

03 NOVEMBER PRIMARY ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

At a Glance

In this month, you will find out that our students have been busy with different learning topics in both English and EPA lessons. There are also a lot of activities going on around the campus, such as the National Day Celebration and the Prefect Camp. All the teachers and students were having a good time. Don't forget to read the "Feature Teacher" section to know more about Teacher Evelyn!





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AROUND PUI KIU COLLEGE:

Prefect Camp National Day celebration

UPCOMING EVENTS

English Week (Term 1) School Picnic (G.1-5) Team Spirit Training Camp (G.6) HKSMSA Speech Festival 2017

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Zumba[™] Fitness Dance for Kids PKC Drama Team PKC Debate Team English Chanters Making Your Own Yearbook

FOREWORD

Welcome back, everyone! We hope that you all had a relaxing Mid-Term Break.

Now that more than half of the term has passed, it might be an appropriate time to appreciate the many things that we have. Actually, in places around the world like Canada, the U.S. and Puerto Rico, during the months of October and November is a festival that centers on the expression of appreciation for all that we have: Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving, no matter where it is celebrated, is usually related to the harvesting of crops. People express how thankful they are for the year that has passed so far. This festival focuses on building a harmonious community. Nowadays, modern Thanksgiving is celebrated through a family feast. The scrumptious dinner could include roast turkey, cranberries, fish, dried fruit, plums and pumpkin pie. During the meal, an important family tradition is the sharing of words of gratitude and appreciation.



What are we most thankful for? Maybe, we can be thankful for our lessons learnt so far this term, or the good health that we have, or our helpful friends and classmates, or the loving support of our families... there are so many things to be thankful for! Therefore, let's take some time to use some kind actions and words to show our appreciation and thankfulness to those around us.



Teacher Arvin Robles Deputy Head , Primary English Panel











The Grade 1 students are learning about their family and home. We shared photos of our family members and introduced them to our new friends in class. We described each family member using a complete sentence. Great work! We also learned about Family Tree and there are different generations in a family tree.



We love our family!







We have also started preparing for our first project. We have to prepare a presentation about an occupation, telling others about our job duties. We can put on costumes and bring in props for the presentation! We are all excited about it!



Grade 2

Let's celebrate!

We have been surrounded by the lovely festive time and food recently! There was the National Day celebration and we wore really fancy Chinese traditional clothes to school. We made some wonderful artwork, too! We all had lots of fun. There was also Mid-Autumn Festival. Some kids brought some yummy mooncakes to school and shared them with their friends and teachers. They had a fabulous time with their family at night as well! We don't let the festivities stop and read a book called, "Celebrate". It lists 26 festivals in alphabetical order – from April Fool's Day to Zanzibar Day!

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Let's take a look at some interesting festivals around the world!



Day of The Dead

In Mexico, it is a fun, family holiday. It is a day to clean graves and plant new flowers



at the **graveyard**. You can wear a skeleton mask and eat skull candy!



Earth Day



Puppet Festival



The Netherlands is a small country in Europe. On the queen's birthday, there is a party in every town. She visits many towns, so she must have lots of cake!





Junkanoo Festival

The Bahamas are islands off Florida. On December 26, they celebrate their Junkanoo culture festival. There is a parade. Dancers wear beautiful costumes. They try to win prizes.



Kite Day

Kite Day is a **contest** day in the country of Afghanistan. Each kite tries to knock the other kites from the sky. The contest ends when only one kite is left!

Grade 3

Shoes Around the World

How many pairs of shoes do you have at home? Five pairs? Ten pairs? Or even more? We all have to wear shoes because they serve different functions:

- a. Shoes protect our feet from germs
- b. Shoes protect our feet from injury
- c. Shoes keep our feet warm
- d. Shoes make the outfit

Our Grade 3 students have been reading a book called, "Shoes Around the World". They learn about different types of shoes that people from around the world wear and their different purposes. Now let's have a look at them.

<u>Klompen</u> People in Holland like to wear Klompen to work because they are comfortable.



Babouches

These shoes are from Morocco and are made of camel hair.



<u>African Sandals</u> The weather in Africa is really hot and people there would like to stay cool by wearing these shoes.



<u>Saami Reindeer Boots</u> People from Lapland like to wear these shoes because they can keep people's feet warm.

Geta

In times of ceremonies, both men and women wear Geta with silk kimonos in Japan. They are usually made of wood.





The students of Grade 4 have continued to discover more about the world's rainforests. As the module has progressed, the focus has shifted from the layers of the rainforests to the amazing plants and animals that live there. The students learnt that although rainforests make up such a small area of the Earth's surface, they are home to over half of the world's plant and animal wildlife. Here are just a couple of fantastic rainforest inhabitants:

Slow Loris

Look at this adorable little primate! With his big eyes and face paint-like colouring, he could be described as looking a bit like a clown, which is where his name comes from - 'loris' is the Dutch word for 'clown'.

The slow loris lives in the rainforests of Southeast Asia. It likes tropical environments where the sun shines and there is plenty of water. This damp, humid environment would be uncomfortable for us, but it is paradise for the slow loris, which loves being surrounded by the trees and swamps made possible by the rainforest climate.



This little primate has opposable thumbs, just like us. It uses these special digits to grip onto branches and hold onto objects and food.

The slow loris might look defenceless, but don't let its appearance fool you; this creature has a sinister secret: there are only a few venomous primates in the world, and the slow loris is one of them. It produces a special secretion from glands under its arms. When this secretion is mixed with its saliva, it creates a poison which can be deadly.

Blue Morpho Butterfly

Butterflies come in all different sizes, habitats, colours and species. One interesting butterfly is the blue morpho butterfly.

In the butterfly world, the blue morpho is a giant. It is one of the largest species in the world, with an impressive wingspan of 5 to 8 inches.

Blue morphos are found in the tropical rainforests of Central and South America. They prefer the climate of the rainforest, but can sometimes be found in clearings just outside of rainforest areas where they like to warm themselves in the sun.

Despite its name, the blue morpho is not really blue. This butterfly is named for its supposedly brilliant, metallic blue colour, but in reality, the colour that we see does not come from the pigmentation in its wings; it is actually an illusion created by light reflecting off microscopic scales that cover its wings.

If you are lucky enough to see an iridescent blue morpho in real life, you should assume that it is a male butterfly - female morphos are much less colourful than the males.





Spies and secret agents must be able to secretly exchange messages, while at the same time keeping the message a secret from somebody who may intercept it. The activity of making a message unreadable for others is called "encrypting". If you want to make the message readable once again, you have to do "decrypt" the message.

For both "encrypting" and "decrypting" you use the same code. This code is called a "cipher".

In this module, Grade 5 have made their own cipher wheel and had fun encrypting messages for their friends. Try and crack their messages below using the cipher wheel.

Cipher Wheel



Spies may also use devices to make messages even more difficult to understand. Enigma was a special device used by the German military to send secret coded messages before and during World War II.













Different People Same World

How are we doing in Grade 6?! For one month, we have learnt many words to describe various historical figures and their battles for human rights and freedom. From the introduction of Martin Luther King, the story of the famous rebel Rosa Parks and the infamous song by Michael Jackson, we have looked at so many different methods to take a stand against injustice.



A lot of discussions were made on equal rights, justice and tolerance. From the singing of "Man in the Mirror" to the animated films of Ms. Parks, a lot of meaningful ideas were passed around. Exploration of discrimination through ignorance of gender, age, race, religion, culture, disability, and other differences were made and students found the world to be so diverse.















Our Grade 1 students were first introduced to English Performing Arts in Pui Kiu College when they first came. After about a month of fun activities, they learned to express themselves using different performing tools. Besides learning about different kinds of expression, students learn to associate topics learned in English lesson in different ways.

> Here is how students learn to create their own greeting pose to an audience and how to react to a camera promptly with different expression.

They learned to use body language to introduce family members. They also learned songs about friendship and used body language to show their appreciation to friends.











Feature Teacher

Dear students and parents of Pui Kiu College,

My name is Evelyn Leong, but you can all call me Teacher Lynn! I'm new this year to PKC, and while I mainly teach on the secondary side, I am also honoured to be teaching English to 4P.

Here's a little bit about me. I was born and raised in Hong Kong, despite what many people believe, but I grew up speaking English and living around English speakers.



I loved school even though I didn't always do so well in Maths or Sciences. Even as a small child, I just knew I was destined to do something in the arts – every one of my interests had to do with languages, music, or something equally creative. I spent every summer holiday on the sofa with a book, or sometimes singing (*very loudly*) along to Aerosmith and Billy Joel, much to my neighbours' annoyance! I began teaching myself the guitar when I was nine, and picked up a bunch of other instruments as I grew up. Music became the reason that I wanted to teach, and I led inter-house competitions and choirs when I was in secondary school. But my first love was always reading and literature, and as I tutored many students in English Literature over the past years, I began to love the creativity that teaching allowed me to use. I love the way that being a teacher allows me to be the person that I needed at my students' age. What's most important to me as a teacher is to help my students recognise that they are growing – anything that they think they can't do, they just can't do *yet*. I hope to see them grow into thoughtful and loving people who believe in their own abilities.

I'm very happy to join the PKC community and look forward to getting to know all of you. While I may not see all of you very often, I hope we'll all have a wonderful year and that you'll say "Hi!" if you see me around!

Thanks! 🙂

Cheers,

Lynn

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- 1. If money really grew on trees, what would be everyone's favorite season?
- 2. Who won the skeleton beauty contest?
- 3. If there are 3 bananas, and you took away 2, how many do YOU have?
- 4. Where did Tigger find Pooh?
- 5. What has hands but cannot clap?
- 6. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

Around the CAMPUS

















National Day celebration











