



JORDAN VALLEY ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's Reading Time!

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WEATHER FORECAST

By Mimi Ng, (5C) and Connie Xiao, (5C)

Our English teacher chose us to do the weather report for an English Monday. So we used the tablet to look for some information about the weather. First we tried to remember the weather forecast. However, we couldn't memorize it fast so we prepared a script to read. Slowly, we could remember it. Then we tried to speak loudly and clearly. It got better. Then we practised many times until we thought it was perfect.

Then it was time to broadcast the weather report. We were nervous but we did not give up. We could remember to speak loudly and clearly. After doing the weather report broadcast, we were happy and relaxed because we could do it perfectly.



STORY TIME WITH MISS SEEMA

By Sandy Tsang, (6A) and Hebe Wan, (6A)

We have Storytime with Miss Seema every English Monday after lunch. Miss Seema reads different stories to P1 to P3 students in the English Room. Miss Seema likes to tell stories because she thinks children really enjoy it. She also thinks children love listening to stories and looking at the pictures.

On one English Monday, we went to the Language Room for a Storytime session. The Primary 1 students came to listen to a story. Miss Seema read them a story and we were all very glad.



RECESS ACTIVITIES

By Cherry man, (5B)

Once a month, we have an 'English Monday'. We have activities in the first recess. We play i-learner games on the i-learner platform with Ms. Man. It is a racing game. These games test your English knowledge. Students from P1-P6 can join. They like the games very much.



Learning Through Doing Christmas decoration - Bauble Making

By Mary Huang, (6A)

One month ago, we made Christmas decorations at school because we celebrated Christmas in December. I think many people went to the covered playground and made the decorations with us. They were more difficult than the ones we made last year. We had to cut, colour and stick the pieces of paper. The decorations were beautiful and colourful when we finished them. We hung them on our Christmas trees.



By Cindy Kwong, (6A)

Do you know that we made Christmas decorations (baubles) last month? Each pupil had a chance to do it. If you finished your bauble, you could hang it on the Christmas tree. You could go to make the decorations in the covered playground in the first recess.

We had a board. This board had the steps to tell you how to make the decoration. If you needed some materials, you had to ask the ambassadors politely in English, such as, 'May I have some colour pens, please?' If you hadn't finished, you could bring it the next day and continue making your bauble. We ambassadors helped the students to speak in English when they were asking for help. I hope you liked our decorations.

It's Show Time Princess Molly



By Gigi Fung, (5A)

Last year, P3-P4 English enhancement class needed to produce a drama called 'Princess Molly'. I played the role of one of the monsters in the story. The story was very funny. It was about some monsters catching the princess and she needed to keep fit to escape. It had a happy ending. We practised it very hard because it was for the school campus TV. I was not worried and in fact, thought it was interesting! Ha ha!

By Andy Chan, (5B)

In September, we did a drama called 'Princess Molly'. The characters were played by P3 and P4 students. First, we wrote the script. Second, we drew lots to choose which character we would play. Third, we practised the play. We practised it many times. We listened to Ms. Seema's suggestions. Finally, we put on the makeup and performed. The filming of our play lasted almost three hours.

By Tim Tsui, (5A)

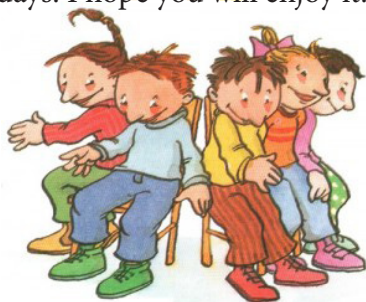
In September, we filmed the show 'Princess Molly'. We did the rehearsals lots of times. We also listened to Ms. Seema and Ms. Leung's suggestions on how to speak clearly and act well. We put on the makeup in thirty minutes. The whole filming took two and a half hours. We always heard our teachers saying Take 1, Take 2, Take 3 and so on... Finally, it was done and I think it was very good. We were so happy.

Learning Through Play

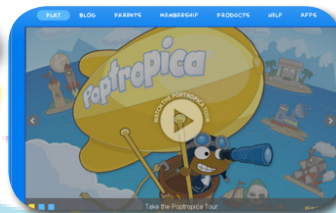
Fruit Salad

By Kiki Chan, (5D)

Hello everyone! What did you do on the Christmas holidays?
I want to share a game with you: it's called 'Fruit Salad'. Do you know how to play this game? Let me tell you.
First, make a circle with chairs. Then, all the players need to sit on the chairs. Next, everyone needs to have a name that is the name of a kind of fruit. If you hear your fruit name, you need to stand up and sit on another chair. The teacher will take away one chair each time. If you can't find a seat, you will be out. The player who doesn't get out until the end wins. This game can let your English get better. Playing this game can also make you happy because it's fun. You can play it during the New Year holidays. I hope you will enjoy it!



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Online game-Poptropica

By Alex Wu, (6C) and Marco Ng, (6C)

It's fun to learn English in this game. Today I'm going to show you an online game called 'Poptropica'. After loading this website, press the 'play' button in the top-left corner (See Picture 1). Then, if you are a new player, press 'New Player' (See Picture 2). Press 'Returning player' if you already have a game account. After that, choose an 'island' you would like to complete. After you have completed the island, you will get a medal and win some credits. Collect credits to buy awesome costumes and other cool items (See Picture 3).

Also, there are Common Rooms on each island. Common rooms are for the players around the world to meet friends, chat, and play with each other. The more friends you have, the more you can get to know about them. If you are interested in this game, go to this website: www.poptropica.com. I hope you will like it! Feel free to chat with me if you have any questions or if you need any help.

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Taking it Further: Little Posties

AIR POLLUTION

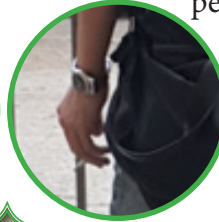
By **Cherry Man, (5B)**

We use many transportation vehicles in our everyday life such as going to school by bus or travelling to the country parks by taxi. However, these vehicles exhaust a lot of harmful gas that pollutes the air. We should reduce the use of transport vehicles. We should take action now.



By **Vanessa So, (6B)**

Air pollution in Hong Kong is very serious because people like smoking and driving their own cars. There are many construction sites too. There is a lot of dust in the air. I think the government should grow more plants along the roads so that the air will be fresher.



Save Water By **Tracy Wong, (6B)**

In Hong Kong, people use water up to an average of 130 litres of water every day. I think people waste a lot of water. How do we solve this problem in our daily life?

We can turn off the tap while brushing our teeth and when using soap.



Global Warming By **Michael Lee, (5D)**

Global warming is a very serious issue in the world. I think this is a 'vicious circle'. People use the air conditioners and this discharges heat. When more heat is exhausted, the temperature rises.

Then people turn the power of the air conditioner even higher. And this is the 'vicious circle'. Let's reduce our use of air conditioners to care for the earth.



Cambridge Exam

By **Harry Li (5D), Leo Chan (5D) and Raymond Lui (6B)**

I joined the Cambridge exam because I wanted to have a certificate so that I can enter a good secondary school. Three days before the Cambridge exam, I read and studied the Cambridge textbooks and searched the internet for information about the exam. On that day, I brought some pencils, an eraser and a ruler and wrote the answers on the exam paper. I didn't know some of the answers but I tried my best to answer them. I hope I will get a good result.

Before the Cambridge exam, I needed to study. On that day, I needed to bring my Student Handbook, pencils, colour pens and admission ticket to the exam. First, I needed to do the Speaking Exam. Second, I needed to do the Listening, Reading and Writing exams. That was all I needed to do.

In a few weeks, the teacher will give me my result, which is a paper with the marks written on it.

Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival-- Choral Speaking Competition

By **Janice Tam, (6A)**

Hong Kong Speech Festival is for those who want to practise their courage in speaking English because you need to be brave and your recitation needs to be very loud and clear. Before the Speech Festival, you need to have a lot of practice because if you don't practise enough, you cannot remember the lines of the poem, and the judge will deduct some points.

The Speech Festival is divided into different parts. We joined the Choral Verse speaking competition and then Solo verse. Choral Verse competition means there are a lot of people standing on the stage and reciting a poem. Solo verse speaking means there is one person reciting the poem. Choral verse competition has a lot of groups which go on to the stage one by one to recite the poem.

By **Jasmine Ng, (5C)**

I feel very happy because I won the third prize in the Hong Kong Speech Festival. Miss Stella Leung trained me for this competition. My poem was 'I think my teacher is a cowboy'. It talks about a student who thinks their teacher is a cowboy because she slaps her thigh and says 'Yee ha'. I think this poem is interesting, don't you think so?

At the competition, I felt very scared when I presented the poem. Later, when I finished the poem, I felt relaxed. Then the judge said, "Ng Ching Man, Jasmine is the winner of the third prize!" and I felt very excited! At the end, I want to thank Ms. Leung. I am so grateful to her. I think I made her proud.

Fun with English

Word Search

By Charlie Law, (5B)

Find the following words in the Word Search.

snowflake
eve
Holy
Christmas
Jesus
chimney
alarm
court
tree
card
deer

S	N	O	W	F	L	A	K	E	A
C	Z	B	E	G	D	D	Y	V	A
A	H	O	L	Y	X	X	I	E	C
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Riddles on English Board

The winners list



Riddles

By Raymond Lui, (6B) and Thomas To, (6C)

It's something we usually have at home. It's very comfortable to sit on. But it is very expensive so people like it very much. What is it?

It's a website. Students work hard on it. Every Friday, it has games. We can also get 100 marks.

What goes up and down without moving?

What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?

What goes up and doesn't come back down?

If you look at the number on my face, you won't find thirteen in any place.

What thing is yours but others use it more than you do?

Some months have 30 days, some months have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?

What room does not have an exit?

Answers for the word search and riddles can be found here!



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