

BWFLC BULLETIN

Letter from the Editor

Students and teachers are happy to be back at school after a few tough years. We were very busy in the first term with a wide array of activities that students enjoyed. After an eventful first term, students and teachers are excited to recharge their batteries during this well-deserved Chinese New Year break.

This coming year will be the Year of the Rabbit. The rabbit is the fourth animal in the **Chinese Zodiac**. The rabbit is a tame creature representing hope and longevity. People born in the Year of the Rabbit are generally very positive, gentle, and approachable.



Rabbit Idioms and Expressions



The words 'rabbit', 'bunny' and 'hare' are often used interchangeably. A rabbit and a bunny usually refer to the same animal, while a hare is similar to a large rabbit with strong legs that can run very fast. Many idioms and expressions in the English language contain these three words. Let's learn a few useful ones.

• Dust Bunny

A collection of dust that forms under a hard-to-reach place like under a couch or behind a fridge.

Example: "Can you help me move the couch so I can vacuum under it? I'm sure there are lots of dust bunnies hiding down there."

• Rabbit Food

An informal way to refer to salad and vegetables, such as carrots, celery, or lettuce, usually used in a derogatory way

Example: "I'm tired of eating all this rabbit food on my diet. Tonight, I'm having a pizza!"

• Like A Rabbit Caught In The Headlights

When you cannot move, with a surprised look on your face due to fear, panic or confusion.

Example: "Every time the teacher asks him a question, he is like a rabbit caught in the headlights."

• (As) Mad As A March Hare

A person acting completely mad, irrational or crazy.

Example: "I can't deal with Jimmy today. He's acting as mad as a March Hare."

Kung Hei Fat Choi! Have a healthy and blessed 2023!

The Editor



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Chinese New Year Carnival

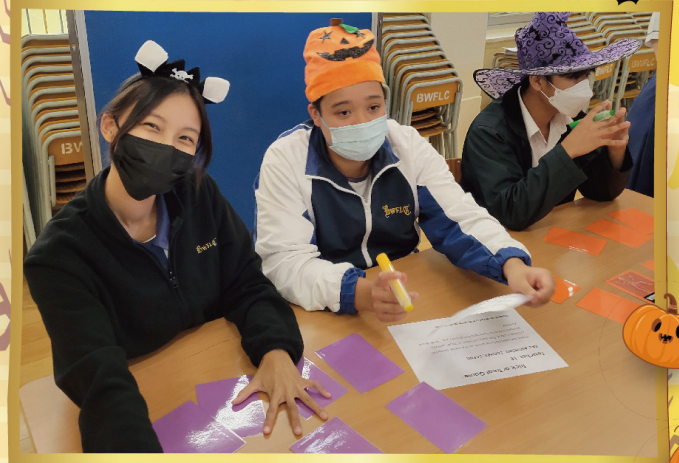


Students learning rabbit idioms at one of the Chinese New Year Carnival game booths



English Ambassadors at the Chinese New Year Carnival

Halloween Carnival



English Ambassadors at one of the Halloween Carnival game booths



Students dressing up for the Halloween Carnival photo booth

Readathon



English Ambassadors helping junior form students with their Readathon tasks in the English Corner

Looking back at Term

We had lots of fun English activities in the first term. The English Society hosted a Winter Carnival and a Chinese New Year Carnival. English teachers also hosted a wide variety of workshops in the first term. We also held S4 Showtime after a long break due to Covid-19 restrictions. Students who attended these activities earned Saurus Points as well as coursemarks for their self-access language learning (SALL) files while having fun and learning English.

Jewellery Workshop



Students making Swarovski crystal earrings in the workshop presented by Ms Lee

Music Fun Workshop



Ms Ho teaching students more about music in the Music Fun Workshop

Board Games Workshop



Students learning how to play Monopoly in the Board Games Workshop

Personal Statement Workshop



Mr Yuen giving S6 students useful advice in the Personal Statement Workshop

Animation Fun Workshop



Students learning more about animation in the workshop presented by Mr Lee

Upcycling Workshop



Students learning how to upcycle used paper into envelopes

S4 Showtime



4A performing a poem called, **'Homework. Oh Homework'**



4B performing the song **'Good Time'**



4D performing the song **'Waving Flag'**



4C performing the song **'Jingle Bell Rock'**



4E performing the song **'I Want It That Way'**

Bulletin Breaking News

74th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival

The 74th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival took place in November 2022. For the third year in a row, students had to make video recordings of their poems instead of performing them in front of a live audience. Auditions were held in September, and 28 students from S1 to S6 were selected to represent BWFLC in the solo verse category.



Ms Chow and Ms Crouse holding Speech Festival auditions



Speech Team members at their goal-setting session



The 2022 – 2023 Speech Team

We are incredibly proud of every single team member who tried their best with the help of Ms Chow and Ms Crouse.

The competition results are being released on 10th February 2023. We look forward to seeing how our students did in the competition.

The Elephant Foundation Maasai Warrior School Visit

On 16 November 2022, The Elephant Foundation (TEF), a Hong Kong-based organisation focusing on conservation education and projects, visited our school with Maasai Warrior Richard Turere from Kenya as part of their annual Elephant Week. The Elephant Foundation's school visit program is an initiative that focuses on educating students about current global issues that hinder international wildlife conservation efforts. It aims to raise awareness of current efforts made in Africa and how our actions here in Hong Kong will impact wildlife abroad.

English Ambassadors attended a talk hosted by Richard and Colin Dawson, where they learnt more about Richard's invention, Lion Lights, and the importance of wildlife conservation in Africa. The English Ambassador team also adopted an elephant.



Maasai Warrior, Richard Turere, talking to English Ambassadors



Ms Crouse with Maasai Warrior, Richard Turere (L) and TEF founder, Colin Dawson (R)



English Ambassadors at The Elephant Foundation Talk

HKFYG Public Speaking Enhancement Training

Five English Ambassadors from S4 were selected to attend three two-hour workshops to develop their public speaking skills. They learnt more about different public speaking techniques, including non-verbal communication strategies and the use of rhetorical devices.

23rd Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship English Essay Competition

This year's essay theme, 'The world comes out of the COVID-19 pandemic with post-pandemic syndrome or clearer visions?' was carefully chosen for students to broaden their global and educational horizons. Apart from a chance to join the Lions International Youth Exchange Programme, the competition also allowed students to practise their research, analytical thinking, and presentation skills. Nine of our S4 – S5 students entered their essays into this competition. Three of them were shortlisted for the interview in December.

Bulletin Breaking News

English Society 2022-2023

This year we have four English Ambassador teams and 54 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. This year's English Society president is Manmeet Kaur (5E), and the vice president is Ayur Cheng (5D). English Ambassadors also signed a commitment pledge, promising to lead by example and have a positive attitude towards English inside and outside the classroom.

Since the Inauguration Ceremony, the English Ambassadors have been very busy with various activities, including the Halloween Carnival, the Chinese New Year Carnival and a Tape Craft Workshop in the English Corner for our school's Information Day.

A team-building activity was also held for English Ambassadors. Students participated in a winter holiday-themed scavenger hunt around the school. Team members had to work together to solve riddles and find clues to complete tasks with their teammates.

Inauguration Ceremony



English Society President, Manmeet Kaur (5E) delivering her inauguration speech

Tape Craft Workshop



English Ambassadors showing visitors how to make coin purses by upcycling tape

Team Building Activity



The winning team, Team Elf – Harini Kumaran (6E), Navkaran Singh (6E), Samantha Buhia (6E) and Justin Gurung (6E)



English Ambassadors signing their commitment pledges



A visitor learning how to make a bracelet using upcycled tape



Team Cracker in second place - Jethro Leung (2D), Morris Choi (1E), Alexander Paget (4E), Anthony Cuerdo Rey (5E)



The 2022-2023 EA team with their signed pledges



Visitors showing off their colourful upcycled tape bracelets



Team Star in third place – Anna Li (2E), Joshua Paul Maguigad (5E), Yashika (5E), Aki Cheng (2E)

Meet the 2022/2023 English Ambassadors

THE ENGLISH SOCIETY HAS FOUR ENGLISH AMBASSADOR TEAMS THIS YEAR.

Team Leaders



Manmeet Kaur (5E) (P)



Thihansa Godakanda (5E)



Ayur Cheng (5D) (VP)



Jacee Chen (4D)



Bobo Hu (5D)

Team 1

Team Marvelous

Team Members



Kritie Dewan (2B)



Samridhi Rai (2B)



Amy Tsai (3A)



Chloe Yeung (3A)



Anna Li (2E)



Aki Cheng (2E)



Sagun Gurung (1B)



Ruben Mayorov (1B)



Morris Choi (1E)



Bruce Tian (1E)

Team Leaders



Joshua Paul Maguigad (5E)



Charles Mingoa (5E)



Sahitya Rai (5E)



Karry Chung (5D)



Calla Chan (5D)

Team 2

Team Chatterbox

Team Members



Kiva Kwan (3A)



King Lam (3A)



Jyoti Sonar (2B)



Leion Trias (2B)



Carl Tsang (2E)



Andrew Lam (1E)



Jason Lam (1E)



Edward Trinh (1B)

Team Leaders



Anthony Cuerdo Rey Jr. (5E)



Sapnil Gurung (5E)



Zachry Gurung (4E)



Jocelyn Luen (4A)



Aaron Mak (4D)

Team 3

Team Topsy Turvy

Team Members



Aajuni Gurung (3B)



Jenna Eraes (3B)



Yukti Rai (3B)



Catherine Shrestha (2B)



Eugene Lam (2E)



Allan Chhantyal (1B)



Mehraan Shaikh (1B)



Joseph Wong (1B)

Team Leaders



Grace Yeung (5A)



Yashika (5E)



Sristi Bhandari (5E)



Alexander Paget (4E)



Jenilyn Chen (4D)

Team 4

Team Cheerful

Team Members



Lhianna Limbu (3B)



Zoran Angdembe (2B)



Sajita Gurung (2B)



Jethro Leung (2D)



Gabriel Kwong (2D)



Daren Zhang (2E)



Bhavnoor Singh (1B)



Grace Rai (1B)

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Writers of the Issue



More Than Reality

by Juno Hung(4D)

You may have seen some popular idols, comedians and other celebrities in real life, but what if I tell you that there are idols that are not real?

In recent years, virtual idols are so popular that they have knocked a lot of real-life idols off the stage. It started in the 2000s when idols were liked by a lot of people. At the same time, anime was also popular in Japan. So, people decided to combine them into virtual, anime-like singers. People referred them as 'Virtual Idols'. These idols aren't real at all, but they are all very popular.

Virtual Idols are liked by a lot of people. All of my classmates used to follow virtual idols like Miku. The reason virtual idols are so popular is that they look like anime characters, which are extremely popular among younger generations. Their popularity grew even more during the COVID-19 pandemic because real life idols couldn't perform on stage.

This trend brings convenience during the hard time of the past two years. For instance, people can watch their idols at

home and this entertainment is perfect for people who cannot go out during the pandemic. However, it has also some negative effects. Some people might get addicted and spend all their money on them. Older generations are less affected as they don't like this trend at all, because they are reluctant to follow new trends.

Will this trend be here to stay? I wonder. Recently my classmates have switched their attention to a local band MIRROR, a canto-pop boy group that blew up around 2020 to 2021. With more local music groups who can meet fans face-to-face after the pandemic, virtual idols are likely to get less attention.



How short videos are rewriting the world

by Ivan Suarez (4E)

Short videos around the world are huge in quantity. We often watch short videos to learn something in our free time. But how did short videos become popular in the first place?

The birth of short videos began thanks to a company called Vine, which was established in June 2012 by Dom Hofmann, Rus Yuspov and Colin Kroll.

Vine was an American short-form video hosting service where users could share six-second-long looping video clips. The site was very popular at first, having 200 million users by December 2015. However, it was later shut down due to competition with other social platforms, and they failed to support the top Viners who were bringing them success. The later successor TikTok sat on the throne as it has been downloaded more than two billion times worldwide.

Social media with short videos like TikTok helps promote interactions among people, and they provide full-time jobs for young people as they fuel the company's success.

Though short videos are convenient to watch, short and informative, they may also bring about negative effects. As the popularity of short videos has been increasing among young people, youngsters have become addicted to watching short videos frequently. There have been serious issues with cyberbullying and misleading content even before the Internet became popular. But fret not! I believe these issues will be solved as soon as possible.

In the future, I believe that there will be celebrity ads to attract more users, more fun challenges and product teasers to increase pre-orders. As short videos have played a huge role in our lives, they are also rewriting the world.