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Happy Birthday to TKPSS - School Dedication Day

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Hon Man Ka, Sarah Sung Wing Sze, Grace

The celebration of the 14th Anniversary of our school was held on 27th April, 2007. The ceremony was very successful. Like the years before, rope-skipping was the most exciting activity during the day. This year, a very special event was added. Students had to work in groups and use their imagination and creativity to do a performance during the learning activity session "Create and Celebrate". Let's see the following students' sharing.

4B Ho Ka Ho, Leo

Frankly speaking, when I first came across "Create and Celebrate", I was quite confused about what I should do because doing a performance by blending creation and celebration together seemed not a simple task.

Luckily, when discussing this topic, my group members and I came up with numerous interesting ideas. We thought showing students' good qualities was the best present to our school.

Therefore, we made up our mind to do a drama performance to show our good qualities. Due to our efforts, our creativity was appreciated and we won the competition. We were extremely happy and excited when we knew we were the champions!

4B Chan Wai Chong

'One, Two...' These sounds are still very vivid in my mind since I still remember what happened on the School Dedication Day. On that day, there were a lot of activities such as rope skipping and students' performances. When it was time for rope-skipping, our class cheered very loudly to support our classmates in the competition. As a result, we were the champions. It was really great! The School Dedication Day is not only constructive for the school, it also enhances our sense of belonging to our class. More importantly, it cultivates our love for our school.



Speech Arts Contest 2007

2D Chow Chi Ying, Emma Ng Yee To, Yumiko 4E Lau Tsz Man, Max Shum Wing Sze, Wendy
4E Yau Ka Ho, Zero Yau King Ching, Chibi Fung Hoi Ki, Roy

The TKPSS Speech Arts Contest (Final) was held in the lower-form afternoon assembly on 27th March, 2007. 1B and 1D students performed drama. 2C and 2E students performed choral speaking. 3A and 3B students performed dramatic duologues based on the book *Matilda*. The champions were 1B, 2E and 3A students. All the participants were happy because they practised very hard and learned a lot in the process. Let's see how the participants felt about the contest.



Sharing from students

1B Leung Wing Po, Rainbow

This was a good chance for our class to team up. I really love this contest because it helps us to practise our English. I love learning English in an enjoyable way. Our class practised very hard. We were very happy as we had a lot of fun.

We were the champion because we worked hard and spent lots of time practising. We would like to say thanks to Miss Lo for her help. We also had a great director who had read the whole book of Narnia and got some excellent ideas from it.



2C Cheung Man Yin, Olivia

I learnt more vocabulary from the poem that we recited. Now we all know how to say a poem in an expressive, dramatic way and we realized that co-operation is very important. If our class had not co-operated with one another, we would not have won the contest. There was still room for improvement but we hope that we will do even better and further improve ourselves if there is a chance for us to perform in the future.

3A Cheung Pui Ki, Peggy

Cindy and I were grateful to have won this competition. We spent a lot of time practising but it was worth it. Also, I would like to thank Miss Cheung who helped to make our performance better even though she was very busy.



F.1 – F.3 English Speaking Week Activities

4E Lau Tsz Man, Max Shum Wing Sze, Wendy Yau Ka Ho, Zero

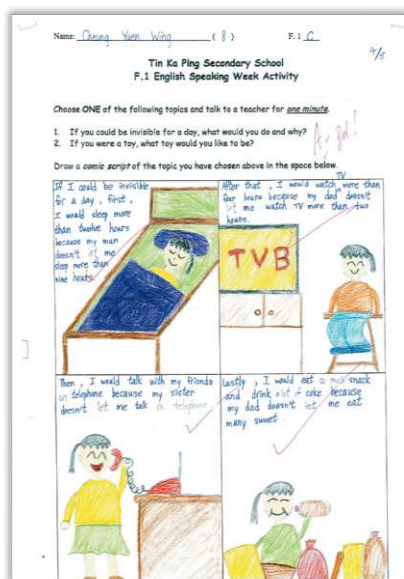
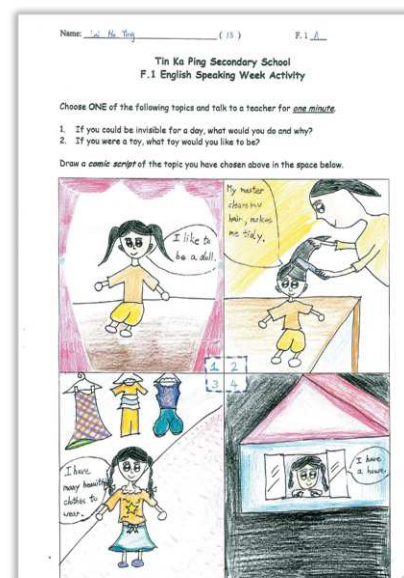
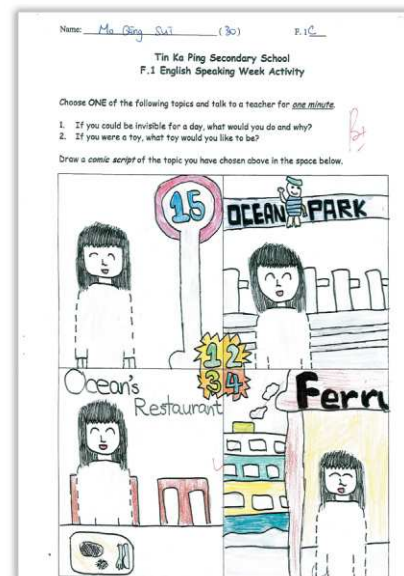
Yau King Ching, Chibi Fung Hoi Ki, Roy

Starting from this academic year, junior form students have had a chance to participate in the activities during the English Speaking Weeks. In the second term, students have had the chance to share with teachers about their favourites and to use their imagination to tell teachers about their designs and ideas about various topics such as school uniforms and the things representing Hong Kong. Regarding this activity, some teachers gave their opinions about the students' performance.

We interviewed three teachers including Mr. Leung Kin San, Mr. Wong Yat Hang and Miss Cheung Wing Yee. When the reporters conducted their research and interviews, Form Two students had to share with teachers about the kind of food which could represent Hong Kong. During the interviews, the teachers found that not only did students enjoy the sharing, but they were also interested in teachers' favourite food. When Mr. Leung responded that he loves fish balls, students kindly advised him not to eat too many because that may be harmful to his health.

The above teachers think that the activities are very interesting and meaningful because students have obviously had more exposure to speak English not only during lessons, but also outside the classroom. They also agree that the activities provide excellent opportunities for students to practise their oral skills and understand their teachers more.

When the teachers were asked if they would support the activities if they are organized again, they said they will surely support them, saying that the activities can create an atmosphere for speaking English and consequently TKPSS can step forward on the road to becoming an EMI school.



Let's eat and serve in the English Restaurant

AS mentioned in the last issue, the 'English Restaurant' was set up in late May to encourage lower form students to use English in their daily lives. In the activity, not only did students learn how to order food in English, but they also had the chance to be waiters and waitresses and learn how to serve customers. Students actively participated in the activity and enjoyed it very much. Let's see our fellow schoolmates' sharing.

Sharing from students

1B Wong Lai Hang

I was a waitress in the English Restaurant. I felt very happy and excited because I learnt lots of English and I spoke to my schoolmates in English most of the time. Also, I am now more confident in speaking English. I hope more English activities will be organized after the exams or next year.

3B Susanna

I think that it was a good chance for students to learn to speak English in the English Restaurant. Ordering food in English is not usual for most of the students. The English Restaurant is a special and new activity. I hope the students can participate in the activities organized by the English Society actively so they can learn more about speaking skills and improve their English in different ways.



Recognize the one next to you – Students' Awards and Commendation Day

4B Cheung Tsz Ting, Cherry Tse On Yee, Olivia Cheng Ngai, Alice

The first school term is over. In order to recognize students' achievements, our school set up Students' Award and Commendation Day. Students who have had outstanding performance in their conduct, academic, service and talent were given awards on this day. This year, the ceremony took place on 9th March after school in the school hall.

Service Award goes to Helen in 4A

"It's my pleasure to receive the Service Award. The most important thing is not the prize itself but the opportunities to serve teachers and schoolmates and learn a lot during the process. I hope to have more chance to serve my school," said Cheng Hoi Yung who is the monitress in 4A and a prefect leader.

Talent Award goes to Carman in 4D

"I am quite happy when I receive the certificate of the Talent Award. Even though I don't think I am the most outstanding student, it has had a great impact on me. It encourages me to put more effort into sports," shared by Chung Ka Man.

In fact, this day not only recognized the prize winners, but also encouraged everyone to have some introspection. Although there is still room for improvement, you can surely do better if you try.



Activities about English Debate

NESTA Debating Contest (23rd March 2007)

Motion: That women who undergo cosmetic surgery have been duped
TWGHs Kap Yan Directors College Vs Tin Ka Ping Secondary School

6A Tsui Wing Yan, Wallis

On 8th March 2007, a debate contest was held in our school. The motion of the debate was “That women who have cosmetic surgery are duped”. Kap Yan Directors' College (KYDC) was on the affirmative side while our school, Tin Ka Ping Secondary School (TKPSS), was on the negative side.

Both teams put in lots of efforts to argue for and against the motion and this created a stimulating debate. After the conclusion of both teams, the judge announced the winner of the contest—Tin Ka Ping Secondary School! Both the debating teams and the TKPSS students were thrilled to hear the good news.

The experienced judge from the Debating Association admired the performance of both teams. For TKPSS, he appreciated our good manner and good pace while speaking. For improvement, more interaction and rebuttals should be made between the two sides.

Sharing from students

6S Wong Kan Yan

The NESTA Debate was the first English debate for me, so I was a bit worried about my performance in the debate. The opposite side was from Kap Yan Directors' College. As we all know, it is a very well-established EMI school and I felt quite nervous about the debate. Luckily, we had enough preparation before the debate. We thought up many points for the motion and we had also thought about the rebuttals before the debate so that we could have better arguments. We wrote the scripts and revised them again and again in order to give a better speech. Since we had enough preparation work, we could speak fluently and argue for the motion. Finally, we won the debate. I am very happy about the result. Preparation is very important. Besides this, I would like to thank Mr. Lam and Mrs. Ison. They taught us many debating skills and gave us a lot of advice.



Trip to Yunnan...

During the Easter holidays, Form Six students had a study trip in Yunnan. Let's see their sharing below.

6A Tsui Wing Yan, Wallis

During the Easter holiday, all form six students went to Yunnan to have a study trip there. Yunnan is a 'homeland of ethnic minorities' in China. More than 90% of the population there are minorities, including the Bai and the Naxi.

In Yunnan, we experienced a different cultural environment from Hong Kong during the six-day trip. We visited a number of historical heritages, such as the Chinese pagodas and royal gardens. The Yunnan trip was not just a sightseeing tour, but also a valuable chance for bridging Hong Kong TKPSS and our sister college in Qujing. We attended different classes there and had group discussions with the local students. It enabled us to know more about our counterparts' studying environment. There was also a fabulous night show which consisted of a series of performances given by us. Whether their performances were inspired by traditional or street culture, they were shining on the stage with their own talents.

During the trip, we also visited a comparatively backward countryside school in Shilin and an orphanage in Lijiang. Their lack of resources reminded us that what we have got used to is not to be taken for granted, especially our chance to go to school and our parental care. Undeniably, the rain and some unexpected arrangements caused slight inconvenience for us. This Yunnan trip is still an inspiration for all of us. It is of paramount importance to respect different cultures as well as to be proud of our own.



Travel tips - Beijing

2D Ng Yee To, Yumiko

The Great Wall, as you know, is one of the few man-made structures visible from space. From Beijing, you can get to a few different sections of the Great Wall within two or three hours by bus. The Great Wall is enormous and it is long enough to make you feel that it is never going to end. It's really long!

Building the Great Wall was extremely hard work. Some sections have steps and railings, other sections don't. Be prepared for the extreme temperatures. If you go in the summer, the sun makes it very hot. In winter, there is biting wind, snow and ice. But the view there is wonderful!



A talk given by Mr. Leung Ka Kit...

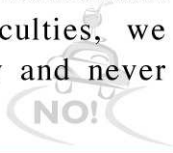
Mr. Leung Ka Kit, one of the candidates of HKSAR Chief Executive Election this year, visited us and gave a talk in May. We interviewed two fellow schoolmates about their feelings and comments after attending the talk. Let's see what they say.



4A Doris Shiman Tang

Never give up!

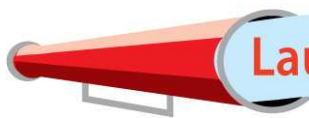
Before this forum, I thought that Mr. Leung Ka Kit was a very arrogant person. But, during the forum, I was impressed by his eloquence. After this forum, I've learnt that whenever we encounter difficulties, we should always think positively and never give up.



4B Ho Ka Ho, Leo

Voting after age of 18

Mr. Leung Ka Kit's speech gave me an insight into the topic of democracy. As a Hong Kong citizen, I think the Chief Executive of Hong Kong should also be elected by means of universal suffrage, when all relevant conditions are mature enough. Vote for the leader of Hong Kong! I hope I can have this right after the age of 18!



Laugh It OUT and Time for Game!



4B Siu Chui Yu, Yuen Tsui Ying, Hon Man Ka, Sung Wing Sze

H2O

Teacher: What is the chemical formula for water?

Mary: *H I J K L M N O *!

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Mary: Yesterday you said it's H to O!

<http://hk.knowledge.yahoo.com/question/?qid=700>



Space-man?

Before riding the roller coaster, Cherry asked David.

Cherry: "Are you afraid?"

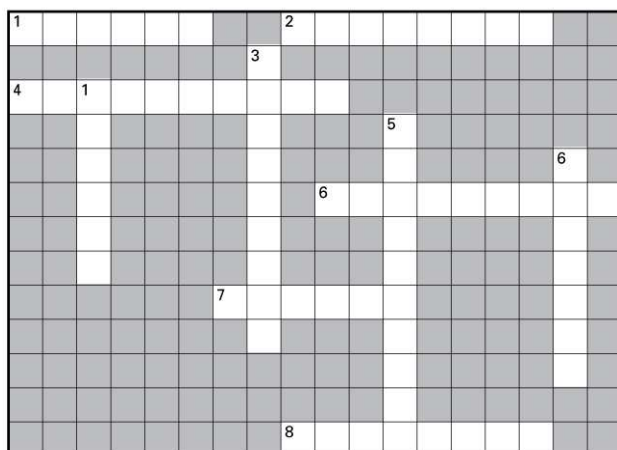
David: "Certainly not! Because I'm an astronaut !!!!!"



By 4B David Chan

Can you find out the kind of sports in the messing words?

2A Lam Wing Yan, Daisy



ACROSS

1. A ball-game played with rackets ,balls and a net
2. A sport that involves kicking
4. A sport that the boys like
6. A long walk, sometimes held by charity
7. A game used curved sticks to try to drive a puck into the opponent's goal
8. A game played with balls on a table

DOWN

1. A sport that can only be done in cold countries
3. A game like lawn tennis played with a shuttlecock
5. Played with hands and try to past the ball to the opposite
6. A game played with a ball and ten pins in a lane



Set? Ready? Go!

2A Ngo Keng Fai, William



Our tutor said, 'Life is very competitive.' If you don't compete in life, you may find yourself unhappy and unhealthy in the end. Competition in sports is excellent practice for life.



Guess what are the most popular events in TKPSS...

The most popular sports are basketball and volleyball. Basketball has been the boys' favourite for years. After lunch and after school, the court is always crowded with sweating boys. Volleyball is usually for girls. Be careful! You may frequently see a volleyball flying towards you.



Crazy in the inter-house yearly event...

Competitions for these two sports are essential in TKPSS. The most popular might be the inter-house yearly events. Tons of students surrounding the ground allows no escape or resignation for the players. When a house gets a point, they would cry as loudly as if the roof was going to fall down. The competition is always enjoyable and does not leave a second for the audience to breathe.



What an honour!

We did not just hold intramural competitions, we also had lots of inter-school ones like North-District competitions, and got many awards. What an honour!

Prize Winners of External Competitions...

***Congratulations** to our fellow students who took part in external competitions and were awarded prizes!*



3A Liliane Wong
Top Ten Finalist, Writing competition,
The WRIE Project,
The Faculty of Education, CUHK



6S Chan Ka Yan
2nd Prize,
NESTA Writing Competition 2007
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