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# BWFLC BULLETIN

## Letter from the editor

*I can't believe another year has come to an end. It's been a busy year filled with loads of fun activities in the English Department. We are all looking forward to a well-deserved summer break.*



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Any school holiday, especially a long summer holiday, is a great time to get a hobby. Since we live in such a beautiful and diverse city and most of us have a smartphone with a camera, why not take up photography as a hobby this summer? It's free, easy to do and it allows us to look at our surroundings through different eyes.

Hong Kong offers the perfect backdrop for all types of photos, from beautiful beaches and green trails to neon lights and shiny skyscrapers. So what are you waiting for? Join our Summer Photo a Day Challenge and start snapping. More details about the challenge can be found on the back page. Here are a few handy tips to get you started.

### Hold the camera straight

It may seem like an obvious piece of advice, but sometimes it's easy to forget. Check the framing of your shot before taking the picture.

### Take lots of photos

This does not mean you should take hundreds of photos of the exact same thing from the exact same angle, but rather to experiment and take pictures of the same object from different angles and distances.

### Find a point of interest

Decide what will be the focal point (focus) of your picture before taking the photo.

### Check your background

Take a look at the background before taking a picture. If the background is too busy you will not have the desired focus on the object you are photographing as there are too many distractions.

### Learn basic photo editing

There are loads of great apps and websites available for photo editing. These will help you to adjust lighting or crop out unwanted background objects.

*Have a great summer  
and safe travels!*

*The Editor*

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# Looking back at Term 2

The second term was jam-packed with fun English activities. The English Society hosted two carnivals - Valentine's Day and Spring Carnival.

Another highlight of the second term was the English Week which was held in March. Other activities included the Readathon, S2 Show Time and a variety of fun-filled after-school workshops presented by various English teachers. Students had plenty of opportunities to earn Sauraus points and fill their self-access learning files while having fun and learning English.

## Spring Carnival



*English Ambassadors at the Spring Carnival*

## Valentine's Day Carnival



*English Ambassadors at the Valentine's Day Carnival*

## Cookery Workshop



*Workshop presented by Ms Sum*

## EA Evaluation Party



*English Ambassadors at the party*



*English All-Rounder Award*



## PANCAKE WORKSHOP



*Workshop presented by Ms Chan*

## Library Sharing Corner



*S2 students sharing a novel*

## S2 Show Time



*S2 English Show Time held in March*

## Readathon



*Students participating in Readathon Round 2*

## Comic Strip Workshop



*Workshop presented by Ms Yeung*

## Flower Making Workshop



*Workshop presented by Ms Chow*





## Getting to know...

### Ms. Zobia Ghafoor



#### What is your life motto?

My life motto is "do your best". I believe that in life you have to give things your best shot and just do your best. You must accept that you might fail; then if you do your best and still don't win, at least you can be satisfied knowing that you tried. If you don't accept failure as a possibility, you don't set high goals, you don't try and you don't take risks, meaning you can't branch out and grow as a person.

#### Do you have a favourite book?

I like reading all sorts of books, but my favourite book is Holy Quran. It is a heavenly book. Basically, it's written in Arabic language but it has been translated into almost every language of the world. It gives me complete guidance in all aspects of life.

#### What is your ultimate feel-good song?

My all-time favorite song is "Reflection" sung by Christina Aguilera. It is such a meaningful song. It shows that you don't have to be someone else all your life and that you should be yourself. You should respect yourself and the things you accomplish.

#### What annoys you the most?

I would say that my biggest pet peeve\* (though it seems small compared to others) is when someone replies to me with one letter, word or an emoticon in messenger and text messages. I make an effort to type a message and it is so frustrating when someone just replies with one word. It feels like they have just brushed off what I wrote or they simply don't care about our conversation.

\* a pet peeve is something a person finds particularly annoying



#### What is your favourite place in the world?

My favourite place is the United Kingdom. I go there almost every summer, but I never get bored because most of my relatives live there. I like the UK because it is a very scenic country with a lot of natural beauty. I will never forget the breathtaking sights in Snowdonia, North Wales. I went there with my family last year. I think it is one of the most beautiful places on the planet.

## TOP FOUR INSTA-WORTHY STREET ART SPOTS IN HONG KONG

### Graham Street:

This street in Central is well known for its historical market and also boasts some insta-worthy street art.



### Man Fung Building:



This colourful art work in Sham Shui Po was created by Spanish street artist Okuda San Miguel in 2016.

### Star Street:

This fun cartoon mural in Wan Chai was created by New York street artist Jerkface.



### E Tat Factory Building:

This mural in Wong Chuk Hang was created as part of the 2017 HK Walls Festival.



## Bulletin Buzzword 'hangry' (adj.)

When you are 'hangry', it means that you are bad-tempered or irritable as a result of hunger. The word is a blend of the words 'hungry' and 'angry'.





# BULLETIN BREAKING NEWS



## English Week 2017-2018

The BWFLC English Week took place from 5 to 9 March. Teachers and student helpers worked together to create a fun and exciting week filled with a wide variety of activities. Apart from participating in the activities, students also got the opportunity to practise their speaking skills during the week by speaking English to all teachers in school on English Speaking Days.

There were game booths set up in the covered playground. Interesting cross-curricular vocabulary games were hosted at each game booth.



*Students playing Fish & Match at the Geography game booth*



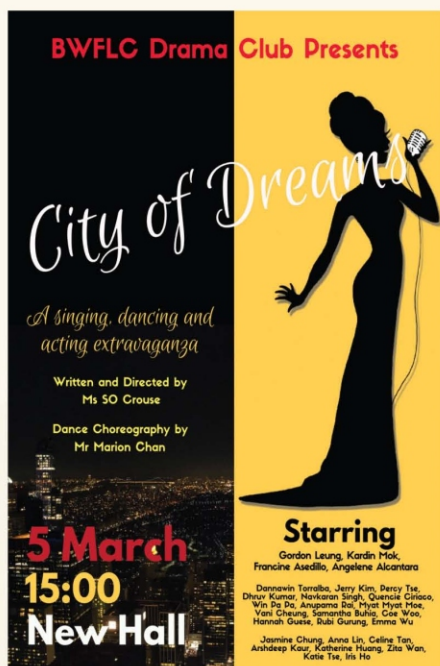
*Student helpers working at a running dictation booth with Mr Lam*



*Students could buy tasty snacks at the Mini Tuckshop*

## Annual Drama Performance 'City of Dreams'

This year's annual drama production titled 'City of Dreams' was held during the English Week. Drama Club members from S1 to S5 were involved in this production which was written and directed by Ms Crouse. Student dancers were trained by professional choreographer, Mr Marion Chan, and they completed an 8-hour contemporary dance workshop in preparation of the production.



*Drama Show Poster*



*Narrators Gordon Leung (5D) and Kardin Mok (5A) in action*



*The dance crew rehearsing with the choreographer*



*The cast and crew of 'City of Dreams'*



*S1 cast members having fun backstage while waiting for their scene*



# BULLETIN BREAKING NEWS



## Buddhist Association Joint School English Speaking Day 2017-2018

This year the Buddhist Association Joint School Speaking Day was hosted at our school. Our S5 students were joined by fellow students from Buddhist Ho Nam Kam College and Buddhist Wai Yan Memorial College for a productive morning of oral exam practice. 135 S5 students and 21 teachers from the three schools were involved in this event and students got the opportunity to practise their speaking skills and listen to a presentation and valuable feedback from our DSE examiner.

From the top 16 students, a top four group was selected to have a demonstration discussion and a prize was awarded to the best speaker. We are proud to announce that Buddhist Wong Fung Ling College had three students in the final round and the Best Speaker prize was awarded to Kardin Mok from 5A.



*Ms Sum giving students valuable feedback and DSE tips*



*Students having group discussions in the hall*



*The four finalists having a group discussion on stage*



*Winner of the Best Speaker prize Kardin Mok (5A)*



*The winning team - Basket Paul (3D)  
Paul Chan, Dicky Lam, Louis Lau and Mehran Muhammad (59 pts)*

## English Quiz Tournament

The English Quiz Tournament took place in the second term and 9 teams from S1 to S5 participated in the hope of winning the coveted prize worth \$800. The live final round was held in the New Hall where teams used iPads to answer an array of questions in different categories. Up until the final round, the scores were very close. With no clear front runner, it was anyone's game. Eventually Team Basket Paul from 3D snatched the title for the second consecutive year.



*Three teams tied for second place:  
Unicorn - Charmaine Mok, Larry Lam, Ryan Lee and Morris Leung (57 pts)*



*Snipers - Arshdeep Kaur, Dannawin Torralba, Pranita Limbu and Percy Tse (57 pts)*

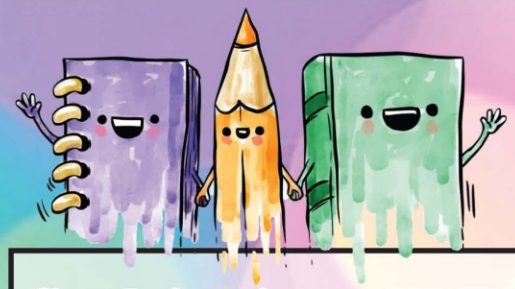


*Fantastic 4 (final edition) -  
Kamran Muhammad, Gordon Leung, Kardin Mok and Iris Ho (57 pts)*



# BWFLC Bulletin Brag

## Writers of the Issue:



### My Chinese New Year

by Jason Ng (1D)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

Dear Diary,

Today was great! It was the first day of the Year of Dog and I had lots of fun.

This morning, I took the MTR with my mom, dad and sister to visit grandpa. After we left the MTR station, we walked for 15 minutes to grandpa's home. When I saw grandpa, I said, "Grandpa, may all your wishes come true! I wish you good health!" So he gave me ten red packets, I was happy! After I checked five of the red packets, I became very excited because in every red packet, there was a \$100 banknote!

Then grandpa cooked longevity noodles, deep-fried sweet dumplings, New Year cake and turnip cake. They were sweet, a little chewy, juicy and crispy. My favourite food is turnip cake. It is made of grated turnip, rice flour, dried shrimps and Chinese sausages.

We left at around 5pm and went back home. I was very happy today not only because I ate yummy Chinese New Year foods but also because I received a lot of red packets!



### Teamwork

by Jonus Mok (4D)

'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much'. Teamwork is the glue that keeps a team together, and a bond which promotes strength, unity, reliability and support.

Before talking about teamwork, it's important to define 'team'. So, what is a real team? In a real team, there is a clearly defined role for every team member, and members work together effectively to achieve a clearly defined and measurable goal.

Teams and teamwork have become a central part of our modern life. I'm sure everyone has been in a team at least once in their lifetime and may have taken different roles. You could be the leader, the person who leads the whole team to success, or you could be the resource person, who gathers resources for your team to work more efficiently.

But why is teamwork so important for a team? Relying on other people builds trust among the team members, and this helps them to open up and encourage each other. Open communication among team members is the key to solving complicated problems when working on a difficult group project. I've seen teams that lack teamwork collapse easily as they lack communication. What's more, it fosters creativity and learning. Creativity thrives when people work together as a team, brainstorming ideas.

Always remember, there's no 'I' in 'team'. Teamwork makes our dream work, no matter how smart, talented, driven or passionate you are, your success as a team depends on your ability to build and inspire a team. Would you rather be a lone wolf, or be a wolf in the pack?

### Studying in an EMI school is not a must



by Iris Ho (5A)

Do you think all schools in Hong Kong should use English as the medium of instruction? Why do students in Hong Kong put so much emphasis on public examination? What would be an ideal school for us?

All band one schools in Hong Kong are using English as the medium of instruction. If all schools become EMI schools, parents would think that it is good news since they believe that it would boost their children's ability in English. However, I think that this should not happen. For students who are weak in English, studying in EMI schools might not be good news. Some students would be more stressed and unable to catch up with the others.

Students in Hong Kong put too much emphasis on public examination. Most classroom learning is exam-oriented. Competition for a university place is extremely fierce. Everyone knows that good results in the HKDSE is the prerequisite of a good career and a 'successful life'. This makes students burn the midnight oil for examinations and some end up feeling stressed and depressed. Some may even commit suicide.

The mindset is completely twisted and should be changed. An ideal school should not provide spoon-fed education. Teachers ought to know what students really need. Students hope to study and learn in a more relaxing atmosphere. So, I think that schools can consider incorporating more games in studies. People may think that this is the way kindergarten kids learn but actually it works for all teenagers.

Schools should be a place where students enjoy their time with their friends and can learn and study together.



# SUMMER PHOTO A DAY CHALLENGE



Take one new photo every day



☐ Nature



☐ Water

☐ Something you made

☐ Shadow

☐ Colour



☐ Best friend



☐ Something old

☐ Upside down

☐ Something new

☐ Sweet tooth

☐ Happy place

☐ Sunset



☐ Reflection

☐ Stripes

☐ Old building

☐ Beach

☐ Modern building

☐ Transport

☐ Lights

☐ Flowers

☐ Foodie

☐ Art

☐ Family

☐ Sky

JOIN THE CHALLENGE! UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS TO INSTAGRAM USING THE HASHTAG BELOW. REMEMBER TO CAPTION YOUR PHOTOS IN ENGLISH. THE CHALLENGE ENDS ON 10/09/18. WINNERS OF BEST PHOTO AND BEST CAPTION WILL BE CHOSEN AND PHOTOS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT SCHOOL.



## #BWFLCPHOTOCHALLENGE