

# S.K.H. St. Peter's Primary School ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

#### A Message from the Principal, Ms Lai

As this year's topic has been 'Thanks, Mr. Challenge', there have been lots of opportunities to challenge ourselves. I hope everyone has been able to find blessings from God and the perseverance to meet their goals and solve their problems.

This newsletter from the English ambassadors is a fine example of what we can accomplish when faced with a challenge. They have already faced a process of designing, researching, interviewing and writing the articles, and they have learned a lot along the way. They have shown us all that we should have the courage to tackle every obstacle with optimism and see our challenges as a chance to grow and learn.







#### A Message from the NETs

This is the first newsletter from the English Ambassador team. The students have worked very hard as a team, starting from the initial ideas for topics, providing their own opinions on what should be included. They then took on different responsibilities and wrote their own articles. Those articles have been compiled and edited into this magazine for everyone to read. We would like to thank the students for showing us that by working together, we can achieve great things.

#### About S.K.H. St. Peter's Primary School

St. Peter's was founded in 1884. The 88 Hill Road Campus was built in 1956 and was expanded in 1966. The second building at 70 Hill Road was opened in 2014.

A number S.K.H. St. Peter's Primary School alumni have become very successful. The alumni include a legislative council member, professors, movie producers, engineers and musicians.

Our school is great because there are lots of classes and we can make lots of friends. We always take part in lots of different competitions and we do very well. The school has lots of different activities for the students like the 100th Day Celebration, Q&A competitions, writing competitions and after school activities.

Doris Yeung and Sammi Wong



# Thanks, Mr. Challenge!

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Everyone has challenges in their life. This year, our school topic is 'Thanks Mr. Challenge'. We interviewed students from P1,P2,P5 and P6. They all have challenges in their school lives.

For example, P1 need to take their first exams in primary school. We suggest that the P1 students read some books. It can both reduce stress and help you to learn more words.

For P2 and P5 students, they have other challenges. They have lots homework that they may need lots of time to do. We suggest they do some homework at recess time so they can have less to do at home. If they don't know how to do it, they can find their teacher and ask for help.

P6 might have the most challenges because they need to have the Students' Internal Assessment. It affects which secondary school they go to. We suggest students to be more focused in their lessons.

At last, everyone has challenges. We need to learn how to solve the problems. Don't give up! You can do your best to learn how to solve your problems!

Wing Yeung and Nichole Wang

#### **Learning English**

We learn English so that we can talk to different people from around the world. We can learn lots about the people and the places they come from. We spoke to Miss Laura and Mr. Eagers to find out more about where they come from.

Although Miss Laura likes to live in Hong Kong because she likes learning about and experiencing a different culture, she said she also likes California because it is where she grew up, and her family and the friends are there. Miss Laura thinks that the air in California is cleaner. The reason the air in California is cleaner than Hong Kong is because California has more countryside than Hong Kong. Miss Laura came to Hong Kong to study a Masters at University and to teach. She enjoys teaching here because she likes meeting the students, learning about them and sharing her experiences with them.

Mr. Eagers likes both Hong Kong and England, where he grew up. He thinks Hong Kong is a great place to have fun and eat lots of delicious food, but his family lives in England and it is a nice place to relax. Mr. Eagers thinks Hong Kong is tidy and clean but the air is cleaner in England. Mr. Eagers likes teaching English because he enjoys speaking to the students and helping them to learn about different cultures and places around the world.

If you have time, you should talk to the NETs and find out more about them. They come from different places around the world and have lots of interesting stories to share with you.

Yinee Cheung and Crystal Chan

#### Mr. Challenge Q&A with Principal Lai

We asked the principal, Ms Lai, about some questions about the school and how she overcomes the challenges she meets.

#### How long have you been the principal here?

I have been the principal here for six years.

#### Do you like being the principal?

Yes, of course. It is a very meaningful job and it's fun.

#### What is your biggest challenge as a principal?

I think the biggest challenge is striking a balance between students, teachers, parents and alumni to make learning more effective and enjoyable.

#### How do you solve this problem?

I work hard, I'm willing to communicate with people and I keep absorbing new knowledge. I observe with my heart and I care about the students' needs. Fortunately, I have great colleagues who help me a lot.

## Do you think our school is famous? What is it famous for?

Yes, we are famous for having students who are humble, bright, willing to learn and willing to accept challenges. We are also famous for providing a wide variety of activities for our students such as football, plays, the orchestra and dance.

#### What is your hope for the school?

I hope to help the students to develop character, expand their knowledge and improve their spiritual awareness in order to prepare them for future challenges.

## Do you think students should bring a phone to school?

No, a phone is not necessary for learning. A phone is a distraction in class. If needed, there is a phone in the office for students.

#### What advice do you have for meeting challenges?

Life is full of challenges. Facing a challenge may not necessarily be a bad thing. Tackle it with bravery, determination and optimism to turn your challenges into blessings.

Thank you Principal Lai for your sharing your experiences and ideas. If we try hard and face our biggest challenges just like Miss Lai, we can learn a lot.

Michael Shek and Jonathan Law

# Places at school

#### **English Land**

English Land is a place to learn and speak English. There are plenty of games and books in English Land. We can watch movies, read books or play our games with our Net teacher and helpers there. It is a good place to practise English. You can go there during recess time or long recess. I hope you can have an unforgettable time there.

Wing Chan 6D



#### **The Computer Room**

Our computer room is in between the fourth floor and the fifth floor. It is quite big and comfortable. There are many computers, an electronic whiteboard, headphones and some great work in the computer room. You can do a lot of things in the computer room like doing homework and making PowerPoint presentations. Most of the students like to go to the computer room to play computer games during recesses and long recesses. TSS is there to help you if you have a problem with the computers.

Did you know? There are two computer rooms in our school!

Gian Chan 5A



#### The School Library

This is the school library. There are two libraries in our school! The library is a place where students read, borrow and return books. The libraries are big in our school. There are many

books in the libraries. Also, there are places for the students to sit down and read books. Many students who like to read books often go to the library.

Nichole Wang



#### The Music Room

The music room is on the 2nd floor at school. There are many different instruments there like the piano and drums. We can listen to music there in the long recess. We love to listen to different music there.

Sammi Wong 6D (26)



### New Books in the Library

The library has a lot of new books every year. Today, we will introduce the 13th Story Treehouse to you.

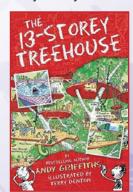
We think this book is funny and interesting. There are two children in the book, named Andy and Terry. They make a machine that can make a banana become very big.

They write many books together. Andy is the illustrator and Terry is the author. They write a book called "Super Finger". Super Finger helps everyone so they all like him.

In one part of the book, they go to a zoo. They pretend to be monkeys and walk into the monkey cage. They need to eat bananas. Andy likes to eat bananas but Terry doesn't. He hates eating bananas.

Andy and Terry's amazing treehouse has 13 new levels including a chocolate waterfall, an opera house, a baby-dinosaur petting zoo, a not-very-merry merry-go-round, a boxing elephant called the Trunkinator, the world's scariest roller-coaster, and a top secret 39th level that has never been finished!

Anything can happen in this amazing treehouse! Zoe Choy and Kelly Lee



# **Game Review**

#### **Minecraft**

Quite simply, this is a block game. This game is very famous and an account for this game costs HK\$210. That is quite expensive. However, we had much fun playing it. This game does have an ending. The final bosses of this game are the Wither and the Ender Dragon. You can choose to play this game with friends, by yourself, or connect to a public server and play many types of game.

There are many ways to play this game, including mini games like PvP, skywars and bedwars. Survival is the classic way to play this game. You do not need to connect to a network to play it. You can break any block with your fist to get the materials inside. Using different tools gives you different materials and changes the speed you can break things. You can use the materials to build different things in the game. There are many things about Minecraft that make it very good. We had lots of fun playing it, and we recommend that you play it.



Mika Yeung and Paco Ng

STREET HAT

#### The LEGO® Batman Movie 2017

There are many familiar characters in this movie, like Batman, the Joker, Harley Quinn, Catwoman, Bane and Two-Face. It is about how Batman always does all his work by himself. However, after he saw an orphan who was very playful, he knew that he needed to rescue the city with others



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I have learnt that we need to team up, not to do everything by myself. This movie makes me excited and I think it is funny. I think it is good because it is exciting. I think the movie could be longer, so that they could tell us more about the plot.







#### Doraemon - Stand By Me

Everyone knows Doraemon because he uses his magic objects to figure out different problems.

This movie is about Doraemon and Nobita living together. Doraemon comes to help Nobita prepare for his future.

We learn that we can't give up. This is because in the movie, Nobita has lots of problems such as that he needs to help Shizuka in the snow and he needs to



study for his tests and exams. It makes us feel worried about his tests. The movie is touching. It is good because at the end of the movie Nobita finishes his work. We thought that the ending could be longer.



Crystal Chan 4F Yinee Cheung 4C

#### Zootopia



We are going to talk about a movie called, Zootopia. It is about a story of two little animals, a rabbit, Judy and a fox, Nick who wants to make their dreams come true. Judy wants to be a policewoman and Nick wants to be a scout, however, nobody supports them, so they use their own strength to catch their dreams.

We think that the movie is fantastic and we learnt that we should never give up on trying make our dreams come true.

We think the music and the drawings are good because the song, "Try Everything" by Shakira is wonderful and is suitable for the theme - never giving up. Furthermore, the drawings are real and all of the animals are really cute. However, it should have more music, otherwise, it is perfect.

We hope all of you can enjoy this movie and learn from it!

Sammi Wong 6D Doris Yeung 6D

#### Frozen



There was a pair of sisters named Elsa and Anna. Elsa can make snow. One time, Elsa and her younger sister, Anna were playing with snow balls, when Elsa accidentally froze Anna's heart. When time passed, Anna learned that she would freeze. We learned we need to help people. This story made us feel excited and glad. We think this story is good because Elsa and Anna can live happily ever after. We think this story is so great.



Zoe Choy 4D Kelly Lee 4A



# **Book Review**

#### THE RAIN CAME DOWN

By David Shannon

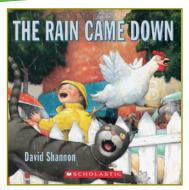
This book is about a day when the rain suddenly comes on a sunny day, and sets off a chain of bad events, but a sudden break in the clouds makes the bad moods melt.

It is very funny because a lot of big things are triggered just by the rain. Then, the sunshine changes everything. Everything becomes normal again.

This book is a bit boring at times, but it's still fun, so we give it four stars.



Gabriel Wong, Mika Yeung and Paco Ng



## Reviews

#### **Monsters University**

Monsters University is a movie about a university which has a lot of monster students. A monster named Mike wants to study in the University, so he studies hard and his dream comes true. He is happy in the university because he gets



high marks in his exam and test, he also meets a lot of friends. This story tells us we need to study hard. We felt happy when Mike started to study in the Monsters University because it let us know we can work hard to try to get everything we want. We think the movie is good because it teaches us to never give up. We think the movie can be funnier by adding more to the plot.



Kelly Wong 5A Gian Chan 5A

#### The Little Mermaid

The little mermaid is a Disney movie. It is about a mermaid who fell in love with a handsome prince. She found a witch to the turn her into a human. However, she needed to give her beautiful voice to the witch. The mermaid agreed, so the witch turned her into a human. The prince found her and took her back to his palace. However, the witch used her voice to pretend that she was the mermaid.



He soon decided to marry the witch. The little mermaid's friend stopped the wedding and made the witch show her true face. Suddenly, the prince knew that he loved the mermaid not the witch, so he and the mermaid got married. I think this is a great movie because I learned a lesson that we need to keep calm even if there is a big problem or challenge to face.



Wing Yeung 6F Nichole Wong 6F

#### The Avengers 2: Age of Ultron

This is about a bloody war that started because of Tony Stark's (A.K.A. Iron Man) new network that went really wrong. That network was Ultron. He built a body for himself with broken Iron Man suits. Then, he made an artificial human called Vision. However, the thing betrayed him and joined The Avengers. We learned that technology is



good but if you overuse it, the ending will be bad. We felt sad. This is because one of the avengers died. This movie was great because it taught us not to always use computers. We think next time it could be more action-packed. (Parental guidance is suggested.)

Elon Lou 4E Gabriel Wong 5A

#### Pets

Our movie review is The secret life of pets. The main characters are Mac and Mao Mao. The story is about a dog called Mac who had a very gentle owner. One day, his owner brought back an abandoned dog back home. Another day, Mac's collar was lost and he was caught by police. At the same time, some other



abandoned animals were caught by them. Suddenly, a rabbit called Mao Mao hopped out and saved his friends except Mac. Mac found out they were a group of evil villains that killed human beings. Mac told a lie and let the rabbit save him. Mac's "girl friend" and his friends came to save Mac.

We learned friends are important and problem solving from this movie. We felt nervous about whether they could solve their problems. I think this movie is funny. We think you should watch this movie too!



Kwok Shing Hang, Adrian 4E Chan Yeung Shing, Angus 4C The students from the English Ambassador Program have been helping out in a range of different ways this year.

Other than creating this magazine, they worked together to write a script and perform in some short videos about idioms for the School's Campus TV.

During recess and long recess, the ambassadors have played games and read books with the lower forms. They also collaborated on making new activities for the other students and on designing the Christmas English board. Their behavior, enthusiasm and ability to set a good example to the lower forms has been exemplary.

We are proud of the ambassadors for leading the way and setting a good example for the younger students to follow.

# Meet the English



Hi! I am Sammi Wong Sum Yi, I am in P.6D and I am 12 years old. I have a little brother in P.2B class, he is smart. I like to play the piano, I am in grade 5 now. I like Little Twin Stars and My Melody in Sanrio. I like to eat ice-cream, especially vanilla. I hope I can be a teacher when I grow up.



My name is Yinee Cheung. I am nine years old. My favorite food is watermelon. I have one younger brother and one younger sister. I know how to play the piano. When I grow up, I want to be a singer. I know how to speak Japanese and Putonghua, too.



Hello, my name is Angus Chan. I am nine years old. I have a brother that is 1 year old. My favourite food is mushrooms and steamed eggs. I like to swim, sing, and play the piano. I know how to speak English, Chinese and Putonghua.



My name is Jonathan Law. I am eleven years old I have a younger sister. My favourite sport is table tennis I read books when I am free. I have been to Singapore. I want to be a teacher when I grow up.



I am Gabriel Wong. I like travelling. My favourite food is noodles. When I grow up, I want to be a pilot. I have 3 brothers.



Hello! My name is Yeung Ching Hang, Doris. I am eleven. I like to go diving in the ocean and see different sea creatures. I know how to speak Chinese, Putonghua and English. I like to eat dessert, especially chocolate and ice-cream.



My name is Crystal. I have a brother and a sister. They are twins. My favourite food is pizza. I am ten years old. I want to be a doctor when I grow up because I can help people when they are sick. I can play the piano, dance and swim.



My name is Elon. I'm nine years old. I am a P.4 student and I have travelled to japan, Australia and New Zealand. I like to eat lemons because they are full of Vitamin C and sour. I want to be a pilot because it sounds interesting.



Hello! I am Gian Chan from Class 5G. My favourite hobbies are dancing and doing taekwondo. I like to do them because they are fun and they can train yourself to keep a healthy body. I have been learning jazz dancing for 7 years. I have been learning taekwondo for 6 years, too. I got a lot of prizes from competitions. I feel glad because I have learnt a lot like confidence and teamwork.

# **Ambassadors**

My name is Kelly Wong. I am 10 years old. My favourite food is ice-cream because it is delicious. I have one elder brother and one younger brother. I can play the violin well. I want to be a lawyer when I grow up. I can speak Chinese, English and French.



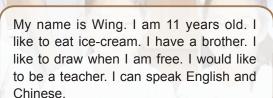
My name is Adrian. I am nine years old and I have a sister who is eleven years old. My favourite food is chicken wings. I can play the piano and the flute. My hobbies are playing the piano and writing stories. When I grow up, I want to be a writer. I can speak Chinese, English and Putonghua.





My name is Kelly Lee. I am nine years old. I don't have any brothers or sisters. My favourite food is ice-cream. I went to Disneyland in the summer holiday. I want to be a veterinarian when I grow up. I speak Chinese and English.

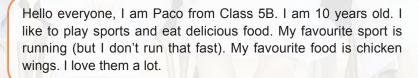
I am Mika. I am 10 years old. My favorite food is chocolate. I like drawing. I draw every day. I hope I can become a game designer. In my summer holidays, I will design my future game. I live in Happy Valley.







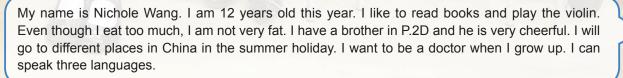
I am Michael. I am a 12-year-old boy. I like to eat watermelon, chocolate, meat and fried mushrooms. I want to be an engineer. I like to make Gundam models and play with LEGO.







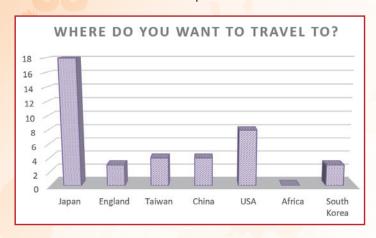
My name is Zoe Choy. I am nine years old. I don't have any brothers or sisters. I like to eat ice-cream. I like to play the piano and play badminton. When I grow up, I want to be a teacher. I will go to Japan in the summer holiday.







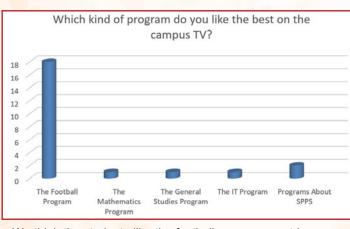
We asked 20 students some questions. Here are their answers. Is your answer the same?

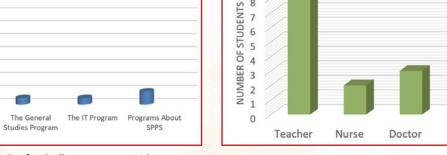




We think the students like learning by doing different experiments because it is more diverse and fun.

What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?





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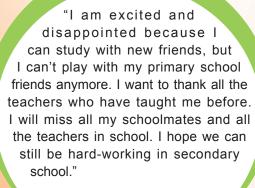
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We think the students like the football program most because our school have won a lot of competitions and awards.



There will be 168 Primary 6 students leaving our school and going to a completely new and unfamiliar place next term. How do they feel?



Kitty, Lai Hong Ying 6B

"We are going to leave school soon. I am both delighted and miserable. This is because we are going to the next stage of life. Thank you to the teachers who have taught me in these years."

Chris, Chan Nok Hang 6F



Chef

Waiter

We would like to thank everyone for sharing. We are also primary 6 students, we also feel that all our school-mates and teachers are unforgettable. We hope all the primary 6 students can still keep in touch when they are in secondary school.

> Sammi, Wong Sum Yi 6D Doris, Yeung Ching Hang 6D