

# **Jordan Valley St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

## **English Newsletter**

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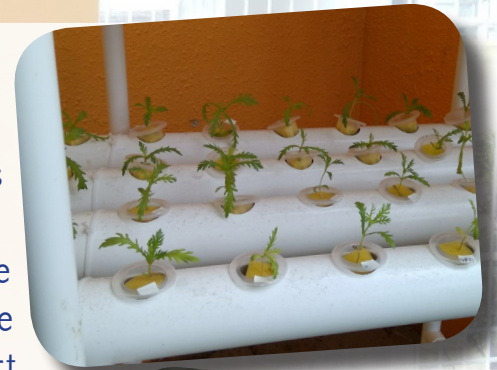
### **Aquaponics** by Mars Cheung (5B) and Yan Tang (5B)

What is Aquaponics?

It is a system of aquaculture (raising fish) and hydroponics (growing plants without soil).

Mr. Ma likes Aquaponics because it is very natural and doesn't cause pollution. No one invented Aquaponics but in the old times, Chinese people found that ducks used to eat insects on the vegetables. They could support each other.

Last year, our school started Aquaponics. In P4, P5 and P6, they had a small system in the classrooms. This year, P4 planted sweet potato leaves and supported six rainbow fish and guppies. P5 planted rosemary and supported four honey gouramis. P6 planted watercress and supported two angelfish. People can set up Aquaponics in their homes too. You can try it! But you should be careful when choosing the kind of vegetables and fish. Here is an example: guppy fish/ kissing fish/ honey gouramis can go with strawberries or watermelons. This is Aquaponics. If you have any questions, you can go ask Mr. Ma! You can learn a lot about Aquaponics from him!



### **Augmented Reality Books in our School Library!!!**

by Carson Lau (6A) and Issac Lau (5B)

Have you ever seen AR books? No? Let us tell you more about them. AR books are a new kind of book which has features of augmented reality. We have AR books on many themes such as dinosaurs, robots, insects, etc. In the book, there are a lot of QR codes and we can use our mobile phones or tablets to download an app and scan them. After scanning the QR code, a 3D image comes out and you can play with it on your phone or tablet. One day, we borrowed an AR book from our school library. The book was about the Solar System. The book tells us about the planet system and we could scan the QR code to know more about the system. We think AR books are interesting because they can teach us more about interesting topics, more than what we can learn at school in the classrooms.

### **Book Recommendation** by Iris Li (6B) and Wendy Shi (6D)

Title: **The Milkmaid and Her Pail**

Retold by **Nigel Croser**

Illustrated by **Annie White**

We would like to recommend a book we read on in2era called 'The Milkmaid and Her Pail'. The story is about a girl who is always dreaming. We were amused because the milkmaid was very silly. The plot of the story made us laugh a lot because she was always daydreaming and imagined a lot of impossible dreams.

You should read this book: it is not only amusing but also teaches us a valuable lesson. **You can find it on in2era under 'Fables' in 'Wings Traditional Tales Online'.** We hope you enjoy it as much as we did!



## **Christmas Activity 2017** by **Nicole Lau (6D)** and **Lois O (6C)**

A few weeks before our Christmas holidays, Miss Seema invited all the students to make paper plate spiral Christmas trees in the first recess.

The students crowded to the tables. Miss Seema and the English Ambassadors gave the students materials such as glue, scissors, paper plates, colour pens and crayons. First, they needed to colour the paper plate, then cut it spirally. After that, they needed to punch a hole at the top and put a string through it. Finally, they could colour baubles and stars, and stick these decorations to their tree. And finally, their Christmas tree was done!

The children did their work sincerely. This activity was a chance for them to speak and improve their English. It was held for two weeks. What a wonderful time we had!



## **MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS!**

### **Ms Tse interviewed by Venus Yiu (5B) and Anson Tsang (5B)**

**English Ambassadors (EA):** Do you like your class (5A)? Why?

**Ms Tse:** Yes, I do because they are energetic!

**EA:** What animals do you like?

**Ms Tse:** Big animals, like lions.

**EA:** Do you like our school? Why?

**Ms Tse:** Yes! Teachers and students are very nice and the school is colourful.

**EA:** Do you like Christmas? Why?

**Ms Tse:** Yes, I do. It is one of the most important festivals.

**EA:** Do you like playing with us?

**Ms Tse:** Yes! It makes my job more fun!

**EA:** Do you like reading?

**Ms Tse:** Yes, I do, because we can learn new things.

**EA:** Do you cook at home?

**Ms Tse:** Yes, I like cooking steak and seafood such as prawns and scallops.

**EA:** Do you like to play sports?

**Ms Tse:** I like running and swimming.

**EA:** What subject, other than English, do you like most?

**Ms Tse:** Science.

**EA:** Did you enjoy our school picnic?

**Ms Tse:** Yes, I thought it was fun and relaxing.

**EA:** What food do you like?

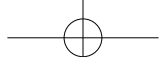
**Ms Tse:** Sushi, steak, chicken and seafood.

**EA:** Do you read newspapers?

**Ms Tse:** Yes, I do, especially the 'Young Post' to search for good articles to share with my students.







## SCHOOL PICNIC REPORT BY VIVIAN NGAI (6D) AND JENNIFER LEUNG (6B)

On the 30th of November, we went on a school picnic. What a wonderful day it was! It was a sunny day in general but in the morning, it rained. Luckily, when we arrived at our picnic place, it stopped raining. We felt excited. The environment of our picnic site was very beautiful and the air was fresh. There was a climbing net near the basketball court. The climbing net was very popular with the students because it was challenging. They were so glad. We tried it too but it was too hard for us. So we went to the next place. After ten minutes, we went to the hall because there was games time for P1 and P2 students. They played dodgeball. Wow, it got very rough! 2D won the game in the end and they got some prizes. After the competition, we took photos with P2 students to celebrate.

In the end, all the students felt satisfied after such a fun day out!

### **Ms Pua interviewed by Gigi Tsang (6B)**

We want to introduce a new teacher in our school this year, Miss Pua.

Miss Pua is a nice teacher. She lives in Ma On Shan. It is convenient for her to come to our school. She has one brother and one sister. She is married and has one son and one daughter. She is 155 cm tall. She likes eating vegetable salad and loves drinking coffee. On Sunday, she has a family day.

Ms Pua has been teaching for 24 years. Being a teacher is her dream job because she loves teaching children. She loves our school.



### **Ms Li interviewed by Chantel Yan (5B)**

Miss Li has been a teacher for 12 years. She lives in Shau Kei Wan. She teaches English because she is good at it. She likes to eat anything sweet. She likes this school because it is very new. She likes reading, and the colour yellow. She doesn't like drawing but she likes sports like volleyball. She can't drive a car but would like to learn. We wish her the very best!



### **Mr. Symons interviewed by James Lam (6C)**

This is Mr. Symons, another one of our new English teachers! He is from the U.K. and his hometown is in Wales. He came to Hong Kong to get a teaching job. His favourite sport is running and his favourite holiday is Christmas because he gets to have twelve days off to visit his family in the U.K.



## GROUP STORY WRITING

We played a fun activity to create a group story. Here are some of the funniest ones!

### Disneyland

**The other day I went to the Disneyland Park. There I saw a big black hole. So I said, "Oh no! Help me!"**

**It said, "You can have a wish." This is what I wished for: I want to delete homework, delete exam and delete FAs. But when my wish came true, it wasn't exactly what I wanted! Instead, I became a banana in the supermarket, that sold for only 1 dollar.**

**Then I went home and my Mum and Dad said to me, "Wake up! Do your homework."**

### Supermarket

**The other day I went to the supermarket. There I saw Iris eating a tree in a farm. So I said, "What a funny place I have ever seen! I wish I can be this too."**

**It said, "You can have a wish." This is what I wished for: I want a watch, a big house, and the biggest car in Hong Kong. But when my wish came true, it wasn't exactly what I wanted! Instead, I became a poor man, no money, and no house!**

**Then I went home and my Mum and Dad said to me, "Why did you fail your exam? No lunch for you!"**

### Kingdom

**The other day I went to a kingdom. There I saw a super hero. He was evil. So I said, "You are so ugly. Don't come. Get out of here!"**

**It said, "You can have a wish." This is what I wished for: a pretty girl, a handsome boy... But when my wish came true, it wasn't exactly what I wanted! Instead, I had a toy.**

**Then I went home and my Mum and Dad said to me, "Who are you, little man?"**

### Shopping Mall

**The other day I went to the shopping mall. There I saw a wizard. It was very scary. So I said, "Who are you? Could we be friends?"**

**It said, "You can have a wish." This is what I wished for: I want to have 100 000 000 dollars. But when my wish came true, it wasn't exactly what I wanted! Instead, it is the ugly woman.**

**Then I went home and my Mum and Dad said to me, "You are sleeping. What's the matter?"**

## COMIC STRIP BY IRIS LI (6B) AND CHERRY CHAN (6B)

