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Students from class 2D singing English Christmas songs



LKYMS'S STEADY COMEBACK



F6 students from our school and St Stephen's Church College after the joint school speaking practice

Last year, many campus activities were either cancelled or made online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, Mr. Brett Craig did a fantastic job compiling students' work, and put together a new and improved version of the CONNECT magazine.

I am honoured to follow his footsteps in showcasing our students' efforts.

In the process of collecting material for this year's issue, I got to witness the school gradually regain its campus liveliness; face-to-face classes resumed and new campus activities were introduced. Students had to follow social distancing rules, but that did not stop them from participating in a number of activities with their classmates.

Being part of the effort to promote an authentic English learning environment at LKYMS has been both rewarding and fun. It would not have been possible without the joint efforts of our teachers across departments and for that, I am grateful.

I would like to especially thank Principal Chui and our English Panel Chair, Ms. Amy Chung, for allowing us to experiment with different campus-wide projects, and of course, for their unconditional support and assistance. I would also like to express my gratitude to Ms. Christine Sin for her guidance throughout the first term.

Please enjoy this year's first collection of our students' contributions to the school.

Ms. Kimberly Lopez
Native-speaking English Teacher

INTERVIEW WITH PRINCIPAL CHUI



On 17th November, four of our English Ambassadors from class 2D, Crystal Chan, Willow Yuen, Jeremy Tsang and Tommy Wang, successfully arranged an interview about global warming and environmental protection with the school principal, Principal Keith Chui, and Science teacher, Mr. Carson Wong. The following write-up is an abstract of their conversation.

Crystal was determined to know Principal Chui's thoughts on the seriousness of global warming. In response to this, Principal Chui brought up the issue of climate change and its impacts on the environment.

"The issue of climate change has become critical. We know that the number of polar bears are decreasing. Various problems like food shortage are also becoming more and more serious. So, countries have strengthened their cooperation to address the problem," he said.

"Do you think Hong Kong, as tiny as it is, played a major role in polluting the planet?" Tommy asked.

"Sure," Principal Chui replied without hesitation,

"Hong Kong has a relatively high disposal rate of solid waste. Thus, its citizens should pay more attention to protecting the environment by disposing less garbage, using less air-conditioning, as well as inculcating themselves with recycling habits. This will contribute to global sustainable development."

Willow was interested in the kinds of food waste produced at LKYMS. Principal Chui sighed, "Despite efforts and improvements in minimizing the disposal of plastic bottles, an increase in paper waste is in sight, especially due to the disposal of newspapers in our school."

Jeremy went on to query about the measures or practices that have been adopted at the school to protect the environment. Principal Chui reassured the students that the school has facilities to collect paper and plastic for recycling. He also remarked the installation of an **aquaponics system** near the covered playground to encourage recycling.

Before wrapping up, Principal Chui asked Mr. Wong for *his* advice on saving the Earth and its environment.

"Remembering the theory of 4Rs and putting them into practice will be essential. The 4Rs include Reduce, Reuse, Replace and Recycle," Mr. Wong responded. He continued, "I've noticed that many of our students purchase bottles of water during recess period. Students can try to reduce the use of plastic bottles by replacing them with reusable water bottles."

Mr. Josiah Josias Phanichakun | Writer

RECESS ACTIVITIES

Recess karaoke was definitely one of the highlights of last term's recess activities. Students excitedly wrote down the names of classmates and teachers they wanted to hear sing, along with the names of their preferred English songs. Clearly, "**Never Gonna Give You Up**" by **Rick Astley** was a campus favourite. Or, was it **Baby Shark**...

It was incredibly fun watching both students and teachers sing a variety of English songs together, with a backdrop of cheers and laughter from the amused audience.

Come join us during the 1st and 2nd recess!



Recess Karaoke



Lantern Making

On the week of the **Mid-Autumn Festival**, students got to challenge their origami skills by crafting **paper lanterns** using coloured paper and markers. They wrote heartfelt wishes to their classmates and teachers on the paper lanterns, which were then displayed on the glass panes at the covered playground. The display was absolutely stunning!

Of course, we also had something for the intelligent skill-less nerds (just kidding) like the **Science Quiz game** on **Maths and Science week**, where the "nerds" team flat out wiped the teachers' team with their amazing knowledge of science and... facts nobody else understands anyway, but why does that matter when you get to witness the boss getting whooped?



Science Game

After watching students bored out of their minds during class and doodling Mickey Mouse on their notebooks, it became clear that **drawing** is a common favourite pastime and, apparently, sometimes a great skill some students have in their arsenal (that's right, learn some big words for your IELTS exams).

So, we got **Pictionary Air** as an attempt to bring some modern technology into the fun-driven educational experience. Basically, students had to hold a "magic" wand and wave it in front of our camera to draw wondrous images floating in the air.



Pictionary Air

On **Gospel Week**, a group of **Christian teachers** and members of the **Samuel Student Fellowship** got together and sang **Christian hymns** as a collaboration between the Religious Studies Department and the English Department. Beautiful lyrics about worship and hope could be heard across campus.



Hymns Singing



From left to right: Ms. Alyson Hau, Ms. Amy Chung, Kristen Wong (5A), Simon Lau (6D), Clara Fong (6D), Karson Chan (3C), Mr. Pavol Dutko

The RTHK Common Room program is an interview that invites students from any school in Hong Kong to share their opinions on anything they like. Our students met with Ms. Alyson Hau, the program host, online on 30th November 2021 to talk about the pop-idol culture: people following the

latest boy/girl groups or stars, and the influence this has on students and society - good or bad.

The experience usually comes with a visit to the real radio recording studio but because of the virus... still, it was fun and interesting how the really friendly host broke the ice with Clara, Simon, Kristen and Karson. She asked them each to recite a short sentence to set the audio levels, briefed them about what was going to happen, what she was going to say and ask them, and then cued the jingle!

The students did very well. Of course, they were excited, and nervous, but don't you worry: Common Room is not a *live* radio program so the recording of the interview could be edited to cut out the "ohh"-s, "erm"-s and "ahh"-s and then play the smoothed out conversation back on 4th January 2022 night.

Do you want to be on the radio? Come join us, we do this every year!



KRISTEN WONG (5A)

English is becoming increasingly essential in our daily lives since it is one of the most common languages in the world. Thus, I have decided to join the English Ambassador Team to hopefully consolidate what I have learned from class. It is an instrumental way for me to hone my spoken English as well as polish my writing and listening skills. I will use this opportunity to speak more English and organize a number of activities to facilitate others' English skills, all whilst working hard for the upcoming HKDSE.

- I'm an easy-going girl who works well under pressure.
- I sleep like a log.
- I'm a crazy cat lover.

2021-2022 ENGLISH AMBASSADORS

CARRIE CHAU (4A)

The reason why I joined the English Ambassador Team is because I want to improve my English, especially speaking. I would like to let our schoolmates learn more English through our activities.

- I love Harry Potter.
- When I see a bird, I become as timid as a mouse.
- I love travelling.



STEVENNIE CHIU (4B)

Miss Yu approached me about becoming part of the English Ambassador Team a few months ago, and now I am one of the vice captains.

In 2022, my goal is to encourage students to learn English while joining different activities organized by us.

- I can finish a drink within two minutes.
- I'm crazy about hash browns.
- I get very vulnerable when it comes to Math.

JEREMY SRIDADET (5B)

I joined the English Ambassador Team because I am interested in the English language and would like to improve it, as it is very useful in real life. As a captain, I want everyone to develop their confidence and conquer their fears associated with the language. Let's fight together!

- I'm Thai.
- I love fashion.
- I'm a brownie lover.





BITE-SIZED PIECES

OF STUDENTS' WRITING



Do power naps work for you?

The special term 'power naps' sounds like music to my ears. However, what it fails to see is the overwhelming amount of work that I have to handle. Suffering from Hong Kong's elitism, always do I need to burn the midnight oil to grabble with different subjects. Despite the fact that having power naps is productive to kill the drowsiness, I still do not have enough time to try it. In other words, grabbing a cup of coffee is more attractive to me.



Claudio Cheng, 6A



Abyss Mall



Jeremy Tsang, 2D

Abyss Mall, located in the middle of the city, is a new shopping mall which is underground and the first futuristic mall in the world.

Shopping and entertainment

The mall is as big as a basketball court and there are a lot of fun things. There are book stores, boutiques, toy shops and more. It also has an ice-rink and a swimming pool.

Food and restaurants

We have a food court on the first floor that has various restaurants. These might interest you.

Facilities and services

You can use free wi-fi if you run out of data. You can borrow money and phone chargers as well. If you are tired of shopping, there is a room which has a comfortable sofa and air-conditioning to make you feel calm and at rest.

So, what are you waiting for? Come and visit our mall!

ACROSTIC POEMS

L et me see you again.
K iss your forehead and
Y our pretty face.
M ake me dream for a while
S tay with you and I will smile.

Jack Yeung (4A)

R emember to mind your manners.
E mpathize with the feelings of others.
S upport everyone sincerely.
P ut others first frequently.
E veryone should be treated equally.
C are for others genuinely.
T alk to people politely.

Hayden Lee (4A)

C are about yourself.
A ppreciate the job you are given.
R eady to get what you want.
E njoy your life in Hong Kong!

Derren Tang (4A)

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If you can meet anyone in the world, dead or alive, who would that be?

It would undoubtedly be Hong Kong swimmer Siobhan Haughey, who won two silver medals at the Tokyo Olympics. I really want to know how she became fascinated with the sport and emerged as one of the world's top swimmers. And, of course, I want to congratulate her on her excellent performance at the Games.

Jasmine Yan, 3D

If you could have any job in the world, what job would you choose?

Being an archaeologist would be my dream job. Just imagine excavating awe-inspiring ruins such as the tomb of the emperor of the Qing dynasty.

I would devote my whole life to finding the origins of humans. Do we really come from apes? Or are we experimental subjects of aliens? These are mysteries that all of us are eager to know, and which makes me determined to become an archaeologist.

Claudio Cheng, 6A



Best Captions Contest



Damen Lam, 6A: These idols are just like a storm: coming into my life and making me go crazy.

FEATURED PHOTOS

01 Form 3 students role-playing in language arts class



02 NETs riding exercise bikes with Form 6 students

03 LKYMS's koi fish hurriedly swimming towards their food



04 A quick group picture after an interview with Principal Chui

05 Two brave Form 1 students singing for the recess karaoke activity



06 Students writing English songs for their teachers to sing

07 Two recess karaoke stars doing a duet together

08 Form 1 students singing beautifully for a big audience



09 LKYMS's turtles basking in the sun

10 A group picture in the newly renovated language resource centre

11 Form 3 students rehearsing their role-play scripts in language arts class



Try the first LKYMS
2021-2022 Trivia Quiz!

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