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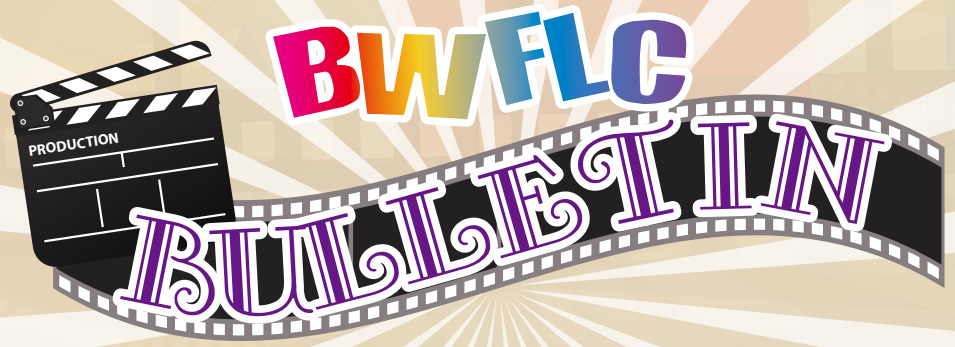
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Letter from the editor

The 2016-2017 academic year was busy as ever and students and teachers worked very hard. Everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break after a jam-packed year of English events, workshops and competitions.



After a busy year, students deserve some time to rest and relax. However, it is still important to keep speaking English during the holiday in order to maintain your skills and all the hard work that you've put in during the year. The good news is that this does not need to be difficult or boring. There are many fun ways to get some exposure to English during the long summer holiday. Here are some easy-to-follow suggestions:

1. Become a movie buff
(a person who is very enthusiastic about movies)

A simple and fun way to get exposure to English is to watch English movies. Aside from being entertaining, movies

can also teach you about different cultures and expose you to lots of new vocabulary, expressions and even slang. See our guide to must-see movies on the BWFLC Bulletin Back Page for some suggestions.

2. Become a bookworm
(a person who enjoys reading)

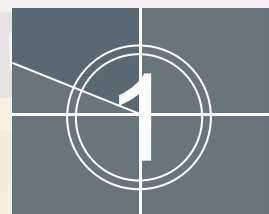
Reading is a fantastic way to expand your knowledge and vocabulary. Reading also helps you to improve your writing skills. Make sure you choose an English book that is suited to your level, otherwise you may find it too difficult and lose interest. Set a reading target for yourself this holiday and see if you can reach that target by the end of the holiday.

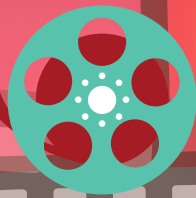
3. Become a musicophile
(a person who loves music)

With music apps such as Spotify and Joox as well as YouTube it is so easy to get your hands on your favourite English songs. Listening to music is fun and relaxing; and as a bonus you can learn more about popular culture while also expanding your vocabulary.

Have a fantastic summer! Safe travels!

The Editor





Looking ba

The second term saw a lot of fun activities as well as the English Week. The English Society presented two carnivals - Valentine's Day and Spring - which students enjoyed very much. The English Society also had a busy schedule and English Ambassadors had a weekly English Café as well as an Egg Hunt team-building activity.

A variety of fun-filled workshops were held including a cookery workshop, a table manners workshop, a skincare workshop and a ball games workshop. Other activities included the weekly Read and Share sessions and S2 Show Time. Students had plenty of opportunities to earn Sauraus points and fill their self-access learning files while having fun and learning English.

Cookery Workshop



Ms Lee teaching students how to make spring onion pancakes

English Ambassadors' Egg Hunt

TICKET



Winning team at the EA Egg Hunt

Skincare Wo

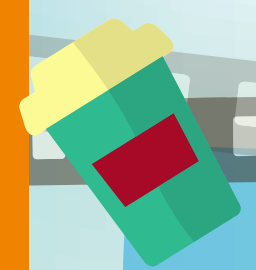


Ms Mui teaching students a

Valentine's Day Carnival



English Ambassadors at the Valentine's Day Carnival



Back at Term 2

Spring Carnival



Ms Ho at a game booth at the Spring Carnival

Table Manners Workshop



Workshop presented by Ms Lui

S2 Show Time



S2 English Show Time held during English Week

Workshop



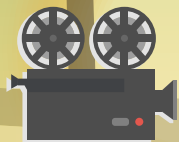
Workshop about skincare

BALL GAMES WORKSHOP



Workshop presented by Mr Lam





Bulletin Bits & Bobs

Getting to know... Ms. Giselle Lui



Ms Lui at Stonehenge in the United Kingdom in 2016

What is your life motto?

What comes from the heart goes to the heart.

What foods don't you like?

I don't eat beef, because I am allergic to it. If I eat beef by accident, I will vomit and have fever. Sometimes red

spots appear on my arms too! So never will I have the opportunity to sink my teeth into juicy steak and sadly I will have say a big flat NO even if I am invited to try an expensive Wagyu steak.

What is your favourite song?

I don't have a favourite song, but the song that I have been listening to quite often these days is *Hero* by Mariah Carey. It encourages us to look inside ourselves and discover our inner courage in times of trouble.

What annoys you the most?

Having no snacks in the snack box when I desperately need some annoys me the most.

What is your favourite holiday destination?

Europe for sure as I love the European culture. I'm planning to visit Eastern Europe this coming summer.

Bulletin Buzzword 'binge-watch(v)'

'Binge-watch' means to watch multiple episodes of a television programme in rapid succession, usually by means of digital streaming (Netflix, YouTube etc.) or DVDs.



I binge-watched the new season of my favourite Korean drama this weekend.

BULLETIN BURNING QUESTION

The summer holiday is coming up and there will be plenty of time to relax and catch up on your favourite TV shows and movies. If you're looking for some suggestions, look no further. We've asked our students to name their favourites.

Question of the issue:



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE?



(from left to right)

"Any DC or Marvel movies, because I admire superheroes who help people." - Barry To (3D)

"I like racing cars, so I enjoy The Fast and the Furious movies." - Marchristian Fung (3D)

"I like The Godfather, because it is a classic film." - Sunny Lo (3D)



"Pitch Perfect is my favourite movie. The concept is original and the music is great. Anna Kendrick, the star of the movie, is one of my favourite actresses and she has impressive singing, dancing and acting skills." - Gordon Leung (4D)





"Wonder Woman is my favourite film because it inspires girls and women to be stronger." - Dannawin Torralba (11B)



"I like Game of Thrones because it has many twists and turns. For some good laughs, I enjoy The Big Bang Theory." - Mr Lam



"I like fantasy movies such as Harry Potter and The Hunger Games. They are very exciting." - Chan Wang San (5B)



"I enjoy The Pirates of the Caribbean films. Johnny Depp is my favourite actor and he is very funny." - Danny Lau (4D)



"We both like America's Got Talent. We think that the Hong Kong singer Celine Tam is very talented." - Emily Zhao and Percy Chap (5D)



BULLETIN BREAKING NEWS

English Week

The annual English Week took place from 6 to 10 March. Teachers and student helpers worked hard to make it a fun and memorable week for students. A variety of activities were hosted and students also had the chance to brush up on their speaking skills on the English Speaking Days.

Different subjects hosted game booths in the covered playground and the games were based on the cross-curricular vocabulary that students learnt in the weekly NET Chats during the year.



Students redeemed the stamps in their English passports for big and small prizes.



Students redeemed stamps in their English passports for candyfloss and popcorn.



Student helpers worked at various booths where students could earn and redeem stamps in their English passports.

Annual Drama Performance - 'Beauty and the Boys'

English Week kicked off with an English drama performance by S1 - S5 members of the Drama Club. Students were treated to a musical comedy written and directed by Ms Crouse. The story follows a nerdy student called Trevor. The moment he lays eyes on the girl of his dreams on his first day at his new school, he knows that he has to win her over. Unfortunately he is not the only one who likes her and Trevor has to battle the basketball bully and his friends to try and win her heart. The boys try to impress her with singing, dancing and a few other hilarious acts at the school's talent show.

The show included singing with live accompaniment and dancing. Student dancers

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were trained by professional choreographer, Mr Marion Chan. They completed a 6.5-hour dance workshop presented by Mr Chan in English and learnt amazing contemporary dance moves while improving their English.



Dancers in the workshop presented by Mr Chan



Our musicians, Tommy Chan (4A) and Alvin Ng (4A)



The dance crew in action



The basketball bullies' routine



A beautiful duet by Alisha Lau (5A) and Matthew Kan (5A)



Drama Club members from S1



Full cast of 'Beauty and the Boys'

Inter-School Public Speaking Competition

The Inter-School Public Speaking Competition was hosted by Confucius Hall Secondary School in March. The competition consisted of two rounds and Benny Chan (5D), Corwynn Kwong (5D), Kardin Mok (4A) and Gordon Leung (4D) participated in the first round. Gordon Leung qualified for the Grand Final round where he participated alongside six other students from Confucius Hall Secondary School, GT College and St. Francis Xavier's College.



Our students at the competition



Gordon Leung (4D) at the Grand Final

Gulliver's Travels Immersive Experience

Thirty three S1 students joined the English Alliance Gulliver's Travels Immersive Experience held at the Hong Kong Central Library in May. At this workshop, students were introduced to this classic novel through an interactive briefing session whereafter they

took part in an interactive and immersive theatre experience. Students thoroughly enjoyed this immersive theatre experience and were happy to learn more about a classic novel.



Students from 1B and 1D at the Hong Kong Central Library

Summerbridge Course

Last year four of our S2 students joined a 5-week English Immersion Course run by Summerbridge Hong Kong and this year Andy Law (3B), Wong Man Long (3B), Opal Lau (3D) and Medic Tsoi (3D) will return to complete the second year of the course. Esther Ni (2A) has also been selected to join the programme this year. The course provides students with fun learning activities led by young Native English teachers. We hope that our students will, once again, make the most of this fantastic opportunity and enjoy the programme.

English Quiz Tournament

The English Quiz Tournament took place for the third year and nine teams from S1 to S4 entered the tournament. The live final round was held in the covered playground where teams battled it out for the coveted prize worth \$800. Let's take a look at the winners.



The winning team, Team 2D (2) - Louis Lau, Mehran Muhammad, Paul Chan and Alex Poon (not pictured) (72 pts)



A close second for Five Little Pigs - Larry Lam, Morris Leung, Charmaine Mok and Ryan Lee (not pictured) (69 pts)



Third place for The Fantastic 4 (3.0) Kamran Muhammad, Gordon Leung, Kardin Mok and Iris Ho (66 pts)

Buddhist Association Joint School Speaking Day

The Buddhist Association Joint School Speaking Day was hosted at Buddhist Ho Nam Kam College in May and students from our school as well as Buddhist Wai Yan Memorial

College joined the event for a morning of oral exam practice. 140 S5 students and 20 teachers from the three schools were involved in this event and students got an opportunity to practise their speaking skills and listen to a presentation and valuable feedback from S6 DSE examiners.



Students from the three Buddhist Schools having group discussions

From the top 20 students, a top four group was selected to have a demonstration discussion and prizes were awarded to the best speaker from each school.



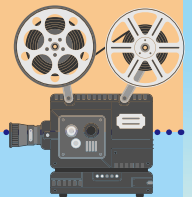
English Panel Chairs from the three schools judging the demonstration discussion.



Emily Zhao (5D) and Alda Sasmita (5A) were chosen to participate in the demonstration discussion.

BUHK English Public Speaking Contest 2017

The Baptist University of Hong Kong hosted an English Public Speaking Contest and four of our students participated. Kamran Muhammad (4D), Kardin Mok (4A), Benny Chan (5D) and Corwynn Kwong (5D) attended an English public speaking training workshop as well as a practice session before participating in the competition. This workshop and practice session enabled them to improve their speech writing and public speaking skills and helped them to be more confident.



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Writers of the Issue:



Gordon Leung (4D)

How chopsticks are destroying the environment

Of all the things I do on a daily basis, I think ordering take-away lunch is what does the most harm to the world. My school is not conveniently located, so it's much easier to just order take-aways. Apart from the use of plastic packaging, which we all know harms our oceans and landfills, my lunch also comes with a bunch of wooden chopsticks.

Now, let's quickly do some maths. Our school has around 700 students. If just 10% of those students order take-aways every day it means that our school is using 700 chopsticks per week. We're at school for 40 weeks per year which means that our school alone uses around twenty eight thousand disposable chopsticks per year.

According to the Washington Post, one tree can make around 4000 chopsticks, which means my classmates and I are responsible for chopping down around 7 trees per year. Now, 7 trees per year doesn't sound too bad, does it? But let's just stop to consider that Hong Kong has over 500 secondary schools. And that excludes the thousands of take-aways ordered in offices every day. And then we're not even talking about China! China produces around 57 billion chopsticks per year! That's a total of around 14 million trees that are chopped down just for chopsticks.

The problem with many environmental issues is that we don't realise the impact it has. Something as small as chopsticks is responsible for the deforestation of around 1.18 million square meters of forest every year. We all know that deforestation destroys habitats and can lead to climate change and landslides. So, how do we solve this problem?

There is no way to completely solve any environmental problem. There are simply too many people on this planet. But we can try by starting with ourselves. As the old saying goes - be the change you want to see in the world. Change has to start with us. Since writing this speech, I have started bringing my own lunch to school with reusable utensils. After showing the shocking numbers to my classmates, some of them have also decided to bring their own utensils to school. It's that easy to set an example for others. To destroy is easy, but to build requires a lot of effort. So let's try to make some effort and stop harming our world.



Louis Lau (2D)

Michael Jackson – A Biography

'So beat it, just beat it', is a famous lyrics line from a legendary song 'Beat It' by Michael Jackson – the King of Pop. Not only is he a great American singer, but also a songwriter, record producer, dancer, actor and philanthropist. His songs break racial barriers. In addition to his complicated dance techniques such as the robot dance and the moonwalk, people just never stopped loving him.

His full name is Michael Joseph Jackson. His albums have always topped the best-selling charts and he has been recognized as the most successful entertainer of all time by Guinness Book of World Records. He is not only one of the few artists to have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice, but also inducted into the songwriters Hall of Fame and the Dance Hall of Fame. He received more awards than any artist has before.

I think Michael's great success is due to his hard work and concentration on his career. He had a kind heart as he spent his earnings on supporting 29 charities. It may be the reason that so many people love him. Many people can learn from Michael Jackson because he never gave up his job even though he had a hard time. It is his working attitude that I can learn from him. Other than never giving up and being hardworking, I admire his innovative attitude towards his dancing and singing style. Audiences always have new things to see even though he is performing the same song.

Michael Jackson is my role model because he was a very successful man in music. His distinctive sound and style influenced numerous artists in various music genres. I want to be like him if I have the chance to sing my own song and present it in my own way of dancing. I love music.

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Riddle Me This

1. What is the easiest way to double your money?
2. What has to be broken before you can use it?
3. What is at the end of a rainbow?
4. How many months have 28 days?



Did you know?

Elsa is the oldest Disney Princess at 21. Snow White is the youngest at 14.

Jackie Chan provided the speaking and singing voice for Beast in the Chinese version of Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End is the most expensive film ever made.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?

Frostbite

What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet

What is a pirate's favourite letter?

Arrrrrr!



50 must-see movies before you grow up

Classics

101 Dalmatians (1961), Babe; The Gallant Pig (1995), Dumbo (1941), Mary Poppins (1964), Nanny McPhee (2005), Oliver! (1968), The Iron Giant (1999), The Jungle Book (1967), The Secret Garden (1993), Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory (1971).

Thrills & Chills

A Little Princess (1995), Coraline (2009), Hotel Transylvania (2012), Jumanji (1995), Kubo and the Two Strings (2016), Star Wars; A New Hope (1977), The Gruffalo (2009), The Witches (1990), Wallace and Gromit; The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005), Zootropolis (2016).

Adventure

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (2009), Night at the Museum (2006), Paddington (2014), Shaun The Sheep Movie (2015), The Adventures of TinTin (2011), The Never-Ending Story (1984), The Secret Life of Pets (2016), Toy Story (1995), Trolls (2016), Up (2009).

Kids Rule!

Annie (1982), Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010), E.T. The Extra Terrestrial (1982), Free Willy (1993), Home (2015), Hook (1991), How To Train Your Dragon (2010), Matilda (1996), Swallows and Amazons (2016), The BFG (2016).

Heroes & Villains

Beauty and the Beast (1991), Fantastic Mr Fox (2009), Frozen (2013), Shrek (2001), Space Jam (1996), Spirited Away (2001), The LEGO Movie (2014), The Lion King (1994), The Lorax (2012), The Princess Bride (1987).

From: <https://www.intofilm.org/msm>.

1. Put it in front of the mirror
2. An egg
3. The letter "W"
4. All 12 months