



LKT English Buzz



TWGHs Lo Kon Ting Memorial College

Principal's Message

It is great news that we have a new English newspaper! I am sure that with this newspaper our students will have a platform to show their talents. Publishing a newspaper is not easy at all. It requires students working as a team and cooperating seamlessly. It requires students showing their leadership, organizing and communication skills, and talents in arts and design, and ability in writing articles.

I hope that with the newspaper our students would find greater interest in writing and reading English articles. Arousing stu-

dents' interest in English is always one of the main tasks of the school. This year, together with this newspaper, new initiatives include our exchange student from Italy, the Global Awareness Week, the new morning assembly, a new English Corner and English Café and the newly established Campus TV Studio. With all these, we hope our students would see learning English is not difficult at all.

Finally, I must thank our English teachers for their hard

work in publishing the newspaper. Without their support, it would be difficult to have the newspaper come into being. I wish the newspaper every success and hope that it grows into hundreds of issues.

Principal Mr Lam with students from 1D



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My impressions of Hong Kong by Andrea Musiu (4C)

How do you describe the feelings you have when you arrive in a new place? I like new experiences and that is the reason why I'm into travelling.

This time it's different because it's not just a holiday for a few weeks. At the end of August, my life

started again in a new and different way.

Everything surprised me. I felt like a child having to learn many things quickly. I understand that people can easily adapt to a new life and that's great. It's called survival! I had to change my habits, put some

habits behind me and start again.

Hong Kong people are really interesting for a foreigner. They speak with enthusiasm, get angry easily and always add 'la' or 'aa' at the end of a sentence. What fun!

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Our Sports Days by Yu Chung Shun Samuel and Man Yiu Kuen Jacky

In September, we had our Sports Days, a two-day-event. Higher form students will definitely remember their days in Form 1, training for and participating in the cheering team.

Every year, each time I enter the Sports Centre, I see the cheering team hollering out slogans. I still remember the sunset rising between the buildings.

This year, I was a helper on Sports Days. I did not only watch the competition between the house cheering teams and athletes, but I also helped with the time and score-keeping records. This sounds boring and strenu-

ous, but we weren't bored. Instead we were focused since we couldn't afford to be careless and make mistakes. We enjoyed this work, watching the competition from the best spots, taking in the atmosphere. Of course, we did have breaks to rest. The Form 6 parade was really exciting.

The most crucial thing on Sports Days is paying attention to your health and safety. It is important to



Samuel and fellow helpers

store. We look forward to next year's Sports Days.

use sunscreen. We should not take lightly the effects of the harsh sunlight. Nobody ever thinks of the consequences of sunburn until your skin tingles.

Let's see what next year has in



Andrea Musiu (4C)

I find Chinese food delicious. Everybody usually eats rice. Rice is not so good for my body. I learned that drinks usually are consumed after a meal. I like that. The first time I went to a wet market I wondered why many people loved to buy things where the smell was not Chanel. Food is delicious, really cheap and you can find a lot of traditional snacks.

School in Hong Kong was a surprise. Sometimes it's not easy to bear because of strict rules. In Italy we are used to a different type of freedom. As a result sometimes I feel burdened by all the rules but then, I am used to it now.

School is a gathering place for students of similar ages. This is the reason why I think it has to be a pleasant environment for teenagers. Every

classroom here has fans and air conditioners and projectors that can easily draw students' attention, better than books which would make lessons a little boring.

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Curiosities in Nature by Yim Wing Yee Zoey (4E)

Have you ever heard of a *hybrid*? A *hybrid* is a plant or animal that has been produced from two different species of plants or animals.

A *mule* is a cross between a female *horse* and a male *donkey*. Imagine an animal with a horse-like body shape but with a short thick



A mule

head, long ears and a short donkey mane on its neck. It would look unusual, wouldn't it?

Here are more hybrids for you. Can you guess which two animals created the *wholphin*? Yes, a male false *killer whale* and a female *bottlenose dolphin*. A *wholphin* is an

extremely rare hybrid.

Can you tell which animals make the hybrid *liger/tiglon*? And a *jaglion*? What about: a *beefalo*, a *zorse*, a *grolar bear*, a *yakow*, a *zony*?

Answers in next Issue!

Here is a '*zonkey*', a *zebra/donkey* hybrid.



Global Awareness Week - Tam Yat Nok Ashley and Yeung Shun Lap Charlie (5F)

From 10th to 14th November, our school held a special event, Global Awareness Week, during which we had a series of activities different from the usual school routine. It aimed to provide an interesting environment for Forms 1-3 students to enable them to learn more about different countries. Most students had positive comments and hoped our school could hold more such events.

On Monday, there was a German Christmas cookie-baking session. There were also foreigners from various countries introducing traditional games from their respective nations one lunch break. Having engaged and interacted in these activities, stu-

dents were able to understand more about different cultures. Some Form 2 students said that it was interesting and exciting to speak with foreigners and play games with them.

The school also asked the foreigners to join the Forms 2 and 3 English, History and Geography classes. As the foreigners came from different countries such as Germany, New Zealand, Kenya, the USA, the Czech Republic, etc. they shared their knowledge about their



Dario from Mexico inspiring our students

countries in the lessons. Many students thought that it was good to have foreigners in the lessons because of the novelty of such an experience and the amusement they brought as well as being able to learn outside textbooks. The world was brought to LKT during this week.

Global Awareness Week was an entertaining week raising awareness of the globe. It will be beneficial for our school to conduct this week again.

Our school picnic day by Wan Sin Tung Zita (5F)

A picnic is a short trip for pleasure to a beautiful place with intoxicating scenery. Picnics add spice to our life. They provide the much sought after relief from our routine life. Picnics give us a temporary break from our studies. After enjoying a picnic, we feel refreshed and rejuvenated. We take up our studies with renewed vigour.

At our picnic, students were delighted as they had a free day to enjoy themselves. We wore fashionable casual clothes and looked smart and cheerful and we enjoyed our barbecues and hotpots. The place was full of holiday-makers. It resounded with the playful sounds of children on the beach. After lunch, our class divided into two groups and we enthusiastically

played group games. Unfortunately, our trip came to an end so quickly. This trip will be one of the most memorable experiences in my secondary school life.

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I like the way teachers take care of students. I've noticed that they're really good at explaining difficult concepts to students. Although school here puts a lot of pressure on students, I believe in Hong Kong instruction. I think it shares more than simple ideas and it's schooling for life. It helps teenagers to grow and be-

come more organized, responsible and caring for others.

It was strange for me to discover that prefects have to check that students are not doing something wrong, while in Italy there's usually co-operation between them.



Andrea and her 'sister', January, of 6D

But it's just a part of school and you don't have to be worried if you're doing well.

Overall, I like being in Hong Kong. That's thanks to my caring and loving host family, friends and the support from teachers.

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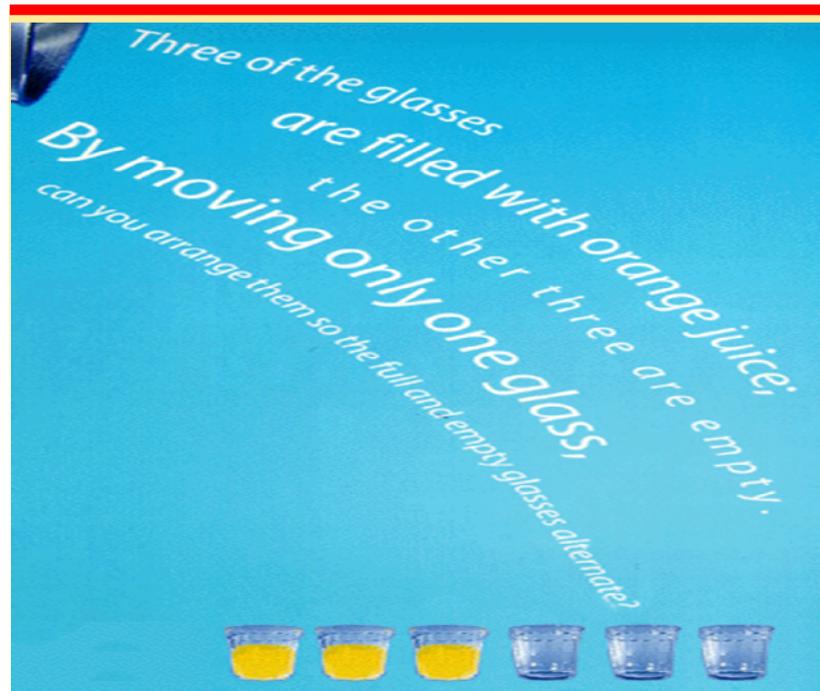
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Hey diddle diddle, time for a riddle!



Three of the glasses are filled with orange juice; the other three are empty. By moving only one glass, can you arrange them so the full and empty glasses alternate?
Solution in next Issue!

Ever wanted to go to Mars? by Leung Wing Lam Iris (4C)

"Mars One" has started investigating possible settlement on Mars from 2023.

Recent research at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), found that humans can only survive on Mars for 68 days, with existing technology. Seems like space enthusiasts will have to wait a bit longer to have their first house on Mars.

About Mars One

The "Mars One" project is led by a non-for-profit organization in the Netherlands, which plans to establish a permanent human settlement on Mars by 2025.

Selected applicants will receive a series of astronautic training. Then 4 of them will be initially sent on a ONE

WAY trip to Mars, where they will spend the rest of their lives building our first human colony in the universe.

There have been over 200 000 applicants worldwide so far. One applicant comes from Hong Kong—one of the first crew of residents on Mars could be a Hong Konger!

Technical Barrier

MIT researchers say, "To make this goal a reality will require innovations in a number of technologies."

For example, growing crops on Mars



Mars, the new frontier!

will produce unsafe levels of oxygen, which will set off a series of events (e.g. causing fires) that will eventually make humans suffocate. The technology avoiding this problem has not yet been developed for use in space.

Researchers say Mars is a tough environment to sustain human life.

Settlement on Mars seems to be "mission impossible" at the moment. Would you choose to live as a pioneer on a new planet or would you stay on this troubled Earth??