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FOREWORD

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DECEMBER IS ALREADY HERE! THIS MEANS THAT THE MOST FESTIVE HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER. ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT CHRISTMAS? HOW ABOUT THE NEW YEAR?

WHAT EVERYONE IS PROBABLY MOST ANXIOUS ABOUT (RATHER THAN EXCITED) IS THE MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT (MYA), WHICH STARTS WHEN WE COME BACK IN JANUARY 2019. TO BETTER PREPARE FOR IT, NOW IS THE TIME TO DO YOUR REVISION. LOOK BACK AT ALL YOUR MATERIALS YOU HAVE COLLECTED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF MODULE 1. PRACTISE ALL THE GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY YOU HAVE LEARNED. REVIEW ALL THE WORDS IN YOUR PHONICS BOOK. LEARN FROM THE WRITING MISTAKES YOU HAVE MADE IN YOUR WRITING JOURNAL. DO SOME GOOD ENGLISH READING ON RAZ-KIDS OR AT THE LIBRARY. WATCH GOOD ENGLISH PROGRAMMES ON TELEVISION OR ONLINE.

DO SOME WORK BIT BY BIT, DAY BY DAY. BE CONSISTENT WITH YOUR STUDIES AND DO YOUR VERY BEST, UNTIL THE MYA. ENJOY A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AHEAD WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS! GIVE THANKS AND SHARE THE JOY.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



AT A GLANCE

BY TEACHER PHOEBE YEUNG

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TIME FLIES! IT IS DECEMBER ALREADY AND CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. BESIDES PUTTING UP THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, STUDENTS IN PUI KIU COLLEGE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THEIR END-OF-MODULE PROJECT. LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THEIR CREATIVE WORK.

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GRADE ONE

We are at the end of the first module. The students worked super hard not only for their spelling quizzes and LAB exercises but also for their FIRST EVER PROJECT PRESENTATION! Each student was assigned an occupation and had to share with everyone the job duties and importance of that occupation.

We had some WONDERFUL mini-doctors, builders, nurses, teachers, gardeners and more in our classes! What a delight it was ☺





Have a
look at our
grade one
students!
Don't they
look
adorable?



GRADE TWO

In Module 1, our Grade Two students have been introduced to some festivals around the world. Approaching the end of the module, they made an individual home project and presented their work in class.

Guess what topic they worked on? They needed to use their imagination to create a poster or a PowerPoint presentation of a NEW festival - a festival that is completely new to everybody! In the presentation, they gave information about:

1. the name of the festival
2. the date of the festival
3. why do people celebrate it
4. where do people celebrate it
5. how do people celebrate it

The students put a lot of effort into their work and the creations were very pleasing. The new festivals they came up with were fun and interesting. Some of the festivals were meaningful in the sense that they reminded us of some important values.

Here are some examples:



Remember to eat more fruit and veggies!



Stop using straws! Let's protect platypuses and other critically endangered animals!



Older people have contributed a lot to society. Let's show our respect and love to them on this special day!

Exercising can keep you fit and healthy! Do you want to skip rope and go cycling with us on these two fun days?



Do you have a sweet tooth like me? Join this festival and spoil yourself on this day!



Let's have some fun with our parents, teachers and schoolmates after exams!



What is Pudding festival & When

- People celebrate Pudding festival on December 15th every year.
- You can eat special pudding and jelly in the festival.



It is so much FUN!

Why do we celebrate Pudding festival?

- History of Pudding Festival
 - In a war, a lot of poor people had no food to eat
 - In winter, King gave pudding to the poor people
 - Because pudding is still famous now, we still have this festival
- Because pudding and jelly is so yummy, and
- They taste really good



Love Helper's Day

Presented by: Alvin Lo

Why to Create this Festival?

- Helper is important to us because she supports to:
 - ✓ Do household works for the family;
 - ✓ Let the parents to fully participate in their jobs.
- Helper leaves behind their own families and works hard in a foreign country to provide financial support to their families.
- To make our helper to feel love and treat them nicely as our family members.



GRADE THREE

Grade Three students have been working hard on their projects and have been doing a great job presenting their findings on the countries they have researched.

They have spent lots of time researching the culture, landscape, language, food and animals of each country. Feel free to ask them about their findings and make sure to take a look at all the Grade 3 posters in the library.

Since Module 1 is coming to an end, the Third Graders will shortly start Module 2, which will focus on plants.



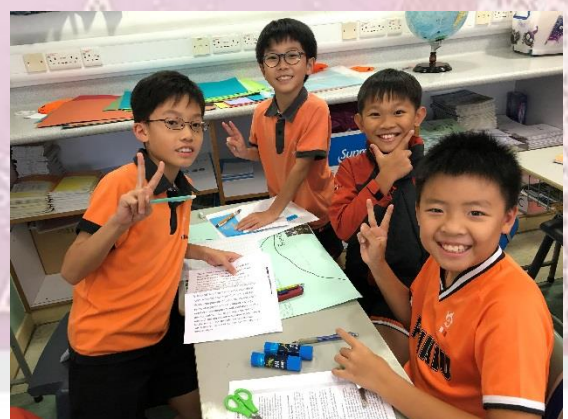
GRADE FOUR

The Grade Four students had to work together in groups last month to complete their Module 1 Project. In this project, the students wrote scripts in which they had to play the parts of either news reporters visiting the Amazon rainforest or the animals they interviewed. The aim of this Project was to teach the viewers about what it is like in the rainforests, the animals that live there and why the rainforests need to be protected.

The students got the chance to show off their creativity when they performed for their classmates. As well as wonderful props and costumes that were often home-made, the students demonstrated their ingenuity as they used their stage and classroom furniture to further enhance their performances. Some of the groups even tried to engage the viewers more by including interactive segments like quizzes.

So in this issue of PEN, we would like to share a few pictures of the Module 1 Project presentations:





GRADE FIVE

In Grade Five, all the students managed to create wonderful board games for this module.

In groups of 4 or 5, students were responsible for making everything – from the question cards, chess pieces, board and all the little pieces required to make the fun a truly wonderful experience.

Let's see some of the students playing with their creation in class!





GRADE SIX

The Sixth Graders have been working really hard on their projects. They had to prepare a short video where they dressed up as TV hosts and presented an event of discrimination. These events included forms of racism, sexism and discrimination based on language and religious beliefs.



This month, students will be starting their next module, which focuses on the Wonders of Science. Through this module, Grade 6 students will learn about various things about Nature, Animals, and Machines.

SIX PLUS

One of the unique learning experiences of the Six Plus class is participating in several events in the HKSMSA Speech Festival. In December, there are two events that our students will take part in that makes integrated use of their reading, listening, speaking, writing and EPA skills.

The first of these is the Improvised Dramatic Scene. As a team, the students will get a topic and get only 10 minutes to prepare and rehearse a 10-minute dramatic scene. Our students have had a great time exploring their creativity, collaboration and performance skills on a myriad of topics over the past few weeks. Take a peek at some of their improvisations below.



Some students have enrolled a brand new event introduced this year – Public Speaking. Students have been given a scenario and a topic to give a 2-minute speech on. This event meaningfully acts as an introductory activity for their upcoming text type in Module 2 – argumentative/persuasive writing.

Let's wish our Six Pluses all the best as they embark on their Festival journey and learn from their competitors from other schools as well as notes from the esteemed adjudicators.



ENGLISH PERFORMING ARTS (E.P.A.)



This month, we have been celebrating English Performance Week and we had the pleasure of Grade Two and Grade Three showing us their wonderful performances.

Spanning Halloween to Christmas, we travelled around the world seeing amazing sights. We saw fireworks and fireflies, yellow submarines and turkeys. Thank you, Second and Third Graders, for sharing your work with us!





TEACHER FEATURE

Hello, everyone!

My name is Teacher Thomas and I have been teaching in Pui Kiu College for 3 months now. It has been a great experience to meet you all and I am glad I get to teach you. Since I am one of the Feature Teachers this month, allow me to tell you a bit about myself.

To begin with, I am half-Irish and half-Greek. My mother is from the capital of Northern Ireland, Belfast and my father is from a small island on the south of Greece called Crete. I am fluent in both English and Greek. I also enjoy learning new languages so feel free to teach me Cantonese or Putonghua during recess.

Before I became a teacher, I used to work in the Greek Army as a psychologist. It was great fun since I met many funny friends and learnt many things. I also had to wake up early, which I didn't like at all. After working in the military, I decided to work as an English teacher and worked hard towards achieving my dream.

I have been a teacher for 4 years now and I enjoy teaching students of all ages. My favourite sports are running and Kung Fu. In my free time, I enjoy playing puzzle games, reading and Latin dancing. I also enjoy travelling and I travel with my good friend who is also teacher.

If you ever meet any of my Grade Three or Grade Six students, they will often tell you that I have so many stories to tell and that my favourite fruit is banana (even though my favourite fruit is pineapple). I hope I can chat with you all and feel free to share any funny stories or any interests you have with me during recess!



TEACHER FEATURE

Hello, my name is Teacher Philip and I come from New Zealand.

I came to Hong Kong to be an English teacher five years ago. I came with my wife and daughter. Rose is now in 2M here at Pui Kiu College. One of the reasons she loves Hong Kong is that she gets to go to Disneyland a lot. I like that I get to go to Disneyland a lot, too!

In New Zealand, I was an architect for many years. My job was to do drawings of houses so that builders knew what to build. Most of the time, it involved me sitting in front of a computer and working alone. I didn't get to talk to people very often. That is why I love teaching so much, I get to talk and listen to people all day.

I have many hobbies. I love reading books. My favourite authors are Roald Dahl and Terry Pratchett. One of the ways I like to relax is to practice some new songs on my guitar. I like doing as many sports as possible. Playing sport is a great way to keep fit as well as a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

I also like travelling and visiting new countries. I have been to over 40 countries all over the world. Whenever I go to a new country, I like to learn about their culture and lifestyle. But the thing I love the most is trying their delicious food.

I have really enjoyed my first few months here at Pui Kiu College. Everyone has been very supportive. I am 1W's English and Class Teacher. I have loved getting to know all my adorable students. I also teach three Grade 3 English Performance Arts classes. These EPA classes are an important part of what makes Pui Kiu College unique.

If you see me around campus don't be shy... come and say hi!



JOKES

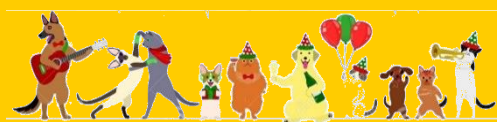
☺ What happens to elves when they behave naughty? Santa gives them the sack.



☺ What kind of music do elves listen to? Wrap.



☺ What is a snowman's favorite breakfast? Ice Crispies.



☺ Why didn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party? He had no-body to go with.

RIDDLES

☺ Santa was having problems with his legs and was unable to walk so he went to the hospital to ask the doctor if he could recommend something for him. What did the doctor give to Santa to help him to walk?



☺ What does the snowman eat for a snack?



☺ Why didn't the turkey want to eat on Christmas?



☺ If a lion had a Christmas music album, what would it be called?

AROUND THE CAMPUS

