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INDIAN DANCE





















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Halloween Party

Halloween is a favourite time of year for students, and we were lucky that we were able to have our annual Halloween celebrations at school as usual. Except this time, it was the turn of the English teachers to dress up as weird and wonderful characters! Can you see who all the teachers and students are in the photos here?





Which wicked witch wished which wicked wish?



If two witches wear two watches, which witch would wear which watch?















Happy Halloween!





FORM 1 WRITING

By: 1C Tang Kit Sum, Mimi

An Endless Relay Of Love and Care

Since the end of 2019, people have been plagued by Covid-19, the current atypical pneumonia. Although it is difficult to fight this epidemic, I have seen the warmth and love that people have given all around the world. People unite together and unity is the strength of everything. Why do I say this? Because of what happened to me.

Covid-19 makes us wear masks every day. But resources are not available for all in a short period of time. Buying masks, alcohol disinfectants, bleach can cost a lot of money when the prices go up. Some families cannot afford it, so some people in society are willing to stand up and voice out to help them. This has been happening in every country.

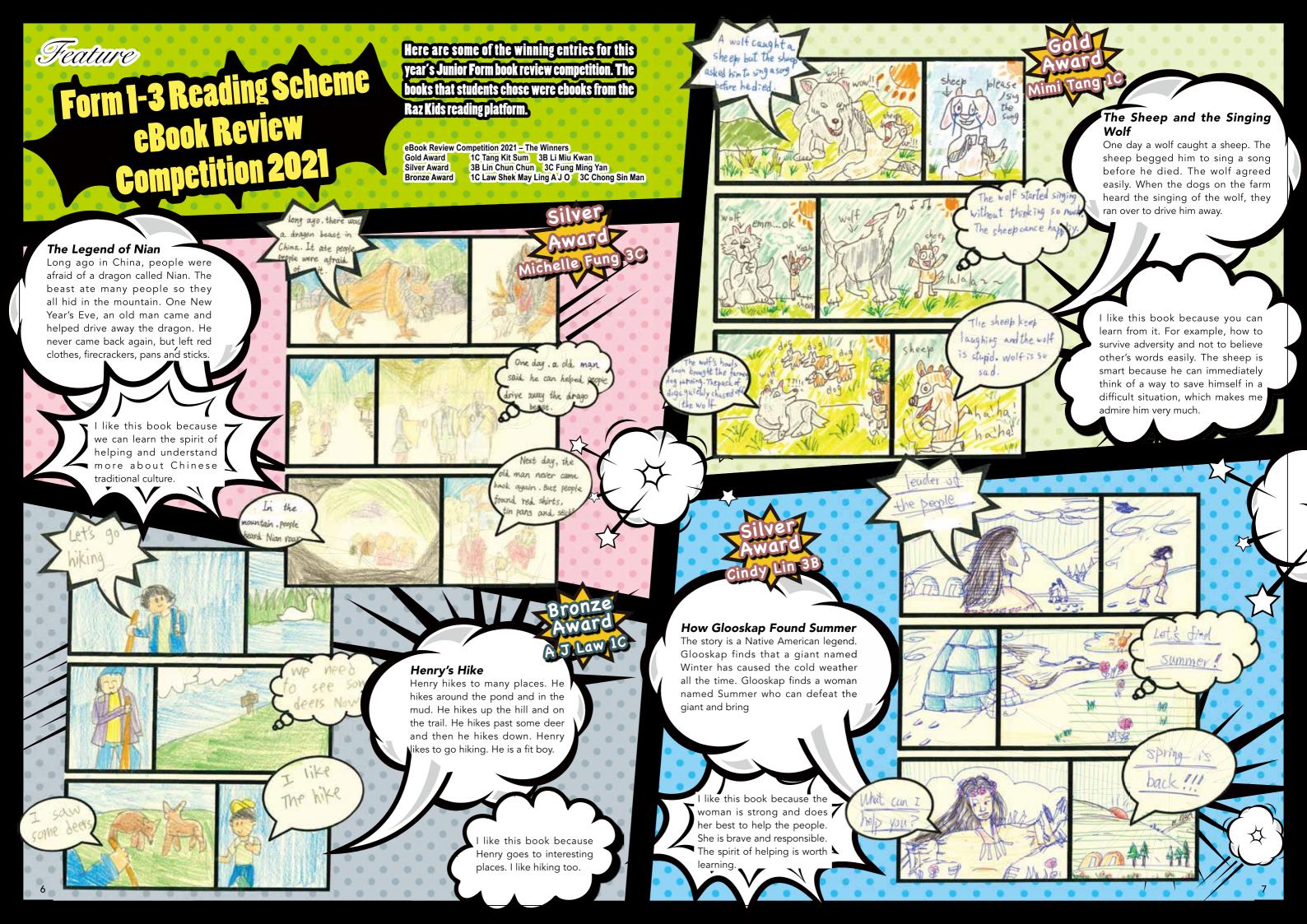
My uncle has been being a volunteer. When a donation event is held in the community centre, he immediately participates in it. Once there was a food donation event that let people donate food, money or anti-germ supplies. The collected items will be distributed to grassroots citizens, elderly people living alone and homeless people on the streets. They give people in need a hand together. My uncle told me, 'Even just a piece of bread can help people because if each one of us gives a tiny piece, there will be a number of tiny pieces eventually'. This fits the old saying 'less accumulates to become more' and it can benefit many people.

I am moved by my uncle's small but repeated and meaningful acts, so I have joined him. When the charitable events started, I asked all my friends and classmates to make donations together. Gratefully, this attracted a lot of responses. Many people showed their love and support. With donations from all around, my uncle became busy but overwhelmed. Later, he said that the first phase of the event had almost finished. The food and items will be dispatched soon! It would go to the next phase of the charitable activity when radio stations, TV channels and paper media workers came to interview us. My parents and I, my uncle and other volunteers could watch ourselves on TV at home shortly. What an experience!

After that, the organisation would transport goods to different places where the needy lives in Hong Kong. Moreover, it rented a shop to deliver resources and goods in Central. After going to a variety of places, visiting elderly people living alone and chatting with homeless people on the streets, I feel that I am a lucky girl and I have a great uncle who lives humbly and acts selflessly. People who received our resources were hugely thankful for our help although my uncle and I did not think we did anything big.

Those who were helped smiled like blooming flowers, and so did those that gave a hand. We felt the warmth and love easily. I had a strong feeling that doing good could be a second nature for us. We become good people without awareness. It is a good thing as long as it helps people by all means. Making use of love and communication can overcome many obstacles. Let us light up the torch of love and care and pass it on and on. I will keep running this relay after my uncle. Are you ready to run it after me?





26 - 30 April 2021

English Week

CORNERS OF THE WORLD

English Week this year was a celebration of international culture. An organization called ICE (Inter Cultural Education) arranged the activities with our school, helping us to host guests from all over the world. It was really great for students to be able to interact with people from different corners of the world, including from countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and South America.



Indian Dance

Form 1-2 students had an Indian Dance lesson in place of one of their normal English lessons.

The traditional style of dance in India is expressive and elegant, and luckily our instructor from India was not only professional, but patient as well. It looks like it would take years to become skilful at this, so in just one short lesson our instructor took students through some simple steps. The hand movements are a central part of the dance, and so students were taught how to use their hands in a striking way.









It was fun to try out a dance from a completely different culture.







Form 3

Quidditch

This is the Hogwarts game of Harry Potter fame, with an earthbound version taught to Form 3 students.

It's a combination of dodgeball, tag and rugby and J.K. Rowling rules. It turned out that the rules took some time getting used to, but it was fun, with a lot of running back and forth across the basketball court, and was an excellent fitness activity.



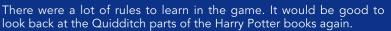






















Global Dialogues

In place of a regular English lesson, Form 4 and 5 students interacted with English Week guests from Ghana, Germany, Norway, France, Pakistan, India and Iran. Quite a mixture of people! One of the things in common of course, was a need to use English to communicate with each other. Our school has held a similar activity during English Week before, and the students at that time really found it to be a memorable experience. This year, once again, these sessions were very absorbing and educational. All Form 4 and Form 5 students took part, and it was a meaningful time for all of the students, including those who time for all of the students, including those who don't have a strong level of English.







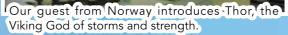
The one-hour sessions started with guests speaking about where they were from and their lives in their home countries. Students needed to find out about special cultural features of the different countries.





A fascinating part of the sessions was the guests speaking about traditional stories in their home countries that they grew up with as children.







fable of the fox and the crow.



Guests from Singapore were able to teach us about the Asian prince, Sang Nila Utama.









ENGLISH SOCIETY RESTURANT REVIEW

TASTY HOUSE Indian and Pakistan Guisine Indian and Kam Tin



A SURPRISING FIND

When Hong Kong people think about visiting an Indian restaurant, they might look around for a place in Tsim Sha Tusi (from left) Kris, Claire, Evan, in Kowloon, or Wan Chai on Hong Kong

Island. Some people in the know may head up to places like

Yuen Long town centre, which has a large Indian Subcontinent population. But very few would expect to dine in a quality Indian restaurant deep in the New Territories countryside. However, this is exactly where you will find the Tasty House restaurant.

If you are hiking on Tai Mo Shan or visiting Kadoorie Farm, then you are nearby Tasty House. But even if you're not, Tasty House is well worth the trip for any fan of Indian food. One of the teachers at school suggested a visit to this restaurant for an ALOHA magazine review, so on a Friday afternoon in March, five members of the English Society, along with Mr. Kenny Chan and Mr. Andrew Gray, went along to sample the food.



ENVIRONMENT

When we visited, the restaurant was busy, but at the same time, comfortable and cosy without being cramped. We sat inside, where there are 6 tables and 24 seats. There were also people sitting at the 4 tables outside, and this looked like a very relaxed place to spend an afternoon. We thought everything was clean and tidy and the décor was colourful.



Refreshing mango lassi

An unusual salad with an amazing taste. Sometimes Indian food can be heavy and oily, but this Pakistani salad Light and crispy stood out as an example of poppodums. how food from the Indian

healthy.

TYPE OF RESTAURANT Indian with **Pakistani** influences

Virgil Ngai, English **OPENING HOURS** 11:00am - 11:00pm



FOOD

As the starters arrived, Mr. Kenny Chan commented that if Tasty House was in the centre of Yuen Long, it would be crowded with too many customers. The food really was a delight to eat and as the restaurant name suggests, very tasty! The poppadums were very crispy and topped with finely chopped tomatoes, onions and herbs. They went well with the mango lassi (yoghurt) drink, which was very fruity and with no added sugar. Some of the food we were served

LOCATION

Kam Sheung Road,

Kam Tin, near the

Yuen Long end of

Route Twisk

was unusual and different to other similar restaurants. For example, it is rare to find a finely prepared chopped salad at an Indian restaurant. Some of the food reflected the Pakistani heritage of the restaurant, and the cheese naan bread with brown sugar was

subcontinent can be light and We were able to relax and take our time ordering as lessons had finished for the day.



One of the advantages an ALOHA magazine review has is that we are a fairly large group, so we can order food from across the menu.



Onion bahji – another exceptional starter.



and were served with a tangy mint sauce. The napkins are colouful!





Good food for sharing.



Hong Kong people do, as the taste



The Indian rice, called pilau rice, was fragrant with a nice texture.



Fresh garlic naan.

Form 4 and Form 5 food reviewers.



spiced. It was juicy and not dry.





chopped lamb with

salad served in a

flatbread roll.



Tasty House Visual Appeal

Taste Freshness Value for Money

4.5 Repeat Customers? All Yes Overall

RATING

4.0

4.5

4.5

Cost: \$976 for 7 people (\$140 / head)

Our Marks from 5

This was a good lunch stop and a relaxed place to go. We gave it really high marks in our rating. The flavours of the food were distinct and separate. We liked that the restaurant was small, independent and family based. A big

ENGLISH SOCIETY RESTURANT REVIEW FROM OVER THE YEARS

Here, we take a look back at ALOHA restaurant reviews from previous years. Each time, English Society members have joined English teachers to visit local eateries in and around Yuen Long.

Students have given their honest opinions about each place and constructed the reviews together. Just as important, is the chance to gather together around a table to eat, chat and enjoy!





Road Restaurant

















STUDENT WRITING

Choice

A Personal Reflection

Andy Fung 6A

You know how sometimes you listen to a song and it makes you stop and think? It's not a badthing, it's actually a sign of a good song. Last weekend I heard a song I have never listened to before, Lose Yourself. I liked the beat, but it was the lyrics that were inspirational. They told a story of choosing between two opportunities, and that's what really got me thinking.

I remember when I was a kid, I liked to play games. I would play for the whole day, only stopping for meals. One time, my father asked me about going to my grandfather's house to have dinner together. But I was playing with my friends. Though I was just a kid, I did have a choice and I said 'no'. I would keep playing. My father was annoyed but why should I have to handle pressure from my family? I didn't want to face them, and I thought 'it's just a dinner'.

2 days later, the first thing I heard after waking up was that my grandfather had passed away while sleeping.

My heart stopped. The 'last night' was the last time I could have been with him. The last opportunity to be with one of the few people who really cared about me. When he saw I was upset or having a bad day he would pat me and tell me everything would be alright, and it worked every time. But now everything was different, there was no one to help me. Was the playing with friends fun? Yes, but the chance to see my grandfather for the last time had slipped from me.

Sometimes, I hope to go back in time, to make a different choice. When we are young, we think the right choices are the ones that please us most. The games I played were the most important thing in my world, bigger than everything. But really we can play any time and any place. The people around you aren't going to be with you forever. One day they will be gone.

We should take every opportunity that comes to us and leave no regrets. If there was just one opportunity, we might not know what it is. Just to seize it and never let it slip.

I will remember that song now, just like my grandfather's love still lives in my heart.

Lose Yourself (intro)

Eminem

If you had

One shot Or one opportunity

To seize everything you ever wanted

In one moment

Or just let it slip?



Good People, Good Deeds

Alan Weng 4A

'Good People, Good Deeds' is a popular annual English writing competition run by Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, with entries accepted from all schools in Hong Kong. Each year English teachers at C.Y. Ma select the best pieces of writing by our students to submit for the competition.

The theme of the competition is positive moral values and actions. Here we share with you two inspiring pieces of writing by our students for the 2020-21 competition.

Break the Cold Wall

Last week on a rainy day, as I was walking to the MTR station, I saw a homeless man who was wearing tattered clothes and looked like 60 to 70 years of age, walking with a limp. Since the rain was heavy, the ground was very slippery. Then suddenly, the old man lost his balance and tumbled to the ground just as he was crossing the road. The scene reminded me of something.

Last year I saw a news story about an 86-year-old woman who tumbled to the ground when she was trying to cross the road in Liuzhou, one of the cities in Mainland China. What shocked me is that no one went to help her up. She was ignored by every passer-by even though her head was bleeding. I think the lady must have felt desperate at that moment. Tragically, the lady passed away at hospital after the delayed treatment. If I were one of the family members of the granny in this terrible incident, I would be seriously traumatised by the cruelty of society. How can we tolerate such immorality?

I decided to go and check on the unfortunate man I had seen falling down. But I did not believe what I saw when I came closer

What happened was that a group of people, with no intention of helping him to get up or check if he was injured or not, were taking a video from the side of the road and accusing the poor old man of being fake. In recent years, many news media have reported numerous cases in which a falling elderly person accuses the one trying to help of pushing and hurting them. The scammer then asks for money from the unlucky helper for compensation, or from the insurance company to claim insurance. What a terrible situation when people are mocking a homeless man and not helping him because they think he is a scammer!

The old man, whose face was covered in dust and blood stains, raised his hand to call for help. Just as I was rushing to check on him, a taxi appeared out of nowhere, driving directly towards where the old man had fallen!

People gasped at the thought of what was about to happen! But just in time, the taxi screeched to a halt right in front of the old man. No one was hurt! A young man had rushed out to the old man when he had seen the danger and he now helped him back to the pavement. I thought to myself: finally, someone is here to help this man! A tragedy could have so easily happened.

The old man held the young man's hand. "Thank you, sir. You saved my life... God bless you." he said in a trembling voice. "It was nothing." said the young man with a smile. A passer-by called the medical service. An ambulance arrived swiftly, and the medical staff went to check on the old man. They then moved the old man into the ambulance and drove him to the hospital for treatment.

It was an unforgettable experience. I could not believe that there are people in this society who are so cold. Some of us take advantage of other people's kindness, which makes people afraid of helping others. I am glad to see that society is not so cold after all. There are good people around us. Also, I admire the young man for his bravery as he was thinking only of the old man's safety. He did not ask for anything in return.

Helpful Spirits

Connie Li 4A

There is a saying, 'In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us.' Helping others is the equivalent of improving yourself. When we help others solve their problems, we not only make new friends, but also increase our own knowledge and experience. Throughout our life we always have difficult times when we need help from others. What has happened to others before could happen to us as well. It is possible that someone you helped in the past turns out to be the one giving help to you in the future. In our modern world, people are less and less connected and have become more and more isolated. Given the current situation, I have two questions.

Firstly, what kind of society do we want? I am sure everyone wants to have a society in which people are helpful to each other. According to a Harvard study on what leads to happy and healthy lives, it was found that living in a community where people support and help each other results in greater happiness and sense of belonging. As we know, one of the main focuses of modern citizens is materialism. It is widely believed that money is all that matters in life. That is why people work hard for a higher salary.

Money corrupts, but there are still warm-hearted people around us who are willing to offer help. Over this previous year, people all over the world have experienced the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has taken a lot of lives across the world. Some people, especially the medical staff, are at the forefront of taking care of the infected and developing vaccines against the virus. They leave their family and sacrifice a lot to fight the virus on the frontline. To express gratitude for their contribution, netizens called them 'Heroes in Harm's Way'. We should appreciate the nobility of doctors and nurses who strive for betterment of the public health.

Secondly, what can we do to make the world a better place? It is true that not everyone is capable of the good deeds of the medical workers because their duties are very tough and difficult. Nonetheless, we can still do our best to contribute. To many, it seems that only if you have done something earth-shattering can you be worthy of praise. However, many ordinary people who do good things in life are often overlooked by us. Consider the street cleaners we see every day. In reality, they are everywhere. Some of you may feel that they are always getting in our way. But do you know that the street sweepers need to get up at five or six in the morning every day to sweep the garbage, to serve the people, and to maintain the hygiene of the city. They are actually diligent. If they didn't do their job well, people would live in a world full of rubbish.

What students can do to contribute to the community is to help others more often and participate in meaningful activities. When our schoolmates are faced with difficulties, we can try to solve the problems together. When we are at home, we can do the household chores. When we are having holidays, we can volunteer by visiting the elderly or teaching kids at an orphanage. In order to give back to the community, we can donate our old books or clothes.

Gorky once said: 'Remember always to cheerfully give more and take less from others.' I believe that helpful spirits have always resided with humanity.

Language Across the Curriculum Day

MORNING **ASSEMBLY**

PROJECT WECAN with PolyU Students

Every school year, students from Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) run a programme of activities for C.Y. Ma students. This is part of the PolyU Service-Learning Programme. The PolyU students are expected to plan and implement a community-based project, and in the case of our school, interact with our students. Project WeCan is a business-based project that promotes learning, and helps to support the Sevice-Learning activities of the PolyU students.

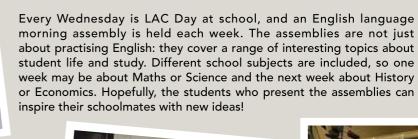


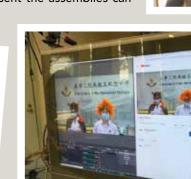






The school morning assemblies are an important part of coming together as a school at the start of the day. This year, with Covid-19 restrictions in place, the assemblies were transmitted through the magic of technology.







GET CREATIVE!

A good way to keep our brains active and minds happy is to try making something. This year's programme of art activities was all about being creative. The C.Y. Ma students who decided to join enjoyed the tasks and treasured what they made.







Octopus Card Holder

These may look simple to make, but in fact they need concentration and a steady hand.

The hand-made sewn leather card holders the students made look far cooler than shop-bought cheap plastic



C.Y. Ma students got to know the PolyU students by moving around tables and taking turns at different vocabulary games.

traditions and culture, Economics and book reviews.











The Principal giving awards for the Reading Award Scheme 2020-21.

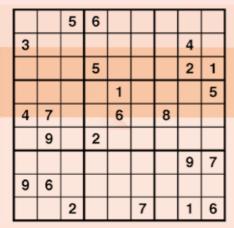


A big Thank you and Well Done to all the students who helped out with the morning assemblies this year!

This fun art activity involved students sculpting and molding clay into the shape of a favourite character. The results were inventive and colourful!

PUZZLE PAGE

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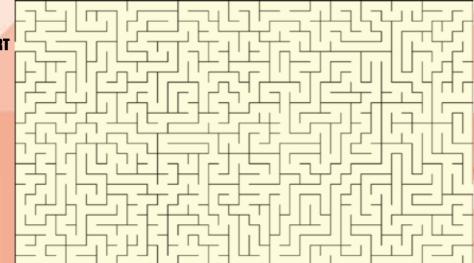
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For Students

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ZOOM QUIZ

1. What does the word 'Zoom' mean?	Where was the creator of Zoom born?
a. a big group of animals	a. the U.S.A.
b. the number '0'	b. China
c. move very fast	c. Africa
d. learn quickly	d. Japan

- 3. Why is Zoom suddenly so popular?
- a. Covid-19
- b. you never need a password
- c. teachers didn't want to go to
- d. everybody loves it

Quiz answers on Page 18

Can you find the words?

PROFILE **MEETING** SCREEN **CAMERA** ZOOM

SHARE CHAT AUDIO VIDEO BACKGROUND

PASSWORD INVITE LEAVE SOFTWARE **HOST**

MICROPHONE WEBSITE NAME **MOBILE** PHOTO

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English Activities Over The Years