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Prelude to Fantastic English Activities

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F.2 Excursion

On 23rd and 24th September, all the F.2 students went to Tsim Sha Tsui to interview foreign tourists. The excursion was an educational and unique experience for them, and this made the excursion to be one of the valuable English activities in TKPSS! All the F.2 students rejoiced at the motivating experience. Let's see what they have learnt and their feelings now!

My group has interviewed a foreigner from Saudi Arabia. When he answered about the tourist spots that he would suggest to us, we didn't know how to spell it. He was so nice, that he spelt the word and wrote on our notebook. It is such a memorable experience to us! Next time, when we are doing this kind of activities, we can use this technique!



2D (31) WONG TSZ KWAN



2B (35) YUEN SZE CHING

In the excursion, I have learned to try my best. At first, I was very afraid and didn't take initiative at all. But when I interviewed the first tourist successfully, I know that we should try everything that we don't have courage to do. It's inspiring!



2C(4) CHAN NGA MAN

Our group has interviewed a patient tourist. Although she had already been interviewed by other schoolmates, she was still willing to help us. What a nice tourist!

I think the tourists are very nice. Even they were very busy going to the next tourist spot, they were still willing to have an interview with us. Their opinions are very useful for us. Therefore, I felt thankful for them.



2D(16) HO TIN YAN



2A(15) LAI WING TUNG

This excursion really helps me a lot! I was encouraged to speak more English, and this gave me an opportunity to talk to foreign tourists. My communication skill is also improved!

Our group interviewed a nice tourist! Besides the interview, he also chatted with us. When we checked Facebook that day, it's dumbfounded that he posted the photo we took with him on it! In fact, he is a traveler. What a special experience to have an interview with a traveler!



2D(12) CHEUNG WING YIN

Get to know our exchange student!

Wong Wai Laam 3D (29)

Our exchange student— Andreas Lauffer (You can call him *Andy*) came from Huizen (Netherlands). He enjoys spending time on sports, like most of our schoolmates. He enjoys playing football and table tennis, as well as surfing. Also, he enjoys playing computer games, for example, FiFa 15.

He has come to Hong Kong for only about two months. However, he has already fallen in love with Hong Kong, e.g. the buildings and the Hong Kong citizens. He said the buildings in Hong Kong are packed, which allow us to meet people easier than in Huizen, since there are only villages in Huizen, which is a very fresh experience to him. Also, he thought the Hong Kong citizens are nice and kind.



In Huizen, students are not required to wear school uniform. He thought it is better than he expected when he first suited up. Northerners seldom stay at school after lessons, unlike us, who stay in the tuck shop after school.

What about Andy's favourite subject? For most of us, it must be either Music or PE lessons, since we can always relax ourselves. They are both Andy's favourite subjects. In Andy's timetable, there are no Biology, Physics and Chemistry lessons, which can easily make F. 3 students jealous. However, he has 4 computer lessons per week. He thought it was a bit too much — if he could change 2 of them into other lessons, he'd like to have Mathematics lessons. Why Mathematics? Andy is interested in Mathematics, Geography as well as Economics.

When it comes to Andy's best memories, the first thing that popped out is absolutely the morning assembly — students standing in rows. Students in his country do not have morning assemblies in the Netherlands.



Cantonese is one of the most difficult languages to learn in the world. However, Andy is interested in learning Cantonese as a new experience in Hong Kong because he wants to be able to communicate with the people in Hong Kong better, and he would like to return to Hong Kong in the future.

What's your favourite Chinese Festival? Why?



Mid-Autumn Festival, as I can eat a lot of mooncakes. They're delicious.

What's your dream?



To become a successful person, do a lot of interesting things and see a lot of nice places on Earth.

What do you mean by being successful?



To be happy and be able to do everything I want.

Are there any events influencing you or making your mind change?



Going to HK. The life in HK is completely different from my life in the Netherlands.

How do you overcome the difficulty in communication?



By being flexible, and by learning Cantonese.



Good Work from student...

The Kite Runner



Wu Tsz Chin, Ida (F.5B)

Amir, a well-to-do Pashtun boy, and Hassan, a Hazara who is the son of Ali, Amir's father's servant and close friend, are best friends and spend their days kite fighting in Kabul. Hassan is a kite fighting prodigy who knows where the kites will land without watching them. Amir's father "Baba" is a wealthy businessman and adores both boys, but always thinks his son is vulnerable and lacks courage. Rahim Khan is a close friend of Baba's and acts as a fatherly figure to Amir and supports the kid's interest in writing.

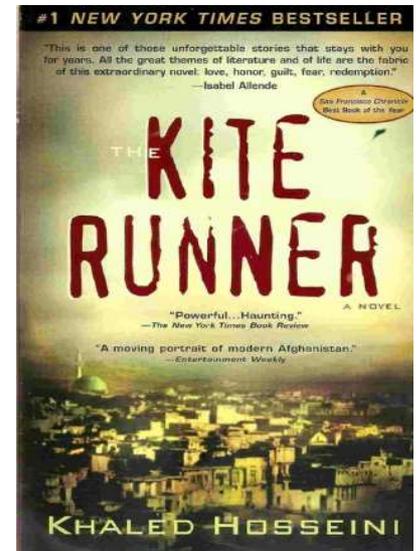
Assef, an older sadistic boy, often mocks Amir for socializing with "Hazara boy" and is always extremely mean to Hassan. One day, Assef is about to beat Amir, but Hassan defends his master, threatening to shoot out the sadist's eye with his slingshot. This sows the seeds of revenge.

One triumphant day, Amir, with the help of his dear friend Hassan, wins the local kite fighting tournament and eventually earns Baba's praise. Hassan runs to get the last cut kite of Amir as a trophy, saying to him, "For you a thousand times over." However, Assef and his lackeys confront Hassan in a dark alley and the big brother rapes Hassan in front of a peeping Amir.

Guilt driven, a cowardly Amir distances himself from Hassan and even blames him for a crime he didn't commit in hopes his father will kick Hassan and his dad out. The young servant commits to the felony. Despite Baba's forgiveness, the two servants leave the household.

Five years later, Russian soldiers invade Afghanistan. Amir and his father escape to Pakistan and then California and settle down in the latter and work in a gas station. The father and son make extra money at a flea market in San Jose every Sunday and Amir takes writing courses at a community college. Amir then meets a fellow refugee called Sonaya and later the two get married, following by the death of Baba.

Now, Amir is a successful writer. One day he receives a phone call from dying Rahim Khan and discovers that Ali was killed in a land mine and Hassan and his wife were killed by the Taliban for refusing to allow them to confiscate Amir and Baba's house in Kabul. Rahim sheds light on Hassan's identity and Amir is shocked to know that Hassan is in fact his half-brother and he has a son called Sohrab, who is said to be in an orphanage in Khabul. Believing Rahim's last words and that there is a way to be good again, Amir goes to rescue Sohrab from the hellhole he's in, with the help of Farid, an Afghan taxi driver and a veteran.



I have quite a few favourite characters in this story. I love Hassan for his loyalty and innocence; Baba, a just atheist; and, Rahim for being so supportive and loving. I have mixed feelings towards Amir, though. I hated him in the beginning, but I'm not sure as I continue to read the Kite Runner. I really want to talk about him.

I detested Amir because he was a coward. He never fought back and he lacked courage. Other than that, unlike his righteous father who values honesty and will fight for the misunderstood, Amir watched Hassan being raped by a bunch of older bullies without interfering or reporting it to anybody. He even succumbed to his emotions and attempted to kick Hassan out of the household. He was too cowardly to admit or confess to anything. Worst of all, he was too timid to express his feelings to Hassan. Amir distanced himself from Hassan, yet the latter, probably confused and heartbroken, remains loyal and hopeful. This pains me to death.



What makes me turn down the hate is that he is human enough to feel guilty and will do anything to right his past wrongs for a loved one. He went all the way from the US to secluded areas of Khabul to rescue his close friend and half-brother's son (his only nephew in the world), pamper Sohrab and treat him like his own. For Hassan and Sohrab, he finally musters all his courage and stands up for them when people like his parents-in-law criticize their deeds, Sohrab and their reputation.

He will do whatever it takes to make it up to his deceased friend. That's what makes me like him, albeit only a little. I would definitely recommend all of you should read this book because of the following reasons:

First and foremost, the story explores various themes, such as friendship, guilt, betrayal, redemption and the uneasy love between father figures and sons. Usually most of the stories I read only talk about a thing or two of the above issues, but the Kite Runner is the whole package. Moreover, although the Kite Runner is fictional, the story is very real and this is not just some typical Sci-fi dystopian plot. The story makes me feel emotional. Lastly, I like it because it's about a foreign culture I've rarely encountered before. Although the Kite Runner garnered controversy, I have got to know more about cultural differences.

I have learnt that we have to be brave and courageous because Amir's cowardice cost Hassan's life. Amir has to make it up to his late friend. If he had done the right thing, Hassan wouldn't have died. Also, we have to stand up for what is right and express our feelings and thoughts because the fallout between Amir and Hassan is the result of miscommunication and was born of misunderstandings and also caused by young children not knowing how to deal with emotion issues and crises.



Voice Dubbing Fun

Chu Henry (1C), Lau Yu Kiu (1C)

F.1 students participated in the exciting Voice Dubbing Competition on Nov 13. The winners were F.1B. Writing Scripters interviewed some F.1 students. What did they think?

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Voice Dubbing Competition



Henry Chu

4 mins

Hi everyone! I am Henry Chu from 1C. I am glad to talk about my feeling and experience here. As I remember, I didn't even know what Narnia was about at the beginning, but I was a bit interested in it so I looked for the information about it. When I knew what it was about, I just couldn't wait to participate in this competition. Our team spent a lot of time preparing for it. When we were on the stage, my heart beat very hard. We did it as perfectly as we could. In the end, we got the second runner-up. Although we didn't win the champion, we felt very satisfied because we did our best! What an unforgettable



Mandy Liu

8 mins

Before I joined the competition, I thought that voice dubbing was challenging to me and going onto the stage would make me extremely nervous. But after the competition, I have different feelings. I think voice dubbing is not difficult because I can do it successfully. When the host announced that my group got the second runner-up, I was very surprised and delighted. I hope I could take part in it again in the future.



Smarco Lau

13 mins

I think the F.1 voice dubbing competition is quite exciting because a lot of performances were impressive, but I think my class - 1C should be the champion. I hope that our class could be the winner in the coming drama competition!



Tongue twisters

Tina Ho Tin Yan (2D), Daphne Chan Nga Man (2C)

Level 1

1. The big black bug bit the big black bear, but the big black bear bit the big black bug back.
2. Ken Dodd's dad's dog's dead.



Level 2

3. Near an ear, a nearer ear, a nearly eerie ear.
4. Frivolous fat Fannie fried fresh fish furiously.

Level 3

5. There was a writer called wright, he taught his son to write wright right: "It's not right to write Wright 'rite', please try to write wright right."
6. I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish, but if you wish the wish the witch wishes, I won't wish the wish you wish to wish.

Challenge

7. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.

Now, challenge yourself!



Promotion List (Second Term)

Date	Activity
26/2	English Day 5 – Intercultural Day
10/3	F.1 Public Speaking Competition
10/3	F.5 Inter class Debate Competition
17/3	F.3 TKPSS Has Got Talent (Scrabble Competition)
18/3	English Day 6 – F.4 Storytelling competition
21/4	F.2 TKPSS Has Got Talent (Scrabble Competition)
22/4	English Day 7 – F.1 Drama Competition
6/5	English Day 8 – F.3 Drama Competition
12/5	F.1 TKPSS Has Got Talent (Spelling Bee Competition)

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