

BWFLC BULLETIN

Letter from the Editor

As the school year wraps up, and we look back at everything we've done this term, it's clear that students and teachers all deserve a break to recharge their batteries. Taking time to rest your body and mind is very important for your mental and physical health, so make sure you get enough sleep and do activities that bring joy and relaxation this summer holiday.

Expressions about the sun



The sun is the centre of our solar system. It gives us warmth and light, and makes our days bright. Some words related to the sun are "shine," "glow," "radiant," "sunny," and "sunrise." These words can describe the sun's beauty and how it affects our world and our weather.

In this issue we will explore some words related to the sun to expand your vocabulary. Check out the words below and see if you can use them when speaking English this summer.

Sunseeker:

A person who travels to an area of warmth and sun especially in winter.
Example: "Morris is a true sunseeker who travels to tropical destinations like Thailand or the Philippines every winter holiday."

Suntan:

A browning of the skin from spending time in the sun.
Example: "Andrew is on the beach all day, trying to get a glowing suntan."

Sunbather:

Someone who basks in the sun in order to get a suntan.
Example: "Jenna likes to join other sunbathers on the beach every day to soak up the sun and get a suntan."

Sun-worshipper:

Someone who enjoys lying in the sun to get a suntan.
Example: "If you're looking for Alex, you'll probably find him on Shek O beach every day this summer. He is such a sun-worshipper!"

Have a great summer holiday!

The Editor



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LOOKING BACK

Over the past year, the English Department worked hard to offer students a variety of activities. The English Society organised many activities like carnivals and workshops, while students participated in them. By attending these activities, students earned Saurus Points and course credit. It was a lot of fun while improving their English language skills beyond the classroom.

Chinese New Year Carnival



Students solving English lantern riddles at the Chinese New Year Carnival



English Ambassadors at the Chinese New Year Carnival



Ms Chan in

Asian Cultural Carnival

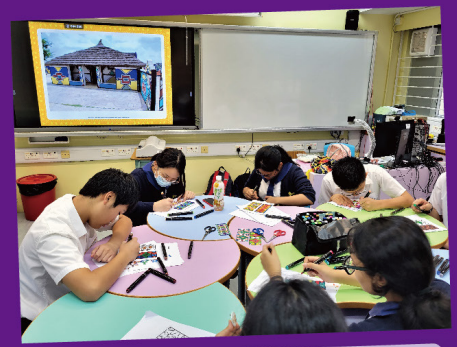


Students learning more about Indian food at a game booth



Students having fun at the Asian Cultural Carnival photo booth

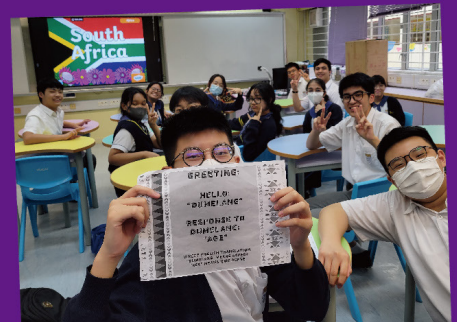
Cross-Cultural Workshop



Students making Ndebele-design inspired bookmarks



The snack station where students tried different Asian snacks



Students learning greetings in South Africa's 11 official languages



Scan the QR code above for a highlight reel of the carnival

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ents a wide range of exciting English activities and events. The English
students also joined numerous competitions and events outside of school.
marks for their self-access language learning (SALL) files. They had lots
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Cupcake Workshop



Showing students which ingredients to use



Students with their recipes and cupcakes

Comic Workshop



A student creating her own comic strip in the workshop presented by Ms Yeung

Workshop: South Africa Music Fun Workshop Origami Workshop



Students with their Ndebele-design bookmarks



Students singing in the workshop presented by Ms Ho



Ms Chow showing a student how to fold a flower



Students trying some authentic South African snacks



Students learning more about different instruments in the workshop



Students with their origami flowers

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English Week of

S2 Showtime

Students from S2 entertained their classmates with performances of songs and poems during lunchtime.



Students from 2C performing the song 'Try Everything'



Students from 2D performing the song 'Count on Me'



Students from 2A cheering on their classmates



Audience members enjoying the show

This year's English Week took place from 30th April to 6th May and it was a packed week full of fun activities that promoted English language learning beyond the classroom. Our school also combined English Week with the EDB's Week of Love and Growth initiative.

Throughout the week, our school organised activities aligned with the theme "In Love We Share, In Love We Grow" and the six sub-themes: "Love Our Country," "Love the Community," "Love Our Family and Friends," "Love Myself," "Love Learning," and "Love Nature." These activities aimed to promote values education and foster a positive learning environment for English language learning.

Students enthusiastically participated in various activities, including game booths, S2 Showtime, English Speaking Days, a treasure hunt, a drama performance, and much more. Let's take a look at some of the highlights from our English Week of Love and Growth.

Game Booths

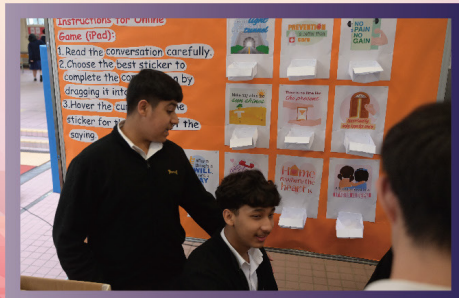
Game booths were hosted by different subject teachers with exciting cross-curricular vocabulary games that incorporated vocabulary from subjects such as PE, Visual Art, Music etc. There were special game booths for the Week of Love and Growth, where students got to explore English Sayings of Wisdom. Students had the chance to redeem their stamps for tasty treats at the snack bar and participate in a lucky draw with great prizes.



English Ambassadors at the Visual Arts game booth



Students at the Maths and Science game booth



English Ambassadors at the Week of Love and Growth game booth

Treasure Hunt

Students from S1 – S5 participated in a treasure hunt around the school. They made use of iPads to solve puzzles and complete tasks hidden all over the campus.



One of the treasure hunt activity stations



Students solving a puzzle with Ms Lee

PEAKING NEWS

Love and Growth

Annual Drama Performance – ‘All in a Day’s Work’

This year’s annual drama production titled ‘All in a Day’s Work’ was held during English Week of Love and Growth. Drama Club members from S1 – S5 were cast in this production, written and directed by Ms Crouse. It tells the story of Jack, a boy who lacks interest in other cultures and people, and is very ignorant about the world around him. One day, Jack meets the Geo Genie, a magical being who guides him on an extraordinary adventure across Asia.

Along the way, the Geo Genie teaches Jack the value of love and respect for others. Jack embarks on a life-changing journey of self-discovery and cultural appreciation in this funny and heart-warming play about cultural diversity and love for others in celebration of the 2024 English Week of Love and Growth.

Professional choreographer Mr Marion Chan trained student dancers, and they completed an 8-hour contemporary dance workshop in preparation of the production.

We want to thank all the teachers and students for their enthusiastic participation and support, which made our English Week of Love and Growth a massive success!



Take a look at the highlights of our English Week of Love and Growth here:



Ms Crouse with the cast and crew of the Week of Love and Growth Drama – ‘All in a Day’s Work’



Jack learning more about Nepalese culture



Jack learning more about tangrams in China



Geo Genie (Zachry Gurung) and Jack (Alexander Paget) in action on stage



Traditional Nepalese dancers in action



Jack learning more about Filipino culture



Traditional Indian dancers in action



Jack learning more about languages in India



The dance crew in action on stage

BULLETIN BREAKING NEWS

African Cultural Immersion Workshop at Africa Center

Students had the opportunity to participate in a cultural immersion workshop at Africa Center, where they learnt more about African culture and the African community in Hong Kong.



Students learning more about African music instruments

The workshop also included an introduction to African instruments, with a focus djembe drumming. Students also explored the history of hip-hop dancing and learned a few moves.

After the workshop, they had the chance to try traditional snacks like plantain fritters and 'vetkoek' (fried dough balls).



Students creating their own drum beats and tribal cries in small groups



Students trying some tasty African snacks

This engaging workshop provided a fun way for students to learn about African culture in Hong Kong and beyond. It also helped to foster an understanding of cultural diversity, and expanded their perspectives. The workshop also raised awareness of the challenges faced by ethnic minorities in Hong Kong.



Students learning some basic hip-hop moves

AFTEC Performance – Strategy

English Ambassadors went to the Yuen Long Theatre to watch a theatre production by AFTEC called 'Strategy'. The show is based on the classic Chinese novel 'Romance of the Three Kingdoms'. Students thoroughly enjoyed this historical epic and were amazed by the colourful costumes and stage design. They also got a chance to learn some theatre tricks after the show.



Students at the Yuen Long Theatre

'Strategy' is the 7th production that our students attended in the Page to Stage programme.



Alexander Paget (5E) on stage during the post-show activities

Write! WeCan – Becoming a Writer Course

We are proud to announce that Michelle Tam Wing Tung (4D) was selected to participate in the Becoming A Writer Course which is an extension of the Write! WeCan programme. In this course, Michelle got the opportunity to interview an influencer, start-up business leader or Project WeCan Partner.

Buddhist Association Joint School English Speaking Day 2023-2024

This year, Buddhist Tai Hung College hosted the Buddhist Association Joint School Speaking Day. Students from Buddhist Ho Nam Kam College joined our S5 students for a morning of speaking practice. Students got a chance to have oral practice in a more formal exam setting with feedback from their examiners and peers.



Students preparing for their group discussion

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Writers of the Issue



My Best Holiday by William Chan Yui Yin (1E)

My holiday trip in Dongguan and Huizhou was so unforgettable. It was a perfect blend of cultural experiences, wonderful landscapes and warm encounters with local people.

Our school organized this fabulous trip for me and some of my schoolmates. The first stop was a shopping street in Dongguan. We arrived at around 3pm. We visited a shopping mall which had a wide range of fun and useful goods. Although the goods were cheap, they were good quality. I remembered the tour guide said this street was once a poor village back in the 90s, but now there are many tall buildings. From this, I felt that the economy of China is becoming better and better.

At 5pm, we headed to a four-star hotel and had our buffet dinner there. The teachers even held a karaoke show for us. The next day, we visited a new school which was founded just two years ago. Unlike other schools, this one's highlight is that they have big museums about space, the universe

and even advanced technology. During a presentation by the vice principal, we learned that the school's priority is developing students' special talents and creativity. What's more, students study online at the school and they can choose what they want to learn. This is incredible and I strongly feel how the school values its students, and that everyone can be the backbone of the country.

After lunch, we headed to our third stop - the West Lake in Huizhou. This is one of the very famous tourist attractions in China. Its delightful, breathtaking scenery has inspired hundreds of famous poets in China to write great and well-known poems to show how they were amazed by the view of the West Lake. We took lots of photos there. After we had lots of delicious local cuisine such as Hakka brewed tofu, cuttlefish cake and pork with preserved vegetables, we stayed at a grand five-star hotel for the night.

On the last day of our trip, we visited a local seafood market. There I saw a stuffed pufferfish - it was unbelievably big! Its size was almost the same as my head. This wonderful adventure enriched my understanding of our motherland and created lots of memories that will last a lifetime.



My Best Holiday by Ningma Limbu (4E)

Dearest diary,

This summer break will always be remembered by me. A little while back, my family and I rode the train to Amsterdam, Netherlands for a week or so. Hence, dear diary, I'm sorry for not writing to you in the last couple of weeks.

When I looked out the window, I was fascinated by the colour scheme and the pristine nature. There are no words to describe the beauty of this hidden gem, Amsterdam. Shortly after we settled our things, we headed out to catch some fresh air. As we were cycling, my family and I decided to make a pit stop at this massive local market. I instantly bought "Poffertjes" and started munching on it. "Poffertjes" are pancake-like except that "Poffertjes" are fluffier compared to pancakes. As I took a bite of the "Poffertjes" I felt like I was on cloud nine. Its texture was light, spongy and fluffy; however, the flavour was somewhat bland. Also, the size was small, perfect for a quick bite! Afterwards, my family and I took film pictures to cherish forever. When we arrived at the hotel, my family and I had a good sleep because we were all exhausted.

I can't wait! AHHHH! The time finally came! I visited the Anne Frank House, where there's the infamous "secret annex". As I was exploring the annex, I was over the moon

since it felt like such a surreal experience. I can't describe how much I look up to Anne Frank. She is truly inspirational and talented. Her writing ability is amazing and no one can express their thoughts and feelings like her. World War II is known as the deadliest and the biggest war till this day. It's frightening to even think about the obstacles people went through just to survive, especially the Jewish people. It's extremely saddening. Through this visit, I learnt that I should appreciate my family and show them and my community gratitude and love.

During the rest of the week, I got the chance to try many new dishes. Personally, I usually dislike meatballs but "Bitterballen" changed my perspective. I hesitantly took a bite and magic and sparkles appeared above me like butterflies! It was so delish! However, I would say "Stroowafels" weren't my cup of tea. I reckon it was way too sweet. To flush down the junk food, my family and I went to a tiny locally owned restaurant to taste the authentic "Stampot". When I say I loved it, I mean I enjoyed every single second of eating that soup. At that time the weather was extremely hot, so eating soup might sound crazy, but we did just that. And I'll tell you, I have no regrets!

Sigh. I can't believe the trip ended so quickly. Amsterdam is surely a one-of-a-kind city, and truly memorable! In the future I hope to be back to this wonderful place!

Yours,
Ningma

BULLETIN BACK PAGE

Your guide to summer events in Hong Kong



The Hong Kong Kids International Film Festival

Head down to Elements Mall in Kowloon this summer and enjoy the 8th Hong Kong Kids International Film Festival (KIFF). The festival presents a range of eight feature films and five collections of short films, offering a total of 20 screenings of delightful children's movies and animations from across the globe.

When: 6 July - 8 August (Saturdays & Sundays)

Where: 2/F, Shop 2130, ELEMENTS

More information: <https://www.kiff.asia/>

Ocean Park's Summer Splash 2024

Get ready for an exciting summer at Ocean Park! Summer Splash is back for Summer 2024, bringing you more than 90 amazing attractions. Experience the thrill of international performances, splash around in dynamic water zones, and challenge yourself in energetic obstacle races. It's going to be a summer full of fun and adventure!

When: 6 July - 8 August

Where: Ocean Park

More information: <https://www.oceanpark.com.hk>



Hong Kong SummerFest at Central Harbourfront

Experience an extraordinary open-air festival at the Central Harbourfront this holiday. This large-scale, free summer event will provide more than 25 wide-ranging activities for all ages. Keep an eye on their website for more information.

When: July - August 2024 (exact dates TBA)

Where: Central Harbourfront

More information: <https://www.summerfest-centralharbourfront.hk/>

The Naked Flower Immersive Art Exhibition

Experience the enchanting art installation "The Naked Flower" by NAKED INC., a renowned Japanese creative group, at 1881 Heritage this summer. This captivating multisensory journey will be showcased for six months across eight interactive art spaces. Engage and be inspired by this unique experience.

When: Now - 27 October 27

Where: 1881 Heritage, Tsim Sha Tsui

More information: <https://www.1881heritage.com/>



Discovery Bay Summer Splashtopia

Get ready for the DB Summer Splashtopia! This thrilling event will transform Tai Pak Bay beach into Hong Kong's biggest water adventure park. With 48,000 square feet of space, there will be nine inflatable attractions for both kids and adults to enjoy. Experience the adrenaline rush of the "Bell's Dolphin Dive" super slide, a 10-meter-high plunge into the pool. Engage in water battles and conquer the "Honey's Adventure Water Obstacle Race." And when you need a break, relax in the tranquil oasis of "Mark's Oasis Leisure Area."

When: 13 July - 1 September

Where: Tai Pak Bay Beach, Discovery Bay

More information: <https://www.visitdiscoverybay.com/en/whats-hot-event/118>

