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Our New NET: Ms. Allison



This year, we are excited to welcome our new NET who was born and raised in America. She has lived all over the world in places such as Cuba and Guatemala. She loves learning about different cultures as well as traveling. She has traveled to over twelve countries and wishes to travel to at least ninety before she dies. Her passions include studying languages, singing and roller-skating. When asked why she chose to move to Hong Kong and to teach English in Hong Kong, Ms. Allison said, 'I liked traveling and constantly moving around when I was younger and living in foreign countries where English wasn't the main language. I understand how difficult it is to learn another language and stick with it. This understanding has given me the compassion and desire to try and help students develop and reach their full English-speaking potential. I love teaching, and it is my hope that I can help each and every one of you build a solid English foundation while having fun! I also love the food in Hong Kong, especially *Yum Cha*, so that might have influenced my decision to move here, too!'

English Activities

Daily Morning Assembly



The morning assembly speech has two students from a variety of forms role-playing different situations in regard to meaningful and relevant weekly topics related to current trends, Language Across Curriculum, current issues in society as well as positive values of life and family. As students are listening to the two student presenters accompanied by the NET, all S1 and S2 students

receive a copy of the script and need to fill in the blanks while listening. Keywords are posted up in all S1 to S3 homeroom classrooms, so students are able to use these words they have learned during morning assembly and incorporate them into their daily life.



Weekly S1-S2 Reading Aloud – Every Thursday during Lunchtime

S1 and S2 students are all given a copy of the Reading Aloud booklet that covers new and trendy issues on topics that are facing our society today. Our NET pre-records each text, so students are able to log on and listen to the reading texts on E-class. This program helps build students' oral competence as well as confidence in speaking to different teachers and student ambassadors. It is hoped that students will be trained to be competent language users.



English Society Activities:

English Society

On October 22nd 2014, the English Society held its first meeting. Our new NET, Ms. Allison, brought in a homemade American snack called 'rice krispy treats' which were enjoyed by all the students. After a short briefing of recent news, our NET did a short presentation on American Culture: The life of a typical American teenager using her old secondary life as an example which made it a very personal and memorable experience. After the presentation, Ms. Allison asked about the similarities and differences in American and Chinese teenagers. She also asked how many students would like to experience life as an American teenager. Overall, it was a very interesting first meeting!



Song Dedication

This year, right before Christmas holiday, the English Society threw another Song Dedication Day during lunchtime on December 17th 2015. Students as well as teachers dedicated and wrote sweet messages to each other to let someone know that they were being thought of and to offer words of motivation or congratulations. This year's songs were, One Direction-*What Makes You Beautiful*, Taylor Swift-*Christmas Must be Something More* and Jason Mraz-*I'm Yours*. Students showed lots of enthusiasm to say thankful words to their teachers and friends.



S1 Students' Admission Day

On March 7th 2015, the English Society took part in hosting a fun activity for both parents and their younger children to do while their P6 children were being interviewed. Members from the English Society helped young children make and decorate beautiful paper butterflies and attach a motivational message in the middle to let their brother or sister know that they wish them the best and care about them.



English Movie Viewing

This year, the English Society invited students to join to view a childhood favorite movie, "Spirited Away" during lunchtime on 24th March 2015. This movie deals with commitment, honesty and always staying true to oneself, which are very important values to our school students as well.



Academic Week in the 1st and 2nd Semesters

In the 1st semester of the Academic Week, the English Society hosted a fun English proverbs matching activity on living a healthy life as well as tongue twisters and matching games to play with students. Students had a very fun time, especially with trying out the tongue twisters!

For the 2nd Semester of the Academic Week, the History Club and English Society hosted a talk show on the 27th and 28th of April 2015 during lunchtime on daily life topics such as 'studying techniques' and about the upcoming summer holiday plans.



Student Teachers from the University of Hong Kong



Time flies, I can't believe it is time to say goodbye... Teaching at LKCSS has been a great and rewarding experience for me. I truly enjoyed my time teaching here as everyone here is so friendly and welcoming. Throughout these two months, I have learnt a lot and have attained invaluable teaching experience which has propelled me into new heights. I would like to thank every one of you for making my days at LKCSS so remarkable. I will miss you all and the memories will forever be engraved in my heart. Wishing you all the very best!

Miss Pun Tsz Yan Janice (HKU)

It has been an unforgettable and pleasant experience for me to have spent 6 weeks with the teachers and students of Lai King Catholic Secondary School during my teaching practicum. Not only have I learnt a lot from my supportive teaching advisors, but also gained confidence and a great sense of achievement in conducting English lessons within an effective teaching and learning environment. I am very grateful to have met all of you - especially my dearest 2A and S5 G2 students - and I hereby wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Miss Leung Yuen Kwan Joan (HKU)

I can hardly believe it's been 8 weeks since I first got here and now, it's time to say our goodbyes.

It's quite a pity that an experience as rich as this has to come to an end. To be honest, I really REALLY enjoy teaching the kids I was assigned to as they've been nothing but lovely and sweet to me. They were extremely kind enough to emphasize and overlook my fidgetiness when I first stepped into class the first week. On top of that, they were ALWAYS on task and managed to be fully engaged in all the activities whole-heartedly. What's more, these are the kids that have inspired me to go beyond my comfort zone and made me see what being a teacher is all about. I love everything about the school here; from the great mentors to the delightful students.

Miss Bella Lin Nian Jie (HKU)

Student Teachers from the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Interview conducted by 6A Hung Tsun Sing, Jason

Earlier this school year, two student teachers from CUHK came to teach us English, and they are Mr. Shawn Tsang and Mr. Jacky Pun. Let's know more about them and see what they wish to say to us!

Jason: What makes you eager to study English at university?

Mr. Tsang: All the class teachers at my secondary school teach English and I have dreamed of being one, too. Also, I would like to take good care of the students.

Mr. Pun: When I was a secondary student, I did not like English as much as I do now, but it turned out that my English exam result was satisfyingly good and I want to teach students and inspire them as well.

Jason: Do you have any tips for LKCSS students to improve their English proficiency?

Mr. Tsang: Well, make English be a part of your life, not just a subject but a language to learn. If you know all the rules of English, you can overcome the difficulties of learning and find this language fun.

Mr. Pun: In order to increase your proficiency, you really need to read more and speak more so that you will receive more input of English. Say, if you are not good at memorising, try two words a day and after a few months you will have memorised hundreds.

Jason: Do you have any special feelings toward LKCSS?

Mr. Tsang: Friendly LKCSS students! They are so willing to learn and also I've seen so many passionate and professional teachers working here.

Mr. Pun: The students are all very obedient and lively. I feel comfortable to teach my students English and stay with them in the lessons.



Jason: What do you want to say to our students?

Mr. Tsang: My teacher once told me, "If you play crazily, why don't you study crazily?" Marks don't reflect everything and I want you guys to keep learning. It's better to regret doing it instead of not doing it.

Mr. Pun: In this education system, most people cannot meet the requirement. However, results cannot reflect where your abilities lie, so do not give yourself up and you will find your success!

More to know:

- **Mr. Tsang** said sometimes the students look so alike and this would be an embarrassing moment for him to wrongly recognize the students, especially when they would cutely pretend to be whom he called.

- **Mr. Poon** likes listening to songs and watching movies. Mark his word, NEVER underestimate children literature and the message behind it!

The two student teachers also joined the school picnic to share our joy of school life!
We will remember them all.

The Third Student Teacher from the CUHK:

It is my pleasure to teach in LKCSS during my teaching practicum. I have learnt a lot in demonstrating different teaching methods and I thank my advisors for their constructive advice.

Brain Jim Yu Shing



Students' Achievements

66th Hong Kong Speech Festival

This year we had 30 entries with Solo Verse Speaking and Dramatic Duologue. A total of 30 students from S.1-S.6 participated in the 66th Speech Festival. We are proud to announce that we had 1 First Place, 2 Second Place and 4 Third Place awards for our students this year. Trained by our teachers, students are able to convey the true message behind the poem itself through proper expression, intonation and pose.

66th Speech Festival Results

7 Winners:

1st Place:

4A Chow Hiu Tung K46

2nd Place:

4A Ng Ka Ka K46
6B Pang Ha K49

3rd Place:

1A Chung On Ki K35
2A Kwok Hoi Ying K38
5E Wat Cho Yan K48
5E Leung Sze Tung K48



1D Chung On Ki and Miss Law



2A Kwok Hoi Ying with Miss Lam



5E Wat Cho Yan and Miss Allison



Iris Pang Ha & Leung Sze Tung



Iris Pang Ha with the judge and Miss Yu

26 Certificates of Merits:

1D	Chan Sum Yuet	K35
1A	Chow Ying Lam	K35
1D	Chung On Ki	K35
1B	Lee Pik Ki	K36
1B	Tang Ho Ha	K37
1B	Tam Fung Lam	K37
2A	Kwok Hoi Ying	K38
3B	Teoh Yee Cheng Michelle	K41
3A	Tse Pui In	K43
3A	Kwok Hiu Man	K43
3B	Mui Wun Wing	K43
4B	Yip Wing Kiu	K44
4A	Chiu Wing Yin	K45
4A	Yip Lai Chi	K45
4A	Ng Ka Ka	K46
4A	Chow Hiu Tung	K46
5C	Ching Ho Yi	K47
5E	Leung Sze Tung	K48
5E	Wat Cho Yan Christina	K48
6B	Tong Ka Hei	K49
6E	Tsang Yu Tung	K49
6B	Pang Ha	K49
1D	Wei Tin Lok	K61
2B	Wong Kwan Lok	K64
3A	Man Tin Yau	K66
5E	Yeung Tsz Kin James	K69



4A Chow Hiu Tung and Ng Ka Ka with Miss Lee

Top 11 Students in Borrowing English Books in 2014-15

1A	So Lok Tung Tosca	1A	Tse Hiu Wun	2D	Ng Chun Yin
2A	Yim Shong	3A	Man Tak Pui	3D	Lai Yuen Sau
2A	Yung Hiu Laam	1C	Wong King Yiu	3D	Wong Wing Lam
3A	Cheung Kwok Fu	1D	Tang Cheuk Him		

Student Ambassador Programme “Nakupenda 2014”

6A Jason Hung Tsun Sing

In March 2014, four students and I participated in a Student Ambassador Programme hosted by AIESEC-LC-PolyU. The project was named “NAKUPENDA” and it comes from a Swahili word which means “I love you”. And yes, the aim of this project was to convey the message of “LOVE, RESPECT and EMBRACE” to the public.

A total of 50 Student Ambassadors were selected from five different secondary schools and we were split into groups of five, each with two more organising committees from Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

During this programme we all actively attended a variety of workshops to develop our leadership skills as well as raise our global awareness. In one public speaking workshop, we first listened to a university lecturer who shared some techniques on how to deliver a speech. We were then given the opportunity to put these theories into practice. Not only did we come forward and improve as speakers, but we also learned from each other and appreciated our own uniqueness.

Another example was the Minority Group Visit in May. At noon on Saturday, we set off to Tuen Mun visiting minority children. Together we enjoyed playing group games, drawing each other’s portrait and making some maltose crackers. It was a memorable time for everyone and we sincerely rejoiced to see how we have overcome the ethnicity barrier.

As the saying goes, leaders become great not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others. From my reflections, we are all the same and there is no reason why we should not love, respect and embrace each other.

Students joining the Student Ambassador Programme at Poly University:

5E Shiu Wing Ki
5E Wong Sze Wan
5E Leung Sze Tung
5E Wong Lai Yan
6A Hung Tsun Sing



School Events

Sports Day

Held on January 8th and 9th 2015 at the Tsing Yi Sports Ground, Sports Day was a huge success! A lot of students participated in the activities and the weather was absolutely lovely! Every student had the opportunity to participate and there was a variety of activities for everyone. Students were full of school and house pride and wore their house uniforms proudly, cheering on for their housemates who were competing. What was the most interesting, however, was the Dance Competition. Each House choreographed and taught themselves the dance routine along with choosing the music to perform too. Some of the Houses even got some teachers to join in the dancing with them! Green House won the Dance Competition with their groovy and well-polished dance moves. Well done!



School Picnic

On November 12th 2014, we went on our annual school picnic and each form and class designed their own t-shirts to wear to the event. It was perfect weather that day and students were able to enjoy picnicking and barbecuing alongside their friends as well as take a break from school life. Some students brought in homemade dishes to share with their BBQ groups and students even barbecued and gave some dishes to their teachers! Lots of precious and memorable moments were captured that day!



Students' Works

Writing a Reply Letter

2 December 201_

How are you? I am glad to hear that you will be visiting Hong Kong next Monday. As I am living in Hong Kong, I have the responsibility to be your tour guide. I have planned some activities for your four-day visit.

On your first arrival day, I will take you to a Chinese restaurant in Tsim Sha Tsui near the Star Ferry Pier to have some dim sum. After lunch, I will take you to Kowloon Park. We can get lost in the maze and take photos. If you are not exhausted, we can do some shopping. There are a lot of shopping malls in Tsim Sha Tsui.



I will take you to Aberdeen on Tuesday. We can eat in a floating restaurant and see fishing boats. The food which is cooked in the floating restaurant is very delicious, you will not regret going there.

On Wednesday, I will take you to Hong Kong Heritage Museum. We can see the collection of toys and learn about the culture of Hong Kong.

On the last day, I will take you to an exciting place which is Ocean Park. We can watch sharks and dolphins and go on exciting rides.



Are you happy with this plan? Please call me if you aren't. Finally, I wish you a safe flight. I am looking forward to seeing you then.

Love,
Ingrid

1B Ingrid Tang Ho Ha

Writing a Reply Letter

18th October, 201_

Today is a great day for me! I woke up at 6:00am in the morning and cleaned myself and packed my stuff as fast as I could.

At around 6:30am, I left home and had breakfast in McDonalds. After that, I took the MTR to Central and met my friend.

When I arrived, I saw Jasmine was chatting with a woman. I slowly walked towards her like a snail and shouted, "What are you doing now?" She said, "You scared me! This is my aunt, I saw her at the MTR." "Oh! I see." I asked, "Where's Natalie and Christy?" Jasmine answered, "They're at the bakery." We met together and went to Ocean Park by bus. We chatted happily on the bus. "We have arrived at Ocean Park!" Natalie said.



Christy is very poor, so she has not been to Ocean Park before. She was so excited. Jasmine, Natalie and I brought

her to ride on the roller coaster. Although the roller coaster was good fun, we needed to queue for a long time. It made me feel fantastic. We played happily this afternoon in Ocean Park. At around 3:00pm, we went to have our lunch. I yelled, "Oh no!" Just a hamburger for my lunch made me feel unhappy because I was so hungry and the food was unhealthy because it was junk food. After our unhealthy lunch, we went on our exciting roller coaster trip. Before we left, we went to visit the cute penguins and some sea animals. This made me feel relaxed and happier. At around 6:00pm, we left Ocean Park.

At around 7:00pm, I went to a cinema with my mother and we watched an action film, it was a good movie. We ate popcorn while we were watching the film. I think if the film could add more special effects, it would be better. After we had watched the film, we went to a western restaurant and ate a full meal that made me full so I had to bring my big tummy out of the restaurant. It made me feel like I needed to keep fit. Later, we went into a dessert shop and had mango pudding.



This was a nice ending to a good day. A day ended by dessert. It was amazing. I hope that I can have another good day again in the future. It makes me feel happy and excited.

1B Abby Kwan Sze Wing

Colour Poems

Red is my pen
 Red is a delicious apple pie
 Red is a strawberry
 Red is special
 Red tastes like sweets
 Red smells like a rose
 Red sounds like rock music
 Red feels like stones
 Red looks like a heart
 Red makes me happy
 Red is my favorite color.

1B Lee Pik Ki



Blue is the sky
 Blue is a uniform
 Blue is a pen
 Blue tastes like blueberries
 Blue smells like flowers
 Blue looks relaxing
 Blue makes me fly
 Blue looks like the sea
 Blue looks like coloured paper
 Blue makes me happy
 Blue is my favorite color.

1C Mo Tan Lai



Acrostic Poem- Yoyo

You are my best friend
Only you play with me
You usually help me with everything
Only you know me.

2A Lam Wing Ling



Life Education Committee and English Department Writing Competition

S1-S3 Acrostic Poems on the theme of "Family"

Full of laughter, full of tears,
 Always willing to give me a hand,
 Make my lunch and take me to school,
 I could only say the most beautiful things:
 Love is not about counting the days
 You know what it is? It is our family!

1D (9) Chung On Ki

Father, who is a handsome man from my heart
 All of my money comes from him.
 Mother is a responsible housewife.
 Immaculate rooms are tidied by her.
 Loneliness is never found in this family.
 Your dreams- I will do my best to achieve them.

2D (14) Kwan Ho Yin

"Be a good boy." He always says to me.
 Red is his favorite color.
 OMG is his expression.
 Take me to Ocean Park.
 Help me with my piano practice.
 ERB is our favorite English video
 Reading is his hobby, especially fiction.

3D (12) Max Ho Long Nam

Forgiving and always there for you
 Accepting no matter what
 Mother who loves me unconditionally
 Integrity, doing what's always right
 Loving and caring you no matter what you did
 You can depend on them always.

3B (34) Wong Kwan Long



Other Cultural Activities

STUDY TOURS- AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Last summer holiday, some of our students got the opportunity to travel and study abroad during the summer in Australia and New Zealand. The Hong Kong Catholic Religious Schools Council and the Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan School Council organize this trip annually. During this tour, students got the opportunity to practise and improve their English in a natural English setting. Students stayed with host families from one of these countries and they were able to learn more about the culture and activities that take place there. Fun English learning was sure to be had!



S1 SUMMER OXBRIDGE ENGLISH CAMP



A 5-day Oxbridge Summer English Camp is held in our school every summer for new S1 students to boost students' interest in English by creating a relaxing and fun learning English

environment. This program is run by a team of the most elite students from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, along with teaching assistants recruited from local universities, as well as English teachers from our school. Each lesson is interactive and relatable to daily life during morning and these afternoon activities let students practise their English in a more varied context. During the last day, students have a performance in the Grand Closing Ceremony where they could display and show off what they have learned. Parents are also invited to join the closing ceremony to watch their children perform on stage, while students confidently speak English.

Student's comment:

I like the English Camp, especially the English activities. I enjoyed singing and dancing on stage with my classmates. I also find the tutors friendly and easy to get along with.

1D TANG CHEUK HIM



Talent Show

This year, our school participated in the annual Catholic Diocesan Talent Show and we were the champion of our category, Miscellaneous Events. We performed an acoustic mash up of three popular pop culture songs, *What Makes You Beautiful*, *Teenage Dream* and *Price Tag*, which conveyed the message of 'love yourself the way you are' and 'money cannot buy you happiness.' On guitar, Yim Ho Yan and Ivy Lam Chu Chien (4B) rearranged and played the backing tracks beautifully while Christine Yim Wing See (4C) and Tom Wong (5B) sang their hearts out. Overall, it was a great performance and everyone had fun. Let's work to make next year even better!



Comments from Adjudicators:

1. An interesting original performance with a good message - love yourself!
2. Nice guitar playing and singing
3. Very nice singing with musical accompaniment and dancing. Well done!

Class Talent Show Participants

5B	Tom Wong Chun Keung
4B	YHY Yim Ho Yan
4B	Ivy Lam Chu Chien
4C	Christine Yim Wing See
4E	Mina Tsang Man Yi
2D	Zeus Pak Chi Yiu
1A	Tang Tin Wing
1A	Kwok Ip Tung
1D	Tsang Hui Tong
1D	Wong Ming Sik
1D	Chau Sum Yuet



Cultural Day

Our school jointly organized with AIESEC at Hong Kong Polytechnic University to hold the cultural event named NAKUPENDA in July 2014. Seven foreign undergraduates from Britain, Canada, France, Korea and Tunisia took part and shared their cultures. They also discussed relevant social issues with our students during the workshop. Our students did some research before meeting these students so they would have some background information on the participants and therefore would be able to communicate better and develop a deeper understanding of the other cultures. All students had a wonderful exchange of culture as well as sharing experiences during this day.

