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EDB Teachers' Exchange Programme in LKCSS



EDB School Development Officer Mr. Eric Chan, Principal Ms. Lo and English Teachers

As a dedicated member of the education community, LKCSS regularly interacts with the Educational Bureau and other schools across the territory. Our school jointly organized an Exchange Teachers Programme with the Bureau from 30th March to 8th April, 2011. During this time, Mr. Eric Chan, School Development Officer from EDB, brought four teachers from other schools in Hong Kong to visit us and share their valuable teaching experiences with our teachers. During the course of their stay, they visited many of our classes and took part in our English activities, namely the Indian Culture Workshop and Cookie Baking Class. Yet, the climax of the whole programme must have been the classes conducted by our guests, which allowed our students to experience new ideas and teaching styles, including two co-teaching sessions. Debriefing sessions were also held after class observations with our guests, who found our students' outstanding English proficiency impressive. They also expressed their appreciation for the strong team spirit among our English teachers.



Class Observation



Cookie Baking Class in English



Indian Culture Workshop

OPEN DAY

The Open Day is the most anticipated event of our school every year. Although it is a long-standing tradition, the tremendous success of the event and the encouraging feedback from guests and students never fail to surprise us. Held on 5th December, 2010, we experienced yet another record-breaking visitor count, with more than 700 primary students attending our Open Day (in addition to other honorable guests and parents)! This remarkable accomplishment is the most powerful proof of the ever-increasing popularity of our school, and it also serves as recognition of the joint efforts of our Principal, teachers, parents and students.



Open Day Games at the Language Lab



Open Day Games

62nd Hong Kong Secondary Schools Speech Festival

3 Champion, 10 Second Place & 8 Third Place Awards

LKCSS had 106 entries in this year's Solo Verse Speaking, Public Speaking and Choral Speaking competitions. A total of 137 students from S.1 to S.7 participated in the 62nd Speech Festival. It is again our pride to announce the promising and encouraging results of our students. Of all the participants, we earned 3 championship awards, 10 second place and 8 third place awards, along with 86 entries (85 individual performers plus the choral speaking group) earning Certificates of Merit and 20 Certificates of Proficiency. Such glorious results serve as inspiring demonstrations of our students' linguistic abilities and creativity, as well as the concerted effort of our teachers.



Charming faces of 21 winners with Principal Ms. Lo and Trainer Teachers



4B Coco Chu Hiu Ki

Coco Chu, 4B

(Solo Verse Speaking: Second Runner-up)

I started taking part in the Speech Festival in Form 2, but I had never won a prize because when I would get on the stage, I would be too nervous and forget most of the things I had learnt. I couldn't perform my best. In fact, I felt so disappointed because I thought I had failed to achieve my teacher's expectations, knowing that she had sacrificed her own leisure time to train me. However, this year, I tried to overcome my nervousness by practising constantly. Even while bathing, I practised my poem. Waiting for the bus, I practised as well. All I wanted was to perform well and not to let Ms. Fung down again. Finally, I made it! Not only have I won a prize, but I have also gained valuable experience, learnt new vocabulary and boosted my confidence on the stage. Therefore, don't lose heart when you face difficulties, as sometimes adversity is what you need to face in order to become successful!

86 Certificates of Merit

1A Ng Ka Chun	K62	2B Liong Tsz Wai	K38	3C Tse Sau Ying	K42	5B Chan Wing Kan	K4
1A Leung Sze Tung	K35	2B Cheung Sin Yu	K39	3C Chu Kiu Sum	K42	5B Yau Ka Hang	K4
1A Chin Ying Ying	K35	2C Fung Wai Yan	K40	3C Chan Yuk Miu	K42	5B Yip Yvonne Diaz	K4
1A Shiu Wing Ki	K35	2C Kwan Man Nga	K38	3C Fan Hiu Nam	K41	5C Chow Ngan Sang	K4
1A Yeung Hiu Man	K36	2C Wu Sau Ling	K39	3C Wan Ching Ki Christy	K41	5D Chan Pui Ying	K4
1A Fung Hiu Man	K36	2C Tsui Pui Ching	K38	3C Tang Ho Ying	K41	5D Lam Chow Ping	K4
1A Tsang Yuen Kiu	K36	2C Choi Man Yi	K39	3C Cheung Kiu Wai	K41	5E Ming Lok Yan Christine	K4
1A Ip Ka Wun	K36	2C Nip Shi Lam Samantha	K39	3C Ho Nga Sze	K41	5E Lam Tsz Fun	K4
1A Lo Sei Wun	K36	2C Ling Nim Yan	K38	3C Cheung Hoi Ying	K41	5E Ho Ching Ling	K4
1A Cheung Ka Man	K36	2C Wong Kee Hang	K39	3E Lam Kwan Yung	K41	5E Tam Ho Yi	K4
1B Li Long Ching	K36	2C Mok Wing Sum	K39	4A Cheung Hiu Man	K44	5E Li Ka Chuen	K4
1B Chan Hoi Hang	K36	2C Pang Ha	K40	4A Chan Wing Sum	K44	5E Law Sin Yi	K4
1B Cheng Hiu Lam	K36	2C Tam Wing Sum	K38	4B Chan Tsz Kwan	K44	5E Lo Chun Chiu	K4
1B Pui Chi Wing	K62	2E Yuen Hiu Ching	K38	4B Wu Kit Yan	K44	5E Lam Kwok Yum	K4
1C Lai Chi Hung	K62	2E Wong Hei Wan	K39	4B Li Kam Chak	K67	5E Chan Hei Yee	K4
1E Yeung Tsz Kin James	K62	2E Leung Ka Huen	K38	4B Chu Hiu Ki	K45	6A Cheuk Gar Hei, Jessie	K4
2A Wong Tsz Ho	K63	2E Tong Ka Hei	K40	4B Leung Hoi Ching	K45	6B Wu Yat Sing	K7
2A Cheung Wai Shing	K63	2E Lai Hiu Lam	K38	4E Chan Wing Chiu	K68	6B Kong Yan Nam	K4
2A Lee Fai Tung	K40	2E Choi Chun Han	K38	4E Chan Wai Kwan	K45	6B Leung Hiu Man	K4
2B Chan Hoi Tung, Ivy	K38	3C Yeung Fat Yung	K65	5A Kong Yan Nang	K48	LKCSS Choral Speaking	K7
2B Chow Cheuk Laam	K38	3C Cheng Pui Pui	K43	5B Chan Tsz Ki	K48		
2B Chao Ka Po, Carbo	K39	3C Chan Yue Hang	K65	5B Kwok Kam Pui	K69		





CHAMPION	
1B Li Long Ching	
4B Wu Kit Yan	
4E Chan Wing Chiu	
2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE
1A Ng Ka Chun	1A Leung Sze Tung
1B Chan Hoi Hang	2A Wong Tsz Ho
2C Fung Wai Yan	2C Wu Sau Ling
2C Kwan Man Nga	2C Tsui Pui Ching
3C Yeung Fat Yung	3C Chan Yue Hang
3C Cheng Pui Pui	4B Chu Hiu Ki
4B Li Kam Chak	5E Li Ka Chuen
5E Tam Ho Yi	6A Cheuk Gar Hei, Jessie
5E Chan Hei Yee	
6B Leung Hiu Man	



4B Amy Wu Kit Yan, the Champion

Wu Kit Yan Amy, 4B (Solo Verse Speaking : Champion)

This is my first time to take part in the English Speech Festival. I really want to thank the teacher who trained me - Ms Lam. She gave me lots of useful suggestions to improve my performance and encouraged me so much that I became more and more confident. Standing on the stage, I felt nervous, but I still performed my best in front of the adjudicators and the audience. I was so surprised and happy when the adjudicator announced that I came in first in the competition, as my competitors were all very good. I think participating in the English Speech Festival is a good way for students to build confidence and improve their English. This was an unforgettable experience, and I think I will participate in the English Speech Festival again next year!



1B Lydia Li Long Ching, the Champion



4E Will Chan Wing Chiu, the Champion



5E Andrew Chan Hei Yee, Honour Award Winner

20 Certificates of Proficiency			
1A Wong Kan	K36	2E Cheng Nga Chi	K38
1A Wong Ho Ching	K35	3C Chu Ka Wai	K41
1B Tsang Yuen Man	K36	3E Pak Lai Shan	K41
1B Ho Wing Kiu	K36	4D Lau Ka Yan	K44
1B Tsang Sum Yi	K35	4E Chan Shing Hong	K67
1B Yu Po Yi, Bowie	K35	5B Wan Tai Wai, David	K69
1D Liang Yong Xian	K35	5C Yung Yau Kwan	K48
2A Chow Hei Tung	K40	5E Tsang Ka Lung	K69
2A Wong Ching Yi	K40	5E Chan Hoi Yan	K48
2E Yang Ting Yu	K38	7B Chan Yuk Man	N196

Yannes Fung, 2C

(Solo Verse Speaking: First Runner-up)

This was the first time for me to join the Speech Festival, so I felt very anxious. However, my English teacher and trainer - Ms. Fung - taught me how to perform the poem excellently, for example, by using suitable intonations, facial expressions and actions. To prepare for the competition, I practised three times a week, so I felt really touched when the adjudicator announced that I got the second prize. My poem was called 'Teacher', which is about a student's gratitude for her teacher's great teaching, and now I would like to dedicate this poem to Ms. Fung. Also, many thanks to my friends, who gave me a lot of support and encouragement!



2C Yannes Fung Wai Yan



I.E. VISIT

Invitational Education Consultants and the English Department



I'm very delighted to have been part of this activity. I think that it was a good way for me to improve my English, as well as demonstrate the spirit of our big family. During our guests' stay, many students, including myself, toured the school with the I.E. consultants. The guests were very friendly and kind to us, and they looked very enthusiastic when we introduced the different places to them. We had many chances to talk to them in English and let them know more about our school. After the tour, we went to the hall, and some students gave a performance for the guests, as well as our Principal, teachers and parents. The magic show and the choir were simply fabulous. We took many photos ourselves too!

After this activity, I truly think that my English has improved! I hope that we will have more events like this, and I will have more chances to speak in English!

3E Denzil Yeung



It was a wonderful experience for me to be one of the ambassadors when the I.E. consultants visited our school. Jack and Susan, as they called themselves, were really nice and sweet! I was very lucky to be invited to take part in this event, such that I had more chances to speak in English! A few days before Jack and Susan came, Miss Zheng gave me a glossary about the I.E. history of our school, as well as some vocabulary related to I.E. The vocabulary was difficult and I couldn't spell the words in the beginning, but Miss Zheng and other teachers patiently went through them with us. I really learnt a lot because of this event! I finally met Jack and Susan in the hall that afternoon. I was quite nervous when I first talked with them, but I soon found out that they are nice and inviting themselves. I believe everyone would enjoy chatting with them! How I wished Jack and Susan could stay longer!

2E Jason Hung

SPORTS DAY

Introduction

The Sports Day of Lai King Catholic Secondary School was held on 3rd and 4th January 2011. The annual event successfully took place in a festive atmosphere over the two days with the support of parents, our Principal, teachers and students, who were also the athletes, cheerleading members and compassionate audience. The event started at 8:00 am on the first day with a speech given by our principal, Ms Lo. As our school flag was raised, the sports day officially began. During the two days, all athletes gave their best efforts and participated with exemplary sportsmanship. The cheerleaders and also the members from each house cheered devotedly for their fellow athletes. Read on for more incredible reports on the event.



Teachers' Relay Race Winners



200 m Boys (B Grade)



Hurdles

SPORTS DAY



Primary Schools Relay Race Winners

Primary School sprint relay

It was our honour to have students from 13 primary schools joining our Sports Day. They participated in the sprint relay, and their performance totally overwhelmed everyone. Some students from our school, who studied in the participating primary schools found themselves stirred when they saw their primary school teachers. Not only did they spend a wonderful time with their past teachers, they also talked to the primary students about their wonderful school life at LKCSS. In her closing speech for the Sports Day, our Principal considered it a wonderful interaction between our school and the primary schools that participated.

Interview with the Red House captain — the Winning House of Sports Day

We have conducted an interview with the House Captain of the Red House, Nicole Lee. Not only did the Red House earn 3 Personal Best Performance awards and the overall Best Girl Performance award, but they also had the highest participation rate among all houses. She told us that she was totally touched by her members.

"Since Sports Day is all about sportsmanship and participation, I think we earned it!" said Nicole. She had been very confident that her committee and cheerleading members would give their best to support the athletes, but what she found unexpected was the vast support given by the Red house audience. "It was only the cheerleading team who shouted slogans passionately at first, but after an hour or two, other members also joined us!" Nicole stated excitedly.



Ms. Lo and the Red House Cheerleading Squad

The Red Warriors — The Cheerleading Squad

What is the most unforgettable moment of the whole cheerleading competition for you?

I remember that it was a breezy, chilly morning, but all the red house cheerleaders and members braved the chilly morning air and gave the audience their best. They performed the choreography flawlessly and won the championship.

How was your feeling after winning?

We were all over the moon, and we couldn't use words to describe our overwhelming feeling. I came to realize that when you have put a lot of effort into something, towards the end, when it's a good show, everything just pays off!

What do you think are the keys to success?

I think team spirit and perseverance are the keys to success. Though the practice can be grueling and the choreography can be daunting, with team spirit, we are able to overcome all the difficulties.



Discus



Long Jump

Talk on NSS Elective Module Workplace Communication

The talk was organized by the Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Secondary Schools English Language Education Committee and held at LKCSS on 13 December 2010 (Monday), with over 80 participants. The guest speaker, Ms. Petunia Kingsley, delivered an inspiring talk to generate many ideas among member schools to prepare students for this elective module.



Ms. Kingsley interacting with participants



Guest Speaker, Ms. Kingsley, Principal Ms. Lo and LKCSS Teachers

Diocesan Talent Show on 14 May 2011

Hosted by LKCSS again this year, the annual Diocesan Talent Show was a highlight of the year. We were honored to have Dr. Gary Harfitt and Ms. Petunia Kingsley to be our adjudicators.

Our entry, acted out by some of our S1-S4 students, was a comedy called "Fireman", which consists of a series of skits. The use of pun on the word "fire" cleverly links the plot

segments of a well-educated man who is first fired from his job, and thereafter, fails his job interviews. He then decides to be a fireman. During his practice with other new firefighters and the fire chief, lots of funny things happen. The use of rhyming words is also built into the play.

Nearly 400 students from 26 Diocesan schools joined this event and had a great time together. Our two adjudicators gave us encouraging feedback, and we already look forward to next year's Talent Show.



Samson Lee (left) and Will Chan (right) impressed the adjudicators with their amusing performance.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Thank You Letter from HKU Student Teachers

Dear Teachers of LKCSS,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to experience teaching at LKCSS for eight weeks, from Feb - April 2011. We would like to express our gratitude towards teachers at LKCSS for giving us support and guidance. It's been a really wonderful experience for us to have the chance to work here. As inexperienced student-teachers, our teaching practicum would not have been so smooth and successful without your kind help and support.

We are thankful for all the arrangements specially made for us, which included the room allocations and teaching schedules. In addition, participating in various activities such as the mock TSA, the English Corner activities, the Reading Aloud Programme, and the S.6 Oral Practice really helped broaden our horizons. We learned a lot from these different events and activities. It is really a precious opportunity for us to get a better understanding of the duties and obligations of a full-time, secondary school English teacher.

We are extremely grateful for the support from LKCSS. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Jessica, Kwan Wai I
Tina, Liu Jia
Li Heen Yurn

Student Teachers
The University of Hong Kong



3 Student Teachers from HKU :
Ms. Kwan, Ms. Liu and Mr. Li



2 other Student Teachers from CUHK:
Ms. Li and Mr. Law with Ms. Kwan and Ms. Liu.



Revision Course



Enhancement Course

S1-S3 Afterschool

Enhancement and Revision Courses

The S1-S3 Afterschool Enhancement and Revision Courses were conducted in October-December 2010 and March-May 2011, with Ms Kaur teaching the Enhancement Course and Ms Pieta Chan teaching the Revision Course. Through small class teaching, students were given more support in learning English, and confidence was also developed with additional class time. Oral activities and grammar exercises were both assigned to students.



Student Teacher Helping

S3-S4 Writing Course

With the EDB funding under the English Enhancement Scheme, an S3-S4 writing course was held from March to May in 2010. About 20 students joined the course free of charge and were taught by a native English tutor after school. Let's see how the students felt about this course.

The Experience and Benefits That I Gained From the English Writing Course

I joined the English Writing Course that was organized by the school last year, and I learnt a lot of useful tips and knowledge from the foreign NET teacher, Mr Golden. Mr Golden used a fun and interesting way to teach us, such as using drama to teach us reported speech, and of course giving us some fun topics or writing exercises to help us improve our writing skills. He gave us some vocabulary sheets too!

I had a lot of fun and gained a lot of useful writing tips. I hope that the school will keep organizing this kind of course, so that our schoolmates can improve their English writing skills too.

5B Yvonne Yip

Learning English Has Never Been So Fun and Beneficial!

The English Writing Course was very interesting and helpful. The tutor used different activities, such as performing dramas and drawing comics, to draw our attention to the lessons and help us finish our English writing more easily. With the benefits I gained from the course, I recommend that other schoolmates take the English Writing Course too — both for fun and improving your English.

5D Lam Chow Ping



Doing Voluntary Work

makes me treasure what I have

Anna Ma, 3E

I visited some elderly with my friends and my teacher last year. It was my third time to take part in voluntary work like this, and I have learnt so much from these experiences. What I saw and experienced was very different from my own life, so I realized that I was asking for way too much than I should, and I started to treasure what I already have.

Some elderly people have never been educated because their family background did not allow them to go to school. For some others, they did not make good use of the chances they had, and they regretted it very much after growing old. Their experiences made me think that I am already very fortunate. We have the chance to study in a good school, and even if we haven't performed very well in the past, we still have time to change our future. Therefore, we should really treasure the chance to study at our young age.



Doing Voluntary Work

as a way to help the needy

Jenny Chu, 3E

We are only students, and we don't have much money. Moreover, most of the students from our school do not come from very well-off families. However, does that mean that there isn't much we can do to help the needy? That is not true. Donating money is one way, but not the only one. As teenagers, we can try to use our spare time to visit some needy people or to take part in charity work to raise money for them. Above all, the most important thing is our love and respect. Last time when I visited an old lady in Lai King Estate, she was so happy that she kept on talking for 20 minutes! It showed that helping people can be very easy. All you need is a kind heart. So, what are you waiting for?

Doing Voluntary Work



Doing Voluntary Work

**helps me know my
community better**

Sammie Siu, 6A

We often read in the newspaper that one-seventh of the city's population lives in poverty. However, how much do we know about the poor? Are needy people getting enough help from the government? I met some people in need when I did voluntary work. Actually, the feeling was very different when I saw them in person. Seeing their real situation was very different from just hearing about it. It was nothing like what I had imagined. There are many people who have to live in poor conditions, such as the elderly, the disabled, mainland immigrants as well as some minority groups. We don't know them well because we don't see them. However, they exist among our community, and they need our help.



We all agree that doing voluntary work is vital to the development of well-rounded abilities. Therefore, students in our school are given numerous opportunities to reach out to the community and experience life outside of school by taking part in voluntary work. This time, four of our students have shared with us the benefits of doing voluntary work in four different aspects.

Doing Voluntary Work

as personal growth

Ryan Chan, 6A

Some young people are not very willing to do voluntary work because they think it is just a requirement from the school. However, such experiences actually help to better ourselves. By helping the needy, we can learn to communicate with people from all walks of life. At the same time, we can also learn to observe and respect the different needs of other people. In this process, I became aware of my own strengths and weaknesses, and I learnt to view matters from multiple perspectives. These skills are vital for our life, yet they cannot be acquired in class. Therefore, doing voluntary work allows us to become better individuals.

