

PEN

PRIMARY ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

FOREWORD

*After the sizzling heat
Under the summer sun
The wind brings a cooler breeze
Under our feet crunch the fallen leaves
Many of us wearing warmer clothes
Now indeed is the time for fall*

And just like that, two busy months have passed and fall is finally here. We have already enjoyed our First Term Break, during which Halloween also came and went. Yet coming up is another exciting event ... **English Week!** From 15th to 26th November, prepare for lots of fun games, trivia, challenges, jokes and more! Your English Teachers will be busy preparing awesome experiences for all students.

Meanwhile, get cozy in your chair and flip through the pages of this year's second issue of **PEN**. This month, discover how every grade has been busy with their Module 1 learning, and get to know two teachers who have joined our school this year – Teacher Karl and Teacher Joseph!

We hope you enjoy the November **PEN**!

TEACHER ARVIN ROBLES
(PANEL HEAD, ENGLISH)

It's the time of the year again – the sun is shining, the air is fresh and a gentle breeze keeps the temperature just right. Did you spend one or two days of your term break in nature? It's always good for us to relax a bit after working so hard. As you will see from the pictures, our students have been engaged in many different learning activities before the term break – they shared information about their family in class, they learnt to write in invisible ink; they also learnt about the importance of both physical and mental health. Let's have a look at the entries now. Enjoy~

TEACHER PHOEBE YEUNG
(DEPUTY PANEL HEAD, ENGLISH)

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GRADES ONE, TWO
AND THREE



GRADES FOUR, FIVE,
SIX, SIX PLUS AND EPA



FEATURED TEACHER



FUN FACTS



JOKES AND RIDDLES



AROUND CAMPUS

Grade One

Our Grade One students have settled in very well. They have made new friends at school and are enjoying their school life.

In October, our focus was “**My Family**”. To prepare for this lovely topic, students interviewed their family members about their English **name**, **age**, **things they like** and so on. They then brought a family photo to class for sharing.

Students worked in pairs to introduce their family to their partner. Some of them shared the photo with the class as well.

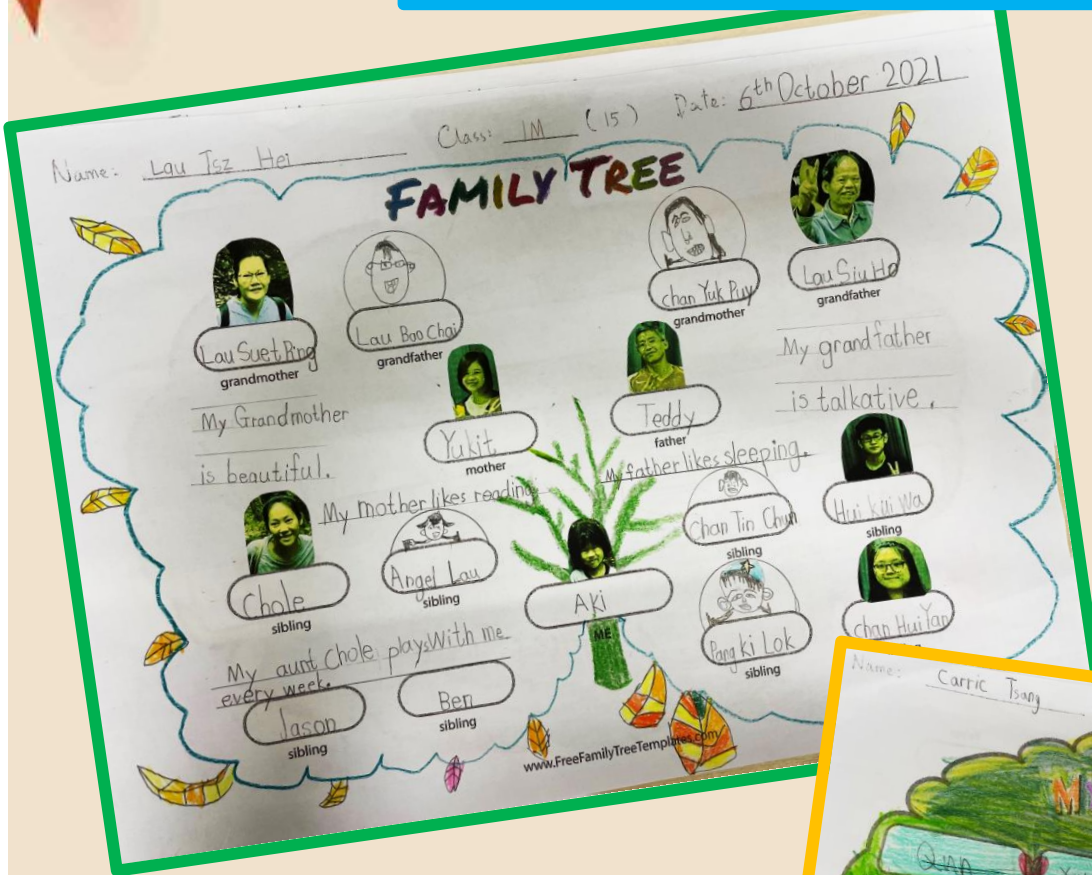
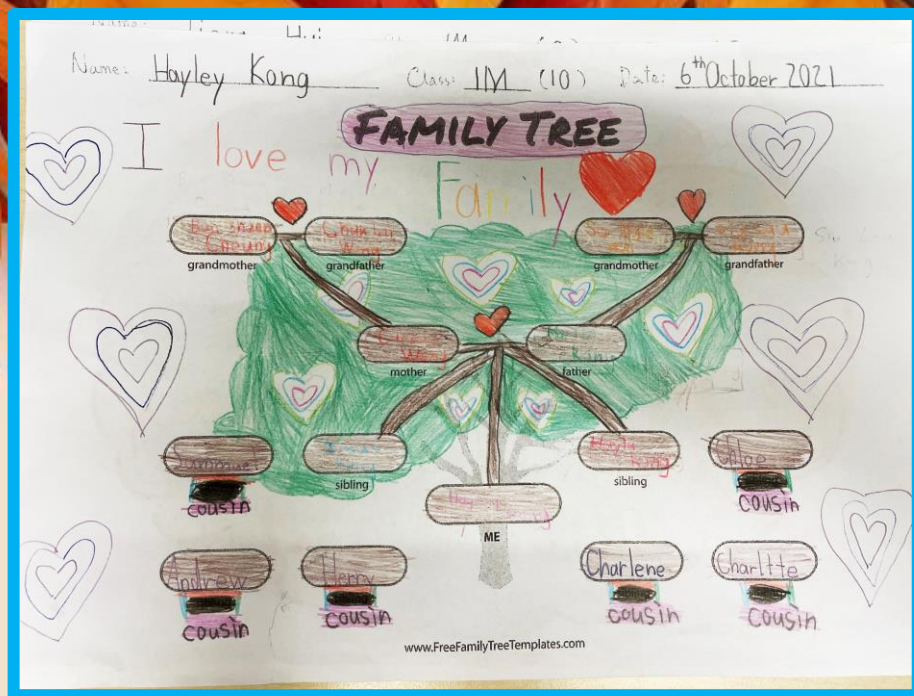




After reading “Families” on Raz-Kids (Level I), students used a **family tree** to display the relationships among the family members. Great work, First Graders!

What about you? How many family members do you have? You can also use a family tree to introduce your family to your friends. =)



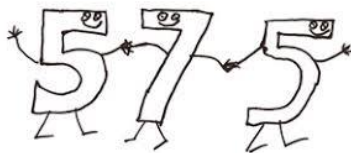


Grade Two

We all enjoy celebrating festivals! Our Grade Two students are having a fantastic time learning about festivals! In this module, students learn about the cultures of different countries and how people celebrate festivals from around the world.

In our writing lesson, students even get to make a special haiku poem about their favourite festival! The poems are very creative! Which one do you like most?

Visual Haiku



By Anabelle Lee 2008

Family party

Cousin's giving red packets

Family gather

Children are happy

Fire cracker booming loudly

Happy day for us!



Happy Boxing Day

Cupcakes and fruits, yum

Lots of extra special food

Give it to others

Bicycles and more

Yeah! Presents are everywhere

That is excellent

Title Halloween

Halloween event

Scary costumes every where

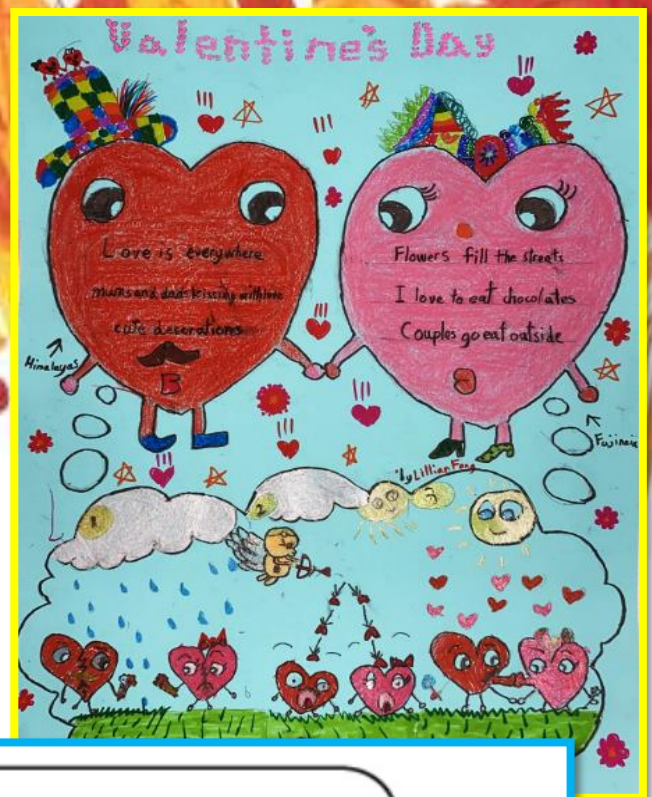
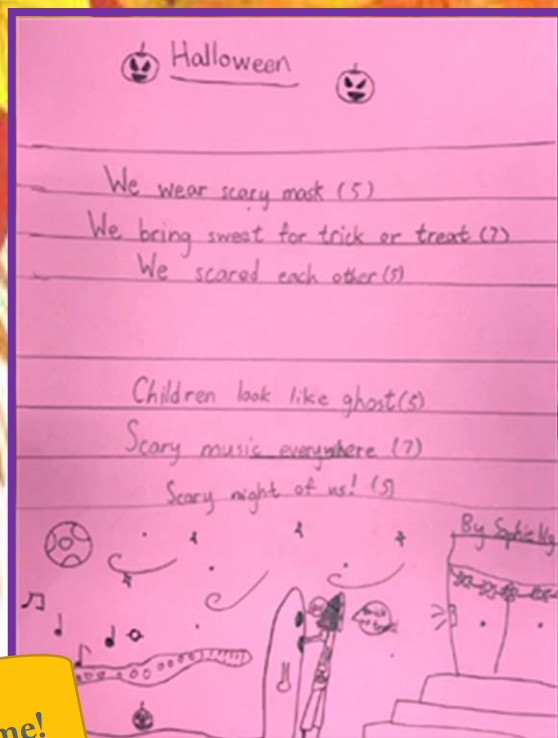
children are cheerful

The ghost is scary

Many ghost in haunted house

Halloween party

2006
By Benjamin



Word Search Time!

Festivals Around the World

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

CHRISTMAS
EASTER
HALLOWEEN

LANTERN FESTIVAL
MOON FESTIVAL
THANKSGIVING DAY

VALENTINES DAY

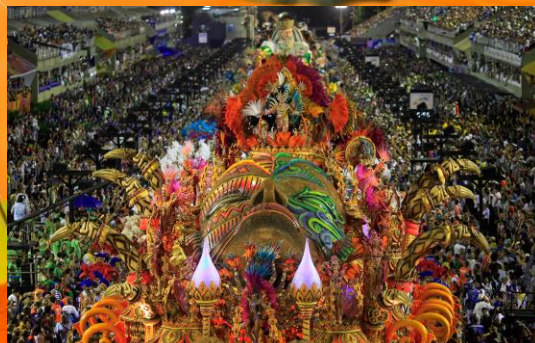
GRADE THREE

We have been reading the book “Brazil”. It is the biggest country in South America. There are more than 200 million people living there. It is home to the Amazon Rainforest. There is a large variety of animals like parrots, frogs, fire ants, leaf-cutter ants and even spiders. The biggest spider in the world lives there, too! People in Brazil celebrate Carnival, which is a four-day event in summer. There are big parades!



Super Fun Facts about Brazil:

- ☺ There are more than 4000 airports.
- ☺ Brazil's football team has won five World Cups.
- ☺ There are more species of monkeys in Brazil than in any other nation.



Grade Four

In this module students discover the climate of rainforests, as well as amazing animals, plants and people that live there. They also learn about different products that we use daily, which come from the rainforests.

In addition, they understand the important role of the rainforest ecosystem on our planet. Although they cover just 6% of the Earth's surface, rainforests serve as a home to 50% of the plants and animal species on Earth.

It turns out there is quite a bit we can do to help protect the rainforests. We also brought the rainforest to life with a structural rainforest decorated with lovely animal cut-out illustrations from our students. We collected animal pictures and models from students and posted them on the trees displayed in the library.





We can do our part to protect the planet by helping to maintain the delicate balance of nature. All we have to do is watch what we buy. Make sure that this resource is used in a sustainable way.



Students are discussing each other's work using iPads. The use of iPads in our classroom brings a multitude of advantages. During our class discussions, students make use of this tool for reference, aside from their books, for information and ideas. The assignments and creation of projects, which are mostly done with the help of the Internet, is made easier and less stressful.



Our students are engaged in group work that encourage peer learning and peer support.

Students see the value in teamwork and sharing different perspectives. Look at how, during lessons, our students are *working together* cooperatively in small groups while we practise social distancing.



Grade FIVE

The Grade Five students are having tremendous fun learning to be talented and skilful spies! They are acquiring the skills to write and decode secret messages, eavesdrop on conversations, tail their targets, as well as disguise themselves so as to blend into crowds. These are undoubtedly highly valuable skills that a sophisticated spy must have!

To get some hands-on experience, some classes have tried to use the “Newspaper Trick” to eavesdrop on conversations. Some even used lemon juice to write invisible messages!

To add on to their training as a professional spy, students also read many adventurous stories of different extraordinary spies. Everyone is totally inspired by what they have read!

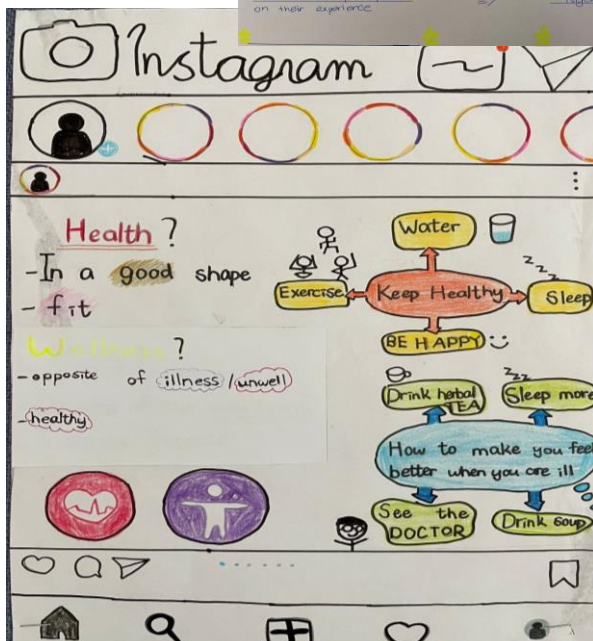
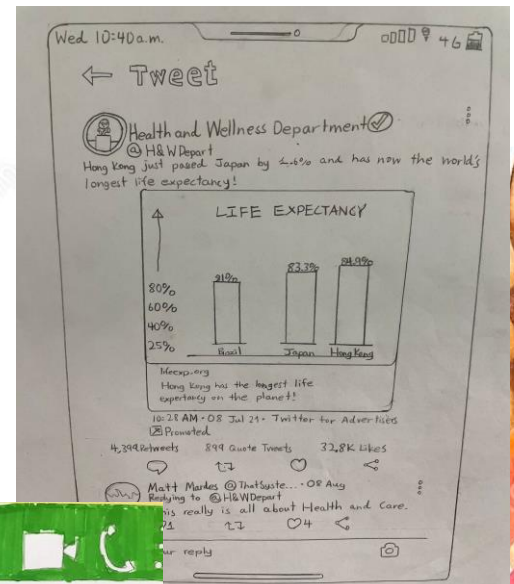
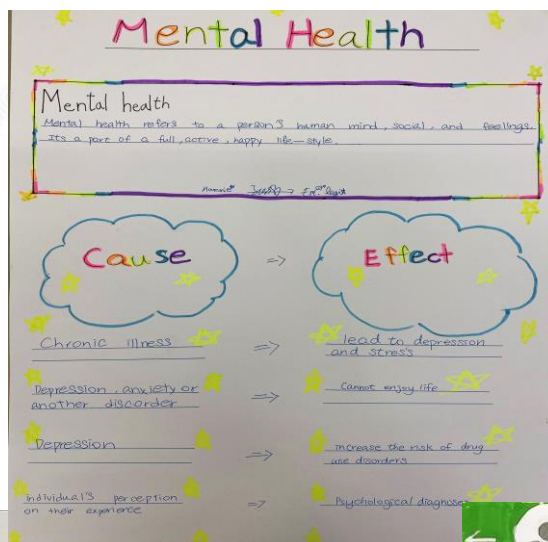


Grade Six

Health and Wellness

In our first module, we are looking at ways to keep ourselves healthy. We looked at the **Eight Dimensions of Health** to better understand how to keep all the **dimensions in balance** in order to have a good sense of well-being!

As part of **catering to students' different learning styles**, teachers gave students the freedom to show what they understood by **Health and Wellness** in a form they are most comfortable with.



Hey, Mr Google! What is Wellness

Wellness is an active process of being aware n making choices towards a healthy n fulfilling life. It is also an on going process change n growth. There r 8 dimensions.

1. Emotional
2. Environmental
3. Financial
4. Intellectual
5. Occupation
6. Physical
7. Social
8. Spiritual

Make small improvement to these, is the key to ur health. The 8 dimensions of wellness will lead to a better quality of life.

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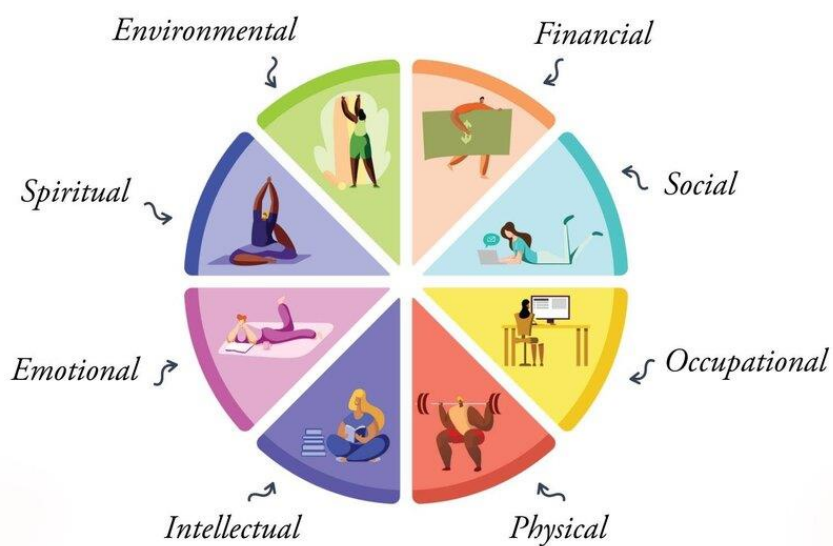
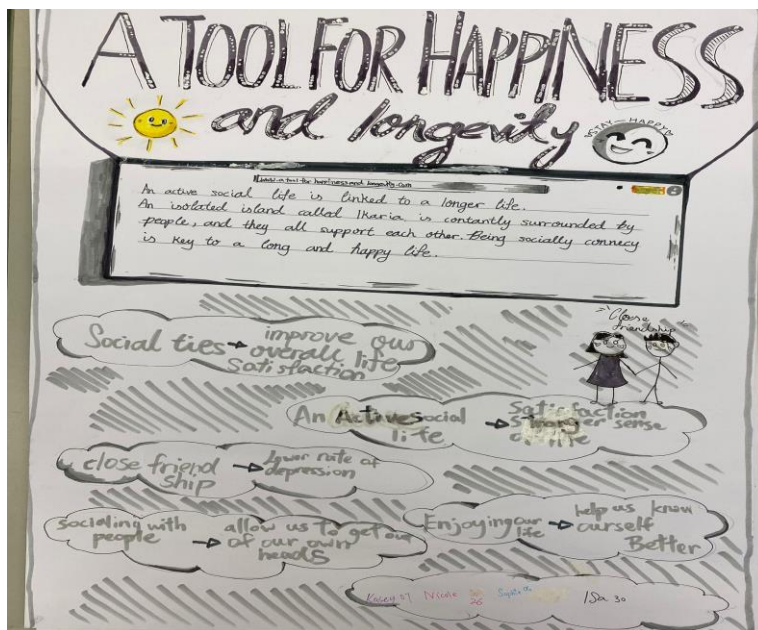
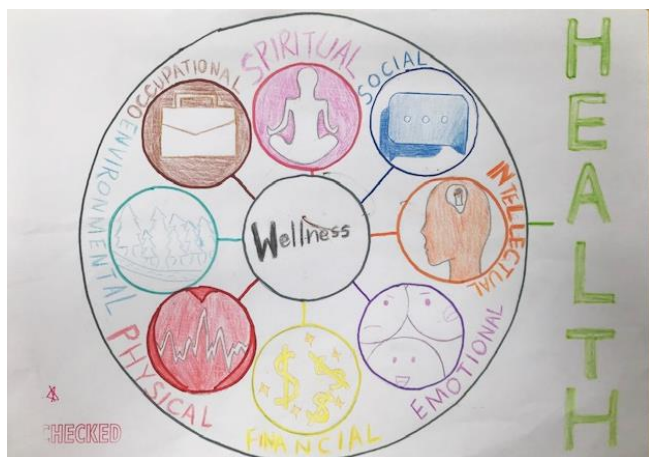
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Okay, BTW Thanks. Bye

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Creative! 🍷

Type a message



The Eight Dimensions of Health and Wellness

Grade Six Plus

In our Six Plus class, students have been reading two literary works for Module 1: **Holes** by Louis Sachar and **Once** by Morris Gleitzman. To enrich their novels, the authors use figurative language, or literary devices. These are special tools that storytellers use to give more meaning to their tales and make the reading experience more compelling.

Below are some of the literary devices we have been learning during our reading lessons, and some examples created by the Six Plus students, too!

Alliteration

The use of the same beginning consonant sound in a line or verse.

Example:

Peter Piper picked a
peck of pickled peppers.



Duck the Duke dug a hole full of dust.

(CHAN Cheuk Wing Cheryl)

Gather the green leaves on the grass.

(CHEUNG Ching Yui Evan)

Firefighters fight fierce fires for our safety.

(Hallie LEUNG)

**Man, I wish I could cook cookies like the
cook who could cook cookies in 2 minutes.**

(Kenneth CHIU)

Pen Pals Play on Padlet.

(SIN Tin Wang Skyler)

**The healthy horse has a hysterical
headache and hits humans.**

(SUN Leo)

Bang! A bullet flew across the room.

(Ailly SZE Ching Ying)

Clank! Clank! The construction has started.

(YIP Sze Yi Lois)

The giant train went "choo choo" when it started.

(LAM Ching Yau Karson)

**For some reason the alarm clock went
""DRRRRRRRRRRRRIING"" in the middle of the night.**

(SUN Leo)

**BZZZZZZZZ, the bees went as somebody tried to steal
their honey.**

(TSE Hei Ying Rachel)

What is Onomatopoeia?

- Onomatopoeia is a word or a group of words that imitates the sound it is describing.



PERSONIFICATION

Giving human qualities
to animals or objects.

Example:



The stars winked at me.

The flowers waved their hands as the children ran past.

(Ailly SZE Ching Ying)

**My homework jumped out of the window and started
dancing in the wind!**

(LAM Ching Yau Karson)

The WiFi isn't cooperating with me today.

(SUN Leo)

The bus decided to ditch me today, now I have to walk home.

(TSE Hei Ying Rachel)

My bell could only scream to make me leave my bed.

(WANG Yifei Queena)

**The Term Break homework was calling me evilly when I was
enjoying the party. My happiness flew away.**

(WU Sui Ki Thales)

**This bad result brought a thunder of sadness, and deeply
crushed my fragile heart.**

(CHAN Cheuk Wing Cheryl)

My hand is dying! I have washed a million dishes!

(CHEUNG Ching Yui Evan)

The weather is as hot as the desert.

(Hallie LEUNG)

**I wish I didn't have to go to school, I have to walk a million
miles to get there!**

(Kenneth CHIU)

There's so much homework today that I drowned in it!

(SIN Tin Wang Skyler)

**My tears are flowing like a river! I am drowning in
homework!**

(WANG Yifei Queena)

Hyperbole

An exaggerated statement.



Example:

My backpack weighs a ton!

EPA

Grade One

It has been fun during EPA lessons in these two months. As it is a new subject for most of the First Graders, we have played lots of warm-up games and have learnt how to follow instructions in class, too. There's a game that when teachers say "Freeze", we need to stop what we are doing. Even though we are doing silly actions, we will need to stop and listen.



We also sang a lovely song called “The More We Get Together”. We followed the music and did some cute actions, too. It is nice to have known some new students in school. The more we get together, the happier we’ll be. ☺



“Let’s Clean Up” is another song that we all love! We were all very imaginative and pretended that we were in an apartment. While singing, we did different actions when we were “in” different rooms! We took turns to be “dad” and “children” and everyone had an absolutely fantastic time!



Featured Teacher –

Teacher Karl



Dear Students,

Everyone seems to know my friend and no one knows me. I feel neglected and ... and Percy is laughing at me!

Percy, as everyone knows, is my monkey! After meeting my classes, he escaped, aided by Teacher Thomas! Since then, the two of them have become great friends and Percy disappears almost every day. I don't know where he goes or what he's doing.

If you see him, please note, normal zoo rules apply, e.g., 'Do not feed the animals'. Percy, like most monkeys, loves food and will even bite you to get at your banana ... so beware! He has become so fat since starting at Pui Kiu College that he has even been spotted at the gym trying to get rid of those extra kilos. Anyway, enough about that confounded monkey. This is supposed to be about ME!

I was born in Luton and Dunstable hospital in the 60s, the oldest of three brothers. Because my dad had done a lot of traveling, I always wanted to travel. When I was 22, I left the UK to work in the Netherlands. After that, I worked in Italy for the European Space Agency and then in Belgium, Germany and Hungary before returning to the Netherlands to teach at a Dutch University where I stayed and taught English for over 20 years.





It feels so strange that lots of my old students now have children of their own. I have twin daughters and a son. All three of them are musicians. Sometimes, when I look at the photos, I feel old! However, talking to my new students always makes me feel young again.

In my spare time, I love reading, bird watching (ornithology), hiking, chess and music.

The last thing I should tell you about me is that I am terrible at remembering names and faces, so I will probably ask you your name **20 times** (please don't get cross with me)!

Featured Teacher – Teacher Joseph

Passport..... Check

Tickets Check

Travelling Bags..... Check

Next Stop – Hong Kong.

I came to Hong Kong from the West African country of Ghana. My quest to find a fulfilling career has taken me from one industry to the other and from one continent to another, with my heart finally settling on Teaching. Maybe because of the wonderful experience I always had when learning English.

I had amazing English teachers and always found the world of literature to be a place where there was no limit. Anything was possible in the story books I read and I simply couldn't stop immersing myself in those stories. I went as far as spending my pocket money during my primary school days to buy as many books as I could.

Enough about my Primary days...

I began my career as a Fiber optic engineer in 2013 after the completion of my undergrad studies in Electrical Engineering. After several years in the industry, I felt I needed a challenge. And this new drive led me to Hong Kong.

I initially pursued an MSc. in Business Management at Baptist University, but, after tutoring students in one of the secondary schools in Hong Kong to prepare for their DSE Oral English exams and spending almost a year teaching English to children of various age groups at a youth center, I knew destiny was calling.



The view from the top
is always amazing

On to my interests...

A few notable things about me are my love for travel and interacting with people from diverse cultures; reading and sometimes writing my own stories.

My craving for the experience of sights and cultures of other countries has led me to the 'Instagrammable' beaches of Mauritius, the barbeque and brisket land of Texas, the wonderful museums of the US capital - Washington DC and delicious hot pot in Shenzhen, China.

I am a bit sad that I can't do a lot of travelling nowadays because of COVID, especially since I haven't seen my family in-person for 2 years now.

But I am also excited about all the wonderful scenery that Hong Kong has to offer. I never get bored in Hong Kong.

My favourite things to do include hiking, eating dumplings and watching movies.

I am sure you now have a good idea about one of the new teachers (me) who joined the English Panel this year.

If you are curious like me and have lots more questions for me, I am always up for a chat. Feel free to say hello and get the conversation going whenever you see me around.



Smile for the camera: A picture with tennis sensations Venus and Serena Williams (Not the real ones of course)



Suited up and ready to conquer my hot pot

TRICK OR TREAT

FUN FACTS

1.5 BILLION POUNDS

of pumpkins are produced in the U.S. each year...
more than double the weight of the Eiffel Tower.



The top pumpkin-producing states are
ILLINOIS, CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK



There are approximately

41 MILLION

trick-or-treaters ages
5 to 14 in the U.S.

Americans spent an estimated

\$2.8 BILLION

in costumes in 2014

\$310 MILLION

in Pet Halloween Costumes



Halloween is the second-largest commercial holiday
in America. According to the National Retail Federation,
consumers spent an estimated

\$7.4 BILLION IN 2014.



S M T W T F S

\$90 MILLION POUNDS

of chocolate are sold during
Halloween week alone.



Jokes & Riddles

**WHAT DO YOU CALL
A BOOMERANG THAT
WON'T COME BACK?**

What kind of tree fits in
your hand?



**What's a snake's
favorite subject
in school?**

**HOW DO YOU
DESCRIBE A PERSON
WITH NO BODY
AND JUST A NOSE?**

You're in a race and you pass
the person in second place.

**What place are
you in now?**

**How can you go
10 days
without sleep?**

An Uber driver is going the
opposite way down a one-way
street. He passes five policemen
along the way, none of which
stops him.

Why not?

If you have it, you don't share it.
If you share it, you don't have it.

What is it?

Answers are in order from left to right.

A stick.

A palm tree!

Hisss-tory.

Nobody nose.

Second place of course.

He sleeps at night time.

The driver is walking.

It is a secret.

Around Campus





Grade Four students putting
their beautifully drawn
rainforest animals on the
"rainforest trees" in the
library!

