

BWFLC BULLETIN



Letter from the Editor

This first term was very different from previous years. We have been celebrating our school's 60th anniversary and this past term was packed with celebratory activities to commemorate this momentous occasion. Students and teachers worked very hard to make it a successful term and a celebration to remember. More details about the celebration can be found in the article on page 4. After the exams, everyone is excited about the upcoming Chinese New Year break. Students and teachers will get to recharge their batteries during this well-deserved break.

This coming year will be the Year of the Rat. The Rat is the first animal of the Chinese Zodiac.

How did the rat become part of the Chinese Zodiac?

Legend has it that the Jade Emperor hosted a great race which decided which animals made it on to the Chinese Zodiac, and in what order. The rat, being a quick-witted and cunning animal, asked the ox to take him on a ride across the river, but then jumped off just before the ox crossed the finish line, making him the champion and first on the list.

Those born in the Year of the Rat are smart, quick-witted and resourceful. They are often hardworking and thrifty, making it common for people born in the Year of the Rat to be prosperous and wealthy. They are generally also optimistic, energetic and liked by all.

Lucky things for people born in the Year of the Rat

Their lucky numbers are 2, 3 and numbers containing the above figures. Their lucky colours include blue, gold and green. Lilies and African Violets are their favourite flowers. People born in the Year of the Rat should avoid the numbers 5, 9 and numbers containing them, as well as the colours yellow and brown.

If you were born in the Year of the Rat (1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008), we wish you an especially prosperous year ahead. For everyone else, enjoy the Chinese New Year break and precious time with family.

Kung Hei Fat Choi! Have a blessed and prosperous 2020!

The Editor



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Looking back

We had loads of fun English activities in the first term. The English Society hosted an English Fun Day with Wall Street English and a Winter Carnival. English teachers also hosted a variety of fun-filled after-school interest workshops. Students who attended these activities earned Saurus points and were able to complete the first section of their self-access language learning (SALL) files while having fun and learning English.



AUTHOR EXPRESS



Students learning more about Lemony Snicket

PERSONAL STATEMENT WORKSHOP



Mr Yuen helping S6 students write their personal statements

WINTER CARNIVAL



Students at a Winter Carnival game booth

BUBBLE TEA WORKSHOP



Mr Lam teaching students how to make tiger stripe bubble tea



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at Term 1

FRUIT TART WORKSHOP



Ms Ho teaching students how to assemble fruit tarts

TURNIP CAKE WORKSHOP



Ms Lee teaching students how to make turnip cakes

CARBONARA PASTA WORKSHOP



Mr Wong showing students how to make a delicious pasta sauce

PANCAKE WORKSHOP



Students learning how to make pancakes in this workshop presented by Ms Chan

SKINCARE WORKSHOP



Ms Mui giving students handy skincare tips

BULLETIN BREAKING NEWS

BWFLC Celebrates 60 Years of Education

This year our school is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. Various activities have been held over the past few months to commemorate this special occasion.

The school published a collection of students' English and Chinese writing as well as a commemorative diamond jubilee publication. During the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Opening Ceremony on the 5th floor rooftop, students performed a lion dance. A beautiful commemorative mosaic mural was also unveiled with the help of a fully functioning electric car built by our students.



The electric car pulling away the curtain to unveil the mosaic mural



Commemorative mosaic mural designed by alumnus Max Jiang



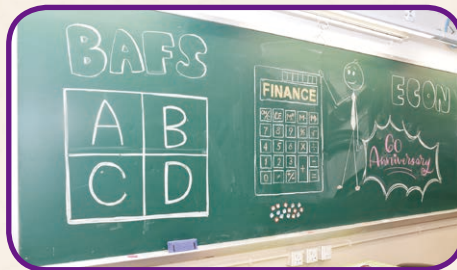
Lion Dance performed by our students

A 60th anniversary gala dinner was also held at the Kowloon Bay International Trade and Exhibition Centre for previous and current staff members, alumni and parents. This festive evening was attended by more than 700 guests. The school also held a special Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Open Day where various workshops were held to showcase the many different school clubs and activities we have to offer. Guests could take part in a robotics workshop, a 3-D printing workshop and an English baking workshop, to name a few.



EA helpers preparing cupcake ingredients for the baking workshop

Visitors could go to different classrooms to participate in activities and game booths offered by the different study fields.



Activity presented by the Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Department



Students helpers making cotton candy at the stamp redemption booth

71st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival

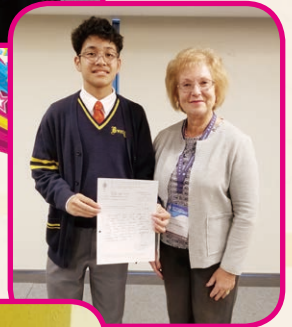
The 71st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival took place during November and December 2019. Despite having a few sessions cancelled, including our school's choral verse team competition, our school still performed very well. 26 students from S1 to S5 were selected to represent BWFLC in the solo verse category. We are proud of every single team member who tried their best with the help of Ms Chow and Ms Crouse. The students' hard work paid off and we had four prize winners this year.



Francine Asedillo (4A)
- 1st place



Joshua Paul Maguigad (2B)
- 2nd place



Zachry Gurung (1B)
- 2nd place



Aidan Chu Tze Lang (3D)
- 3rd place



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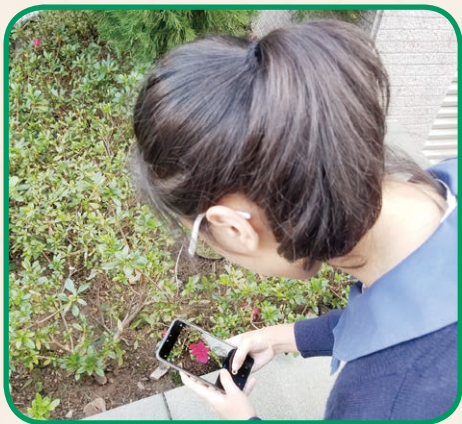
Hong Kong Inter-School City Nature Challenge

For the second year, BWFLC participated in the Hong Kong Inter-School City Nature Challenge. This year's competition took place from 4 to 10 November. The aim of the competition is to gather data on Hong Kong's urban biodiversity and raise students' awareness of our city's abundantly diverse fauna and flora.



Students exploring the area around our school

Our school's English Ambassador Team took part in the competition. Over the course of three days, 32 observers made 1385 observations and recorded 238 species of plants and animals in and around our school campus using the iNaturalist app.



An English Ambassador identifying and logging her observations

BWFLC ended in the top ten (7th place) out of 35 local and international secondary schools in the city.

Wall Street English Fun Day

Wall Street English visited our school for an English Fun Day this term. Before the event, our English Ambassadors attended a training session presented by a tutor from Wall Street English.

On the day, English Ambassadors volunteered at 10 game booths in the school hall. Students from S1 – S5 visited the hall during their English lessons. They got the chance to practise their English skills in a fun and informal setting, and they enjoyed the day very much!



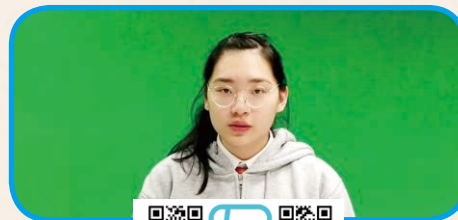
EAs Zachry Gurung (1B) and Biddhant Rana (1B) explaining the game to students



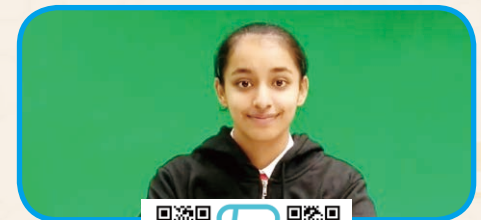
EAs Vani Cheung (3B) and Yashika Rana (2B) at the Moody Moody game booth

RTHK The Speaker English Public Speaking Contest 2020

Three students from S2 to S5 participated in this year's The Speaker Public Speaking Contest hosted by RTHK. We are proud to announce that two students made it to the semi-final round. Congratulations to Manmeet Kaur (2B) and Opheli Chu Ching Tung (5A). Students had to write a speech on their interpretation of the phrase 'LOL'.



Semi-finalist 1: Opheli Chu Ting Tung (5A) with her speech Liberate Opehli's Life



Semi-finalist 2: Manmeet Kaur (2B) with her speech Live Out Loud

SCOLAR English Alliance Becoming a Detective Workshop

For the third year in a row, fifteen English Ambassadors from S2 to S3 joined an English Alliance Workshop for Secondary Schools.

This year, students honed their detective skills in the Becoming a Detective Workshop, where they solved a mystery and learned more about the classic literary icon, Sherlock Holmes and his trusty assistant Watson. Students also had to invent and act out their own ending to one of the Sherlock Holmes stories. The English Ambassadors enjoyed the workshop very much!



English Ambassadors with the workshop presenter and Ms Crouse

BULLETIN BREAKING NEWS

English Society 2019-2020

Every year the English Society looks for students who have a love for English, self-confidence, good leadership skills and creativity to become English Ambassadors. This year we have four English Ambassador teams and a total of 36 dynamic and enthusiastic members from S1 to S5.

The English Ambassador Inauguration Ceremony was held in October where the president, vice-president and team leaders were announced. Ambassadors also signed a commitment pledge, promising to commit to the English Society and to lead by example.



English Society President, Charmaine Mok (5D), welcoming her 2019-2020 EA team

Since the Inauguration Ceremony, the English Ambassadors have been very busy with a variety of activities including a SCOLAR Workshop, the Wall Street English Fun Day Training Workshop, the Wall Street English Fun Day and the Winter Carnival. A team building activity was also held for English Ambassadors where students participated in a holiday themed scavenger hunt around the school.



Team Snowball taking a Christmas tree selfie

Team members had to work together to solve cryptic clues and complete tasks with their teammates.



Team Star's team cheer



The winning team, Team Holly, Dannawin Torralba (4A), Arshdeep Kaur (4A), Harneet Kaur (2B) and Anthony Cuerdo (2B)



Team Santa in second place - Ayur Cheng (2D), Hannah Guese (3D) and Pranita Limbu (4A)



Team Star in third place - Sahitya Rai (2B), Manmeet Kaur (2B), Charles Mingoa (2B) and Francine Asedillo (4A)



The 2019-2020 EA team with their signed pledges

The English Society is looking forward to an exciting second term filled with lots of fun activities.

MEET THE 2019/2020 ENGLISH AMBASSADORS

The English Society has four English Ambassador teams this year.

Team 1: Sam-I-Ams

Team Leaders:



Francine Asedillo (4A)



Leo Chan (5D)



POLLUX CHUNG (5D)



PRANITA LIMBU (4A) (VP)

Team Members:



Ayur Cheng (2D)



CHARLES MINGOA (2B)



Manmeet Kaur (2B)



SAPNIL GURUNG (2B)



ZACHRY GURUNG (1B)

Team 3: Whos

Team Leaders:



Anupama Rai (4A)



Charmaine Mok (5D) (P)



Dannawin Torralba (4A)



RUBI GURUNG (3D)

Team Members:



ANTHONY CUERDO (2B)



Covo Chan (4A)



MORRIS LEUNG (5A)



JOSHUA PAUL MAGUIGAD (2B)



Vani Cheung (3B)

Team 2: Grinches

Team Leaders:



ARSHDEEP KAUR (4A)



Coe Woo (3D)



LARRY LAM (5D)



PAUL CHAN (5D)

Team Members:



Harneet Kaur (2B)



Katherine Huang (4D)



YASHIKA (2B)



YUKI SIN (3D)



Zita Wan (4D)

Team 4: Hortons

Team Leaders:



Hannah Guese (3D)



JERRY KIM (4C)



OPAL LAU (5C)



PERCY TSE (4D)

Team Members:



VIDHANT RANA (1B)



THIMANSA GODAKANDA (2B)



SANITYA RAI (2B)



SRUSTI BHANDARI (2B)



Kian Ho (3D)

Writer of the Issue: The School Mystery

Charmaine Mok (5D)



"MOMMMM, I don't want to be a transfer student!" I begged my mom.

"What if I get bullied? What if my classmates don't like me? What if..." I said, looking worried.

"Honey, you'll be fine. Take it easy, okay?" said my mom. With no choice, I walked into the school and up the stairs to my new classroom, class 4E. I was extremely nervous. I reached the door of the classroom and knocked.

"Well, come in! I am Mr Smith. You must be the new student," the teacher said, managing a slight smile. I nodded, nervously standing in the front of the class.

"Um, go...good...morning, I'm O...Olivia." I stammered. How embarrassing! I totally screwed up!

Suddenly a voice appeared. "Whatever, nerdy," said a boy who had brown hair, hazel eyes and a smirk on his face.

"Victor! That's offensive," Mr Smith said angrily, "Olivia, you can sit next to Mary. Mary, put your hand up."

I saw a hand go up at the back of the classroom. I sat down, feeling many pairs of eyes staring at me. I turned my head to the left and saw my neighbour. She had straight blonde hair, a big mole on the left side of her face and looked quite approachable.

"Hello, you can call me Mary. I hope we can be good neighbours!" she cocked her head and smiled.

"Me too!" I replied. Whew, it seemed like a good start.

After class, Mary showed me around. After a few days, I started to get used to the class, but not to Victor. I was kind of afraid of him because Mary told me that he was one of the biggest bullies in the class. She said that Victor had tried to throw someone's breakfast in the rubbish bin and beat other students! I really didn't want him to ruin my perfect school life!

I was quite good at my studies. I passed my exams with flying colours and became the academic star of my class. But then things took a turn for the worse and turned into a total nightmare.

One day I walked into the classroom. "AHHHH!" I screamed as I sat down. There was a dead rat in my drawer! I ran out and Mr Smith helped me to deal with the rat, but bad things kept happening! Rats in my drawer, nails in my shoes, drawings on my table, the list went on.

"Olivia...are you okay? I'm here for you if you need me," said Mary, looking concerned.

"Ma....Mary, I don't know what's happening. Why do they have to treat me like this?" I replied, on the verge of tears.

"I don't know if it's good to say..." and said Mary hesitantly, "I, I tried to figure out who's bullying you and I can only think of one person..."

"You mean, Victor?" I was taken aback when I heard what she said. But why would he do that? To find out, I stayed after school one afternoon. Most students had left and the corridor was almost empty. Then, Victor showed up! I knew it was him! He was holding a bag of things. There must have been dead animals or nails inside! After he went in, I sneaked over to our classroom window. "BANG!" a sound scared me and I popped my head out and saw Victor. He was throwing some bread into the bin.

"I've told you to stop eating this expired bread, haven't I? Listen to me dude, it's not good for your health! Here, this is for you." He took a box lunch out of the bag. All this time, we had all misunderstood him! Victor then also took the student's wallet and put some money inside. "Don't refuse. If you want to thank me, then stop eating stale bread, okay?"

he said gently. The student came out with his eyes red. He was touched, but he was too embarrassed to let others know that he was poor and had to eat expired bread, so he didn't tell anyone. With just the sound "BANG!", and seeing the student with red eyes leaving in silence, the other students thought Victor was bullying him!

Victor was doing good deeds all along, but he never explained himself, even if people misunderstood him.

WAIT A MINUTE! If Victor wasn't the bully, then who was playing tricks on me?!

"Hey, Olivia!" a voice called my name. I came out of my trance and saw Victor! "Come with me, Mr Smith said he wants to see you," he said.

As we arrived at the office, we saw Mr Smith. He looked serious. "Thank you Victor. Olivia, these past few days we were trying to find out who was bullying you, and I think it will be better to let you see the video yourself," said Mr Smith.

It was a video of our classroom. A person in a black jacket and hat was holding a bag of things. I could just see the person's back. The person walked to my seat and took a dead rat from the bag! That's it! That's the person who has been bullying me! The person turned around slowly. With the wind blowing in from the open window, her hat was lifted and I could finally see her face!

"W.....wh.....wh.....what?" I stared awestruck at the screen. The person in the video had blonde hair and a big mole on the left side of her face! IT WAS MARY!

