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## The Four Seasons

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# The Natural Environment at School

Photos and Reflections by 5A Students

## The School Playground



In the morning, we can see the sun clearly. All around us, we have plants, trees and flowers, which help us relax.

## The School Garden

Our school has a peaceful study environment with fresh air.



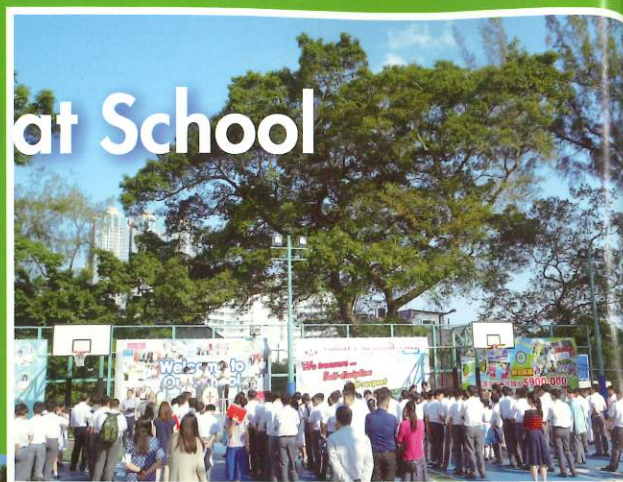
The natural environment at C.Y. Ma is like a friend. I can talk to her when I am sad. She can give me a hug when I am stressed.



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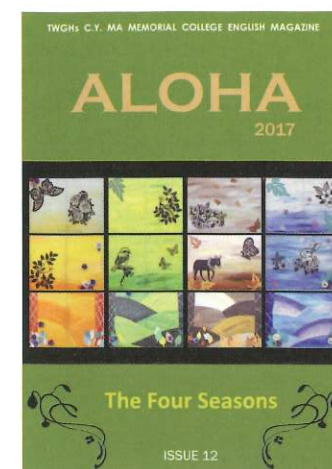
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Shown here on display at the TWGHs Joint Secondary Schools Visual Arts Exhibition.



Students can enjoy a magnificent, beautiful green environment at our school in Yuen Long.

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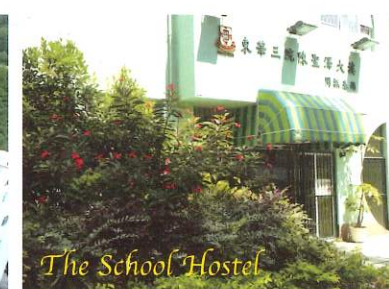


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The School Hostel



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# Nature at School

Relaxing Enjoyable  
Comfortable Peaceful



by 5A Students

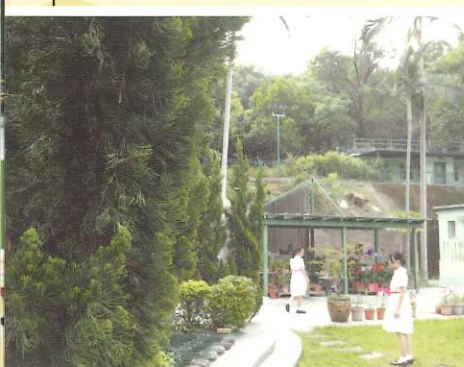


C.Y. Ma has a beautiful natural environment. We have a fish pond in the garden, with green grass and trees that can sing.



The features of C.Y. Ma help us de-stress and also learn more about nature through being close to it.

The garden at school is good for reading books and running around.



It is perfect for us.



## English Activities



## Language Across the Curriculum (LAC) Day

LAC Day: Wednesdays at school

A whole-school approach to learning language across the curriculum is especially promoted on Wednesdays at school. English learning is not just in the daily English lessons, but a part of the content of all subjects. On LAC Day, campus activities are held for different subjects so that students can practise what they have learned and the English language environment at school is enriched.



Morning Assemblies are held by different school departments and school groups every Wednesday. There is an interesting variety of presentations to get students thinking about topics and issues at school and in the wider world.

Lunch-time Activities take place at the Garden Café in the covered playground each Wednesday. Students can turn up for the activities they are interested in and they are able to practise their English with each other and teachers. The atmosphere is fun and relaxed, which helps build up confidence in using English in a natural way. The activities vary throughout the year, with different departments and school groups involved.

Board games are a good way of getting to know each other at the beginning of the school year.



Student Pledges were made in September, some about study, some about life, and some about sport.



I love playing Basketball. Therefore I hope my skills will be improved.



# Wednesday Lunch-time Activities



A **Countries Game** was held by the Geography Department early in the school year, with students matching countries to famous landmarks.



**Mid-Autumn Festival Riddles** were set by the Chinese Department to challenge students in their lateral thinking.



The **PTA** (Parent-Teachers Association) kindly volunteered their time and cooking skills to make delicious mooncakes for staff and students for the Mid-Autumn festival.



The **Christmas Café** at the Garden Café was popular with students and teachers.

**Revision Corner** helped students prepare for exams at the end of Term 1 at school.



# Wednesday Lunch-time Activities

The **Chinese New Year Fair** was promoted by BAFS teachers and students during the Wednesday morning assembly and then 'special prices' were offered to students at lunch-time. This was a warm-up for the BAFS New Year Fair during the holiday in Yuen Long.



A **Chief Executive Mock Election** was arranged in March of this year, on the same week as the real election in Hong Kong.



The **Doughnut Game** saw students having fun as they tried to catch a snack with no hands!



See you next year for lots more fun English Activities!

The **Student Union** members this year were keen singers. They organised a musical show to delight us in February.



**Kunti and Ben**, both from 2C, attended the most lunch-time activities on LAC Days in 2016-17. Here, they take part in a science activity.



**Delicate Paper Flower Making** was led by one of our parents at lunch-time.



**Key-chain Design** by the Fashion Department was the final Wednesday lunch-time activity of the 2016-17 school year.



# YUEN LONG FOOD

If you care about the quality and taste of the food you eat, Yuen Long is the place to explore. The area is well known for its many great eating-places, many of which have been around for years. In Yuen Long you will find all kinds of tasty snacks that have become part of the local tradition. They are well worth the trip from anywhere in Hong Kong.

Here, the English Society give their views on snacks from two established Yuen Long eateries.

## 1. Hang Heung Cake Shop

This shop is famous in Hong Kong and best known for its wife cakes, a traditional Cantonese pastry with a flaky crust and winter melon or almond filling.



A Yuen Long landmark

### Location

64 Castle Peak Road,  
Yuen Long

### Environment

The shop has a nice environment. It's shiny and red and classic, made to show its long tradition as part of Yuen Long's heritage. The lighting is not too bright and with the friendly service, we were able to take our time selecting the pastries and biscuits we wanted. There are some interesting photos on the wall, which we think might be of thieves who have stolen things from the shop.



English Society members arriving at the shop

### Selection

There's biscuits and cakes. We felt they are not so attractive for young people and students and they are all quite similar. The cakes included walnut and almond cake. The century egg cake is famous at this shop, but our favourite by a long way was the barbecue pork cake. It was crispy on the outside and moist inside with a taste of sweet honey mixed with the pork. The cakes are packed nicely into boxes if you buy enough. The shop also sells a good selection of tea.



Deciding what to buy



Different types of cakes



Attractive presentation



Buying a selection

## The Wife Cakes

These had a nice shine and the look and taste is crispy. But we have to be honest, they weren't really tasty for us. The pastry was quite dry and it was difficult to taste the melon. They come in two sizes, and we thought the smaller ones were better. People who want to have a taste of Chinese tradition will like them. They can be a gift, and in fact, when we took what we had left back to school, the teachers happily finished them! We think they are good for older people.



A suitable gift



The shop's famous cakes



Barbecue pork cake

## Why are they called Wife Cakes?

We're not so sure of the story. There seems to be more than one. Is it something about a couple flirting and a man wants to get a wife? Then, the man makes the cakes as a gift. Now, you can give the wife cakes as a wedding gift.

## 2. Kei Kee Dessert

### Environment

This place is very orange for some reason - Miss Pamela Chan described it as stimulating. The tables and chairs are quite small, but the friendly staff quickly pulled several tables together for us and we felt comfortable. There were a mix of people on the lunch-time that we went.



### Location

GF, 7 Yau Shan Street, Yuen Long



Cheesecake



Pancakes



Rice rolls



## Selection

All of the food is light and fresh and made a very good lunch. We started with the chicken wing tips, which were spicy and served with a spicy sauce. The fish balls were nothing special. The dessert dishes were presented in an appealing way and were mouth-watering to taste. The fresh fruit was sweet in a way that made you want to keep eating and was balanced well with sauces that were not too sweet and had some sago in them. This was simple food that was refreshing and the variety of choices means you would never be bored with the food. This place is definitely a place that people of all ages will enjoy.



A refreshing lunch



Spicy chicken wing tips



Healthy choices



Hong Kong's favourite snack

## Rating

Our marks from 5

	HANG HEUNG CAKE SHOP	KAI KEE DESSERT
Visual Appeal	3	3
Sweetness	2	3
Taste	2	4
Mouth Feel	3	3
Freshness	2	4
Repeat Customer?	Maybe	Yes
Overall	2	3.5



Huge bowls of fresh fruit



Herbal jelly with kiwi fruit



## English Activities

# Garden Café

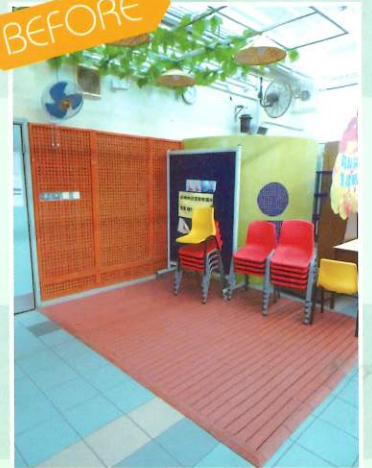
BEFORE



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2016 saw the opening of brand new English Café in the covered playground at school.

BEFORE



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The Garden Café is an English Speaking area that replaces the old English Corner. It is more informal and open at all times for students, teachers and visitors. The Garden Café acts as a focal point for English activities held at school, especially on Wednesdays (LAC Days). It hums with activity and along with the food, helps to build an authentic English environment.



Garden Café Grand Opening  
November 2016



Students and teachers enjoy using the revitalised space in the covered playground throughout the school year.



## RECIPE

by 4B students

# How to Make Perfect Pancakes

British pancakes are basically the same as the thin French crepes and very different to fluffy American pancakes. Traditionally eaten on a Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday) before Easter, the European pancakes are a way of using up butter, eggs and flour before a period of fasting.

Here, Class 4B show how quick and easy they are to make. We were too late for Easter, but nevermind, they were delicious folded up with all sorts of fillings on our final day of English Week in April.

Class 4B students made around 100 pancakes in the school kitchen just before 12pm. Then the pancakes were ready to be heated up in a pan in the covered playground at lunch-time.

### Makes about 16

- 220g plain flour
- teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs
- 400ml full fat fresh milk
- 150ml water
- 4 tablespoons melted butter



Ingredients



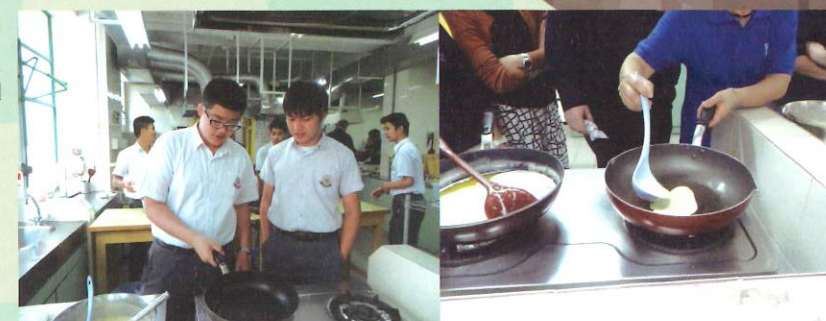
Toppings



4. Batter will be thin, like thin single cream. Add the (cold) melted butter and mix well.



6. Sprinkle sugar and lemon juice on top and roll up the pancake.



5. Get a pan hot, add just a very little bit of oil. Pour a small cup of batter into the pan and get it to spread out. Each side should take about 30 seconds to cook. Can turn down the heat if getting too hot.



The first one or two pancakes often do not turn out very good. Keep trying with the pan to get them thin, crispy and golden.

## In the Kitchen

2. Add the eggs and completely mix with the flour.



1. Sift the flour and add the salt.



3. Combine milk and water. Add a small amount to egg and flour mix. Start whisking, add the milk and water a bit at a time until finished.



## Pancakes at The Garden Café

Pancakes fresh from the kitchen were delicious when heated up at the covered playground by our excellent helpers.



## English Week 2017





# Change Your Mind About Chocolate

Ada Mau 5A

When you think about chocolate, what comes to mind? That it will make you fat? That it's far too sweet? Chocolate often has a negative image, but have you ever considered that chocolate may actually be good for you?

One of the secrets we now know about chocolate is that it releases endorphins in the brain. You will feel happy after you eat it. There are many reasons chocolate can make you happy, for example, you think it tastes good or it gives you a break from your busy life. But now we know the true reason is because of the chemical properties of chocolate.

Not only will chocolate keep you in happy mode, but it also protects your health. Dark chocolate, which has cocoa solids of 50% or above, can protect your blood vessels and keep your heart healthy. Professional doctors say that not only is chocolate not unhealthy, it can help protect from heart disease or stroke.



You can find a variety of types of chocolate these days. For example, solid chocolate, nut chocolate, alcoholic chocolate and chocolate truffles. Many people love the mouthwatering varieties and flavours. You can choose what suits your taste the most, from dark chocolate to milk chocolate and white chocolate. Many Hong Kong people like the more bitter dark chocolate. There is a chocolate taste for everyone, with even a spicy chocolate that some people will like.

## The writer shares chocolate with friends at school



If you are not sure how to choose the chocolate you will like, we have some good tips for you:

1. Try samples of different types of chocolate to find out which one you like the most.
2. Don't choose chocolate just from what it looks like. Sometimes the presentation will be good but you will won't like the taste.
3. If you like a smooth taste in your mouth, you can buy chocolate truffles.
4. If you like a bittersweet taste, you can try 75% dark chocolate. It tastes bitter at first, but you can taste the sweetness after a while.
5. Try white chocolate for a lip-smacking milky taste.
6. Coffee goes well with chocolate and you can try enjoying the two together.



Although chocolate beans look mundane at first glance, they become a fantastic tasting food. Tasting different types of chocolate will lift your mood and perhaps you will change your mind about eating it. Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get.





# What We Fear

What are you afraid of? Everyone has fears and we all know what fear feels like. Something that may feel simple, like standing up and speaking at a school assembly, can make us feel really afraid.

Here we look at what one Form 4 class of students are afraid of – and some ideas for overcoming fear.

## What are you afraid of?

The most feared things for the class are

- 1: Insects and small animals
- 2: The ocean and deep water
- 3: Death

## When do you feel afraid?

Times when feeling afraid	Times when not afraid
Walking along the street with no people	Not of ghosts because they do not exist
In the dark when imagination is strong	Not of speaking in public because no-one will laugh
When there is some new change	Not of the dark because the light will come soon
From bad dreams and nightmares	When with friends

## OVERCOMING FEAR

4A students suggest some ways of overcoming fear.

- \* CHALLENGE YOURSELF
- \* LEARN ABOUT WHAT YOU FEAR
- \* STAY POSITIVE AND HAPPY
- \* HAVE COURAGE AND DON'T GIVE UP
- \* VIEW THE SITAUTION MANY TIMES
- \* ENCOURAGE OURSELVES



## Hare are some more ideas

1. Take time out. It can be difficult to think clearly when you are afraid. Do something like listen to music or take a walk for 15 minutes.
2. Learn how to relax. Deep breaths and relaxing tense muscles can help us focus on what we need to do without fear.
4. Imagine the worst. For example, if you are afraid of dogs, the worst that can happen is a dog will bark at you. It's not going to kill you.
3. Face your fears. Just like on these 2 pages, give your fear a name. Think about what starts the feeling and try to understand it. For fear of the ocean and deep water, learning to swim well in a swimming pool will help overcome it.
5. Try facing a fear slowly. You don't need to face a fear all at once. If you are afraid of spiders, look at some pictures of spiders first.



# Cantonese Pop

These days, many people say that Hong Kong music is dead. K-Pop and Mandarin songs are popular and you can hear them everywhere. But is there really no future for Hong Kong music?

Indeed, Hong Kong music is not as popular as in the past. In the 1990's, Hong Kong music was doing very well, with not just Hong Kong people, but people from other countries listening to it as well. Before music from the rest of Asia became popular here, we were still proud of Hong Kong music.

The first influence on Hong Kong people from other Asian pop music was Japanese songs. After that, there was Mandarin music and then K-Pop became popular, especially for the young generation. Now these influences are part of the local music scene. This has led some people to say Hong Kong music is dead. However, nothing can be further from the truth.

For me, Cantonese songs give me a lot of warm feeling, and at least I know what the singers are singing. The same could not be said about Korean pop songs. Also, I think Chinese words have more meaning and sound better than songs in other languages.

My favourite singer is Endy Chow. He is a Canadian born Chinese. His songs are very musical and have a deep meaning. He is a New Age Movement believer and some of his songs are about that. He has insight because he was not born in China and he is able to use his views to sing about the contradictions between Hong Kong and China. This is unique and cannot be found in other places.

Every time I turn on the TV or watch Youtube, I can hear Korean songs. This is because many advertisements and programmes use Korean songs as background music, instead of Hong Kong music. I think this is one of the reasons that makes people think Hong Kong music is dead.

I say support Hong Kong music and listen to it. With more support, Hong Kong music can arise from the dead.

## Songs

Lost Time by Endy Chow  
爬過幽谷 迴避槍炮  
和妖精魔鬼激鬥嗎  
在你身邊 才未懂怕  
能戰勝最壞與最差

當有天寂寥 哭到天亮了  
全世界都悲哀數秒  
得你不淚流 寧願撐起微笑  
還攜著快樂在圍繞



## STUDENT POEMS

### Moon

Bright and big in the sky  
Feeling warm, looking with family  
Lighting us together at night.  
Frisk Kan 1A



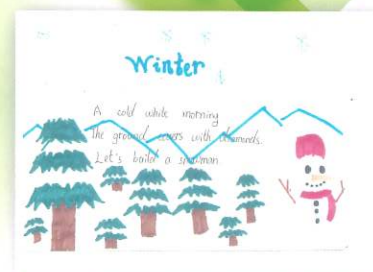
### The Water

Water from the earth  
Nourishing the thirsty spirit  
The water of life.  
Li Ho Man 1C



### The Ocean

The big blue ocean  
Like the love of my mother  
Calm and beautiful.  
Tommy Leung 1C



### Winter

A cold white morning  
The ground covered with diamonds  
Let's build a snowman.  
Karen Chan 1C

### Deer

Smart and calm, the deer runs past  
Moving fast with a beautiful look  
No-one can catch her today.  
Carry Chan 1A

### Butterflies

Butterflies in the huge green forest  
Fly up into the sky and sun  
They have beautiful colours.  
Hugo Ho 1B



### Summer

The sun shines brightly  
Sleeping under the big tree  
Sweat passes through my skin.  
Timon Chu 1C



### Birds

A cold snowy winter day  
People walking looking freezing  
Birds are having fun.  
York Yuen 1B

# Haiku Poems

'Haiku' is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Haiku poems usually have 3 lines. Because Haikus are such short poems, they are usually written about things we all know, such as seasons, animals and nature.



# STUDY TOUR

Australia Study Tour:

## Environmental Protection, Tree Climbing and English Learning

Study Tour Account by Jack Lam and Jim Tse, 3C  
Teachers: Mr. Chan To Kin and Mr. Lui Kwan Ho

15 students joined 2 teachers on the Natural Science Study Tour to Cairns in Northern Australia last summer. The highlight was getting up close and personal to nature and experiencing it firsthand.

The study tour was for 9 days. To get to Cairns, we needed to fly to Brisbane first and then change planes. When we smelt the fresh air, we knew we had arrived.

We both stayed with a host family in a town nearby Cairns and it was a great experience. Compared to Hong Kong, the people we met on this trip were really friendly and welcoming. The host family had a large house with a garden, which is different to Hong Kong too.



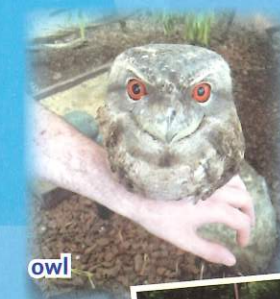
Our Principal came to see us off at Hong Kong Airport.

We learnt a lot on this trip. In the morning, we went to college to learn English and then in the afternoons, we had trips to many different places. Our first trip was to a farm, to learn about dairy farming. The farm had many types of animals, such as cows, sheep and goats. The best part was learning how to make cheese. The cheese at the farm was delicious!

After the trips, at dinnertime with our host family, we were able to tell them what we did that day. They were really enthusiastic to listen to us and they were kind and helpful too.

On the second day, we had a good time visiting and learning about the rainforest ecosystem. The trees were enormous and there were so many kinds of butterflies. It was fun to see the canopy of the trees from a skyrail over the rainforest.

On the third day we went to an island called Fitzroy Island. We went on a glass bottom boat and snorkelling in the sea to get close to the colourful fish and coral. For both of us, it was our first time snorkelling and it was very good to try. We also visited the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, where we learnt about marine pollution and protecting nature.



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Visiting the rainforest



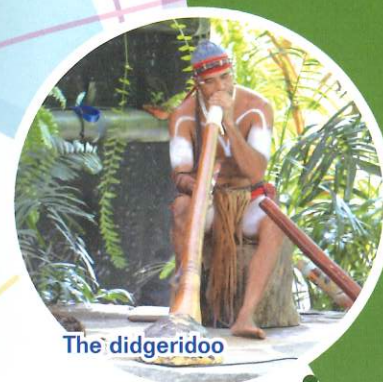
kangaroo



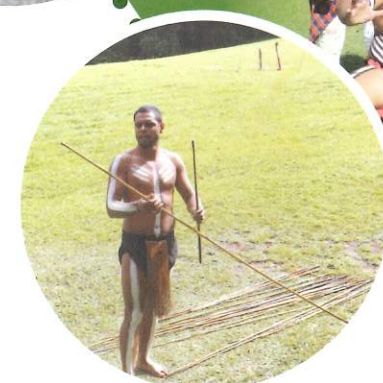
Jack and Jim with the tour leader, Kevin



The sea around Fitzroy Island is calm and warm.



The didgeridoo



A native aboriginal at the park



Throwing spears



Painting boomerangs

One of the best days was visiting the Tiapukai Aboriginal Park, where some of the original people of Australia live. They played the didgeridoo, and also guitars and something like the Chinese erhu. We played with boomerangs. This day let us know more about life for people in Australia.



One of our favourite days

We saw so many interesting animals on this trip. There were many kangaroos and we also saw birds, koalas, snakes and monkeys and crocodiles. It was a fun, interesting and exciting trip as there were so many things to see and do.

On the last day, we had a barbecue and ate kangaroo meat, which was another first time for us. The things we learnt from this trip were firstly, that English is important for us. We learnt about Australian culture too. But most of all, about the amazing environment and protecting the earth.



Our Tree Climbing Team





# Music & Singing Q&A

*Victor Wei Zhong will be entering Form 6 this year. He is an accomplished singer and has won various awards in recognition of his talent. In 2017, he was a finalist for the South China Morning Post Student of the Year Award in the Performing Artist category. He has also performed in Europe, winning the Champion for Vocal Arts at the Rimini International Art Festival in Italy in 2016.*



At school in 2017

*'I come from a musical family.'*

## What is your style of singing?

I like to sing classical music in the German language. German is my favourite language for singing as it suits my style. When I sing in German, my voice has power and I am able to use a wide vocal range. Also, the language includes long vowels of 'i' and 'e', which are suitable for me. My singing voice is in the baritone range and lower. Apart from German, I sing in other European languages. A song I like is 'Fear no more the heat of the sun', which is a poem by William Shakespeare.

A lot of my German singing is from the Romantic Period, which was the time of the great composers we all know, like Beethoven.

## Who or what has been the biggest influence in singing?

I come from a musical family. My father has been a very big influence, he is a professor of music and a vocal coach. Also my mother is a professor of choir singing. I like singing – it makes me happy and I get a feeling of success.

Hong Kong Schools Music Festival 2017



## When did you start singing?

I started singing at age 4 at the Tchaikovsky National Music Academy in Ukraine, a famous music conservatory in the capital, Kiev. I joined the choir there and lived in Ukraine until I was 5½ years old. My nationality is Ukrainian.

After that, I moved to China. There was not as much opportunity for me to sing in China – I had the chance, but it was not continuous and the standard of singing there is not so good. When I came to Hong Kong, I found I had more opportunities. Every year, the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival is a focal point, as I can work towards my performances and progress. I have won first and second place in Hong Kong.

## How do you train for singing?

I train myself with the help of my father. It's important to listen carefully to others singing. The internet is very useful. When I first started singing in German, I didn't understand the words, even if I used google translate. Now, I make the effort to fully understand the meaning of a piece of music. I listen to singers like Fischer-Dieskau (German baritone) and Pavarotti (Italian tenor).



## Are you confident when you sing?

I get nervous of course before any concert or competition. I remember one small charity concert in Hong Kong when I was in Form 2. When it came to my show-time, I cried at the back!

## Do you think your singing has helped shape you as a person?

That's a difficult question. Singing has given me high expectations for my music and performances.

## What has been the best moment for you while singing?

One special moment was in 2007, when I was only 7 years old. My father and mother had just been in China for a short time with me. Their university wanted a performance and they arranged a concert and put me in it. I was a tenor at that time. It was my first big concert and my life changed. I had an important role – the story in the concert had a kid, and I was that kid.



China's Three Tenors Masterclass 2017



*'Practice Makes Perfect.'*

## Do you have any hopes or plans for your singing in the future?

When I have time, after I have finished school, I will learn German, French and Italian. These are the three important languages for classical singing. Almost all famous classical singers know these 3 languages. If you sing and don't know these languages, other people will say you don't want to learn.

All the skills for singing are learnt at the beginning of learning to sing. You already know all the skills, you just have to practice. Practice makes perfect!

## What do your schoolmates think of your singing?

I feel shy about my singing in front of them and I've never performed for them. My voice has changed while I've been at school and I haven't always had the confidence to let them know about my singing. If somebody asked me, I would say that I am ready now.



SCMP Student of the Year Awards 2017

*'If somebody asked me, I would say that I am ready now.'*



# English Drama

## DAYDREAM BELIEVER

This year's entry for the Hong Kong School Drama Festival was an inspiring play about a boy who turns his daydreams into reality through the magic of film.

The play took place in the school hall, watched by Form 4 and 5 students.



Billy (played by Andrew Kwong) just sits in class daydreaming and never studying, even with his friend Nicky's help.

The terrifying Miss Wong (played by Macy Tsang) demands Billy hands in his school-work.

### The Story

Billy is a daydreamer, so much so that he doesn't seem to be able to do his class homework of writing a story for his teacher, Miss Wong. Humiliated in front of the class at the beginning of the play, his friend Nicky is stuck with how she can help him. It's only when Billy is at home, first with his mother and then with his grandpa, that Billy learns that his daydreaming can actually help him with making stories. But Billy's real talent is not just his creative thinking; we also find out that he has a skill with video-making. Billy's grandpa helps Billy to realise his talent – stories are not only written, and Billy can make a film of his story. Both the class and his teacher are mightily impressed with the result. In the future, perhaps Billy can pass on a similar message of inspiration to others.

### The Cast

Billy – daydream believer  
Nicky – Billy's friend  
Miss Wong – the class teacher  
Ma – Billy's mum  
Grandpa – Billy's grandad  
Grandson – Billy's future grandson  
Keith – classmate  
Kunti – classmate

Andrew Kwong  
Kelly Zeng  
Macy Tsang  
Tansy Sum  
Roy Tang  
Jervis Chan  
Keith Chan  
Kunti Chau

### Behind the scenes

5C Drama Group students: Susan, Emily, Jill, Kit, Mike, Tommy, Jeffrey, Bosco

### Teachers

Miss Carol Chan, Miss Jeanne Law, Mr. Gray, Miss So

Towards the end of the play, Billy is able to demonstrate his talent in film-making at school. Later in life, Billy now in his role as a grandpa, passes on a message of hope to his own grandson. Billy had become one of the most successful film directors of all time!



Professional help from the backstage crew, including Emily Wong and Jill Cheng.



Teachers and students developed the play together over a period of six weeks before the performance.



The Drama Festival judges gave valuable feedback. They were impressed with our school performance, and recommended work on method acting.



All of the drama participants together

### Hong Kong School Drama Festival 2016/17 Awards

Outstanding Performer:  
Andrew Kwong, Macy Tsang  
Director and Script:  
Miss Carol Chan, Miss Law, Mr. Gray, Miss So  
Outstanding Cooperation:  
TWGHs C.Y. Ma Memorial College



# CHEUNG CHAU

This year all Form 2, Form 4 and Form 5 students at school had a great day out exploring the peaceful island of Cheung Chau. Let's see what some of the Form 4 students thought.

## Joint-constructed writing by 4A students

First impressions of Cheung Chau were many fishing boats docked at the shore. This reflects one of Hong Kong's characteristics since Hong Kong was just a small fishing village at first.



Fishing boats

Cheung Chau is a beautiful South China Sea island in Western Hong Kong. We had to take a one-hour ferry from Central to there. The weather was cool at first, but from the boat the sea was sparkling under the sun and it became a very comfortable day with fresh air.



Dried and preserved fish



Shrimp drying in the sun

There are many places to go on Cheung Chau and as soon as we arrived we needed to grasp the time. Our group decided to go straight along the shore and then we went up a big hill. We didn't get lost as it was just along the shore and back again. It was worth it as we got stunning views from the top of the hill. The sea breeze blew away all our worries. It was beautiful!



## Tips on going to Cheung Chau

- Ferry from Central
- We went on Friday and there were not many people, it didn't feel crowded
- Weekends and holidays can be crowded



Teachers enjoy some snacks



A tricycle is a comfortable way to ride along the seafront



5B students entering the Cheung Po Tsai Cave, named after the South China Seas pirate who used the passages as a hiding place.

Cheung Chau is a marvelous place for foodaholics, as it is famous for its snacks. In fact, some of us ate non-stop. The most famous snack is the big fishballs, which were tasty with curry sauce. Other food to eat were oysters, near the fishball shop. Also you can try mango cake, mango glutinous rice dumplings and fried ice cream. The fried ice cream is not recommended – it's an interesting snack but it makes your stomach full and the taste is not good. However, the mango rice dumplings are mouth-watering.

For shops, there is not much but there is a really good small shop on the main street with a retro feel that sells hand-made crafts.



Form 5 students



Form 4 students

This trip was a great day to eat and play together and it was difficult to tear ourselves away at the end. The environment is much quieter than the city. The residents give a warm feeling, with some riding bicycles and others chatting with neighbours friendly. The pace of life is slower than in other places in Hong Kong – a good place to relieve pressure.



# Bullying

## Bullying is.....

Name-calling  
Hitting someone  
Being cold to someone  
Teasing  
Sending nasty messages  
Hurting someone  
Saying bad things about someone  
Taking money  
Laughing at someone  
Making fun of someone  
Sending photos to upset someone  
Making someone feel bad

Bullying can make people very unhappy and upset.

Bullying can happen anywhere.

Bullying can happen at school.

Maybe it is happening around you.

## Things to do

Find out who has the problem  
Find out the reason  
See if you can do something about it  
Tell the teacher or someone  
Be a friend  
Try to stop it happening



# BULLYING CAN BE STOPPED

## ENGLISH WEEK

Participating students had a great time exploring the world of English during English Week at school. A brand new activity this year was an obstacle course held in the school hall at lunch-time. Students needed to form a class team and race around the obstacles and challenges set by different departments. The obstacle course created an enthusiastic and fun environment, with a high level of participation by students. The feedback from students was on how much they enjoyed this activity.

Students tried to complete the course in the shortest time possible.



Games and activities challenged students around the obstacle course.

## Language Across the Curriculum (LAC) Obstacle Course



Day 1 of English Week was watching the new film 'The BFG', based on Roald Dahl's book of the same name.



The Just Do it! Quiz on Day 2 was a demanding activity-based test of wits and skills. Congratulations to the winners – the Red House!





# A Bowl of Snozzcumbers

## The BFG (2016 Film)

The BFG is a fantasy adventure film directed and co-produced by Steven Spielberg, written by Melissa Mathison and based on the 1982 book by Roald Dahl. The stars are Mark Rylance and Ruby Barnhill and the story is set in England. This film is like other movies from Disney, as the relationships between the characters are central to the movie.

The BFG tells a tale of a young girl called Sophie and a kind giant known as the BFG, who start an adventure to capture the evil, man-eating giants who have invaded the human world and eat the lovely children. Can they face those man-eating giants successfully? It turns out to be really hard work.

The plot of the film is touching. The BFG knows that what a child really wants is not materialistic, but spiritual. These days, many parents focus on their job and work, and although they want to reap more money to build a better environment for their child, they neglect the feelings of the child. In the film, the BFG takes Sophie from an orphanage, and when Sophie asks: 'Why did you take me?', the BFG answers: 'Because I hear your lonely heart.' This was a very striking part of the dialogue in the film.

The film is not all serious though, and there are many funny moments. Froboscottle is a green drink that giants like. After drinking it, some green smoke will come out of their bottoms. When the Queen in the film and the dogs drink it, there is green smoke everywhere and this is one of the funniest scenes of the movie.

However, there are ways in which the film lets itself down. It is not a film aimed at adults, but it is too complicated for children. The director has included many social and love elements, and children may not understand the messages in the film. Also, the climax of the film is too short. At the end of the film, soldiers and the BFG trap the man-eating giants, but the BFG captures them easily and it is finished in three minutes. It is not enough for the audience to enjoy the triumph of the BFG.

**BFG = Big Friendly Giant**

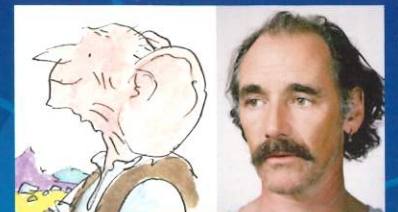


The lighting in the scenes in the first 45 minutes of the film is too dark. It is difficult to see the facial expressions of the actors clearly and viewers may find it hard to follow the action. In contrast, the scenes in the last 30 minutes are full of colour, but people may have already fallen asleep by then!

The character of the BFG is played very well. In particular, he uses his eyes to show his feelings and this helps tell the plot. However, Sophie, can sometimes be wooden in the film and the acting is not perfect.

Despite the film having some weaknesses, I still recommend it to everybody because of the significant meaning about overcoming barriers between people with trust. At the end of the film, it made me think I really want to try the frobscottle and share the snozzcumbers with the BFG.

If I had to give a score on a scale of zero to five for this movie, I would give this film a three.



## Top 10 English Language Films for Students

1. Toy Story 3 (2010)
2. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005)
3. Spirited Away (2002)
4. Shrek (2001)
5. Matilda (1996)
6. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)
7. Night at the Museum (2006)
8. Beauty and the Beast (2017)
9. Despicable Me (2010)
10. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2 (2011)



# School Info Days

TWGHs C.Y. Ma Memorial College welcomed guests to two Info Days during the last year. The Info Days were aimed at Primary School pupils, along with their parents and teachers, and provided them with an opportunity to find out more about our school and join in with some fun activities and competitions. With the help of our own students, there was a great buzz around the school and our guests enjoyed the friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

## C.Y. Ma Info Day - Saturday December 3rd 2016



Science with our students



Visual Art



Basketball



Magic Group



Playing a board game



Archery



Table Tennis



Football



PE Judges



Tree Climbing



Chess



Special guest - RTHK DJ Miss Candy Chea



Special Guest - Mr. Cheung, Rational Concept Training



PE-Archery



Maths lesson



## C.Y. Ma Classroom

C.Y. Ma classroom is a programme of learning for prospective C.Y. Ma students that gives them a taste of life at Secondary School. Held over 4 consecutive Saturdays in March and April, Upper Primary students have taster sessions of school lessons to help with the transition to Secondary education.

## C.Y. Ma Classroom



English lesson



Home Economics - Cooking

## C.Y. Ma Info Day - Saturday March 11th 2017



Students from different Primary Schools took part in the English Speech Contest.



Miss Christine Xavier, EDB NET Section, and Mr. Gray judge the English Speech Contest.



The Principal with judges Professor Lam, from Chinese University and Miss Li from our sister school in Shenzhen, for the Putonghua Speech Contest.



English and Chinese Penmanship contests and a Colouring Competition.

Science at school



Tree Climbing



Playing chess



Finance Quiz



# Tung Wah Joint-Schools Oxbridge English Summer Camp

Tutors from Oxford and Cambridge Universities teach and interact with Tung Wah students for 2 weeks at this beautiful summer camp location in Sai Kung.



Arrival on Day 1

This English Camp takes place every year, involving 140 students selected from the 18 TWGHs Secondary Schools. Each year, 8 lucky students from C.Y. Ma are chosen to attend – they always tell us they love their time at the camp!



Sharing a room



Written and Oral Test on Day 2



The day before the camp, I was excited because I might meet my old primary classmates, but at the same time, I was afraid because my English is not good enough to reply to everything.

When I arrived on the first day, I felt very comfortable because the environment was very fresh and peaceful. After the opening ceremony and just before we went to our dormitories, we watched a short drama about Sherlock Holmes in the hall and I really enjoyed it because I have already watched the other episodes. Finally, the night ended when I slept with Alan and 2 other roommates, it was just like a CYMA hostel!

We had a total of 13 days and every day after breakfast, the tutors taught us about culture and habits in England using games. I think the games are too easy but it helps us with learning so I still enjoyed the lessons very much. Even though some students were higher level than me, they didn't work any better. Every night, we had different activities after dinnertime, like a movie night and disco night and so on, which I liked a lot.

3B Joseph Tse



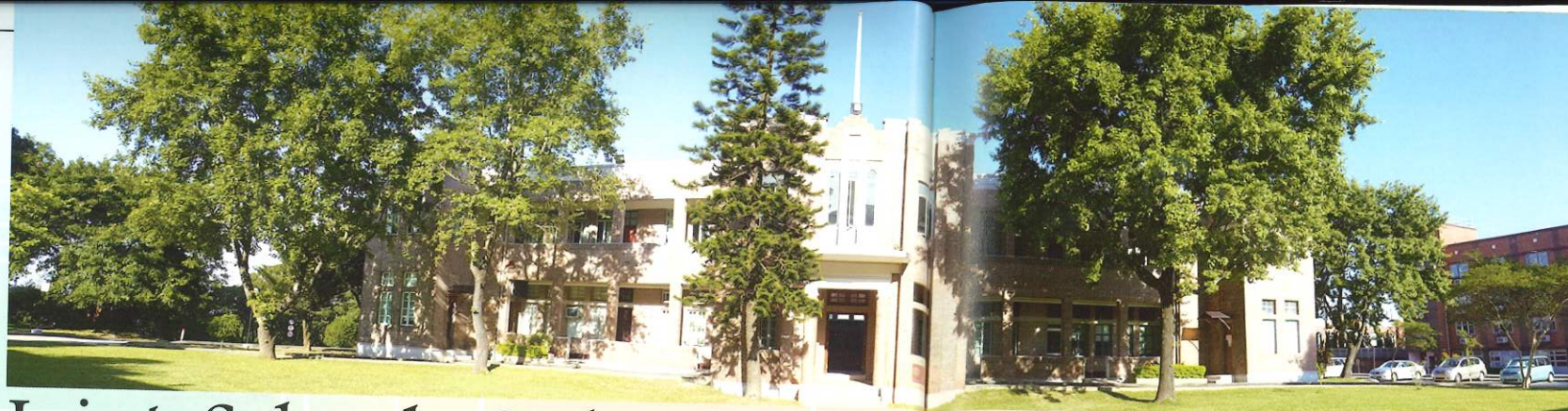
The Oxbridge Tutors



Breaking the Ice on Day 2



Vegetarian Food



English Lessons



Art and Dance Classes

Two weeks seems long but in fact is very short. Time flew by from the moment we arrived. After feeling nervous and afraid, I opened myself to communicate with my groupmates and the English teachers.

In the English lessons, I had 3 different teachers. I learned many ways to improve my English and improved my self-confidence too. I tried things I had never tried before, for example, performing to difficult songs.

I still remember the musical competition when our group was the champion, it was such a happy moment. For me, the most important thing was the relationship between me and my groupmates, as I found confidence in myself. I was very grateful to them.

I was proactive and enjoyed this camp. In the future, I will work harder to learn English and I hope more students will go to the camp which will really change your life!

4A Jody



Evenings



Day Trip



Hard to say Goodbye







Tavelling the World English Camp 2016

## C.Y. MA CHRISTMAS CAMP

The English Christmas Camp x Project WeCan was held last December at our school. Students from Poly U and TWGHs Kwok Yat Wai College joined our students on the overnight camp. We had great fun and learned English through various activities. The camp was full of joy and laughter!



The camp was all about travelling and finding out about different countries. We were formed into groups, for example, China, Korea, USA, Japan and Thailand. The Poly U students introduced the countries to us through different games. We learned not only about the cultures of those countries but also lots of English vocabulary about travelling.



We had breakfast in the covered playground with the Uni students.



What an unforgettable experience to have a BBQ at school!



A Yuen Long City Hunt gave us a new way to bond during the festive season.



## School Sports Day

The camera captures the spirit of Sports Day

Here we share a collection of photos from the school Sports Day 2017



Junior Form students



Billy Mak 5B



Joseph Tse 4A



Rita Lui 5A



Form 3 and 4 students



Form 3 and 4 students



Aiden Law 4B



Carry Ning and Jack Xie 5A



Ben Siu 6A and Angus Li 3B



Jack Lin 3C



Samuel Lui and Jason Leung 1A

The school Sports Day is always a day for all students to take part in the sporting activities. Students (and some staff...) push themselves to excel away from the classroom in the lively and exciting atmosphere. The 4 houses and the classes cheer and shout and scream – everyone wants to be a winner!



## PUZZLE PAGE

## SUDOKU

Easy

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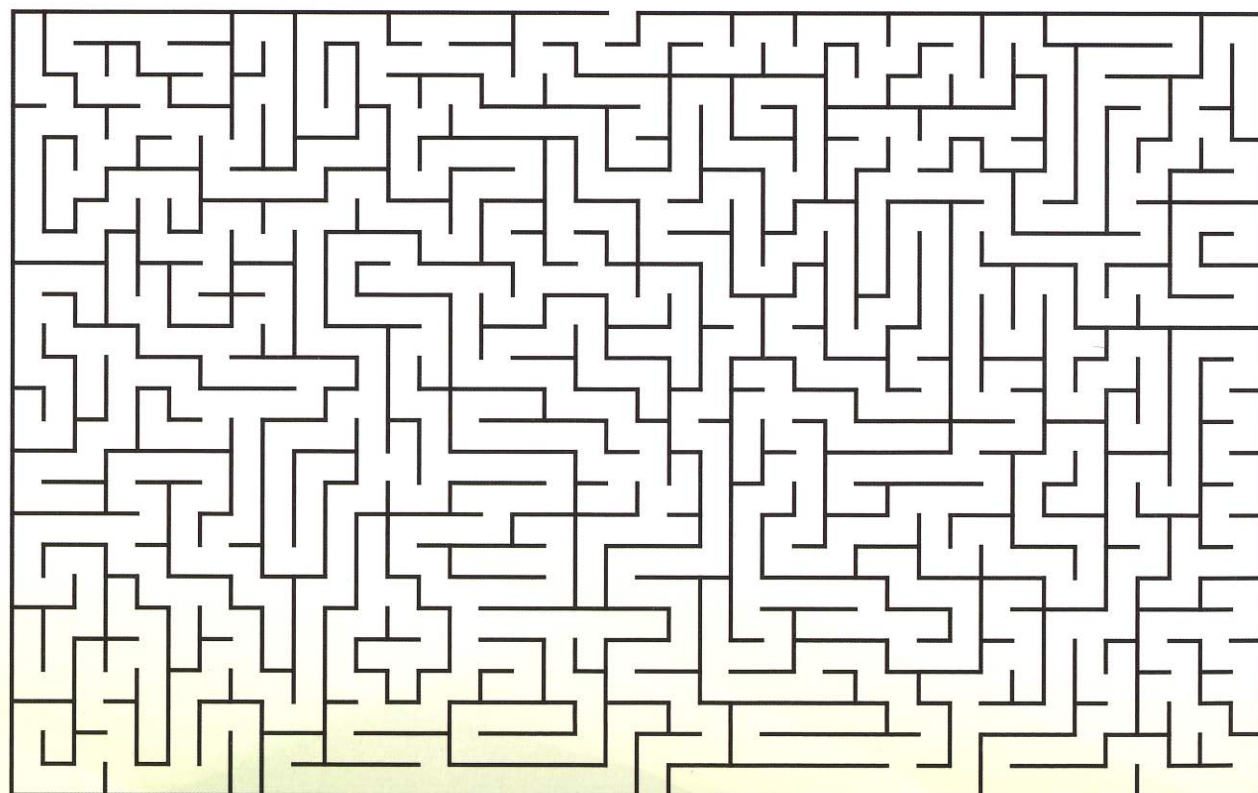
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## MAZE

Draw a path from start to finish without crossing any of the lines.

START



FINISH

## The Four Seasons

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 F X A W E Q L N E E R G R C I U M H  
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 D U O M N T I P A M W Q U R E R C W  
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 S R E H E K W X K E R B R E E Z Y O  
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Can you find the words?

LEAVES  
BLOSSOM  
SPRING  
GROWTH  
FRAGRANCE

FLOWERS  
SUMMER  
BLOOM  
GREEN  
BREEZY

BUTTERFLY  
FERTILE  
SUNLIGHT  
WARM  
TREES

AUTUMN  
STORM  
MOON  
WIND  
WINTER



# ALOHA

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## *Summer Flowers at School*

C.Y. Ma has colourful blooms throughout the four seasons, but it is in the early summer months that the flowering plants are at their best.

Here is a selection of photos taken in late May 2017.

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