, when it is very cold in the rest of Europe. The crops grow under a structure covered in plastic, called a "greenhouse", in order to keep the perfect humidity and temperature for the plants. There are so many greenhouses there that we call it "the sea of plastic", you can even see it from space!

I have 3 brothers and a sister, that makes it five of us for my mum and dad! It must have been really tiring for them, but they did a really good job. I am the only one of them who has lived abroad, and I have lived and worked in many different places: Germany, USA, the UK and Mainland China. For the last 10 years, I have called Hong Kong "home". Despite these many years in Hong Kong, I still cannot speak Cantonese, so remember to use English when you speak with me!



It's time for a guessing game: Who's me?

Hint: not the girl!




Yes! It's harder to smile when it's so cold!

My favourite things to do are travelling and going outdoors. I love activities like hiking, trekking, cycling and swimming. So far, my favourite trip was to Nepal, I went trekking for ten days to reach the Annapurna Base Camp (over 4000 meters high!) When it is not too hot or rainy in Hong Kong, I go hiking every weekend, so please tell me about places you like so I can go next time!

¡Nos vemos! (See you!)

# Featured Teacher

A photograph of a man and a woman sitting at a wooden table in a restaurant. The man, on the left, is wearing a black t-shirt and a black cap. The woman, on the right, is wearing a white t-shirt and is smiling. On the table is a small white birthday cake with a candle and a card that says "Happy Birthday LVY & DERRICK". There is also a menu on the table. The background is a blurred restaurant interior.

I'm looking at the camera, but thinking about cake!

Hi, everyone! I'm Teacher Derrick and one of the new English and EPA teachers this year. I've lived in sunny California, U.S.A. for many years, so imagine my surprise when I found out how often it rains in Hong Kong! The typhoons here can be quite scary as well. Luckily, I eat a lot, so it will take pretty strong winds to blow me and my belly away!



***Handsome overload!  
A 12-year-old me!!!***

I've taught primary English for ten years and another two years teaching drama courses from kindergarten all the way to adults. I love having fun with my students because I think that's the best way for anyone to learn. And you know what? I learn a lot from my students, too! Everyone has good and interesting ideas, so I would love to hear some of yours!

Believe it or not, I was quite a naughty student in secondary school. I got into trouble a lot and my mum yelled at me all the time! I guess that's why I ended up being a teacher, because I know what it's like to not enjoy school, so maybe... just maybe, we can all enjoy our time together at school, learn some cool things, and make lots of great memories along the way.



***Food, drinks and talking about  
what silly things the students did that week!***

Finally, let me reveal my biggest secret; my superpower, if you will. I have the ability to get lost **WHEREVER** I go! It can be a place I've been to a dozen times, but I can still get lost!! So, if you see me wandering around school, dazed and confused, please don't worry. I'm probably just lost! But like everyone else, I'll find my way... eventually.

Teacher: What is your date of birth?  
Suleman: October 13th  
Teacher: Which year?  
Suleman: It is every year!

# Funny Jokes

IT'S THE TWINS' BIRTHDAYS...

SIGH! AUNT MABEL ALWAYS GETS ME A SILLY, GIRLY PRESENT.

IT'S MUCH BETTER BEING THE BOY TWIN! I'VE GOT A PROPER PRESENT!



MY DENTIST SAYS BACON AND SODA WORKS JUST AS GOOD AS TOOTHPASTE!

THAT'S "BAKING SODA".

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1. What do you get if you  
**milk** a cow after an  
earthquake?

2. I am an odd number.  
Take away one letter  
and I become even.  
What number am I?

# Riddles

3. What has a head  
and a tail but no  
body?

4. Sophie's mother had 2 sons  
and 1 daughter. The sons  
names were Do and Go. What  
was the daughter's name?

# fun facts

"One and only" was the name of a tortoise who lived through 3 centuries, born in 1750 and died in 2006, when it reached 250 years of age.



wtf-fun-facts.tumblr

After reading this post you will realize that the the brain doesn't recognize a second 'the'.

**Because they don't have any "Nociceptors", which carry the feeling of pain, Insects don't feel Pain!**



**COME  
AT ME  
BRO!**

**Pandas don't have specific spots for sleeping, they simply fall asleep wherever they happen to be.**



# Around CAMPUS



## 高峰體驗活動：協作大橋

活動開始前，每組需要討論：

1. 大橋的目標長度 (以CM計算)

2. 安排總共4位「受限制」組員，包括：

- \*1位-視覺限制
- \*1位-手腳限制
- \*2位-行動限制





