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# September

## New Start to new Study Stage

*Summer holiday ends, students go back to school*

By Karen Chan Yik Pui , Sandy Li Tsz Ching, Yuki Tsang Yuk Wai,  
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1<sup>st</sup> September was a big day for Tung Chung Catholic School's teachers and students. It is because 1st September is the start of a new school year. Teachers and students went back to school life after the long summer holiday.

At about 8:00 am, students went back to school one by one. Some were surprised by the new faces in their classes.

The students also met their new class teachers that day. A student from S4A, May Tsang said, "Everything is new! I hope that we can get on well with our new class teachers!"

But there were a lot of students who were late on 1<sup>st</sup> September. One of the students who was late said, "I woke up late. I couldn't sleep last night because I was worried about the new school life. I'm sorry that I'm late! It is the worst beginning of the school year I have ever had!"

Although there were some setbacks for some students, most of the students looked forward to striving for a good academic result this new school year.



■ A big day for TCCS.

## Prayers for a new start

*As you reap so shall you sow*

By May Tsang Ka Lai

September was the new start of a school year, so as in the past, there was a prayer meeting for the new academic year at our school on 8th September. We were privileged to get an interview with Religious Studies Head of Department Miss Cecilia Ho Wai Man after the prayer meeting and she was pleased to answer some questions about the prayer meeting.

M=Miss Ho R=reporter

R: Hello, Miss Ho. First, I would like to ask you what is the meaning of the prayer meeting for the new academic year to students?

M: Since our school is a Catholic school, we believe that the prayer meeting is important to ask God to bless the students in the upcoming school year, especially to help some of them who are in Form 1 and the graduating classes. In fact, Form 1 students are the youngest ones in the secondary school and they need more help from us. Of course, the students in the graduating classes will meet a big challenge of the exams in this school year, so we need to pray for them so they can have good results in the public exams.

R: You are right. I hope the S1 students can adapt to the new situation quickly and students in the graduating classes can have a great result in the public exam. Is there any meaning to the prayer meeting for teachers too?

M: Yes, there is. It has quite similar a meaning as for the students. We also hope that God can keep all the teachers motivated and united through the year.

R: I see... A good teacher really needs to be motivated always. And finally, would you please tell me what is the topic of this year's prayer meeting?

M: Sure! Actually, the whole topic of the prayer meeting this year is about seeds. The prayer meeting's topic is 'Strew Seeds' and we chose the 'Parable of the Sower' to share. We hope all students will fall on good earth, grow up and be yielding thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold just like seeds. By yielding,

we mean grow well as individuals and contribute the best they can to their community.

R: It absolutely will happen with prayer. Thank you for your time.

### **A new start at Mid-Autumn**

*Having fun with responsibility*

By Sam Lai Chak Sam & Billy Wong Chun Tin

On 1st of September, TCCS started our school year. Over 100 students could be seen walking on the road. Everyone felt excited and anxious as they did not know who would become their classmates. This was an amazing day in their life.

In front of the office, many Form 4 students stood around the board that had the class lists. Some looked happy and they would shout when they learnt that they would be in the same class as their friends. Some looked very shocked. May be they expected they would be with others.

Also, students were excited when they observed the new teachers as they could try a different style of teaching and would learn more about the new teachers. Jasmine from S4B said "I was thrilled when I beheld the new teachers and I know that I will enjoy the year."

Teachers stood near the door and greeted some students spiritedly. Some said, "Why start the school year today, I'm so tired?"

They were being sarcastic. May be they wanted to wake up some students who looked very sleepy. The teachers' teasing made the school become full of youthful spirit.

As the Mid-Autumn Festival rolled in, our school started some events about this festival. For example, there were riddles and games and moon cakes tin recycling. Every one stayed on the ground floor when they started the riddles and games. When they started the game, we could hear the instructions on how to win the game and how to get something in this game. Some people got

a prize and one winner Jessica from S2A said "I think this game is great and I got a prize. That means it is the best beginning in my new school year." Someone else said, "Although I lost the game, I will try again until I win it. That's an amazing game!"

In the making moon cakes contest, many students and teachers were happy that they could make moon cakes together. It is because they had fun during this activity. One involved person, Jacky Chui from S4A said, "I threw some flour on Mr.Chan's face when he was making moon cakes, and he threw some back. In the end, flour was on all our faces and everyone looked like snowmen!"

It was an exciting day. Mr.Lau, the school principal said he was so glad when he saw how the students were happy, and added, " I hope that you had a happy day."

The next event was moon cake tins recycling. Everyone joined in the event eagerly. In one class, they could find over 15 tins of the same brand. This event was a fun way to recycle. One student brought 4 tins to school and she said" I want my class to become champion in this event so I will support my class." Another student said, "Even though we might lose in this competition, I love it as I feel we are helping the Earth."

It was a tremendously exciting month. Everyone had hope for the next school year.

### **TCCS Open Day**

*Always proud to show off our school*

By Sindy Leung

On 10th September, TCCS held an open day. On that day, many people who lived in Yat Tung Estate came to our school to look around and take part in some activities.

Before the open day, our school teachers, volunteer parents and pupils worked hard to prepare for it. Everyone realized that this was a day for the local people to visit the school and get a closer look at our school, such as the school



environment, teachers and students.

During the open day, some children played at a fun fair, where they could shoot with a gun and cast for fish. They also played Wii in our school. Our school's Wii include some sport games, so that the children could enjoy a variety of sports while they were playing Wii. They all smiled happily when they were playing.

While the children were playing in the playground, their parents went to the hall on the 2nd floor in the primary school. They went to the hall as they wanted to listen to a series of talks. The speaker was our school's principal, Mr. Lau. In the course of the talks, he introduced our school's features, facilities, staff etc. to the parents, so that the parents could get a closer understanding of our school. TCCS students are always proud to show off their school to anybody.

# October

## Help Charity!

*Enjoy the freedom of dressing casual*

By Karena Siu Ka Sin & Mandy Wong Ching Wa

'Dress Casual Day' was on 21st October. All the students in TCCS were looking forward to this special activity. When students found out that there would a 'Dress Casual Day' a week before, they all showed that they were willing to participate in this event.

'Dress Casual Day' is an annual 'international 'event that most Hong Kongers participate in. This event is held by Charity organizations every year. It is easy to join this event too! When you donate five dollars or above, you will get a sticker. Stick it on your clothes and perfects will be able to identify you. You will be free to wear mufti and not need to wear your uniform on that day. Teachers participated by dressing in sports clothes instead of their usual clothes.

We interviewed one Form Four student ---Alan Chung. He told us that he was delighted to join this event. Besides, he felt we can help the needy. "I enjoyed the day that I didn't have to wear my uniform . I felt free!"

Some people made donations but they did not dress casual. They only wore sports clothes. One of them said, ' I think that choosing clothes is a bother so I have decided to wear sports clothes. Moreover, I do not care what I wear at school. I only want to help people in need!'

The Dress Casual Day was a tremendously successful event. Our principal, Mr Lau , said he was very grateful for our students' support, and added ' I am extremely proud of all the students who supported this event today.'

Finally, the day ended. Students exited the school excitedly. By joining this event, they had helped the charities while having a wonderful day. Make sure you join next year!

## Wonderful October!

*The most energetic month*

By Samantha Wong Shuk Man

### Sports Day!

The annual TCCS Sports Day was held from 26th to 27th October. It took place in Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground. It

was a whole-day activity! On Sports Day, all athletes did their best in the race. 'NO PAIN NO GAIN!' They put in effort and perspiration. We were proud of them. That day, all students paid attention to the race and gave the athletes



encouragement. After the sports Day, TCCS students felt they had promoted their friendships. That was stunning!

On Sports Day, there were lots of competitions such as Long jump, High jump and running. THE Green House or "Contribute" emerged Overall champion! Lots of 4A students had joined the race. They

all said they were pleased to hear that 4A were the Champion in form four!!

**'We trust we can do our best! For sure, we will do our best!!'— S.4A**





### Dress Casual Day

Dress Casual Day was also in October. It was on the 7th of October. The Dress Casual Day was held because our School wanted to help people in need. It was a meaningful activity. On Dress Casual Day, many students wore some charming and gorgeous clothes to school! Their faces were constantly smiling. It was SO SWEET !

TCCS could easily have been the most 'smiling' school at Tung Chung that day. All other schools should imitate TCCS. May be some years later, Tung Chung would become a delightful urban district in Hong Kong! That would be really cool!



### House Gathering

The house gathering was also held in October. It took place in various places in the school. This was important for TCCS students! This was because at this meeting all students would learn who the leader of their house would be. On that day, lots of the students were excited. Here are the results of the election:

**The Orange House(Trust) leader is Lee Hoi Shan from S5A;**

**The Green House (Contribute)leader is Wong Ting Ting from S5A;**

**The Purple House (Cherish)leader is Fan Ka Ying from S5A;**

**The Red House(Shine) leader is Tam Wing Man from S5D.**

### TCCS Annual Sports Day!

*Cheering on for excellence*

By Brainy Cheung Hung Keung

26<sup>th</sup> October was the first day of TCCS's sports day. All students arrived at Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground at 8 am. All the houses had decorated the auditorium so well. The races started at 9 am.

During the opening ceremony, the principal encouraged all students to put in their best effort in the races. The target of all the athletes was the same which was to win the competition and get as many marks as they could for their house and class. Although some athletes fell down when they were running, they still tried their best and picked themselves up then kept going to the finish line. There was a brilliant golden verse playing in their mind which is "Never give up!"

At the back of the auditorium, we heard some noise. What was that? Of course it was the cheer leading teams of each house! They called out their slogan to cheer on the athletes of their house. We interviewed the cheerleaders of each house. Trust team said that Trust is the greatest house in the world. Then Contribute said that Contribute was the best. Cherish said that they didn't have any chance to lose. Finally, Shine said that they were the sure winners. We were all looking forward to the last day of sports day to see which class and house was the winner.

The last day of the sports day was the next day, 27th October. The marks of every house were about 1000 so every house was anxious. Their cheer team prepared their cheerleader's dance early that day because the cheerleader's dance competition was also on the last day of sports day. All the final competitions were on that day too. Everyone wanted to win. After the final competition, the result was that, 4A got the highest in the whole school. Contribute won the cheerleader's dance prize and were the winners among the four houses.

We are looking forward to next year's sports day. See you again next year and be ready to be interviewed.

## A Day of a Fascinating Race!

*Proud winners make Inter-class Round-the campus Run a success.*

By Selina Chow Man Yiu

On 7 October, the Inter-class Round- the campus Run Competition for 2011-12 began. The first race was kicked off by Form 1 students. More than one hundred teachers and students came to the playground to watch the race and to support and encourage Form 1 students. The race needed 20 students to take turns running, the fastest class would win the champion.

Before the match, we spoke to a few Form 1 students about their feelings. They said they were nervous, because it was the first time they participated in the competition. Many students were confident that their classes would be able to win.

In the first round, each class was evenly matched, especially S1A who went full speed ahead, very powerfully. The final was very close in the end. S1E began to catch up with S1A. Both runners crossed the finish line at almost the same time. The referees decided that S1E had won the race, with a time of 15.13 seconds compared to S1A's 15.17 seconds.

After the race, Elena, who is a runner in S1A said, 'We did not get first place which is a pity, but I enjoyed the race.' As for the winning class, S1E said, 'During this game we increased our sense of belonging to the class. Moreover, the schoolmates supporting the race also makes the race more lively.'

It was a tremendously exciting afternoon. The head P.E. teacher, Mr. Dickson Lam Chiu Chong said he hopes that through this competition, the students will have a good healthy, fresh, vibrant mood and will see "Round- the campus Run Competition" as a self-challenge activity. In addition to academic subjects, the students should feel that school is not just a place for a serious study environment. They can be relaxed, happy and healthy through exercise. The other forms would also get their chance to race over the next few weeks.



# November

## Good Sportsmanship!

*S4-Inter-class Round -the-school Race*

By Sandy Li, Tom Lam, Benny Chung

The 21<sup>st</sup> November was the Inter-class Round the School Race for S4. Each class had 10 boys and 10 girls who ran the race. Each runner had to run around the school (about 259 metres). That means each class had to run a total of 5km. S4A won the race in 14 minutes 27 seconds. Also, they broke the record and became the fastest class to finish the race.



Before the race started, every class had made lots of attractive banners to encourage their runners. The runners did warm-up exercises before the

race and the students who were not runners kept cheering on their star runner.

At first, everyone was worried about the weather. Luckily, it was a great day as it did not rain. All students got ready for the race before 3:45 p.m. "We've practiced running before, so we have confidence to win," said Ricky Chiu from S4A.



At 4:15 p.m., the race started. All students cheered for their classes loudly with their slogans. The first runners of each class ran very fast. S4A's runner led in the race because of his superhuman-like running ability. All students and teachers were extremely nervous and kept cheering crazily.

After 14 minutes 27 seconds, the last runner of S4A was the first to finish the race. That meant





S4A was the champion of the race. All students of S4A hailed the runners loudly. However, the race was still continuing so everybody kept focusing on the race.

Unfortunately, at the end of the race, the last runner of S4D fell down. All in the audience were shocked but they kept cheering for him and urged him to continue. Consequently, he did not give up and finished the race

by himself. Although he was the last one to finish the race, everyone clapped loudly for him.



The excitement for this competition was that this competition was the first competition where S4 students got to wear their new class T-shirt to participate in this game.

After this race, we found that all runners had done a great job! Besides, they all had good sportsmanship. We all congratulated S4A on being the champion! We hope all classes can also do well at the next inter-class competition!



### A Novel November!

*Students with heads in their books*

By Rachel Wong Pui Lan

From 7 November to 11 November, TCCS had a test week. All students were worried about it. They didn't want to get an unfavorable result. So, they studied hard after school. It was weird that nobody played basketball in the basketball court after school! They really worked hard this time. But some of the students were lazy. They did not care about the test. In the mornings before the start of the lessons, the classrooms were quiet too!

We interviewed a student, Chris Wong, who said that he drank coffee to build up his memory. Coffee can help him study until midnight. He was nervous when he answered the test paper. He felt he didn't do his best. So he wasn't satisfied with his results. He thought he could have done better than this. I think that he was a little bit too pessimistic.

Another event after test week, was the Parents' Meeting Day. Some students were nervous about this. We could see that some parents walked out of the classroom feeling satisfied. Some felt delighted. Some were annoyed. Some were furious! But the parents care about their children's results and their future. That is why they come to these meetings.

Besides, during the Parents Meeting Day, Girl guides were on duty everywhere in the school. They helped the parents to get to the floor of their children class. They helped to welcome the guests. They worked painstakingly too.

It was a full month of student's school life. Although it was a difficult month because of the test week, they didn't give up. It's their positive attitude that made them feel they should learn together!!!



### Nasty November!

*A terrible month for students*

By Patrick Cheng Sin Hang

November was a terrible month for the students who do not like studying or who do badly at school. It is because there was a Test week and Parents meeting day this month.

It was two months after the school term began. So, there was a Test week to test if students had studied. It was about five days long and the first, second and third periods were used for the test. Then students had regular lessons until 3:25p.m. After that, they had to study at home to prepare for the next day's test too. It was very difficult for them.

On the Sunday after the Test week, TCCS held the Parents' meeting day. Before that day, some students felt anxious but some students felt nothing. However, after the class teacher told their parents about their performance, some students felt upset at that time. Edmond Cheng from S4A said, "I think Parents' meeting day is cruel. It is a terrible experience for students."

After Parents' meeting day, there was a holiday for one day because Parents meeting day was held on a Sunday. In November, there were no more holidays except the weekends. December had Christmas so many students wanted to get past November quickly because this November was a terrible month.

## December

### Exciting Outdoors Experience!

*Brave students make outdoors learning day a success.*

By Peony Ng Yuen Ying

On 15 December, the TCCS annual outdoors learning day took place at Ocean Park. All Form 4 students went to Ocean Park to experience and use the physical experiments to research how fast the roller coasters are. Of course, they also tried the newest amusement games in the Ocean Park.



Before the Form 4 students went to Ocean Park, they were excited. One of them said he was going to try all types of roller coasters. Some of them said they couldn't sleep the night before as they were so excited.

First of all, they had to complete two Physics missions to research how fast the roller coasters are and to check the rate of acceleration of Ocean Park Tower.

On the Main Train, one of the students, Harry Chu from S4A had to wear a minitype Physics machine and ride the most precipitous roller coaster in Ocean Park. Harry said 'I am not scared and I will make the rate experiment a success!' Finally, he succeeded! Everyone was delighted and praised Harry for being so brave.

At Thrill Mountain which was the newest part in Ocean Park, some 4A students were extremely frightened as Mr. Allan Ng wanted them to ride The Flash with him. 'Although it was not too thrilling, it made me dizzy,' one of the female students said shakily.

It was a tremendously exciting day for all Form 4 students. Mr. Cheng, the technical teacher at Ocean Park, said he was very surprised that TCCS students could conduct the roller coaster rate experiment smoothly.

### A wonderful Month!

Learning and having fun.

By Shirley Lo Kam Chi Photos by Kelvin Tsang Chi Kuen

December is the most wonderful month in the school year. This is because many interesting things happen in this month. These activities are inviting for students. So everyone likes December not just for the Christmas holidays.



First, is the one many teachers and students look forward to: the Chinese Drama competition. It is a good competition to uncover students who have a talent in acting. Also, this competition can improve students' team spirit. That means everyone should help and work together to achieve fruitful results. Some people would make the costumes and some people would work on the props in the drama. If someone or a team won the competition, they would get

a gift which would encourage students.

After that, the activity was to go outdoors for learning. The Form 4 classes went to Ocean Park. They enjoyed to going on the thrill rides, such as the roller coaster, the turbo jump and pirate ship etc. Students learnt from the thrill rides how to measure their acceleration rate. They learnt Physics in real life.



Finally, there was the Christmas party which was the happiest activity for students. It was because they would have a Christmas holiday. Before the holiday, the school held a Christmas party for students and invited teachers to join it. There were many things to do like sharing food and playing games together. Students would prepare food by themselves and all the food was homemade.

Everyone was pleased in December because this month had many things that happened which were exciting. Students felt relaxed in December.

### **A Joyful month!**

*Students enjoy learning.*

By Christy Lai Ho Ching

December was a joyful month for students at TCCS. There was a lot of joy in it just because of the cheerful festival of Christmas.

There were many events in December, but some seemed more important. First of all was the Chinese Drama competition. All students were looking forward to this competition very much. They believed that they could all have excellent results so they prepared their scripts, props and costumes for a long time, and they enjoyed the process. While the actors and actresses were on the stage, it was clear that along with the sound team or lighting team, they tried their best for the performance, no matter whether it was the audition or the final. Many felt proud of their classmates with their positive attitude.

Another exciting activity in December was our Outdoors Learning day.

Teachers led all schoolmates outdoors to learn some extra knowledge which cannot be learnt in school. Besides, it was also a day for students to relax while learning outside. The form four learning location took place at Ocean Park, the popular theme park in Hong Kong. There were two teams, the Physics class and the others. The former rode on a few roller coasters to gather some information on speed and acceleration. The others went to visit backstage of the Marine Theatre. They learnt some skills and details of how to teach dolphins to perform and about the dolphins' habits. It was quite a joy for them to see dolphins up close. The most delightful moment was when all workshops ended. We could go to play many games in the park with our friends. That made us all relaxed and satisfied with learning.

The last and the most awaited event in December was Christmas! Our school did not only have a holiday for Christmas, there was also a prayer gathering and each class had a party with their classmates. Students decorated their classroom when December came and filled the room full of Christmas atmosphere. At the party, students wore Christmas hats and there were a lot of delicious food like cake, chicken wings, jelly etc. They played some games too! They were all joyful that day.

December is also the end of a year. I believe that everyone must look forward to a new year, because everyone feels they can have a new beginning in the new year.

### **Chinese Drama!**

*Drama Competition changes life!*

By Wendy Li Oi Yan

14th December was the finals of the Chinese Drama Competition at Tung Chung Catholic School. The competition was held in the school hall. As it was an annual event, all finalists took this competition very seriously. The judges were very professional this year. They were Mr Mak Wing Hung, Ms Cheung Po Chu and Mr Chan Kin Man. We were privileged to interview the main character, Billy Wong Chun Tin, from S4A's play.

B=Billy Wong Chun Tin

W=the interviewer Wendy Li

- W: Hello Billy Wong! I am a reporter from the 4A newsletter. My name is Wendy. I am happy that you accepted our invitation.
- B: Hello Wendy! It is my honor to have this interview.
- W: Okay! Let's start our interview. Although you didn't get any award from the Chinese Drama Competition, everyone was talking about you after the competition .Do you know you are very famous now?
- B: HaHa! I know. Actually I am quite shocked that I got this big applause from the audience.
- W: What is the main reason that is making everyone talk about you?
- B: Um.....I think the main reason is I was a shy boy in the past. I am afraid of standing in front of a crowd of people, so I failed in every presentation test. I wasn't even confident enough to talk to someone now. However, this Drama Competition was a wonderful chance for me to present a new image to everyone by acting in the play, so that's why they are talking about me.
- W: What made you become the main character?
- B: In fact, I never thought that I could be one of the characters of the play. I became the main character because all of my friends wanted to play a trick on me, so they all voted for me in the poll.
- W: Did you grumble?
- B: I was very dissatisfied at first, but now, I want to say 'thank you' to them.
- W: Did you meet with any difficulties when you were acting?
- B: Of course! As you know I used to be very shy. It was hard for me to speak a line while we were practising. On the other hand, we needed to practise every day after school, so I had to deal with the play and schoolwork at the same time. I was very busy at that moment.
- W: How did you solve those problems?
- B: Um.....I told myself I couldn't make my Chinese teacher Mr. Chan and my classmates feel disappointed, so I worked on making my voice louder and I gained more confidence day by day. About schoolwork, I made sure there was a balance. I planned a time table.
- W: What did you learn from the play?
- B: I really learned so much in the play. I learned how to act, how to speak and how to move.....but the most important thing is that I learned how to be a confident person. From the competition onwards, I've never felt scared to speak in front of a crowd of people.

- W: Who do you want to thank?
- B: I want to thank Mr. Chan and my parents who gave me so much encouragement and the students who voted for me to be the main character. Without their vote, I might still be a shy boy.
- W: Could you give some words to encourage our schoolmates, please?
- B: Sure! I think nothing is impossible. We must believe in ourselves and try our best to do everything, just like me. Although I didn't get any awards from the competition, I won over myself. I beat my fears and I got an applause from the audience.
- W: That is the end of today's interview. Thank you for your precious time, Billy Wong!

# January

## January – Exam Month!

By Winky Li Wing Ki

TCCS Form 1 to Form 5 students had exam week from 5th January to 13th January. The majority of them had prepared for it about two weeks before. However, most of them were nervous and stressed.

Desmond Chung, a Form 3 student said that he felt confused about the examination especially the part of Chemistry. 'I'm so worried! I always get awful results in Science. It's totally difficult for me. I don't know if I can overcome the exams,' said Desmond.

However, some students did well preparing for the 1st Term Exam. 'I'm really confident that I can get satisfying result as I have studied for almost a month. Good luck to me,' said a Form 5 student, Fiona Tsang.

Actually, teachers understood the students' pressure so they tried to make them relax. The teachers would help them to solve learning problems actively. They were willing to answer students' questions at any time.

Anyway, good luck to all of the students!

### Enjoying the fun during Chinese New Year.

*Are you interested in how teachers spend their holidays?*

By Pauline Chan Po Ling

The Chinese New Year holiday started on 20 January. It was a long-awaited time for students and teachers because they could have a time for relaxing after the first school term. Students must feel joyful during the holiday since they had planned lots of activities in their holiday.

How about the teachers? We were honoured that we could have interviews with three teachers and asked them what they did during the Chinese New Year holiday.

“During the holiday, I accompanied my son to do revision together and prepare for the next school term. Besides, I went to the Hong Kong Wetland Park with my son too.

We went there to explore the ecology. It was a leisurely time. Considering for my son’s health, I play basketball and go jogging with him. It can make us feel healthier and have a strong body by doing exercise. I watched the Japanese cartoon ‘Engine Sentai Go-onger’ with my son.

Of course, I inculcated a lot of positive messages to him during our time together.”



Mr. Gareth Wong



“It was a quite relaxing time for me as the first school term just ended, so I had already finished my work, for example, I marked the exam papers and homework. I could take rests and plan my holiday. I’ve visited my relatives and friends and got the red pocket money. Moreover, I ate a lot in the holidays. I could have enough time for sleeping too. I enjoyed this holiday very much! For my Chinese New Year wish, I hope my S1 class can be more obedient.”

Miss Chan Yuen Yee



“It was the busiest holiday that I have ever had. I came back to school almost everyday. I had to come back to restore the server. Fortunately, I still had some time to visit my relatives. In addition, I went to Wong Tai Sin Temple to pray for blessings and make a wish.”

Mr. Leo Ng

It was such a great holiday for everybody. Although some of the teachers thought that it was a busy holiday, they still enjoyed it very much.

## February

### 2011-2012 1st Blood Donation Day

*Donating Blood to Save Lives.*

By Ricky Chiu Kai Ho

On 2nd February, the first Blood Donation Day of 2011-2012 was held in the school hall. Many students and teachers joined it enthusiastically as before. Their purposes were the same - to save lives by donating blood.



▲ Hong Kong Red Cross

Before donating blood, donors needed to fill in the donor form to update donor's personal data and to make sure they were healthy. Also, the details could enable the nurse to properly classify and separate the different types of blood. Next, they had to have their fingers pricked for a haemoglobin test to ensure that their blood iron content met the criteria for ability to donate. Then, the donation lasted about 7-10 minutes and 300 mls to 450 mls of blood was taken from each donor. After donation, donors can then enjoy the drinks and snacks offered



▲ Students filled in the donor form.



in order to replenish the liquid lost.

Luckily, all donors donated their blood successfully. They were brave as they were not afraid of the procedure. They all seemed to enjoy donating their blood because they knew their blood would be useful to patients.



Everyone knows that donating blood is a meaningful act, but only few people take action. Actually, since there is no substitute for blood, the supply of blood in the blood bank, relies entirely on the goodwill of voluntary, non-remunerated blood donors. Therefore, let's join hands to protect lives! All of you can donate blood for the welfare of all patients who are in need.

▲ Teachers also joined the Blood Donation Day.

### Be brave to face the public exam!

*We will always pray for you and give you encouragement!*

By May Tsang Ka Lai

On 3rd February, the S6 and S7 prayer meeting for graduation was held in the hall. The prayer meeting started from period five to lunch. And all participants could have lunch in period six.

First, every S6's and S7's class teachers entered the hall holding a candle. Then the S6 and S7 classes followed and got into the hall too. When everyone was seated, the prayer meeting began. All students paid attention to the prayer meeting as this was possibly the last prayer meeting they would have in this school. At the prayer meeting, the students prayed together for their upcoming public exam. They sang together to relieve their anxious and exhausted. They blessed each other with their best wishes. After that, the prayer meeting showed some video which the classes had made or selected before the event. Everybody was touched since there were all their unique and unforgettable

memories. Finally, the prayer meeting ended with the ceremony where the S6 and S7 representatives gave their lamps to S5 students.

Actually, the HKALE had already started and HKDSE was to start very soon. We interviewed some S4A's students who had attended the prayer meeting. Also, their siblings were going to meet the challenges so they would know more about their sibling's feelings. Here are some words of encouragements to S6 and S7 students from them:

**Do your best! Put your biggest effort in the exam! Never give up!**

**-Henry Wong Man Hong**

**Where there is a will, there is a way. Nothing is impossible!**

**-Martin Chan Chi Ho**

**Don't be depressed as there are always your family and friends nearby!**

**-Kathy Cheng Nga Lee**

**This path has been placed before you. The choice is yours alone.**

**-Fion Tse Wing Ki**

### Book Sharing

*Activity for all-round language development*

By Wong Sze

In February, there was a book-sharing week in TCCS. There were more than 30 teams that came to the library and shared their books, which included adventure, crime, thrillers and love stories.

The event was directly related to their SBA. All students had prepared well. Tom Wong, a student from one of the teams said that he had joined this event before. It was an amusing and helpful experience to make him share his reading. This was the interview:

Amy: Is this the first time you have participated in this event?

Tom: No, it is my third time to participate in this event.

Amy: How did you feel when you did the sharing the first time?

Tom: I felt very nervous when I first attended this event. Before that, I was a quiet student, but now I will express my views with others.

Amy: Did you enjoy it and what did you learn from this?

Tom: I learned solidarity with my classmates. I really enjoy sharing some ideas with my classmates. Also I found the reading pleasurable. Before that I didn't like reading, but now I think reading is amusing.

Mr. Chan Kin Man, the judge of the books sharing said that the most important aspect is the participation of the students. The results are not important.

We asked him how the scoring was done. Mr. Chan said they looked at the overall performance of the students, like expression, content and theme. Finally, there was a Q&A session which was counted into the total mark for each student.

February was a language- active month at TCCS!

## March

### Perfect Show Time!

2011-2012 TCCS Senior English Drama Competition

By Winky Li Wing Ki

On the 16th March, the Senior English Drama Competition was held in TCCS' hall .Every student was overjoyed. Johnny Hui, Coral Li from S5 and Winky Li, Christy Lai from S4 were the MCs of the competition. The adjudicators were Vice-Principal Mrs. Cheung Po-Chu, the primary NET teacher Mr. Dane and the Secondary NET teacher Mrs. Indra Gill. The judges would be looking at each plays' acting quality, a clear story line and if the theme was clear. There were prizes for top three plays, sound track, stage effects, best original script and the individual ones for best narrator,



best male and female actors and supporting actors.

The finalists were:

- 1- S5C 'The Taming of the Shrew'
- 2- S4A 'The Magical Warrior'
- 3- S4B 'Fantasy Drama'
- 4- S5A' Bandania'
- 5- S5D 'The Most Wonderful One'

All classes did an excellent job for the competition! They did well preparing their props, costumes, sound effects and improving on their scripts.

'Most of them were entertaining. I enjoyed watching the plays so much ! However, I think the most attractive one was the play from S5D 'The Most Wonderful One' as the daughter mouse was looking for a suitable husband and her husband was really cute with their make-up. 'said Kathy Cheng, a form four student.

S5A' Bandania' had a meaningful play. People in the play were blind with bandanas. It certainly metaphorically showed that people always ignore some problems, choosing to be blissfully ignorant. Besides this, S4A's play which was entitled 'The Magical Warrior' was another remarkable performance. It was about a Red Indian who was looking for the most honest woman in the village to be his wife. Their national costumes were colourful.



MCs Coral Li and Winky Li



S5D 'The Most Wonderful One'      S5A' Bandania'      S4A 'The Magical Warrior'

'I love the character Derek from my class play entitled 'The Magical Warrior' because he was clever and he had a firm determination to look for an honest woman. I hope my future wife will be an honest person too,' said Kelvin Chu, from S4B as he smiled.

Finally, S4B 'Fantasy Drama' got the third prize and S5A 'Bandania' got the second prize. The champion for 2011-12 English Drama Competition was S4A

with their play entitled 'The Magical Warrior'. The best actor and actress were Brainy Cheung from S4A and Wendy Chiu from S5C.

'I've never thought that I could get this precious personal prize! I'm really surprised. I must say thanks to my English teacher Ms Gill,' said Brainy.

The drama competition ended with loud acclamations...**Congratulations to all the classes!**



S5C 'The Taming of the Shrew'



The Best Actor Brainy Cheung as Derek the Warrior

### Other comments on the Drama Competition:

"Our drama team did strive to do its best at the Drama competition. Our efforts have not been in vain." S4A director, Yuki Tsang said. One student said "it's a great opportunity for us to be interested in the Arts to work on a play, and it taught us a variety of skills like lighting and stage management." This competition was tremendously exciting. Most students had learned something about Drama.

By Selena Chow Man Yui S4A

The champion prize went to S4A. Their play was The Magical Warrior, which was about a magical warrior who was looking for the most honest woman to be his wife. The actors of 4A had mesmerizing expression and clear pronunciation. They also had a lot of properties and lighting effects. All the elements led to their play winning the champion. One of the directors in 4A, Sandy Li said "All actors had done a great job as they cooperated with each other." She added "but there is space for us to improve."

The first runner-up was S5A, Bandania. The most impressive part of

5A was that the actors used black cloths to cover their eyes. They had an integrated performance.

The second runner-up was S4B, Fantasy Drama. Their play was entertaining as it could make the audience laugh. They used a lot of sound and lighting effects, like the sound of gun shot. The play was tremendously exciting. The most amazing part of their play was when they invited "Harry Potter" and "Voldemort" to join their play. It certainly became a significant part of the play. 4B presented an excellent drama.

This year the English drama competition ended with a burst of hand-clapping. It was a big success for all students and teachers. They are all looking forward to next

By Yuki Tsang Yuk Wai

## May

### Culture exposure!

-Great Interpretation of Shakespeare's Plays

By Yuki Tsang Yuk Ching and Sandy Li Tsz Ching

On 30th May, the 8th Chinese Universities Shakespeare Festival Performance Finals took place in Sir Run Run Shaw Hall, The Chinese University of Hong Kong in Shatin. It was held by the Department of English and the office of the Arts Administrator, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The four our universities presenting their plays, were:



**Lingnan University - The Two Noble Kinsmen**  
**Wuhan University - The Merry Wives of Windsor**  
**Nanjing University - The Merchant of Venice**  
**Tsinghua University - As You Like It**

The adjudicators of the Festival were



There were many other schools in the audience



internationally famous English scholars and drama professionals.

The entire class of S4A attended this competition. Three weeks before this outing, the class discussed these plays in class and even learnt how to memorize some of the famous quotes from these plays.

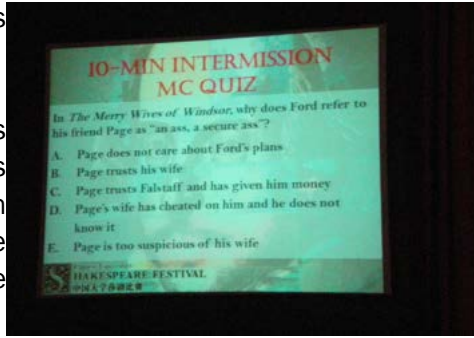
Because of this preparation, it was easy for the students to understand what was going on and to laugh along at the funny scenes.

There was a 10 minute intermission. During the intermission, the organizer had a multiple-choice quiz about the plays for the audience. The audience showed their interest in it. Many students filled in the worksheet.

The results were announced online on 31st May. The 3rd Runner-up was Lingnan University – The Two Noble Kinsmen. Best Ensemble Work went to Lingnan University – The Two Noble Kinsmen too. Best Actress went to Leung Yiu YoYo in Lingnan University, who played Jailor’s Daughter/ Emilia in The Two Noble Kinsmen. The outstanding Actor was Liu Yue Wu in Nanjing University, who played Shylock in The Merchant of Venice.

The audience admired the lighting of each performance which was excellent. For example, in last scene of The Merchant of Venice which was performed by Nanjing University, the lighting focused on the scales which was meaningful. That made the audience think about what justice and fairness are.

On the whole, all the plays were fantastic because the actors could interpret their roles well through their



lines and movement. Besides, the adjudicators and audience enjoyed their performance so they received a big hand. It was an enjoyable day being exposed to western culture and all the students enjoyed the play, "The Merry Wives of Windsor" best.

### Study of fiction

-The character of Mary Maloney

By May Tsang Ka Lai

The main character in 'Lamb to the Slaughter' by Roald Dahl is Mary Maloney. Her husband is Patrick Maloney. There are two parts to this story and Mary is different before and after the murder.

Before the murder, Mary seems to be a loving wife. She shows that she loves her husband in many ways. The story tells us that she waits for him to come home. When he comes home, she puts down her sewing and kisses him. She hangs up his coat. She pours drink, asks him if he is tired and jump up to pour him another drink. She asks if he want his slippers and encourages him to eat even though he tells her 'NO' three times. Mary does not really let Patrick do anything for himself. She fusses over him but Patrick doesn't seem to enjoy it! Maybe he is bored with her. When Mary learns to know this, she is gentle and does not argue. But she is shocked that she walks in a daze. Mary seems to be sort of person who would just collapse when Patrick says he is leaving her. But actually, she does not! After the murder Mary is a different person.

After the murder, Mary starts quick thinking and becomes a good actress. She is quick thinking as she turns on the oven to cook the meat, goes to buy food for dinner and persuades the police to eat the meat. Also, she is a good actress since she tells Sam that Patrick is tired, calls the police and sound very upset and seems shocked and surprised. Her acting makes the shopkeeper and police think she is innocent. Finally, she speaks to shopkeeper as if Patrick is still alive and that she is cooking for him to organize her alibi.

In fact, I feel pity for Mary. In Shakespeare's play 'The Merchant of Venice', Shylock says 'You take my life when you do take the means whereby I live.' And Mary's means is her family -her husband and her unborn baby. When Patrick



shows Mary that he does not love her anymore, Mary's life was almost taken. She is shocked to know the truth and in shock, she even kills Patrick. But after she killed Patrick, another problem arises - if she is given the legal punishment for murder, what will happen to her baby? If she were alone, she could just sit back and wait till the police arrest her as a relief but she cannot lose her baby which is more painful than if she lost her life with the death penalty! Mary starts to change in personality. She is no more the gentle 'lamb' but the real considerate 'slaughterer'. In my opinion, Mary is really, really pitiful. She almost loses everything: her husband and herself- the real 'Mary'! I believe that although Mary finally protects her baby successfully, she will never sense real happiness.

### Profiles of guest teachers- Bradley Waeyburn

*Our experiences with the Campus Reporters teachers*

By Dicky Tsang Siu Hang

A NET teacher came to our school in December and taught our class students. I forgot his surname, but he made a good impression on all of us. We were to call him Brad. He was to teach us every Thursday for a month.

At the first lesson, he began by introducing himself and opened the topic. Throughout the lesson, our communication was totally around news reporters, how to be a good news reporter and what technology they needed to have. Other than that, we learned a lot of English also.

I think this teacher is fantastic. Nevertheless, I think the same of our English teacher who is also a NET teacher. This teacher can just let us feel excited but not that much more than our own teacher.

Eventually, I want to talk about my feelings towards this teacher. First of all, I feel he is a nice and polite person because he teaches us very gently. Also he gives us a lot of new vocabulary. Furthermore, he is humorous and amusing. He always makes some jokes and lets me feel happy and relaxed. Last but not least, he is professional because he speaks very quickly and covered all contents of the lesson well. I liked this teacher very much.

### A gorgeous hero in our classroom!

By Peony Ng Yuen Ying

In December, I had an unforgettable lesson! A tall, muscular foreign man who has brown hair and a pointed nose, came to our classroom. He said his name is Brad. He was here to teach us to be English campus reporters. He has a low and deep voice. Besides, Mr. Brad spoke fluent English.

We started with sorting the news stories. Mr. Brad encouraged us to speak English loudly and clearly. I think Mr. Brad is an active person. He often walks around the classroom. The most impressive part in the lesson was reading the Tongue Twisters. Our rhythmic voices filled up the classroom. Everyone tried to say it faster and faster. Some of us laughed when a classmate could not say the words. Mr. Brad also taught us to stress some words when we spoke English.

I learned a lot from this lesson and I am looking forward to the next lesson. I think Mr. Brad's lesson is as vivacious and attractive as Miss Gill's lessons. I think I had a valuable lesson yesterday and I really want to thank Mr. Brad.

### Handsome and relaxed!

By Ara Chan Yee San

Brad is a handsome man. When you see him for the first time, you will fall in love with him. He is tall, over 180cm height. He is also strong because he has large muscles on his arms and legs. He has brown hair and a pair of beautiful blue eyes. He does not have any facial hair on his face but he still looks manly. He has a pointed nose and he dresses casually.

I think Brad is a cheerful and hilarious person. He always smiles in the lesson and tells us jokes which are funny. It also shows he is humorous. Furthermore, he would not be so serious in teaching so I felt relaxed in his lessons. In addition, I think he is a good teacher too. When a classmate didn't understand what he said, he would explain it to them patiently. However, I was nervous when he wanted me to speak to him. After all he is a foreigner, I was concerned about my grammar and pronunciation. So, when I spoke to him, I had to be more careful about my speaking.

### Profiles of guest teachers- Reece Harmon

By Vivian Chan Hoi Ching and May Tsang Ka Lai

Mr. Hamon was born on 24th November in New Zealand. He is 28 years old now. He had studied technology at Auckland University. He lives in Tung Chung Crescent now. There are five family members in his family, including his father, his mother, an elder brother, a younger sister and himself. Mr. Hamon has a girlfriend in New Zealand too.

As Mr. Hamon would like to stay fit, most of his hobbies require that he consumes a lot of energy, such as going to the gym, running and hiking. He goes to the gym four times a week and runs thrice a week. Also, he loves to go shopping. He loves watching movies too, especially comedies and action films. His favourite movie is The Expendables. But he dislikes watching horror films.

Mr. Hamon is a teacher now. He works at Synergy Education. He would like to be a teacher as his role model was a teacher and he also enjoys having somebody to look up to him. He feels that when students understand what he says, that is the most exciting moment of his teaching career. And Mr. Hamon is really a good and popular teacher.

Before he became a teacher, he was a professional rugby player. This was an achievement for him too. He wanted to be a rugby player when he was young and he achieved it! Moreover, Mr. Hamon has a big family but none of his family had got a degree, so he is proud of being the only one to have gone to the University. This was quite an amazing fact for us to have learnt about. His other achievements are that he has travelled to many different countries, including Italy, Japan, Spain, Australia and England. What an achievement!

Mr. Hamon had an embarrassing moment when he was studying. He asked a girl to dance when he was a teenager but the girl refused and laughed at him. But it didn't matter at all because he was able to laugh too. Today that girl is still a good friend!

Mr. Hamon has taught for several years and he thinks that it is exciting for him to teach students. Furthermore, if there is a chance that he could change his

career, he would be a pilot as he could take his friends to fly all over the world. But he still enjoys being a teacher today.

### Profiles of guest teachers- Ms Pat

By Karena Siu Ka Sin

Ms. Pat is well known as a good teacher in schools in Hong Kong. She came to Hong Kong in 1949 when she was six months and is about 62 years old now. She grew up in London, England.

Ms. Pat studied in London and went to University of Kingston and studied Art in university. Her favorite hobbies are watching movies, working with computers, writing and reading.

After she left school, she came to Hong Kong and started to be a teacher. The reason why she has been a teacher is that she enjoys teaching students and she would be satisfied after her students learn something from her. She taught European history, Geography, English and Art at school.

She loves students who have a lot of character, are interesting and have a good sense of humor. Her favorite food in Hong Kong is dim sum. The reason that she stays in Hong Kong is that she loves the food, the place and people in Hong Kong. Moreover, she loves teaching students. We found Ms. Pat to be an interesting teacher with a different style of teaching from our own English teacher.



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