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Letter from the editor

The first term has flown by and students and teachers are looking forward to recharging and spending time with family and friends during the upcoming Chinese New Year.

Since the Year of the Dog is nearly upon us, it's a good time to start thinking of some resolutions for the new year. Forget about setting unrealistic goals for yourself by making resolutions that you know you can't realise. This year, why not keep it simple by just choosing to be happy? Happiness is a personal choice and you can be as happy or unhappy as you choose to be. By choosing happiness, you also choose to change the things that make you unhappy. So simply choose happiness and positivity in 2018. It's that simple!

1. Choose to be like a dog with two tails (to be very happy about something)

Let the small things in life delight you this year. Look up from your mobile phone every now and then and take a minute to stop and appreciate a sunny day or a friendly smile. Once you start finding joy in the small things in life, you will find that you have less to complain about.

2. Choose not to be dog tired (very tired)

Teenagers need up to 9 hours of sleep per night in order to function properly. Sleep deprivation is a serious problem in our city and it can have serious health risks in the long run. Try to manage your time well with your studies and cut down on screen time in order to see if you can get more sleep in 2018. In the wise words of poet Ovid, "take a rest; a field that has rested gives a beautiful crop."

3. Choose not to fight like cats and dogs (to argue with someone regularly)

Kindness and happiness go hand in hand; so choose to be kind this year and do not argue with your siblings, parents, friends or teachers. There are better and kinder ways to resolve problems than with an argument. Think before you speak this year to ensure that your life is filled with kindness and happiness.

Kung Hei Fat Choi! Have a blessed and prosperous 2018!

The Editor

Looking back at Term 1

WINTER CARNIVAL



English Ambassadors at the Winter Carnival

Cupcake Making Workshop



Students decorating cupcakes in Ms Ho's workshop

The first term was jam-packed with fun English activities. The English Society hosted a Halloween Carnival and a Winter Carnival. The English Ambassadors also hosted a weekly English Café on Wednesdays.

Other activities included the Readathon, S4 Show Time and a variety of fun-filled after-school workshops presented by various English teachers. Students who attended these activities earned Saurus points and were able to complete the first section of their self-access learning files while having fun and learning English.

S4 SHOW TIME



S4 English Show Time held on 6 December

Table Manners Workshop



Students learning table manners with Ms Lui

English Cafe



Students enjoying hot chocolate and games in the English Corner

Halloween Carnival



English Ambassadors at the Halloween Carnival

Skincare Workshop



Ms Mui teaching students about skincare

COOKERY WORKSHOP



Workshop presented by Ms Lee

BULLETIN BITS & BOBS

Getting to know...

Mr. Eric Wong



What is your life motto?

天道酬勤。This is the first thing that appeared on the first slide of the handout on the very first day of my college life. I think the closest meaning in English would be 'heaven rewards the diligent'. I believe that hard work always pays off – no pain, no gain.

What foods don't you like?

I am not picky about food but I guess strawberry is something I try to avoid if I can. Every time I eat the toppings on a birthday cake, strawberries are always the last things to be consumed as they are too sour for me. Perhaps I should not lose faith in this fruit as cake toppings are actually just decorative.

What is your favourite song?

"God Will Make a Way" by Don Moen. It reminds me that there will always be a way out of every difficulty I encounter. Frankly speaking, I seldom listen to pop songs as I prefer the original soundtracks from movies more. The composer Hans Zimmer's works are my favourite.

What annoys you the most?

People who smoke annoy me the most. I feel like I am going to suffocate every time I inhale second-hand smoke.

What is your favourite holiday destination?

United Kingdom. Even though I have not been there before, I am interested in the culture of this country. Ordering a bespoke suit at a local tailor in the UK is one of the things on my travelling to-do list.

Bulletin Buzzword

'side-eye' (n)

When you give someone 'side-eye', it means that you give them a sidelong glance to show your disapproval or contempt.



After discovering the cat on her pillow, Foxy the dog gave the cat some serious side-eye.

BULLETIN BURNING QUESTION

Chinese New Year is all about relaxing after the exams and spending time with family and friends. We asked a few BWFLC students what their plans are for the upcoming holidays.

Question of the issue:
What are your Chinese New Year holiday plans?



"I will go back to Fujian in China to celebrate Chinese New Year with my family and friends."
– Karen Ng (4D)



"We will eat a meal together, sing and dance. Later we will watch the fireworks."
– Win Pa Pa (2D)



"I will watch the fireworks display with my family at the Tsim Sha Tsui promenade."
– Paul Chan (3D)



"My family and I are going to Okinawa in Japan to see the cherry blossoms."
– Hannah Guese (1B)

"I will go to the AIA Great European Carnival with my family."
– Angelene Alcantara (1B)

BWFLC BREAKING NEWS

69th HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPEECH FESTIVAL



Kamran Muhammad (5D) – 1st place



Gordon Leung (5D) – 2nd place



Dannawin Gallero (2D) and Francine Asedillo (2D) – 2nd place



The 69th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival took place during November and December 2017 and our speech team did extremely well. We had a record number of 23 participants in the solo verse category this year, ranging from S1 – S5. All students were trained by Ms Chow and Ms Crouse and they worked very hard to achieve great results!

Auditions were held in September and students had a team meeting where they wrote down their goals for the speech festival.



Ms Chow explaining goal-setting to students

The competition took place in venues all over Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. Our students' hard work and dedication, with the help of Ms Chow and Ms Crouse, really paid off. The speech team had 9 prize winners this year – a new record for our school's English speech team.

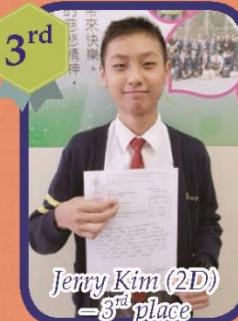
The school's choral speaking team consisting of S1 and S2 students was trained by Ms Lee and Ms Kayani and was awarded a merit at the competition. We are very proud of everyone who participated and would like to thank the students and their teachers for their hard work.



Tiffany Woo (4D) – 3rd place



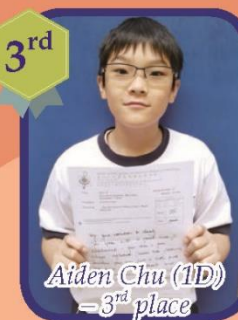
Jonus Mok (4D) – 3rd place



Jerry Kim (2D) – 3rd place



Pranita Limbu (2D) – 3rd place



Aiden Chu (1D) – 3rd place

BWFLC BREAKING NEWS

English Ambassadors 2017-2018

What does the English Society look for in a BWFLC English Ambassador? A love of English, the will to learn, self-confidence, leadership skills, creativity and an outgoing and fun-loving personality. Based on these criteria, the English Society selected 46 English Ambassadors this year.

The English Society is proud to announce that they have 5 English Ambassador teams consisting of dynamic and enthusiastic S1 – S5 students.



The 2017-2018 English Ambassador team

The English Ambassador Inauguration Ceremony was held in October where the president, vice-president and team leaders were announced.



English Society President, Gordon Leung (5D), welcoming his 2017-2018 EA team

English Ambassadors got the chance to meet and mingle with their new president, Gordon Leung (5D) and vice-president, Kardin Mok (5A) as well as their new teammates.

Students also got to the chance to chat to Principal Lee, Academic Dean Ms Sum, English Panel Chair, Ms Chan and NET, Ms Crouse.

Ambassadors signed a commitment pledge, promising to commit to the English Society.



Ms Crouse explaining the Commitment Pledge to English Ambassadors

Since the Inauguration Ceremony, the English Ambassadors have been very busy with a variety of activities. The English Society hosted a Halloween Carnival and a Winter Carnival where EAs had to help at the game booths. EAs also hosted a weekly English Café.

The English Society is looking forward to a jam-packed second term filled with lots of fun activities.

English Ambassador Scavenger Hunt

A team building activity was held for English Ambassadors where students participated in a scavenger hunt around the school.

English Ambassadors were divided into eight teams. Students learned to work together and had a lot of fun completing tasks such as cryptic puzzles, singing and dancing activities and a variety of photo challenges.



Challenge 1:
"I can't believe we all fit in here!"
Are the words that we'd like to hear.
Find the smallest space you can,
And take a pic of your whole clan.



Challenge 2:
"Half a minute of exercise per day
Can keep health problems at bay.
Find an open space
And show us how to do aerobics or Tai Chi with grace."



Challenge 3:
Mirrors aren't the only things that reflect.
Capture your reflection in another surface.



The winning team (from left to right) – Alan Luo (4D), Joker Mak (1D), Jaycob Chan (2D), Iris Ho (5A), Larry Lam (3D) and Anson Mak (5A). Each member of the winning team received a prize to the value of \$130.

The team building event improved the English Ambassadors' communication skills and students enjoyed the scavenger hunt very much.

BWFLC BREAKING NEWS

Meet the 2017/2018 English Ambassadors

The English Society has 5 English Ambassador teams this year.

Team 1: Team Leaders:



Jack Yau Jonus Mok

Team 2: Team Leaders:



Charmaine Mok Melhran Muhammad

Team 3: Team Leaders:



Kardin Mok (VP) Iris Ho

Team 4: Team Leaders:



Gordon Leung (P) Alex Chan



Larry Lam Leo Chan



Dannawin Torralba Pranita Limbu



Morris Leung Pollux Chung



Ben Fung Francine Asedillo

Team Members:



Tommy Chan Phoebe Yu

Team Members:



Tony Lau Kelvin Liang

Team Members:



Percy Tse Jaycob Chan

Team Members:



Danny Lau Myat Myat Moe



Alan Luo Win Pa Pa



Hannah Guese Gurkiran Kaur



Jerry Kim Valen Chan



Angel Li Coe Woo



Quencie Ciriaco



Rubi Gurung



Mike Lee



Kian Ho

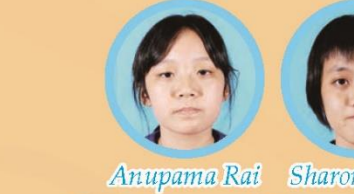
Joker Mak

Team 5: Team Leaders:



Anson Mak Sydney Koon

Team Members:



Anupama Rai Sharon Chan



Paul Chan Arshdeep Kaur



Aidan Chu Vani Cheung



Samantha Buhia



Riddle Me This Answers

1 A candle
2 A teapot
3 A clock

BWFLC Bulletin Brag

Writers of the Issue:

Acrostic Poems: Valen Chan (1D)

Valen's Best Friend

A generous but
Impatient boy who
Doesn't like doing homework and
Always talks in class, but he
Never dislikes drinking lemon tea.



My Dream Job

by Rita Sun (1D)

My dream job is to be a policewoman. If I become a policewoman, I will catch thieves and protect the citizens.



I think being a policewoman is a cool occupation because it serves the people of Hong Kong on a daily basis. They help many citizens. Even though they are tired, they serve the people and protect their safety.

Lost in the Forest

by Samantha Ho (5A)

There were two girls living in Metropolis. Their names were Ida and Ina. Ina was the older sister and she loved Ida so much. She always played computer games with Ida as she didn't want her sister to feel lonely. Ida and Ina mostly stayed at home.



One day Ida asked Ina, 'Do you want to go hiking with me? It's going to be a nice, sunny weekend.' Ina replied, 'Yes, let's go on an outing together!' That weekend, it was nice and sunny and they set off on their hiking trip. As soon as Ida and Ina got to the forest, the sun disappeared and it started raining. Ina was angry and asked Ida, 'I thought you said it was going to be a sunny day? Why is it raining now?' Ida replied, 'I don't know. I did check the weather

forecast this morning.' 'Fine! Let's find a place where we can take shelter from the rain' Ina replied.

A few minutes later, Ina found an old house. There were lots of trees next to the house and it was very dark. Ina pointed to the house and said, 'let's go inside to take shelter from the rain.' Ina was scared and said, 'No...no...way! It's very... dark! I'm scared!' Ina replied, 'It's okay! Come in!' and pulled Ida into the old house.

Suddenly there was a voice that said, 'You two can't get out. If you can't complete all the tests given to you, you may never get out.' Angrily Ina shouted to Ida, 'Oh my god! What's going on here? Why did you pull me in here?!' 'The tests start now!' the voice said. Ida was very scared and asked Ina, 'What should we do now?' Ina replied, 'It's okay, we'll just take the tests together. Ida was

shocked and shouted, "What?! If we can't pass them all, we can't get out of here!"

Ina was brave and said courageously, 'It's fine, we will make it.' Just as they were about to finish the tests they realised that they had some magic powers. This would help them to complete the last test - to fight the Dark Lord. But when Ina and Ida saw the Dark Lord, they were shocked!

Ida and Ina said, 'What? What are you doing here daddy? You are the boss? The Dark Lord?' Their father was shocked too and replied, 'What are you two doing here? I am one of the workers here. Our office is running a Halloween activity here and I am preparing the games that will scare the people when they come here later today.' Ida and Ina were very relieved. They went home and felt very happy that the Dark Lord was just their father and that they were able to get out of the house.

Riddle Me This

1. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
2. What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"?
3. What has hands but cannot clap?



Did you know?

- A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.

Just for Laughs

- How do oceans say hello to each other?**
They wave.
- What do you call a bear with no teeth?**
A gummy bear
- What do you call cheese that isn't yours?**
Nacho cheese.