



Tin Shui Wai Government Primary School



Introduction



Welcome to the second issue of our English newsletter. We hope that you enjoy reading about the wonderful activity that took place this year.

A new programme called Learning through Play was implemented in P.1. Students were able to develop literacy skills, social skills and confidence while using English in a meaningful way. The English room was transformed into a world of play that engaged students and made learning fun. It was enjoyable for students and teachers.

Take a look at the language arts section of the newsletter. There is a fun activity for practising English skills.

We applaud the students for their hard work this year and we showcase their creative writing.

Happy Reading!





What is **Learning** through **play**?



Learning through Play fosters children's physical and psychological development. It helps develop creativity and problem-solving skills. It also helps children express emotions, build confidence and develop social skills.



How does it work?

The classroom is set up with four stations: Atelier, Small World Play, Writing Table and Book Nook.

Each week students take turns to visit a station. They can invent and share ideas, practise fine motor skills and extend their vocabulary. They can use language in a meaningful way and connect their learning to their own experiences.



Implementation

We implemented Learning through Play in the PLP-R/W unit called 'Where am I?' In this unit, students learn about animals and they are able to describe animal body parts, habitats, food and abilities.



At the Atelier station, students created artwork to make an animal and their food. Students were able to experience sensory learning and they felt proud of their work.

At the Book Nook, students chose to read alone or with a friend. They wrote down new words they learned and things they found interesting.



At the Writing Table, students practised fine motor skills. They discovered animals in the mystery box and put them together. They also drew and matched animal body parts.

At the Small World Play station, students talked to each other taking on the roles of animals. They communicated feelings and improvised language.



Comments

A 'Learning through Play' lesson is always full of happiness, enjoyment and active involvement. Students are eager to share their ideas and feelings with the stuffed toys in their hands, while developing their relationship with one another. I am pleased to see them grow and make progress in the 'play' time.



Miss Chan (1A English Teacher)



Students are highly motivated and different goals have been achieved successfully. They love making food and habitats for sea animals with Play-Doh at the 'Atelier Station'. Their works are beautiful and creative.



Miss Tam (1B English Teacher)





One of the most exciting things about 'Learning through Play' is how the students enjoy amazing games at different stations. It was great to see a high level of engagement in the activities from all the students.

Ms Tsoi (IC English Teacher)

We believe students thrive on play. Students are more willing and confident to speak in English. By immersing themselves in activities that are engaging and interactive, students' memories are greatly enhanced.



Ms On (ID English Teacher)



Students can learn more than just building up communication skills and social skills, but also increase self-confidence in using English. As a teacher, I am proud to see my students participate and enjoy the lessons that much.

Ms Tang (IE English Teacher)



My Favourite Family Member

Hello! My name is August He. I am nine years old. Today I am going to introduce my favourite family member, my dad. His name is Vern He. He is 45 years old. He was born in Hui Xhou, Guangdong Province P.R. China. He was born on 21st April, 1977.



4D He August

My dad is 168 cm tall and his weight is 75 kg. He looks fat and short because he never does exercise. He has a lot of friends because he is helpful and hardworking. He works at CNOON South China Marketing Company. He is in charge of refined oil sales, gas stations and oil tank fields in South China, so he is very busy. He always goes to different places to work and he has a lot of offices. I like to go to his offices to play and find something interesting.

He is my favourite family member because I can feel love from him. He always takes us to different places to eat, drink and play. He always smiles at us and never loses his temper, even if I make mistakes. He can do everything, so I can only help him to spend money. I love my dad.



A Letter to My Friend



4D Yu Sze Yan, Melody

25th February, 2022

Dear Trimmy,

Next Sunday, I'll go to Tai O with my parents and my brother. My mum told me it was a fishing town that produced salt many years ago. Now, lots of visitors go there to see the huts and try seafood.

I will get on the boat and go fishing. It will be fun. I will also go to the seafood restaurants for lunch and dinner. I hope the seafood will be nice. I have a friend who lives there. I'll take some photos with him too.

I think Tai O will be more interesting than the other places that I've visited.

Love,
Melody





4E Le Jing Jing

Let's Visit Places in Hong Kong



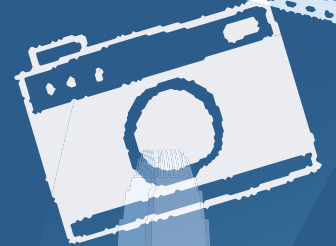
Dear Mandy,

I'm going to tell you about my plan for the two-day trip in Hong Kong. We will visit the Big Buddha on Saturday morning. We have to climb a lot of stairs there but I must show it my respect. In the afternoon, we will go to the Jumbo Floating Restaurant. We'll eat seafood! It is fresh and yummy. In the evening, we'll go to the Peak. We'll look at the view of Hong Kong up from there. It's stunning when it's dark! On Sunday morning, we'll go to Wetland Park. We'll visit the animals there. After that, we'll go to a theme park. Can you guess which one? I bet you said Ocean Park but we're going to Disneyland! We'll go on the rides as always. In the evening, we're going to visit the Space Museum. We're going to learn more about space!

Let's meet at the news stand opposite the post office at seven o'clock on Saturday morning.

See you soon!

Best wishes,
Jing Jing





4E Jang Ming Chak

Jack's Bad Habits

Jack had some bad habits. He washed his hair once a week and he changed his uniform twice a week.

During recess, Jack's classmates went skipping together. However, they didn't invite Jack because he was dirty and smelly. Jack wanted to play with his classmates very much. He sat aside and felt upset.

Jack's class teacher, Miss Chan walked to him and asked, 'Why don't you play with your classmates?' 'They are scared of me,' Jack answered. Miss Chan kindly told Jack to wash his hair and change his uniform daily.

Jack followed Miss Chan's suggestions. He became clean and tidy, so his classmates played with him. Jack made new friends and felt merry.



A Speech About Nelson Mandela



5B Hu Wun Yi, Bebe

“ Good morning. I ‘m Bebe Hu and today I would like to introduce Nelson Mandela. You may ask why. It’s because he was the first black president of South Africa and he worked hard to remove racism in the country.

Nelson Mandela had a pretty interesting childhood. He was born in the Eastern Cape village of Mvezo. Being the son of his father’s third wife, Nelson Mandela mostly spent his early childhood in Qunu and later moved to Mqhekezweni after his father died. He always enjoyed returning to Qunu where he built a house after his release from prison in 1990. He was quite interested in boxing back then but he didn’t enjoy the violence of boxing so much. When he became the president of South Africa, he worked hard at removing racism in the country. He had been the president for five years.

What were his achievements? Well, he won the Nobel Prize for peace. How would I describe Nelson Mandela? I would describe him as a kind, forgiving, peaceful and remarkable person.

From Nelson Mandela, I have learnt that we should be peaceful, forgiving and be a positive thinker.

Thank you very much for listening. I hope you found my presentation interesting.

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Kids and the Alien



5D Chow Tsz Chun, Lucas

Once upon a time, there were two children called Mary and Jame. They lived in an old house in the countryside which was full of dust and spider webs. Their parents were sick. They were very hungry because they had no money to buy food.

One day, Mary and Jame went to a market and begged a vendor for food. The vendor shouted loudly and furiously, 'You again? Shut up and go away, poor kids!' They walked away with tears. They kept walking around and begging others for food. Soon, they found a sparkly golden necklace on the ground. Jame thought that it might belong to the girls and the women who were looking for something. Mary asked, 'Whose necklace is this?' Jame whispered, 'I think it's theirs.' Jame pointed at the girls and the women and said, 'Let's give it back to them.'

Suddenly, a UFO arrived. A strange light shone. 'Ahh! My eyes...' shouted Jame loudly. The light was gone, then an alien appeared right under the UFO. 'Give me the necklace,' the alien said with a robotic voice. Mary and Jame were so frightened, they dropped the necklace and hid behind a bakery. The alien picked up the necklace and teleported to them. Mary cried loudly, 'Please leave us alone!' Then, the alien snapped his finger. 'Tik tok, tik tok.' Mary and Jame heard a weird sound. They looked back and saw a timer. 'Nineteen, eighteen, seventeen ...' the timer was counting down. They ran away and the bakery exploded. Jame cried for help loudly. Suddenly, the alien pressed a button and created a field. Mary asked, 'What do you want to do to us?' The alien replied politely, 'It was just a test. Don't worry and let's be friends.'

In the end, the alien gave Mary and Jame some food and a small watch. 'Talk to me anytime you want with this watch,' said the alien. Then, the alien snapped his finger again and vanished. 'Phew, what an exciting adventure!' exclaimed Mary and Jame. They were thrilled.



Dear Diary

10th December, 2021

Sunny

Today, I woke up and brushed my teeth. I looked at the mirror and saw my mum. I was so shocked. I didn't know what to do so I went out of the washroom to seek help. Then I saw myself. I was even more shocked. I became my mum and my mum became me!

I didn't know what to do at work. I randomly pressed some buttons and I broke the computer. I got fired. When I went back home, I had to cook. I turned on the stove and I burnt myself. It hurt so much. I ordered food online instead. Then I had to do the chores. While I was dusting, I broke Mum's favourite vase.

I begged to be back to normal. Suddenly, Mum and I were back to normal. I felt relieved. I learnt that being a mum is very hard. I hope this will never happen again.



5E Kong Pak San



Save the Dolphins



6D Chow Cheuk Ying, Emma

I am a friendly dolphin and I am writing because I have changed into a human. I want to tell you my friends are facing a lot of problems.

The first problem we are facing is reclamation. You keep turning sea into land. Therefore, my friends have fewer and fewer places to live. We will have nowhere to live unless you stop turning the sea into land. If you make some changes for us, we will be thankful.



The second problem we are facing is water pollution. You keep dumping toxic waste into the sea. Therefore, there are more and more of us getting ill or even dying. We will become extinct unless you stop dumping toxic waste into the sea. Please help to save our lives!

The third problem we are facing is fishing. You keep fishing in the areas we are living. Therefore, we have less and less food to eat. We will die because of starvation unless you stop fishing at our home.

The fourth and the most horrible problem we are facing is global warming. It happens because you keep using electricity day and night and the factories are making electricity for you. While they are making electricity, a lot of smoke is being produced. Therefore, our ocean will be hotter and hotter. We will be very hot unless you use less electricity. Please help us. Use eco-friendly products and stop global warming.

Do all of the above to save us! Please take action before it is too late!



Leo's New Trainers

Last Sunday, Leo went to a shopping mall to buy a pair of trainers. He had enough pocket money.

When Leo was walking by an electrical appliances shop, he watched a news report about an earthquake that happened in Africa. The earthquake had destroyed many houses. The people there were very poor. They did not have enough money to buy food. They were very weak since they did not have enough food to eat.

Leo felt shocked and worried after watching the news about Africa. He couldn't decide whether to donate the money or to buy a pair of trainers.

Finally, Leo decided to donate some of his money and use the rest of the money to buy a cheaper pair of trainers. He donated one hundred dollars to the charity and spent three hundred and fifty dollars on a pair of black trainers.

He felt happy because he thought he had helped the people in Africa.



6E Lam Yin, Venus



