

Spotlight



From Zero To Hero



Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9

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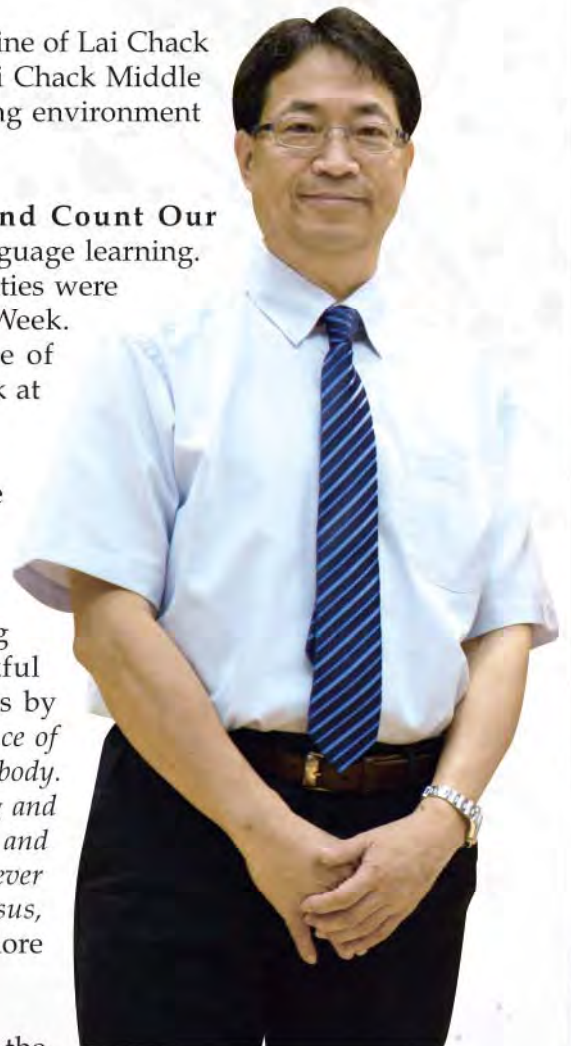
Be Thankful

Welcome to the 9th issue of Spotlight, the annual English magazine of Lai Chack Middle School. Supported by a team of dedicated teachers, Lai Chack Middle School is always committed to creating an encouraging learning environment for students to learn proactively and happily.

The theme of this year is “**Appreciate One Another and Count Our Blessings**”. We aim to integrate life education into English language learning. Apart from drama appreciation, exciting and meaningful activities were held throughout the year during English Days and English Week. Through participating in various activities, students’ sense of appreciating one another is strengthened and they learn to look at the bright side of life, by counting their blessings.

The annual slogan is “From Zero to Hero”. On one hand, we strive to let students understand that everyone can be a hero as everyone is unique, equipped with different talents. On the other hand, hero can be anyone who is willing to lend a helping hand with a kind intention, regardless of how big the result of the help is. All these start from having a thankful heart, which leads us to appreciate and stretch our kindness by helping others. As stated in *Colossians 3:15-17*, ‘*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*’ Let’s learn to be more thankful every day!

By producing Spotlight, all students and teachers hope to share the fantastic school life at Lai Chack Middle School with you.



Tsang Yau-shing

Mr. Tsang Yau-shing
Principal



Inter-school debating competition column

LCMS debate team:
Martin, Chan Yui-hin 4A
Ashley, Chow Man-hei 3A
Gabriel, Ganete Amaya 3B



DEBATE + HKSS Debating Competition Interview with the LCMS debate team

Organized by Mr. Simon Patience, we were very fortunate to have participated in our first annual debating competition organized by HKSSDC. Our students have been training hard through these several months and have learned new techniques in speaking to convince our honorable opponents to our propositions. Most importantly, it has raised our student's confidence to speak in English freely and also learn how to use English in a different way. From

our students' view, 'finding information for the debate was the easiest part, the most difficult aspect of the debate was how to develop a counter-argument from the opposing team based on our initial ideas'. It was a real tough competition in the beginning and we tried our best to learn through each attempt. Thanks to Mr. Patience for his time and devotion to help us gain our first victory. Here are the 4 debating competitions that we took part in so far:

Date	School	Motion
September 28 th , 2016	CCC Chuen Yuen College (Away)	This house would subsidize the local production of organic food in Hong Kong.
November 4 th , 2016	Liu Po Shan Memorial College(Home)	This house believes that Hong Kong needs more pedestrian zones.
March 2 nd , 2017	Po Leung Kuk Wu Chung College(Home)	This house believes that the Tiger Mother Model is an appropriate on for raising Hong Kong's Children.
May 11 th , 2017	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung College (Away)	This house believes that Hong Kong should introduce walking fines for crowded areas.

1) How did you equip yourselves for debating?

We prepared cue cards and kept practising on our speech. We continuously planned with Mr. Patience and he gave us some really good ideas to backup ours.



2) What strategies did you discuss to use before you went to this first debating competition?

Well, we didn't actually come up with a strategy. We brainstormed as many ideas as we could and predicted what ideas the opposing team was going to give us so we started from there.



3) How did you feel during your first debating competition?

The first time we went to another school to hold our debate, we were all extremely nervous.

4) Recall one special moment during the debate.

Nothing is ever special than the taste of 'victory'.



5) What did you learn when you finished the debate?

We learnt to speak more carefully and slower in order to get our message across to the judge clearly.

6) Did you learn anything in English while debating?

Yes, we learnt how to use intonation and stress in our voice to make our speech more convincing.



7) If you were to do the debate again, what would you do differently?

Well, we should come up with a team slogan so at least next time, we wouldn't be too anxious.

8) Have you learnt any debating skills from the opposing team?

We learnt how to stick to the point and say more about what is relevant to the topic on the spot.



9) How do you achieve a high score in the debating competition?

Speak louder and be clear at all times.

10) Was it hard to express your ideas in English?

It was hard to think of different words in English to express my ideas so from time to time I had to think of some words to fit the things I wanted to say.



ENGLISH WEEK: FROM ZERO TO HERO

This year, the annual theme is 'Appreciate One Another and Count Our Blessings' and the slogan is 'From Zero to Hero'.

Through participating in various interesting activities, students got to know more about some influential people around the world. They also learnt to appreciate the good qualities in them and applied them into daily lives. Most importantly, many learnt to reflect on their own lives and count their blessings. Lastly, we hope students have learnt to appreciate people and things around them and try their best to contribute to society.

Activities of the week

Booth Games

This year, all the game stalls were decorated with the theme 'From Zero to Hero'. Students participated in different games in the school hall at lunchtime and they were awarded stamps to redeem prizes after playing the booth games.



Morning Assembly

The theme of English Week is "Appreciate Each Other and Count Our Blessings". The aim of the week was to get students to appreciate the good qualities of influential people around the world; reflect on their lives and count their blessings.



CHARACTER



English Society Workshop

English Society held a Handicraft Workshop during the English Week in the English Centre.



Students really enjoyed the book exhibition and mini-games in the school library.





Fun ways to learn English

JOIN THE ENGLISH SOCIETY!

Established as a student-oriented activity club, the English Society is dedicated to raising students' interest in English and providing them with a better atmosphere for learning English. Having said that, our two beloved chairpersons, Martin (4A) and Gabriel (3B) have organized a number of activities, giving our schoolmates valuable opportunities to practise their English. To name a few, the Orientation Party has been served to kick off this year's events and was followed by the Handicraft Workshop during the English Week as well as the English Booth on School Open Day. Our club members would not only get accustomed to the English speaking environment but also be able to alleviate the pressure stemmed from the tight curriculum and most importantly, gaining lots of joy by joining our entertaining and educational activities. A big thank you to our experienced teacher advisors and dedicated committee members! It is of no doubt that with their contribution, students will make progress in English while at the same time, find it fun in picking up a language.



Count your blessings -scripts



Dickson, Guan Tik-shun 1B

"I am grateful to be a part of English Day and Week"
"I am so blessed to learn English with my classmates"

Ace, Wong Yu-kai 2B

I am grateful that I can hand in all my homework and get good results.



Crystal, Leung Kwai-tung 2B

I am grateful to adapt to Hong Kong's environment and meet many friends in Lai Chack Middle School.



Olivie, Lee Kai-wing 1B

"I am so grateful to have learnt how to show appreciation to others"
"I feel blessed for letting me learn English with my friends in class 1B"



Ken, Ng Yu-yeung 2D

I am blessed to have some friends who are always there for me, rain or shine!



Johnny, Yung Chun-kuen 2D

I've tried to count my blessings again and again but in vain. They're as numerous as stars in the sky.



Wingki, Liao Ying-qian 4A

I feel very grateful and positive because all my friends, teachers and family members give me lots of encouragement. I also feel delighted as I have learned a lot through participating in community services regularly.



Vicky, Chan Wing-man 4A

I am thankful that I am an optimistic person. I always believe that nothing can stop me towards success if only I keep trying my best. I am also blessed to have supportive classmates, teachers and my family, who always lend me a helping hand.



Frank, Yan On 4C

"I feel blessed for giving me the opportunity to study English in an engaging way"



Mandy Liang Man-yan 4D

I feel grateful because God gives me life! He provides what I need with love and care! I'm blessed!



Kelly, Chung Tsz-ki 4D

I am grateful because I got a lot of encouragement from my friends and parents. They are my angels! I love them so much!



Chris, Choi Pik-ching 5B

I am grateful to my best friends, who give me power to try anything.



Chloe, Chan Wing-tung 5B

Heartfelt thanks are expressed to my parents, teachers and school. Without their tenderness and teaching, I could not have a strong mind to overcome any hardship ahead of me.



Angel Chow Hau-man 5C

I feel blessed and grateful because I met very good teachers in Lai Chack. I shall miss them all even after I graduate!



Leo Chan Yee-tung 5C

I am thankful for having good teachers who have taught me different interpersonal skills to deal with different problems.



- ♥ I am so thankful that my mum cooks meals for me every day.
- ♥ I am so thankful that my parents nurture and raise me.
- ♥ I am so grateful to have my parents to take care of me with patience.
- ♥ I am thankful to have wonderful teachers to teach me in Lai Chack Middle School.
- ♥ I am very grateful to have a warm home and happy family life.
- ♥ I am grateful to have a happy school life and good health.
- ♥ I am grateful to have made so many friends in Lai Chack Middle School.
- ♥ I am blessed to meet my best friends in school and understand what true friendship is.
- ♥ I am blessed to study in Lai Chack Middle School and to be taught by so many good teachers here.
- ♥ I am blessed to study in 2A and have many good classmates.

Interviews with teachers

This year, we have learnt many influential people around the world and how they have changed society, or even the world. We have also shown our appreciation to others. Now, let us listen to some of our teachers and see who they admire and would like to show their appreciation.

Ms Jennifer Chan

I think people who talk less and do more are the most admirable. They try their best to do their own things in their own posts to strive for excellence, no matter what they are, like teachers, janitors or even bus drivers. They are responsible and deserve our respect.

Mr Gavin Lam

I admire Gandhi, a prominent Indian political leader who campaigned for Indian independence the most because he was forgiving. At a prayer meeting, he was shot by an assassinator. Fortunately, he survived. However, he did not hate the killer but forgave him. He helped India become independent. I think we need to learn how to forgive others to build a better world.



Ms Lily Chow

To me, my Dad is the most admirable. When I was young, he had to take care of the whole family, seven people in total. Whenever he had a day off, he spent time with us and took us to different places. He looked after my Mum attentively when she was in hospital until she died. He is caring and devoted to his family.

Ms Mabel Yeung

I would like to show my appreciation to Nick Vujicic, an Australian motivational speaker who was born without limbs. Although he was bullied when he was small, he lives with a positive and optimistic attitude now. He knows his physical limit but he always challenges himself to go beyond. He loves travelling around the world to encourage people. His unbeatable spirit is what we should learn.



Mr Curtis Cheng

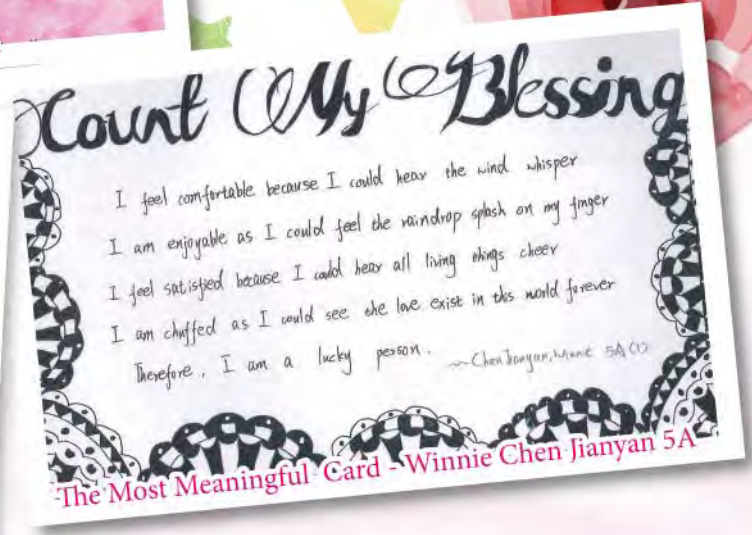
Prof. Stella Kong is the person who I admire the most. She is my role model. From her, I know how to teach English. She demonstrates what the saying "Actions speak louder than words" means. She taught me that among love, care and credit, the three important elements of education, credit should be the most important. Since teachers should be more knowledgeable than students, when students are willing to learn, teachers should show appreciation. If teachers do not give credit to students, they may not have the motivation to learn.



The Best Design Card - Kiki, Mai Yingqi 5A



The Most Colourful Card - Kelly Chung Tsz-ki 4D

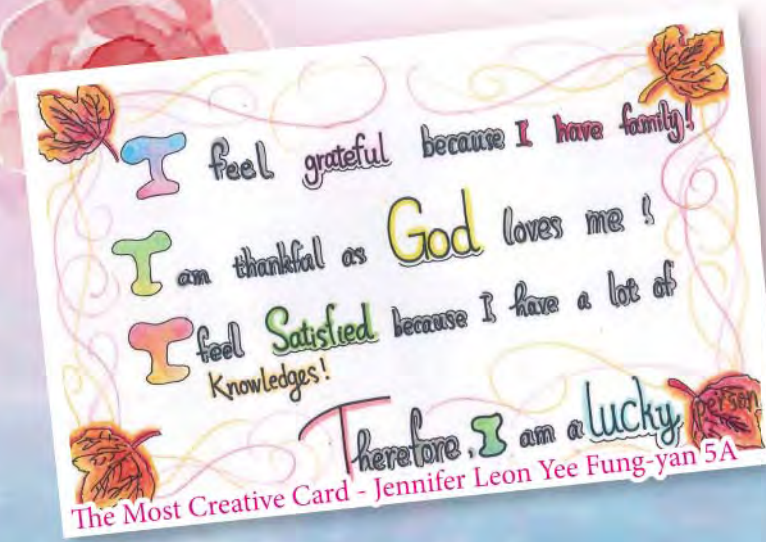


The Most Meaningful Card - Winnie Chen Jianyan 5A

STUDENTS' WORK:

“Count Our Blessings” Card Design Competition

Do you always find it difficult to feel happy? Do you always think other people are leading a better and happier life than you do? Actually, happiness is about feeling content with what we have already had. The “Count Our Blessings” Card Design Competition offered a meaningful opportunity to remind students to appreciate the wonderful things they are already experiencing and lead a more joyful life.



The Most Creative Card - Jennifer Leon Yee Fung-yan 5A



The Most Colourful Card - Coco Wong Cho-hung 4A

Students' work: Thank You Card Design Competition

Have you ever felt happy or touched by someone's care or support? Support and care do not arise from nowhere. They come from the people who truly love us. This year, the English Department held a Thank You Card Design Competition for students to design their own Thank You cards and show their gratitude. Let's take a look at some of their heart-warming creations.



Event Archives

English Day

The English Department has put great effort in designing different themes for this year's English Day. The theme for the four English Days was based on one topic and that is 'Showing Appreciation to Others'. The aim of English day is to give students the opportunity to learn about showing appreciation to other people who have great achievements in our society like Lee Wai Sze, our national Olympic gold-carrier in 2012 and Charles K. Kao, the founder of fiber optics. Students were given the opportunity to get involved in different activities at the English Café like board games and quizzes. We hope that students can learn English through multiple channels and at the same time have a great amount of fun.



English Week

English week was a fun learning experience for students and teachers. This year, we based our theme around 'Mulan'. Students participated in many activities during this week, such as designing game booths and getting involved in a drama performance. We were also very proud to invite 'Chunky Onion' to perform a post-modern version of Mulan at the school hall. Everyone enjoyed it, both teachers and students were engaged and performed onstage well. In relation to our theme, we invited students to write 'Blessings' and 'Thank you cards' to people in their life that deserved gratitude. Hence, students learnt how to write their own blessings and show respect to those who have contributed a lot to our society. English week was a blessing and we all thought that it was one unforgettable experience.



Life-Long Learning

This year, Form 1 students have taken part in Life-long learning. During this venture, they were asked to explore the history of 'Bruce Lee'. Everyone had heard of Bruce Lee but no one had ever truly gotten

in his shoes. As a legend, he dedicated his life and passion to martial arts and acting. He is definitely one of a kind.



English Camp

This year, students took part in English camp which was held in Mid-February. Students from Form 1 were invited to take part in this event. The day camp was full of activities and things to do for students to learn more English. Students had a very good time there as they were asked to get engaged in a mini-drama and learn English freely.



Speech Festival



Every year, students from LCMS are sent to join the highly-anticipated Speech Festival. This year, a majority of students have participated in the annual Speech Festival. More than 10 students

have achieved a merit award this year. During this time, students have been trained by teachers to speak English fluently. They have been trained to speak aloud with actions and also play with words in order to add some spice to their presentation.

1A	Angie, Wong Tsz-yan	Merit
2A	Nicole, Sung Wei-kwun	Merit
3A	Lam Hiu-tung	Merit
3A	Lau Hang-chun	Merit
3A	Pan Meihua	Merit
3A	Ngo Fung	Merit
3B	Gabriel, Canete Amaya	Merit
4A	Chan Yui-hin	Merit
5B	Chan Ning-fung	Merit
2A	Wong Yu-yan	Proficiency

LCTV

LCTV is a broadcasting network where teachers and students liaise with each other to make a short clip of what occurs every day in LCMS. In this article, we would like to show special thanks to Mr. Simon Patience and Mr. Cheng for making LCTV magnificent! LCTV was a great way to broadcast everything

special. During every English day, we had different themes and with the support of LCTV, we were able to get a fun message across to students directly. Students were extremely amused by watching LCTV because they could see their own classmates on TV speaking English on campus.



The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

This year students from classes 4A and 5A took part in a skills-based educational assessment program which allows them to test their ability in multi aspects of English. The ICAS is a world-wide recognized examination that gives students an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of international exams. Our goal is to enhance student's proficiency in English so they can further enrich their skills in their HKDSE. This year, 32 students have taken part in this examination and 3 have gained a merit award for their excellent performance.

5A	He Mingsi	Merit
5A	Liang Huiqi	Merit
5A	Wong Ho-leung	Merit
5A	Fu Wai-man	Credit
4A	Bui Thi Thuy Ngoc	Participation
4A	Chan Wing-man	Participation
4A	Chan Yui-hin	Participation
4A	Chen Jia-cheng	Participation
4A	Fung Tsz-ying	Participation
4A	Huang Weiye	Participation
4A	Ip Yuk-yu	Participation
4A	Joyce, Leung Wai-yan	Participation
4A	Li Xin	Participation
4A	Liao Yingqian	Participation
4A	Lo Kit-yan	Participation
4A	Ruan Caiyun	Participation

4A	Xu Shiqi	Participation
5A	Chen Jianyan	Participation
5A	Cheng King-wan	Participation
5A	Chi Yuen	Participation
5A	Jiang Haohua	Participation
5A	Lee Chung-fai	Participation
5A	Li Hiu-kuen	Participation
5A	Lin Shijia	Participation
5A	Liu Wing-chun	Participation
5A	Mak Ching-yin	Participation
5A	Meng Yunbiao	Participation
5A	Sung Ka-kit	Participation
5A	Wong Tsz-hei	Participation
5A	Yan Qiuwen	Participation
5A	Yip Wan-yin	Participation
5A	Yuen Ching-lam	Participation

Student's Writings



Writing an email

To: sandy@oxmail.com
From: jean@oxmail.com
Subject: My advice

Hey Sandy,

What's up? Thank you for your email. I totally understand how you feel and I would be glad to help you solve your problems at school.

First, if you're feeling stressed, you should eat fruits and vegetables instead of eating junk food all the time. Junk food is not good for your health and if you consume too much, there will be a big chance of becoming obese.

Second, if you have no friends, you can always come to me for advice, but at school, why not try to take the initiative. Most of the time, if you are too shy, your friends will be too scared to approach you. It would be wise to take the first step in friendship. Don't worry about it, a good friendship goes a long way.

Third, if you have sleeping problems, I strongly suggest that you change your eating habit. Perhaps if you have a healthy diet, you can manage your sleep better. I hope this piece of advice will help you. Time to go. Thanks for your time and patience.

Yours,
Jean

Helen, Law Ching-man 1B

Mobile Games: A Blessing or A Curse?

Should we play mobile games? Opinions towards this question vary. Some people say that playing mobile games is entertaining. Other people argue that it is a waste of time. To me, we should not play mobile games for the following reasons.

Playing mobile games all the time in our daily life does us harm. To begin with, an obvious disadvantage is it is a waste of time. Normally, a round of mobile games runs for 15 to 30 minutes. When we play mobile games, we will not do anything else. Actually, if we make use of the time to do something which is good for us, we can have benefits. For example, we can do exercise with friends or parents on holiday. Not only is it beneficial to our health, it is also favourable to our friendship and parent-child relationship. Therefore, we should not always play mobile games.

Apart from that, another drawback of playing mobile games is it affects our health. Usually, when we play mobile games for a long time, our eyes will strain and neck will be tired since we are continuously focusing on a small screen. Moreover, playing mobile games is addictive. It affects our mental health. Therefore, we should not play mobile games all the time.

In conclusion, playing mobile games is a waste of time and affects our health. As a result, we should do other meaningful things in our daily life just like doing exercise and reading books with friends or parents instead.

Alan, Liang Jia-jun 2A

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22nd March, 2017

Mr. Tsang Yau Shing
Principal
Lai Chack Middle School
180 Canton Road,
Tsim Sha Tsui,
Kowloon

Dear Principal,

Annual School Performance

I am writing to tell you what I like and dislike about the English Drama show we had last year and to suggest the type of show that should be performed in the upcoming English Week Assembly.

The English Drama show held in the school hall last year was great and meaningful. Strengthening our friendship between Hong

Kong people and African people without discrimination, it was really emotional and amazing. The performance was magnificent since the plot was absolutely unpredictable and no one could guess that an Asian and an African can be good friends. A large audience thought that it was impossible and unbelievable.

My recommendation for the upcoming English Week Assembly is a puppet show. It is based on the characteristics of our students, diligence, perseverance and humility. We would invite three puppeteers (Andrea Pirlo, Cristiano Ronaldo and Nemanja Vidic) to perform and their puppets would be the characters of the performance. The students might think that the show is extraordinary and spectacular.

Having a theme of "Diligence, Perseverance and Humility", the puppet show would arouse students' interest in puppets and learning English. Moreover, it can also teach the students to be diligent, perseverant and humble.

Yours sincerely,

Ngo Fung

Student of Lai Chack Middle School

Ngo Fung 3A

The Cardboard Paper Angel

There was a girl who was walking in front of me. She was carrying a white bag, which was embroidered with a butterfly. Wearing the same uniforms as me – yes, we study in the same school. Although I didn't know who she was, I could often see her at the MTR station. I thought she noticed me too, but we had never talked to each other. Maybe it was because both of us were strangers to each other. Or maybe both of us were too shy to be the first one to initiate a conversation. No matter what, we did not talk.

In fact, I did not find her too special. Like other normal girls, we had the same black and long hair, the same style school bag, the same black glasses and the same common school shoes. Everything showed that she was an ordinary girl and nothing novel. I did not pay special attention to her. After all, I thought she was not a great person. But time showed my fault.

That was a usual day, as tranquil as usual. The bright sun was hanging in the sky. Occasionally, a gentle breeze blew off some golden leaves to set off the scenery of late autumn. Time flew in the exercise and the gossip. School had finished. It was time for us to go home. I saw the girl at the school gate. Although I could usually see her in the morning, I had never seen her in the same car after school. This strange thing arouse my curiosity. I wanted to know the answer, so I decided to dog her.

I walked behind her, trying to keep a distance between us – it was a good way to avoid being found. She walked quite slowly, without haste. She did not do anything abnormal while walking along the road. She was just the girl I saw in the morning, nothing different. Immediately, I regretted my silly action – why did I dog her? Maybe she just wanted to go shopping first and then walked back home because she did not want to go home too early. Why was I doing this silly and boring thing? When I was thinking about this question, I noticed that she stopped at the fruit stand. This was not strange – she might want to eat apples? But the strange thing was, when she walked to the fruit stand, the boss immediately greeted her like an acquaintance.

"Hi! You go to visit Mother Zhang again?" asked the boss.

Who was Mother Zhang?

"Yes, she probably wants me to visit her too. Please give me some apples and oranges. I think Mother Zhang will like them," she replied.

The answer proved that the girl really knew Mother Zhang. This new discovery rekindled my curiosity. I wondered why the girl and the boss were so close to each other and who Mother Zhang was. The girl walked a little bit slower, might be because of the heaviness of the fruit. Suddenly, she turned into an alley. I followed her, forgetting that it would let myself be exposed.

I stood at one end of the alley. She was pushing a small cart full of cardboard paper with an old woman. She smiled and nodded at me. Obviously, she saw me.

"Is she your grandmother?"

That was my first time talking to her. She was a bit surprised, but quickly, she smiled again.

"No, she is not. She is Mother Zhang, a poor old woman who has no sons or daughters. All of her money has been used to cure her husband but he died at last. She is lonely and poor now. What's worse, she got a disease a few years ago. So now, her ears are not very good. If you want to speak to her, you should speak loudly," she said.

I was shocked about the background of the poor old lady. Wasn't this the type of story we would find in tragic films?

"Why are you here?" my curiosity urged me to know more.

"Before, I often saw Mother Zhang pushing the cart alone when I was on my way home after school every day. At first, I thought she was picking cardboard paper to earn some extra money. Once, she dropped some cardboard paper. I picked it up and called her, but she did not reply. I tried three times but still got no reply from her. Later, I ran to her and spoke loudly. She finally responded to me. Then, I realized that she has some problems with her ears. Therefore, I started to help her. Now, I always buy some food and give clothes to her and help her pick the cardboard paper and then sell it. I am glad that she is more relaxed now," she answered.

I could not believe that the girl was so helpful and caring. If it was for other people, they would not care or just give Mother Zhang a little money. No one would care about her for such a long time! I was shocked by what she was doing. I never thought that the ordinary girl had such a big heart. She was not ordinary at all. The spirit is worth learning. She was a great person! I was wrong and silly.

Carol, Xu Shiqi 4A



A Heart That Lives On

He went on staring out of the window and then he closed his eyes. This was the darkest hour before the dawn.

"Are you sleeping, dear?" a gorgeous woman asked quietly.

"No, Mom. I'm thinking about something."

The young boy was 15 years old.

"Oh, George. I know what you're thinking but you need to go to sleep now. Sleeping too late is bad for your health. Don't worry. Everything will be OK!"

"Um...OK, Good night, Mom!" George smiled.

"Good night, babe."

"I must find a heart that is suitable for you, George," the woman said carefully.

In another place, an accident was happening... The road which was usually crowded with rampaging cars was frozen at this moment because of a car accident. The only sound was a police car's siren and people's voices from all sides – crying and screaming. A girl was in a coma under the car. But the people's eyes only saw profit and no one noticed her. When the paramedics arrived, she had shed a lot of blood and she was close to death. She was taken to the hospital. Her grandma was by her side immediately after hearing the news. Although she was impatient as 'an ant on a hot pan', the hot news was still coming. The girl, named Emily, only had one last week of life.

Her grandma was crying next to her bed. Suddenly, Emily opened her eyes.

"Grandma? Grandma? Why are you crying? What happened?"

"You only have one last week of life. I have no family! Your father and mother have gone to heaven already. The only one left is you. Now, you will go too. How can I live alone? I want to die with you!"

"Grandma! Calm down! Look at this world. It has so many beautiful things! Just like the flowers outside the window, the cloud in the sky, the animals in the forest as well as our life. So we can't abandon it so easily. Although I will lose these very soon, you can still enjoy these things for me! Do you understand?"

"But..."

"No! This is my destiny. I will accept it. So, Grandma, can you stop crying? Let's go outside!"

"Hey! George's mom, we found a heart that maybe suitable for your son. The heart's owner only has one last week of life. Her name is Emily. But you need to ask her permission about donating her heart," Dr. Wong said.

"Okay. Thank you, doctor."

The woman was anxious to find Emily's ward. She sought around the whole hospital. Eventually, she found it. However, there was just an empty ward waiting for her. She plunged into a panic. She worried that Emily had disappeared. She pulled a nurse's arm and screamed.

"Where is she? Tell me! Quickly!"

"Uh... I don't know...Can you calm down?"

"Sorry..."

She was disappointed and she wanted to wait for Emily. When she sat down, Emily came back.

"Who are you?"

"Um... You don't need to know! You must give me your heart after you die. As terms of exchange, I will look after your family!" the woman shouted.

"Why should she give it to you? I tell you, no way!" Emily's grandma said.

"Why? We can talk in detail later."

"No, you get out now. It's impossible. Emily will not donate her heart to you!"

"No, this is not a donation. It is a deal."

"Get out!"

"Grandma... I want to see the boy."

"You're crazy!"

Emily followed George's mom and saw him. He sat next to the window and looked outside. He was quiet and liked the sunshine. Emily thought, "He must want to go out of the hospital and see the world. This is the boy who needs my heart? He looks like an angel from heaven... Maybe my heart can help this pretty boy..." When his mother had gone, she went to George.

"Hi. My name is Emily. Nice to meet you!"

"Hi, I'm George."

"What happened to you? Why are you here?"

"Um...My heart is weak. I may die any time. So, the doctor told me that I must stay here. But, I want to go outside although I may die."

"Poor guy. I can accompany you. Do you like flowers?"

"Of course! They are so beautiful!" George smiled. This was the first smile for days.

"No way! I will never permit her to give you the heart!" Emily's grandma shouted.

"No, please. I beg you...I really need it."

Emily heard that outside the door. She was silent.

"Grandma, I want to give them my heart. I hope the boy can live and replace me."

"No, you can't. You should keep your body complete."

"But if I give my heart, my heart won't stop beating and then I won't lose anything!"

"Okay."

A few days later, the boy got the heart and he was excited. He asked, "Who gave me the heart?"

"Emily. She just died."

"What? Emily? No! I can't believe that!"

The boy remembered the day on which Emily came to him and said, "Hi. My name is Emily. Do you like flowers?"

"I will still live in the world, with your heart," said George firmly.

Jojo, Ruan Caiyun 4A



Where Is Your Cake and Ale?

There is a city called 'The Bee City'. People there are busy. They work very hard every day. Their feet never stop walking and their hands never stop working. Their faces are without any expressions and they look like robots. This phenomenon can be seen everywhere in this city.

But in a corner of the city, there is a girl who is different from other people. She has long wavy hair in soft colour. Her eyes are as clear as water, which are full of vitality and passion. Her name is Lararine and one day, this seemingly ordinary girl saved a person's life.

'Lararine, where are you? Hurry to cook for me, you lazy girl!' said a vicious voice. 'Yes, Mother. I'll come right now,' said Lararine. She went to the living room. A lady dressed in dignity was sitting on the sofa. She was the stepmother of Lararine.

'I told you that you have to cook before I came back. Did you forget?' said her stepmother angrily.

'Mom, I didn't forget that. I was just too busy as I have a lot of homework today,' said Lararine.

'Oh, don't make an excuse. I don't want to hear it. Go and cook now!' her mother replied impatiently.

Lararine lowered her head and left the room.

'If I was a little fairy, I would be so free. If I was a fairy, I could fly anywhere I want to go and enjoy the beautiful scenery that I have never seen.'

Lararine was lying in bed and fantasizing. Then, she fell asleep until sunrise.

'Good morning, little bird. Good morning, madam. Good morning, mister.' Lararine walked on the street and greeted every passer-by and animal, but no one responded to her.

One late afternoon, Lararine stood by the road waiting for a bus. 'Whoops! Tonight is so cold, I should have worn more clothes,' Lararine said in a shivering voice.

When she was still complaining about the weather, a loud noise came the opposite of the road. 'Bang!' Lararine was scared by the sound. She saw a car tumbling over before stopping by the road.

'Oh my goodness! There's a car accident! I have to go and see.'

She hurried across the road and saw a broken car in front of her. She hit the glass window of the car and shouted at the person inside.

'Sir, can you hear me? Sir? Hey, wake up!' she shouted very loudly but didn't get a response.

'Oh no, he is unconscious. I have to save him. Can anyone help me? Please! The fuel is leaking from the car. He must be rescued as soon as possible!'

Lararine cried for help, but no one helped her. People just stood nearby and looked at her indifferently. Some

people were afraid that they might get hurt and so, they just helped call the ambulance. Lararine tried to pull out the injured but her strength was not big enough. She cried to other people for help and finally, someone began to help her. They lifted up the car slightly and then, the injured was pulled out. When the ambulance took the wounded, Lararine still couldn't feel relieved. She went to the hospital by taxi and waited outside the operation room.

She waited for nearly four hours until the operation room door finally opened. She asked the doctor anxiously about the man she had helped, but the doctor only shook his head.

Lararine went home with great pain. She curled up on the floor, blaming herself constantly.

'If I had been stronger and pulled him out from the car sooner, he would not have died.'

The next morning, Lararine felt depressed. While she was walking on the street, she heard a voice suddenly.

'Hey! Go away! Danger!'

Lararine had no time to realise what was happening. All she felt was a large object which rushed to her. Then she was unconscious.

'Hey, wake up! Hey!'

Lararine heard a voice, and when she opened her eyes, she found it was dark and she couldn't see anything.

'Why is it all darkness? Why can't I see anything? Am I blind?' Lararine was very frightened.

'Please calm down and listen to me. You have become blind because of the car accident. However, don't be discouraged as you are so fortunate that we found you a cornea donor. Your eyesight will soon be restored,' said the doctor.

After two months, Lararine recovered. She went to the hospital to ask who had donated the cornea to her. She saw a familiar name on the donation book. That person was the man she had saved in the car crash before! She was so touched that she began to cry. She was filled with gratitude and cried for a long time.

Half a year later, when Lararine's eyesight was completely restored, she went to the donor's grave and put a bunch of flowers in front of it.

'Six months ago, I had tried to save you, but I failed to do so. Six months later, you helped me see the light again in a timely manner. Thank you,' said Lararine.

There's an old saying that goes, 'Give cake and ale to perfect soul.' Lararine's kindness led her to save the man in the car and the accident brought herself happiness and luck. Her spirit of giving is what we need to learn.

Lisa, Li Xin 4A

A bunch of love

On Christmas Eve, Tony, a 15-year-old teenager who lives in a poverty-stricken suburb, was on his way to get a paycheck from a restaurant. Coming from an impoverished family, Tony's biggest pleasure is to receive his paychecks every month.

Tony's father was amputated after an accident and his younger brother was still studying in primary school. Life had become so difficult that his family could not really pay for the two boys' studies. Consequently, Tony dropped out of school and started to work. As an elder child, he bore the responsibility to support the family.

Upon receiving his paycheck, Tony wanted to buy flowers for his mother. He walked for a long time but couldn't find one single florist which was open for business. Many storekeepers closed early in order to stay with their families. After having gone through many streets, he found this shop in an alley. He proceeded towards the shop excitedly and saw many brightly-colored flowers there.

The owner was a kind old woman who was watching TV on her own. She saw Tony come and stood up and said, "Good evening, my boy. What can I do for you?"

"Hmm. I want a bunch of roses." Tony looked at the only bunch of roses. He was attracted to them.

"Roses! Not many people your same age buy roses. Is it for your lover?" the old woman joked.

Tony smiled bashfully and replied, "It is for my mum. Rose is her favorite flower."

"Oh! What a sensible boy you are! Is the money from your dad?" asked the old woman.

"No. It's from my job. I work in a restaurant. I received the paycheck just now so I want to buy flowers for my mum," Tony answered.

"I see. Oh! This is the only bunch of roses in the shop! What a coincidence!" The old woman bundled up the flowers and quietly took away the price card written \$75. "Here you are, my boy! A total of 55 dollars! Have a nice evening and Merry Christmas!"

"Wow! Thank you! Have a pleasant evening," said Tony.

Just when Tony left the shop, a strong, middle-aged man carrying a box rushed in. "I want a bunch of roses!" the man said anxiously.

"I'm sorry sir. They have just been sold out. Would you mind coming again tomorrow or going to another shop to have a look?" the old woman asked softly.

"All shops were closed and I can't wait for tomorrow! I wasn't able to go home for many years because I am a soldier. I haven't been home for 4 years! I miss my family so much and I promised my daughter to bring her favorite flowers back home on her birthday. Please, my daughter was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. I don't know when she will leave me. I just want to make her happy, every minute and every second," the man said with emotion.

"I really want to help you but there really aren't any roses in the shop," the old woman said helplessly.

"Alright, alright. I got it. Thank you," the man shook his head and sighed deeply and left despondently.

Tony looked at the bunch of roses in his hand. "What should I do?" Tony struggled.

Standing outside the shop with roses in his hands, Tony made

a tough decision. He caught up the man and shouted, "Excuse me, sir! I think you need these roses! I just bought them!"

The man turned abruptly and exclaimed when he saw the bunch of rouses. "Oh! Are you serious? Giving it to me?"

"Sure. I can see you really need it more than I do. I think my mum will be glad to hear that you will give them to your daughter. I will tell her I gave it to you."

"Thanks a lot, little boy! You're pure gold! What's your name? I would like to repay your kindness! How about asking your family to have dinner with us? Or tell me what you want?"

"My name is Tony. I'm sorry I can't have dinner with you cause I am going to meet my mum later. And I want nothing, sir."

"I'm Brian. Nice to meet you, Tony! And, you want nothing? So much the better for you. Which school do you study in?" asked Brian.

"I'm not at school. My family is poor that they cannot send me to school. I work in a restaurant and earn money for my family," answered Tony.

"It's hard for you, isn't it?"

"Sometimes. But I have to face it. Otherwise, who will take care of my family? I need to make more money to buy my brother a new bicycle and an English book for myself," said Tony.

"How about going to the theme park?" Brian joked.

"That's so expensive! Oh! I have to meet my mum. Nice to meet you, sir. Have a nice evening!"

"Could you give me your address? I want to visit your family tomorrow and apologize to your mum." Asked Brian.

"No problem, sir." Tony gave the address to Brian and left. Then, Brian went home by a taxi. On his way home, the taxi stopped at a traffic light just beside a cemetery. He saw Tony walk through the path, went inside and began to sob. Brian realized that he could not apologize to Tony's mum any more.

"Mum, I'm sorry that I bought a bunch of roses for you but I can't bring it here because I left it to a soldier. His daughter was diagnosed with neuroblastoma and the roses are for her daughter. I hope she will be happier and get better. You said, love forms our heart, and we cannot be happy without it. Now, I'm so happy cause I'm helping others and I feel love inside me. Wishing you were still here. I miss you, Mum," Tony said softly in front of the tombstone.

The next morning, Tony got a big package. There was a note attached to it:

"Dear Tony, Thank you for that bunch of love. Hannah was ecstatic yesterday when she saw me and the bunch of roses. The army called me this morning so I'm afraid I can't visit your family. But I send you this package and I hope you'll like it. By the way, I'm sorry about your mum. May your mum rest in peace in heaven. I am sure she is proud of your thoughtful mind and a loving heart. Merry Christmas, Tony! Your friend, Brian."

Tony smiled and opened the package. He was deeply moved because he saw a new bicycle, a set of English books and two theme park tickets.

Brian Jiang Hao-hua 5A

I'M HERE

9 o'clock in the morning. The phone next to the pillow was ringing punctually. Crystal received a message. She rubbed her eyes and turned on the phone.

The message said, "Waken up yet?"

"Yep. You woke me up again butt-munch." Crystal replied.

"You should thank me for waking you up every day because you no longer have to set the alarm! :))" the message said.

Suddenly, there was a fluffy ball rolling from underneath the bed. There it was. A monster which looked like a combination of a bear and a sheep was climbing out of the floor under the bed. He wore a white T-shirt with size XXL and a pair of black trousers. Crystal rolled over and waved to the monster and he waved back. It was obvious that they were friends because Crystal wasn't afraid of or unfamiliar with the monster.

The monster was called Jonathan. He came to the world accidentally when Crystal was 15 years old. Jonathan thought the accident was a journey from his planet to the Earth. He loved to stay with Crystal as well. But he must go back to his planet to recharge in the 7th year. Otherwise, his body will not bear the gravity on Earth and explode. It has been six years since he came to the Earth and lived with Crystal. They were like peas and carrots. Jonathan knew all the languages on Earth but he couldn't speak so they would just use the phone to type out messages to communicate with each other.

That morning, Jonathan and Crystal had breakfast together and they were watching a film called Shrek.

Jonathan sent a message to Crystal, "Whose body is better, me or Shrek?" Not waiting for a reply, Jonathan showed his muscle to Crystal.

"Not bad. But none of you can compare with my body. I'm the best!" Crystal answered with a belly laugh.

Jonathan rolled his eyes, picked up a ball and threw it to Crystal. But he missed. The ball bounced back from the wall and hit himself. Crystal said nothing because she has doubled over with the laughter.

After breakfast, Crystal disguised herself as a witch. That day was Christmas and there were a lot of events in the theme park. Crystal didn't usually go out but she asked Jonathan to go with her on her own initiative! Jonathan stayed beside the door and waited for Crystal because he needn't dress up himself, he was after all a real monster.

On the way to the park, Jonathan attracted many people's attention. "Awesome! So cool!" A boy shouted, "Of course. He is my friend!" Crystal said proudly. Jonathan patted her on the head and smiled. They came to the park and spent some fantastic time together for a day. Jonathan rode on the roller coaster with Crystal which was the most fearful activity for him. He also won a lot of dolls for Crystal through the shooting game. In the evening, the firework show was ready to start.

"Jonathan! Did you see that log cabin? Let's climb to the roof and enjoy the firework! It's a nice place to watch the show!" Crystal suggested. Jonathan hung his head and hesitated. He crossed his arm, wanted to tell Crystal that it was dangerous.

"Oh come on! It's not high!" Crystal begged. Jonathan could not help but nod.

There were stairs beside the log cabin and Crystal stepped up to the top lightly. Since Jonathan was too strong and heavy, he climbed slowly and carefully.

"How awkward you are! Hurry up! Let me give you a hand," said Crystal. When Jonathan arrived on the roof, the show had begun. They lost themselves in these beautiful fireworks.

Suddenly, several security guards found them and started to shout at them. They ran to the log cabin and wanted to catch them. Crystal held Jonathan's hand, getting ready to move down from the roof top but Jonathan just shook it off. He jumped down from the top and tried to distract the guards and cover up Crystal. He did it.

Crystal got down from the roof quickly and shouted, "Jonathan!" She was getting more and more worried that she almost started to cry. She ran to the crowd and tried to look for Jonathan. Unfortunately, the security guards spotted Crystal and they ran to her. Crystal screamed and ran back, but the guards ran faster than her. Suddenly, a shadow fell down from the sky and just in time, picked up Crystal so that she could escape from the guards' chase. Crystal opened her eyes. It was Jonathan! He held Crystal and went over to the gate. They ran and ran and Jonathan moved so fast that they soon disappeared in the crowd.

When they got home, Jonathan wrote to her, "I've told you not to climb that house."

"I'm sorry, Jonathan. But ..but you have no idea how worried I was when I lost you! I thought you were dead or you have abandoned me like that..." Crystal sobbed.

"You know I won't do that. Even if the whole world has abandoned you, I will still back you up wholeheartedly. Because you're my best friend, my only best friend." Jonathan answered.

"Jonathan?" Crystal said softly.

"I'm here," Jonathan wrote.

Crystal walked to Jonathan and hugged him tight. "Thank you, Jonathan. I'm so proud of having a friend like you. I'm so sorry that you always have to help me clean up my mess."

"That's what friends do." Jonathan looked at Crystal and wrote.

Crystal was so happy and delighted, but Jonathan wasn't. He felt physically ill which meant that it was time he needed to go back to his planet. He broke into a cold sweat.

"Go to bed and have a rest," Jonathan wrote to Crystal.

"OK. You too, good night," said Crystal.

Jonathan nodded his head and moved to the living room. He sat silently for a few hours. Eventually, he felt better. He walked into Crystal's room quietly and sat on the edge of her bed. Crystal looked asleep. Jonathan covered the quilt for her gently. Then he stroked her hair, her face. He naturally thought about his life with Crystal in the past. The first time when he met Crystal, he nearly scared her to death. How embarrassed he was! Crystal was used to horsing around with him, he always made her laugh. Oh! He often helped Crystal solve the problems as well. Besides, he has been waking her up every morning for 6 years. What a splendid memory! Jonathan couldn't help crying out. He had to leave the Earth tomorrow, leave his friend tomorrow, his only best friend. At this moment, he regretted not having told Crystal about the truth that they had not even had a chance to say goodbye before he left. At the same time, Jonathan was afraid that if he told Crystal about that, she must feel really hurt. He turned on the phone and wanted to record his words for Crystal. He tried his best to say, "Goodbye, my friend." But he still couldn't do it. Jonathan just made some unknown voice messages. When a man had to leave, he could only leave silently or do one last thing for his friend. Suddenly, he seemed to think of something and walked to the living room.

Jonathan didn't realize that tears were streaming down Crystal's face. She already knew that. When Jonathan came to the Earth, he told Crystal he must go back to his home in the 7th year. She could still remember it clearly now and that was why she invited Jonathan to go out with her today. She knew she might not

be able to see her friend anymore. Each minute and each second gone by was painful for her. She gulped back her tears and kept as quiet as possible. She didn't want to put Jonathan in danger for herself. Slowly and unconsciously, she fell asleep.

At 9 am, Crystal woke up. Her phone hadn't shown any message. The sun was still shining through the windows. When she looked at her table, her face brightened up. A Jonathan doll! The doll looked the same as Jonathan-it got his eyes, body, height and even his fur! There was a card next to the doll. It was written by Jonathan.

"Dear Crystal, maybe this is the last thing I could have ever done for you. I hope you will like the doll. Please forgive me for leaving you without saying a word. I'm so happy for being your friend in these years. When I arrived at the Earth for the first time, I was actually afraid that you would have killed me. But then later, I found that you're a kind girl. Although sometimes you have made me get into trouble, I am still proud of having a friend like you. You have taught me lots of things.

Sometimes in life, you find a special friend who changes your life by just being a part of it, who makes you laugh until you can't stop, who makes you believe that there is love in the world. I think I have found such a friend, a forever friend in my life, and forever has no end..."

Crystal burst into tears, unable to control herself anymore. She put the card away, hugged the doll and cried. She didn't read

the last line.

"After I go back to my planet, I think I will get some new power such as being able to talk or fly.. -and.. by then, I shall try my best to go back to the Earth again...so maybe someday, we will see each other again. Maybe..."

Time flies and Crystal is 50 years old now. When she misses Jonathan, she will talk to the doll. "I hope I can see him again when I am still alive." Crystal said to her daughter and looked at the doll. The doll looked at Crystal as well.

9 o'clock in the morning. The phone next to the pillow was ringing punctually.

"Jane, is that your message?" asked Crystal.

"No, I switched off my phone last night," said Jane.

In doubt, Crystal turned on the phone.

Familiar words popped up.

"Waken up yet?" the message said.

Crystal could not hold her tears. She trembled and replied,

"Yes. Of course. Where are you?"

"I'm here," a voice came from underneath the bed.

"Jonathan! Is that you?" Crystal was mad with excitement.

"Yes, it's me. I'm here, always," said Jonathan, standing right in front of the bed.

Brian Jiang Hao-hua 5A

In 1986, as the movie 'The Utopia' hit a great box-office, one of the shooting locations named 'Lucky Village' caught the eyes of the public for the first time because of its breathtaking view. The village has become one of the most popular tourist attractions in Hong Kong recently. You may want to know what makes the village so special. Therefore, I am here to unmask the mystery of the village for you.

Life in Lucky Village 40 years ago

Lucky village is located in the east of Hong Kong. It was an untraversed region 40 years ago since the transport network was not developed so well. Most villagers were fishermen. They lived in shanties instead of villas and the kids were asked to learn how to catch fish. 'I was so young when my dad asked me to go to the sea and catch fish with him. It was exhausting but intriguing!' a villager recalled. Life in the village was so peaceful and relaxing 40 years ago.

An event that changed Lucky Village

A villager told us that Lucky Village is not the original

name. Back in 1920, a plague broke out and many villagers felt sick. At this time, a man emerged and cured the sick villagers. In fact, he saved the whole village. His name was 'Ho Wang' and the villagers wanted to thank him, so, they re-named the village to 'Ho Wan' which means good luck in Cantonese. This is the origin of the name of the village.

What Lucky Village is famous for

The village is famous for 'fried fish'. 'We insist on cooking the fresh fish with secret ingredients and that's why it tastes so good,' a local merchant said. Nowadays, an increasing number of visitors from all over the world are fascinated by the 'fried fish' and the village has become more popular.

Lucky Village is one of the special places in Hong Kong. If you want to find out more interesting places, please follow Local History Newsletter closely.

Ben, Mok Yeuk-pan 6A

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my opinion about the recent article in the Young Post, which suggested that an 8:00 am start to the school is too early to students and it makes students feel tired and sleepy. I definitely agree with the writer. Students feel tired because of the following reasons, and 9:00 am start can solve the problems effectively.

First and foremost, students feel tired and sleepy as they do not have enough sleep. According to professional physicians, people aged between 12 and 24 should sleep at least 8 hours per day, in order to stay energetic and healthy. Nowadays, teenagers spare no pain on study. Apart from the regular school days, they have a lot of after-school lessons. However, these are just the tip of the iceberg as they also need to participate in various extra classes upon their parents' request. Thus, they are busy like bees, who have no time for entertainment and even sleep. If we delay the start time to 9:00 am, students will be able to sleep for one more hour, which is a practical way to let students recharge their energy for the whole day. I believe that, when they have sufficient rest, they will not feel tired and sleepy easily.

Another reason for students being tired is that they do not eat breakfast before school. Some students have slept well but still feel tired. Skipping breakfast must be the key reason. Based on the report from World Health Organization (WHO), having breakfast every day is extremely significant to everyone. It can help you to start up your engine for a busy day. An 8:00 am start requires students to rush to the bus stops and MTR stations. It is not uncommon that students skip their breakfast because they need to go to school on time. Delaying the start to 9:00 am enables students to have a fulfilling breakfast, which can give them energy to study hard and energetically.

All in all, I believe a 9:00 am start can solve the problem of students feeling tired and sleepy. An hour more enables students to sleep more and have a fantastic breakfast which enhances their learning and performance.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Young

Cloud Li Chi-ho 6A

Why Asian Stars Are Gaining Popularity In Western Countries?

Have you heard of Korean singers like G-Dragon or Jay Park? Have you watched Japanese drama Love in Tokyo or Korean drama Descendant of The Sun? The Asian whirlwind is toughing down in Western countries these days. If you say no, you are absolutely behind the times! However, why Asian craze is captivating westerners? Let's dig out the reasons together!

The most obvious reason is the providential package that Asian stars possess. With its exceptional cinematography and original stories, Asian actors and actresses are enabled to act in a romantic and attractive way. Take 'The Heirs' as an example, actor Lee Min Ho and actress Park Shin Hye filmed some scenes in California and the drama was co-produced with an American company. The series was even broadcasted in the US, Canada and Latin America. Therefore, with the production package of the drama, the main actors and actresses' brilliant and touching acting were noticed by westerners. Besides, the catchy and sing-along lyrics, which make use of melodies that instantly stuck on your mind, is also the characteristic of Asian songs. The music video Gangnam Style has been viewed for over 2.66 billion times on YouTube. It went viral and even won Best Video at the MTV Europe Music Awards. Undeniably, Psy is well-known domestically for his hit single 'Gangnam Style' as the 'Viral Star' of 2012. With the package of the dramas and songs, of course the outstanding talents of stars themselves, they have become popular in Western countries more successfully and smoothly.

Furthermore, using advanced technology to promote is another winning factor. The entertainment companies, such as YG Family and SM Entertainment, are doing well in releasing their artists' latest music videos first time. Monster of boy group Exo obtained 69 million views in three months and there were lots of Western

teenagers leaving their comments to express their excitements and enthusiasm. Famous American YouTubers Amanda and King Bach filmed a lot of reactions to K-Pop and each video obtained one million views approximately. This kind of cyclical effect will help K-Pop stars contribute to a high exposure rate and reputation eventually.

Last but not the most important is, the positive personal qualities of Asian stars are appealing to westerners. I have watched the YouTube reactions filmed by Western teenagers that they burst into tears after watching the music video of Taeyeon's first solo album. They said the courage and toughness shown by their idols in face of challenges have touched them so much that they decided to become fans. Yun-Fat Chow, Jet Li and Zi Yi Zhang, who ascended to the Hollywood platform, are also hard-working, diligent, steadfast and aspired to become professional. Zi Yi Zhang practised martial art all day and all night for the movie 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon', which got 10 Oscar nominations and is famous among Western countries. Japanese stars like Sanada Hiroyuki and Ayumi Hamasaki are also prominent by their determination and honorable personalities, to name a few.

These remarkable Asian stars deserve us to learn and follow in their footsteps. They dress decently and look dazzling on TV, but how do we know the bitter and miseries they have suffered? I utterly believe that not only the diversity of talents and excellent promotion of the Asian stars, but their real passion and perseverance are significant to capture westerners' hearts.

Joanna, Wang Huanzi 6A

Which Superhero are you?

Choose A, B, C or D, and count all your points.

1) What's your biggest aspect?

- A. My humor.
- B. I'm quite smart.
- C. I always plan things out perfectly.
- D. Determination.

2) What's your biggest weakness?

- A. Fighting someone I care about.
- B. My morality.
- C. I can be a little over impulsive.
- D. I'm a little cocky at times.

3) What body posture would you have?

- A. Huge.
- B. Average.
- C. Fairly big.
- D. Slim.

4) What type of costume would you wear?

- A. Spandex.
- B. Something that will protect me from bullets and stuff.
- C. I need a cape.
- D. Whatever.

5) How would you fight crime?

- A. Martial arts and probably some throwing weapons too.
- B. Kick and punch.
- C. Some fighting and some sneaky tricks.
- D. Shoot lasers and rockets.

6) When would you fight most effectively?

- A. At night.
- B. When my loved ones are in danger.
- C. Whenever I'm very angry.
- D. Whenever my gear is on.

7) What would you rather do in spare time?

- A. Help people.
- B. Probably chill at home watch a movie.
- C. Train martial arts.
- D. Hang out with someone.

8) Where would you live and practice?

- A. In a cave where no one bothers me.
- B. In a lab or somewhere I can make cures for people.
- C. With my family.
- D. In a huge house to show everyone that I'm rich and important.

9) How would you get to your destination?

- A. Run, jump, swing like ninja.
- B. Run through walls and nothing can stop me.
- C. Fly a jet.
- D. In a fast car.

10) What would you rather do when you grow up?

- A. Something to do with technology.
- B. I want to be a doctor.
- C. Something related to science.
- D. I want to be the owner of a business.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
A	30	40	10	40	20	20	10	20	40	30
B	10	20	30	30	10	40	30	10	10	10
C	20	10	20	20	40	10	20	40	30	40
D	40	30	40	10	30	30	40	30	20	20

Result

100-160 points

You're HULK! You're intelligent but you will crush your enemies with brute force.

250-320 points

You're IRON MAN! Your fun personality is great but it gets you into trouble at times.

170-240 points

You're BATMAN! You are a very strategic and mysterious hero.

330-400 points

You're SPIDER MAN! You make a lot of mistakes but no matter what it makes you adapt and come out on top.

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