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WORDS FROM MS. AMY CHUNG

Assistant Principal and English Panel Chair

Welcome to the first issue of Connect 2020/2021. This school year has definitely been a period of change. In the midst of uncertainties, upset routines and health threats, both teachers and students are adapting to new modes of learning and teaching. While adapting to the mixed mode of face-to-face and online lessons, our students, with the support of our devoted English teachers, endeavour to participate in a variety of activities and continue to seize every opportunity to polish their English skills. Their concerted efforts can clearly be seen in this issue. As the great 19th century French microbiologist and chemist Louis Pasteur once said, "Chance favours the prepared mind." Let's be hopeful and be ready to shine.

WORDS FROM MR. BRETT CRAIG

Native-speaking English Teacher

You will have noticed that our first issue of Connect for this year looks a little different to years past. We are aiming to make Connect a twice a year showcase of our students' work and efforts. This academic year has not been easy for our students, facing a mix of online and face-to-face classes, but they have persevered, and what you will see here is the result of their hard work in their English classes.

I am very pleased to be a part of the effort to make our students shine. I am also grateful for the opportunity to try something a little different with Connect this year and would like to thank Principal Lai for allowing me the opportunity to dive in head first with our new format. I would also like to thank our Assistant Principal and English Panel Chair, Ms. Amy Chung for her support and encouragement in putting this issue together. A big thank you must also go to the students who have contributed work and to the teachers who have also worked hard to bring our students' talents to fruition.

A very big thank you must be given to Miss Crystal Sun, our English Panel Teaching Assistant, for all the work she has done in helping to collate materials and design the format of what you now hold in your hands.

Please enjoy the fruits of our students' labour, and we will see you again at the end of Term 2!



INTERVIEW WITH OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. JONATHAN LAI

On 18th January, four of our Form 5 students, Sam Chung, Mandy Wong, Zoey Chan and Jason Wong, all from class 5B, had the opportunity to interview our Principal, Mr. Jonathan Lai. It lasted almost two hours. The Principal and students spoke freely about many different topics. What follows is an abbreviated version of their discussion.



Mandy Wong



Sam Chung



Jason Wong



Zoey Chan

Sam wanted to know when Principal Lai was at school, what his impression of the school principal was. Principal Lai responded by saying that he only had one chance to talk to the principal, and that when he did, the principal was very strict, like a father. He was not really approachable and seemed to be angry most of the time. Sam then wanted to know what Principal Lai's feelings were about being a principal and what he thought makes a good principal. Principal Lai thought about this for a moment before explaining that being a principal was, at times, difficult and challenging and that the role of principal was probably different in everyone's eyes.

"A principal needs to put their school first," he said, "to guide the school to a higher level of achievement. They also need to help their students plan for their future, even if the students don't like the principal. You have to protect and guide them; light the road ahead."

Jason was interested in knowing what made Principal Lai return to his alma mater to become the principal. Principal Lai thought that this might have been the will of God.

"I had never planned to return to my alma mater, so perhaps it is fate. At the time, the former principal was going to retire and I was asked to come back. I was the principal of another school in Kwun Tong when the opportunity sprang up."

Mandy was curious as to why Principal Lai had become an English teacher.

Principal Lai responded by saying that when he was a Form 2 student, his English teacher, Ms. Mary Wong, gave him some books to get him reading in English and that he found learning English fun. He also explained that his generation didn't really have a chance to see the world and that through reading, he could experience the wider world.



5B students gathered around the Principal's table



A photo of Ms. Wong and Principal Lai

Zoey was interested in knowing more about those people, like Ms. Wong, who had inspired Principal Lai, and how and why they inspired him.

Principal Lai explained that Ms. Wong was the most inspiring person in his life and that because of her he had decided to become an English teacher. Not only did she get him to appreciate and dedicate himself to learning English, she also introduced him to the principles of Christianity. He said that this is why he became a Christian and has lived by Christ's rules ever since.

Picking up on the theme of being inspired, Jason was interested in knowing how Principal Lai could encourage the current LKYMS Form 6 students, because the pandemic situation has made things difficult for students and their learning. Principal Lai felt that the last year in Hong Kong had been tough.

"I feel hopeless and frustrated," he said.

He felt that the burden and weight on his shoulders had become heavier.

"However, despite these negative things, we should be positive. What we can do now is to stride over adversity and by working together we can hope that tomorrow will get better and better for all Hong Kong people."

Sam then moved the discussion on to what Principal Lai does in his spare time; what kind of entertainment does he like?

"I enjoy reading and watching movies," he said. "I also enjoy my electric scooter, but one of my favourite things is playing the guitar."

"What would you like to do when you retire?" Mandy asked.

Principal Lai said that he would like to become a better guitar player and will spend more time practising. Reading widely is something that he will also continue doing.

"I will also focus on a programme called P.O.S.H.," he said with a laugh. "The power of silver hair!"

He continued on, saying that he wanted to do something meaningful with his life and make his life full.

"And what is your motto for life?" Mandy asked. "Never give up!" Principal Lai said.

We would like to express our gratitude to Principal Lai for giving the time to talk with our Form 5 students.



Principal Lai talking about Ms. Wong

ENGLISH AMBASSADORS



HIKARY ZHOU (5A)

In order to provide more opportunities for students to practise their English, we have organised an English Passport programme this year. Students have been given a passport, and whenever they complete an English activity, they will be given a stamp and prizes. We will organise various lunchtime and after school activities, such as lunchtime concerts, board games, movie shows and chats with our NETs in the covered playground area and the Language Resources Centre. Do come and have fun!

The mascot of our English Passport is a lion. In Chinese folk culture, the lion is not only the embodiment of wisdom and strength, but also a symbol of courage and generosity.



We hope that students can learn from the lions - to be brave and wise like the lions. If they dare to take the first step to learn English and face the challenges ahead, they will not be afraid to speak and use English. As the Turkish proverb on the first page of our passport says, "A lion sleeps in the heart of every man and woman." We hope students can be courageous and participate in the English activities actively.



VICKY LUO (5A)



YELO WONG (5A)



Badge

There is a dandelion on our badge. The dandelion has many symbolic meanings. The first is courage, which symbolises overcoming the fear of an unfamiliar environment and taking root again. We hope that students can overcome the fear of speaking English and dare to express themselves in English. The second is persistence, which symbolises perseverance to grow, even in a poor environment. It is hoped that students can overcome the fear and lack of confidence, persist in learning English and improve themselves. Finally, the seeds of the dandelion symbolises the growth of our students in learning English. With bravery and perseverance, we believe students will progress and that more and more students will be willing to speak and use English.

Besides various interesting lunchtime and after school activities, the school also organises different English programmes for us, including the Star Riders, IELTS and TOEIC programmes. Learning a language takes a lot of effort, but don't give up. Be patient and enjoy the learning process! Learning a language should be fun. As the saying goes, "Rome wasn't built in a day." Keep trying and practise more. I am sure your hard work will be rewarded one day.



KANA LUI (5A)



A FINE SELECTION



During this difficult school year, our English teachers have been putting in hard work, guiding our students in classrooms and on the Internet. Please find a small selection of work from across the Forms on a variety of topics.

A Profile of My New Friend, Emma

Hello! I am Willow and I am 12 years old. I am cheerful. My profile is about my new friend, Emma.

I have a friend named Emma. She is eight years old. She goes to CCC Kei Wa Primary School. She is very energetic. She always plays hide-and-seek with me.

She always wins in the game. She is one of the members of the school Basketball Club.

How is my profile? Check out my next profile for some funny pictures!

Willow Yuen, 1C

Restaurant Review

If you ask me, "Is it worth it to dine at Dim Sum One?" I'd say, "Yes, absolutely!" and here's why.

First things first, the restaurant's service is brilliant. Not only are the waiters and waitresses very polite and helpful, they are extremely patient as well. One of the waiters had to wait for ages for me to order due to my "decidophobia", but he waited with a smile the whole time. I even asked him for some food recommendations and they were all delicious! The waiters, who felt like butlers to me, were so professional.

Moreover, the food was, of course, delicious. The food recommendations from the waiter all hit the right spot. I loved them, especially the fried rice! Each grain of rice was perfectly coated in a film of egg. I even imagined the chef coating the rice grains one by one just to reach perfection. I nearly fainted from my first bite, due to all the vivid flavour I was tasting, I kid you not. Needless to say, the food was great, "perfect" I'd say.

Last but not least, although the experience was extraordinary, it didn't cost me a pretty penny. Dim Sum One must be one of the best restaurants I have ever been to; everything was just one step from perfection. I was surprised when I got the bill for my meal, not because of how expensive the meal was, but because of how cheap it was! I ordered three dishes along with some snacks and drinks and it only cost me around 120 dollars! No wonder Dim Sum One is such a hot restaurant.

Overall, my experience was top-notch. Delicious food, professional waiters and low prices -- Dim Sum One has it all. Do remember to make a reservation if you want to dine at this place, since this is such a popular restaurant. You'll have to wait for days, or maybe even months for your turn if you don't make a reservation. This restaurant is perfect. I would tell you "Please, please, pretty please with a cherry on top. Give this restaurant a try." You won't regret it. You have my word.

Jacky Lei, 5A



“Mukbang” – A New Industry Has Arrived!

“Mukbang” is a type of video or live streaming that appears in South Korea, which features a person eating a large quantity of food, or different kinds of cuisines while addressing the audience.

It has become very popular on YouTube and has developed a huge following through the years. It first started on Korean video networks and soon became a cultural sensation around the world.

Many of the videos have gone viral. For example, the video of a famous YouTuber called “UDT” eating hot and spicy chicken legs has attracted people from all over the world, and the videos he posted online have over 100 million views.

In order to make themselves well-known, some video makers try eating strange things in the videos. Many people are disgusted with this type of video, because they consider that the foods the “Mukbangers” eat could be harmful to the human body. Besides, it might have a bad influence on the whole “Mukbang” culture.

“Mukbang” allows people to console themselves by watching such videos when they are longing for food. For those who just want to feel and enjoy the happiness of eating delicious food, “Mukbang” is the best choice.

There is no doubt that “Mukbang” has now become an indispensable part of online video culture. However, whether this culture will become a passing fad is still to be observed.

Kristen Wong, 4B



A Letter to Classmates

Dear fellow 4A classmates,

Hey there! Are you always free on weekends? If yes, you can consider joining this upcoming elderly home visit, arranged by our school's Social Services Club. We will spend a meaningful afternoon together!

The first thing you might be wondering is, why should we join this elderly home visit rather than doing our own thing? Please try to imagine the poor elderly in the elderly home, always left alone with no one to talk to them. Joining this event will not only make them feel the warmth brought about by such a visit, but it will also show them that people care, and care deeply in their hearts for the elderly. It will also benefit you, helping you to develop your own interpersonal skills.

Now, you might want to ask, what are we going to do during the visit? We have planned a lot of activities for the elderly, including a variety show! We are also going to have a games section, with gifts and more.

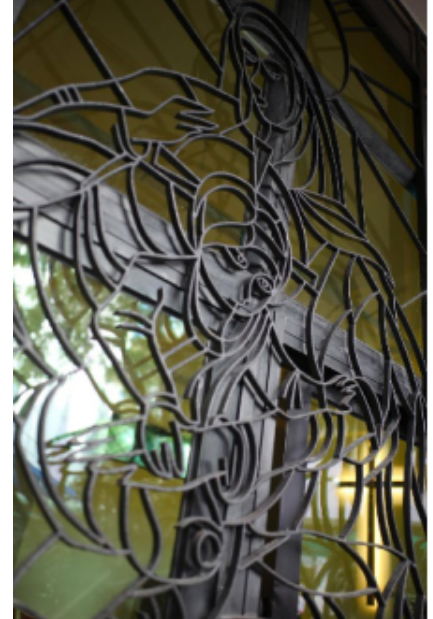
The visit is going to be on 30th October from 2p.m. to 4p.m. at Sunshine Elderly Home (25 Shing Ming Street, Kwun Tong). If you are interested in joining, remember to sign up on the Social Services Club noticeboard on or before 20th October! Everyone is welcome!

Best wishes,
Chris

Sam Chung, 5B

FEATURED PHOTOS

AROUND THE SCHOOL CAMPUS IN PHOTOS



LKYMS NETS PLANNING FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG DISPENSING HAND GEL AND MASKS TO CANDIDATES ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE HKDSE, APRIL, 2020



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