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different experiences, knowledge and expertise to ensure work is relevant and well matched to meet

the needs of the children. In this way, we are able to utilize the strengths of a large staff team and

enhance the quality of learning and teaching here at TKP.

Chapter 1 Message from English Department

Dear Parents

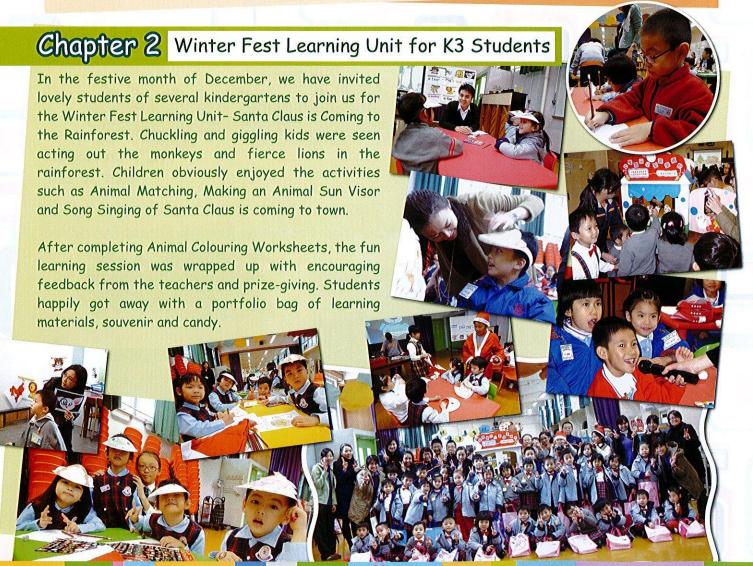
Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to all our new primary one parents. We hope you all had a good summer - probably a very distant memory by now!



We have had a very full term, with students excelling in many areas of learning. In all areas of the school students have skillfully utilized technological processes to produce a variety of innovative and interesting learning projects.

Wow how quickly time flies by! So many celebrations and big events, all of which are embedded in the teaching and learning opportunities presented to children. You've no doubt learnt about the excitement of Maglish Day on which the whole school took part in the Halloween Party. This has been at the forefront of your children's thoughts the week before the event, in preparation for what Halloween costume to wear on the big day. This is a true testament to the amazing work we as staff did to provide a language-rich environment for the children to speak English.

Your children are also learning to become reflective thinkers and learners. This would have been evident to parents at our recent Open Day where children were able to show you some of what they have been learning about in their classrooms. One of the most valuable parts of this process, apart from sharing their fabulous work with you, was the opportunity for the children to articulate the purpose behind the task and how that learning links to subsequent learning opportunities. This student centred approach is something which is fostered across the school.





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Chapter 4 Visit to IFC

CECES IFC Tour on 6th July, 2011

CECES IFC Tour was an exclusive activity as 15 students aged 12 or above from our school were invited by CECES and its funding body, UBS, to join the tour. Transport and lunch were provided. The well-performing English Ambassadors who have helped in the Shared Reading Sessions during lunch time were chosen for the activity. It was a stimulating and exciting for not only all the English Ambassadors but also the teachers. USB has sent out English-speaking staff who volunteered to take our students on the tour and chat in English. It was a stimulating and exciting for not only the English Ambassadors but also the teachers!







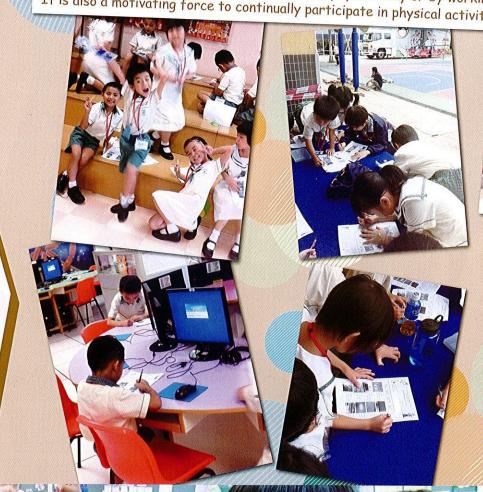
Chapter 5 Remedial Classes & Enhancement Programme

Remedial Class

As some students don't receive adequate grounding in English language, a remedial learning programme for the less-able students in P.3-6 is carried out to bring students up to speed so that they have skills comparable to those of their peers. One local teacher and one teaching assistant co-teach and co-plan for the sessions to cater for the needs of students who need extra coaching on English learning at school.

Tactile Learning Activities in lower forms

The early years of life are full of colors, sounds, experiences and experiments. Children learn through their senses along with interactions with others. AT TKP, Tactile Learning Activities were carried out in lower forms to children who best understand new information when learned in a physical way or by working things out tactilely. It is also a motivating force to continually participate in physical activities.









English Enhancement Programme

In order to stretch the abilities of our gifted and talented Primary 6 students, we have a joint venture with a group of lovely and generous IB Diploma Programme students from the Singapore International School (Hong Kong) to carry out an enhancement programme. They keep our students highly engaged with challenging and stimulating learning activities and games on Friday



P.6 Bridging Course

To aid interfacing with Secondary curriculum, Form 1 curriculum, such as history and science, will be incorporated into P.6 English curriculum. Students in all levels are encouraged to keep the study habits of note-taking for the whole year since they can use it for revision whenever they need. It is also a crucial independent learning skill in secondary schools.

Chapter 6 English Workshop: Promoting Reading across the School

Computer Room. The talk aimed at partaking

on reading for all teachers. among the teachers. We are culture.







Two more workshops were organized with the aims as follows:

- · Learning major text-types and features
- Understanding fiction texts
- Teaching non-fiction and fiction texts in class

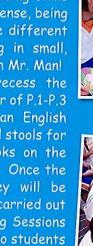
All in all, teachers found the information valuable and useful for teaching of reading strategies and skills.



Chapter 7 English Ambassador



The students have been busy learning the Reading Skills in our classroom. We have talked about book sense, being respectful readers and we learned about the different reading genres! P.1-2 students are meeting in small guided reading groups during NET lessons with Mr. Man! On Thursdays and Fridays during lunch recess the Reading corner is available for a limited number of P.1-P.3 students (approx.20 in total) to read to an English Ambassador. The area has soft mats, rugs and stools for students to sit on. There are leveled books on the marked shelves for students to choose from. Once the student has read to the ambassador they will be rewarded with a stamp. Incentive measure is carried out due to the warm reception of Shared Reading Sessions for P.1, 2 & 3 students. "VIP" cards are given to students who perform well in class as rewards so that they get extra time for Shared Reading Sessions. Shared Reading Sessions are held to cater for the growing needs of P.1 P.2 & P.3 emergent readers.



















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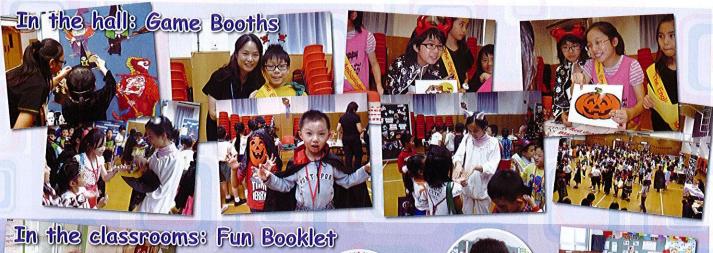
Since 2010, the school has joined the SCOLAR "Stories Alive" project/workshops on "Readers' Theatre" which provides teacher training to facilitate the implementation of "Readers' Theatre" in P.4, P.5 and P.6. The topics used during the Reader's Theatre are based on the main theme of the chapter in the Longman textbook. This is to consolidate vocabulary learnt, in the GE lessons. The use of Readers' Theatre is definitely a great help for TSA Speaking Assessment training.

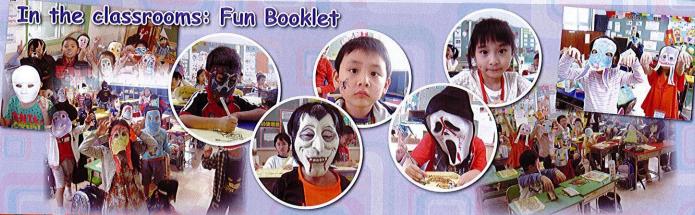


Chapter 8 Maglish Day

The English Department held a Halloween Party on the 28th October, 2011 in the school. There were lots of spooky fun and games for pupils from Primary 1 to 6.

We are grateful to our parent helpers who volunteered to help on that day i.e. manning the game booths and playing some Halloween themed games.









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Chapter 9 Student's work

Welcome to an anthology of exemplary TKP student writing. Here you will find examples of student writing from a variety of topics and from a variety of assignment types. Just as parents are proud of a child's every attempt to say words, teachers praise young writers' efforts at writing. They allow much practice by encouraging very young children to use written language for real purposes: phone messages, shopping lists, labels, and stories. As words of high frequency appear in a child's writing, teachers model correct spelling, and children gradually incorporate conventional or standard spelling into their writing.

Each student essay showcased here has been nominated by her English teacher for its excellent quality. Learning to use tools such as the Process Writing enables students to take responsibility for editing and publishing their own work.

Every day children write for a range of purposes such as reports, narratives, procedures, recounts, descriptions and poetry.

We would like to share some of our budding young authors' works with you. Read and enjoy!

Literacy is a key focus area at TKP Primary school. In this edition of our newsletter, samples of students writing have been included for your enjoyment.

To an elementary student, there is no greater thrill than seeing her work published for others to see. Devoting a section of a school newspaper to student work provides an incentive for students to work hard so their efforts can be recognized in print.

A letter to Steve Jobs

Dear Steve,

How are you in heaven?

You have died on 5th October, 2011. I was so sad when I heard this news because I think you are the greatest man in my life. I will not forget you.

You had invented iPhone, iPad and iPod. These things have changed our lives. They are convenient and easy to use. My father has iPhone 4 and iPad 2. He thinks that they are convenient to send e-mails and read the news.

You also had some famous quotes. I like your last quote 'Stay hungry, Stay foolish'. It has changed my mind and my life. It has made me learn about the truth.

I know that many people love your inventions and you have changed the world. Now, on behalf of all the people in the world, I would like to thank you for your inventions that have changed the world. 'Thank you!' We will never forget you!

Last but not least, we would like to say 'We hope you have a great time in heaven. We will miss you.'

A student who worships you,

P.6E Althea Cheung

I have something to tell you, teacher

I have something to tell you, teacher. John is speaking in Chinese, does he need to give Bon Bon (candy)?

I have something to tell you, teacher. Jack is singing in Chinese, does he need to give a live concert in 6E?

I have something to tell you, teacher. Henry isn't my husband or boy friend, but why do they all say he is?

I have something to tell you, teacher. Jeffery is a chatterbox, can I scold him now?

I have a lot more to tell you, teacher! Would you please give me five minutes? Maybe not. I need five hours...Then I will tell you all the things you need to know!

P.6E Chloe Lau

The ad in the paper said:

Wanted: Pet Sitter.

Need somebody to look after little Rexie while I am away. Willing to pay \$200/day to the right person.

Two hundred dollars a day for looking after somebody's pet! "Easy money," I thought, so I took the job. When I arrived at the house, a man gave me the keys and said, "Rexie's out back." And then he left with his suitcase. So I went to the window, and there in the backyard stood a 5-ton T-REX. And it had just eaten the neighbour's cat!



I thought, why would anybody have a pet like this? This was the 21St century after all. So I called the owner. "Hello, is this the owner of Rexie?" I shuddered as I said that. "I want to know how to take care of him?" He replied, "Easy! You just scrub his body at 1 o'clock, feed him with all the meat in the fridge at 2:30 pm, then take him for a walk in the park at 4 o'clock, and feed him again with meat when the meat arrives with the delivery man at 6:30 pm, tell him to go to sleep at 9 o'clock and read him a story. I'm sure you'll be great friends soon!" Then he hanged up.

I faced the T-REX again and started to do what the owner had said. When I was taking care of him, I found that he was really gentle and kind. We made friends very quickly. It was truly amazing! When the day was over, I was really glad that I took this job; I really needed the money to buy a new pair of headphones that I've been dying to get, oh, and some new sneakers.

After a whole week, the owner came back from his trip. He said, "So, did you take care of him right? Hmm...not bad! Not bad!" I said, "so can I get the money now?" "What money?" he said, "I thought you were doing it for free!"

So at last I got the cheque butThe T-REX gobbled me up! And I'm still sitting inside his tummy writing this.....

P.6E Cherry Ho



On Steve Job's Death

I regret the death of Steve Jobs. Steve Jobs had great contributions to this world. I feel very sad. It is because Steve Jobs is the founder of Apple Inc. He created Apple computer, iPod, iPhone and iPad that have improved all our lives. He is smart and innovative. If he still lives, I think he will create more products that bring us more happiness and surprise. So it is a great loss to all of us.



P.6E Jeff Woo



To Steve Jobs:

Dear Steve Jobs:

Your death was announced by Apple on October 5, 2011. It's a pity! You are a successful entrepreneur and innovative person.

The world has lost an amazing person and a creative genius.

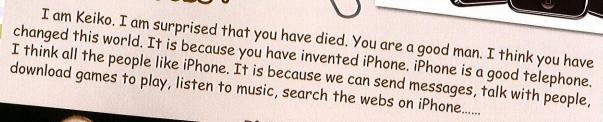
You always said, "If you live each day as if it were your last, someday you will most certainly be right." You also said, "Your time is limited. Don't waste it living someone else's life."



I will remember what you said and try my best to do that: I will not waste any of my time. I hope I can become another You in the future.

> Love, P.6E Coco







If iPhone die, what is your feeling? If you know it, what will you do? I want to know so many things from you. I would be happy if you didn't die, but it is impossible now! I miss you so!

> Love, Keiko P.6E

To Steve Jobs:

I felt really sad when I knew you had already gone to Heaven. You are a great man in history!

My mum and dad said to me, We will buy you an iPod. Your results of the school subjects must be good.' Although I can still buy the iPod, I don't want to use it without you here. I think if I use iPod or iPhone or iPad when you are in 'iCloud' or "iHeaven', it loses its meaning!

Apple's motto is: 'Help people all over the world to search the internet more easily.' But all the 'i-things' were invented by you! We can't lose you and your inventions!

You help us a lot! The world would 'break' if you left! I know you weren't afraid of 'dying' although you had already known that you would die soon. You even thought 'dying' was one of the most important things in a man's life! You taught us a lot of things, such as: 'Stay hungry, stay foolish.' You have changed us, and the world too.

You were the apple of the world's eyes! You can't leave! We need you...

PAEYOLOKOYUS Lung

I often get upset when...

I often get upset when I am unhappy.

I often get upset when people disturb me.

I often get upset when my achievement is bad.

I often get upset when people condemn me.

I often get upset when my goldfish is dead.

I often get upset when I do not have any money.

I often get upset when I am not playing.

I often get upset when my parents ignore me.

I often get upset when I have a lot of homework.

I often get upset when I am hungry.

I often get upset when I don't go to school.

I often get upset when my friends don't play with me.

I often get upset when...



PAGE Jacky Sza



My future husband

I have many requests regarding my future husband. He needs to be helpful. I want him to be the samilar age of me but he needs to be older than me by a few months. He needs to love animals. He needs to be handsome. He needs to love sports. We can play basketball or do sports in our free time. He needs to be kind, not rude, like Jack. He doesn't need to speak good Putonghua because I can teach him. I don't like rich men. It is because the rich men are arrogant. I want my husband to be fat. He needs to have brothers or sisters. I want my future husband to be either Matthew or Rex.

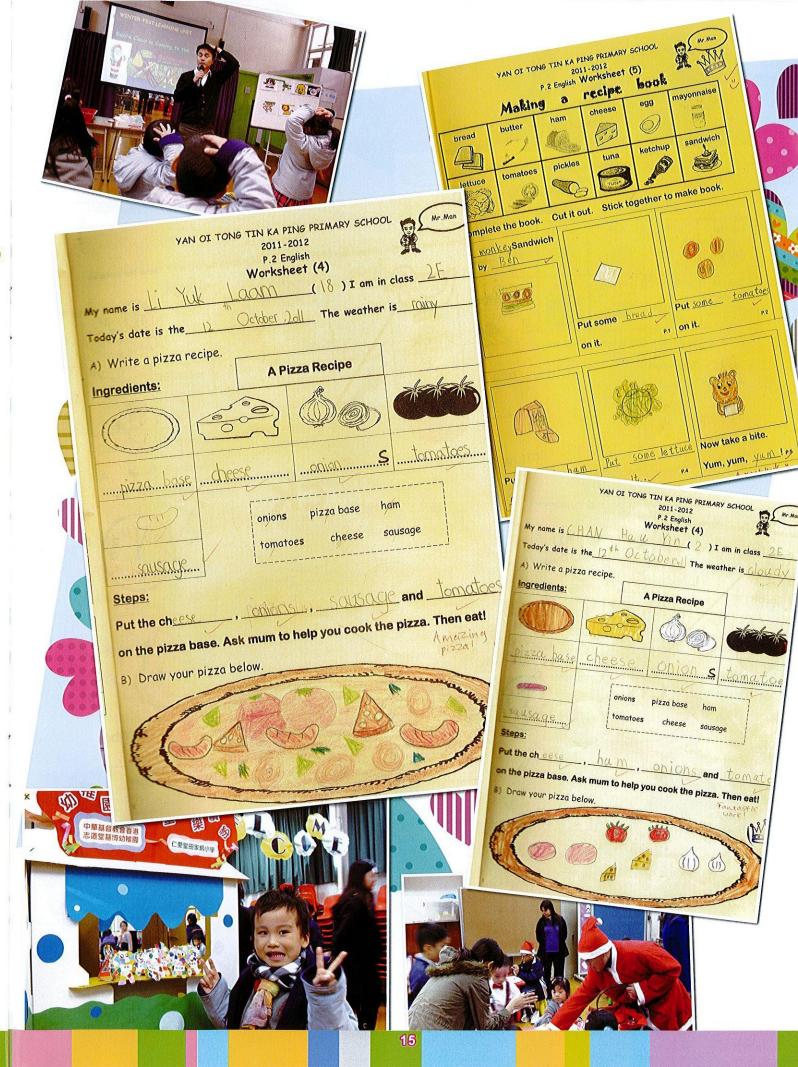
P.6E Tammy

My future wife

My future wife must be beautiful, kind, clean and polite. It is because if I have a crazy, impolite wife, my life will be terrible. My wife should love to sing because I like singing very much. I like songs of G.E.M, CHAN EASON......My wife must learn how to cook and do housework. It is because if she doesn't know how to cook and do housework, I will be crazy one day. Maybe my wife needs to be beautiful too. I don't like a girl who is boring too. I also like playing Chinese chess and table tennis. My wife must learn how to play Chinese chess. I will spend all my time with my wife. It is because I think if I don't spend a lot of time with her, she will be crazy and bored at home. I will also give money to her so that she can go shopping. Ha! Ha!



P.6E Jack Sung



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