

# Primary English Newsletter (PEN)

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## At a Glance

Besides the Grade 5 show, students in different grades are busy with different things.

The Grade 1's have been learning to classify animals into different groups and the Grade 2's are learning to write acrostic poems. The Grade 3 students study the different types of strange plants in the world; the Grade 4's are on an exciting module – Natural Disasters while the Grade 5's are having fun with their inventions. Last but not least, the Grade 6 students are learning to think like a scientist in the module “Wonders of Science”.

In the Around the Campus section, you may see the lively and colorful photos of students and teachers during the Chinese New Year celebration on campus. We also have Grade 4's writing published in this issue.

February has gone by really fast and it is time to count down to one of the highlights of the year – the Grade 5 show: “Dream On”!

The theme of this year's G5 show is “Dreams”. There are many different types of dreams: magical dreams, daydreams, prophetic dreams (a dream which is telling the future) or even nightmares. The main characters of each play come across different problems and they have to find ways to solve them...Will they be able to do it?

This year, each of the four EPA teachers, Teacher Arvin, Teacher Chris, Teacher Shanker and Teacher Candy, wrote their own script and directed their own play. There will also be teacher cameos so students should look carefully and try to spot them!

Meanwhile, the G5 students are learning their lines, dance moves and lyrics. We will keep you updated on the progress of “Dream On”. After all, we are hoping that our students will get some inspiration from the plays and go after your dreams!

Teacher Phoebe

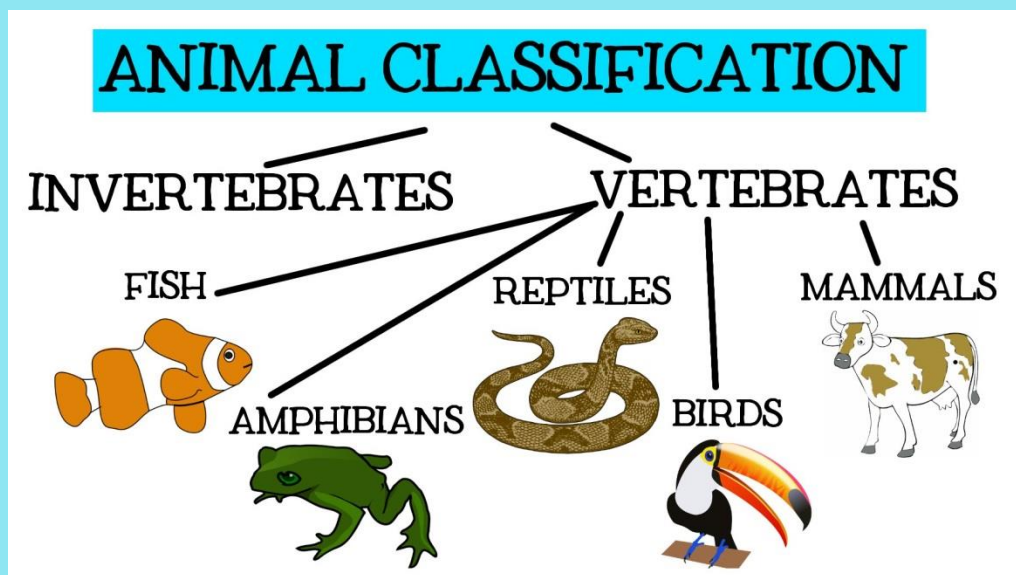
# Grade 1

## The Animal Kingdom



The grade one children have been learning about animals. Recently, they learned how to classify animals. There are many different animal groups and every animal in the world belongs to a group. An animal group is made up of animals that are all alike in important ways. Scientists have put animals into different groups to make it easier to study them.

The five most well-known classes of *vertebrates* (animals with backbones) are *mammals*, *birds*, *fish*, *reptiles*, *amphibians*. There are also a lot of animals without backbones. These are called *invertebrates*. Two of the most commonly known classes are arachnids (spiders) and insects.







# Grade Two

Our Grade two students are having a great time in Pui Kiu College. Recently, they are learning to write acrostic poems. They wrote about "New Year" and they said it was fun to do! Let's take a look at some of their acrostic poems.

Happy New Year

Name: Ingrid (32) Class: 2P

New Year

New Year wishes will come true.  
Every day is a good day.  
We wear some new clothes.

You can try harder in the new year.  
Easy to make good friends.  
A lovely smile on everyone's face.  
Ready to start a joyful year.

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Name: Phoebe Chan (31) Class: 2P

New Year

New Year wishes will come true.  
Eat all the sweets all day.  
Wear new smart clothes to show off.

You can make as many wishes as you can.  
Easy to make good friends.  
A lovely smile on everyone's face.  
Ready to start a new year with joy and fun.

By Phoebe



Name: Catherine (10) Class: 2P

Topic: New Year

New Year is coming.  
Every day is happy and lucky.  
Wear new smart clothes to show off.

You can do many things in the new year.  
Easy to make good friends.  
A lovely smile on everyone's face.  
Ready to start a new year with joy and fun.

Name: Sofia Cheung (7) Class: 2P

New Year

New Year wishes will come true.  
Eat sweets all day long.  
Wear new clothes to show off.

You can make as many wishes as you can.  
Easy to make good friends.  
And let's count down now!  
Ready, go! 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ... 2017!

By Sofia

counting down  
my parent

Name: Marvin (19) Class: 2P

New Year

New Year wishes will come true.  
Eat all the sweets all day long.  
Wear new clothes to show off.

You can buy decorations.  
Everyone is counting down.  
A lovely smile on everyone's face.  
Ready to start a new year.

Happy New Year

Name: Marie Huang (13) Class: 2P

Topic: New Year

New Year wishes will come true.  
Eat all the sweets all day long.  
Wear new beautiful clothes.

You are filled with many happy days.  
Easy to do all the homework.  
A lovely smile on everyone's face.  
Ready to start the New Year count down.



Besides writing the acrostic poems, the Grade 2 students also started making brochures. The first one they have made is about The Peak. Take a look at their attractive brochures!





# Grade 3

Can we imagine plants that eat meat? What about plants that steal food from another plant? Or a plant that makes noise when it grows? Well, there are such plants in the world.

The Grade 3 students are reading a book called "*Strange Plants*" and it introduces lots of unique plants. The students have made posters or mind-maps about a strange plant and presented them in class.





# Grade 4

When we look around us, we can see that the Earth's surface is not just flat. It is dotted with hills, mountains and other highlands. Many of these mountains and highlands were formed millions of years ago and some more recently. Grade 4 students have been learning about natural disasters and how volcanoes create highlands. Highlands are mountaineous regions. The students did research to find out the different ways highlands are formed and worked in groups to share what they found.

In the presentation, they were able to tell:

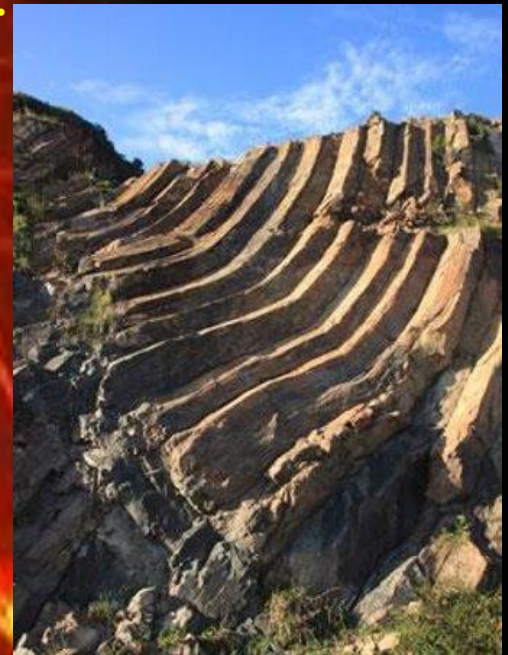
- 1) What is a highland?
- 2) What are different types of highlands?
- 3) How do volcanoes form highlands?
- 4) Where can we find highlands?
- 5) Questions formed by individual students.
- 6) Interesting facts about highlands.

# FUN FACTS



**“The Ring of Fire”  
are underwater  
volcanoes in the  
Pacific Ocean.**

**The Geo-Areas of Hong Kong UNESCO  
Global Geopark cover about 50km<sup>2</sup> land  
area in Hong Kong. It includes the  
Sai Kung Volcanic Rock Region and  
Northeast New Territories Sedimentary  
Rock Region.**

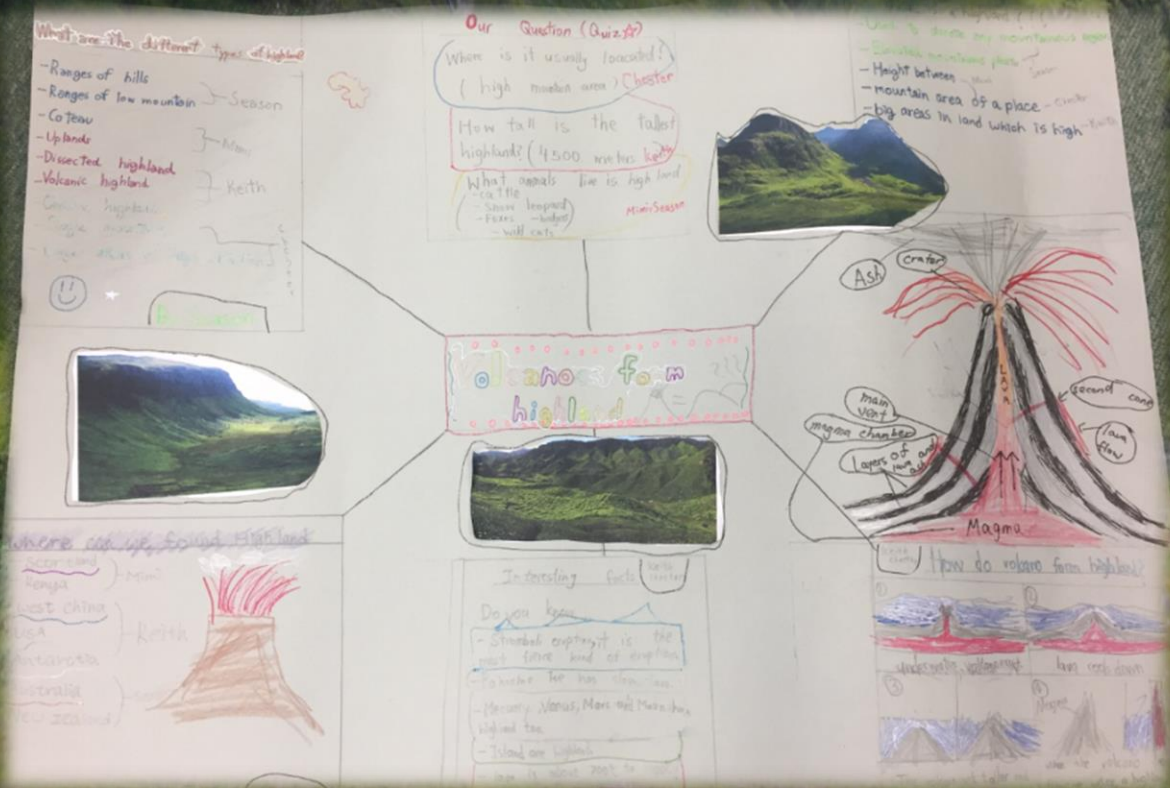
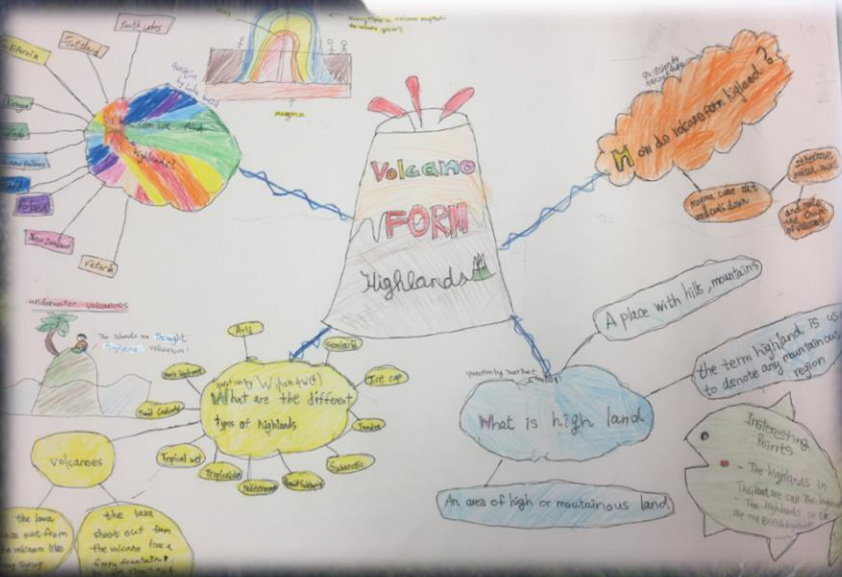


**Mount Fuji is the  
tallest mountain in  
Japan and was formed  
when a volcano  
erupted.**

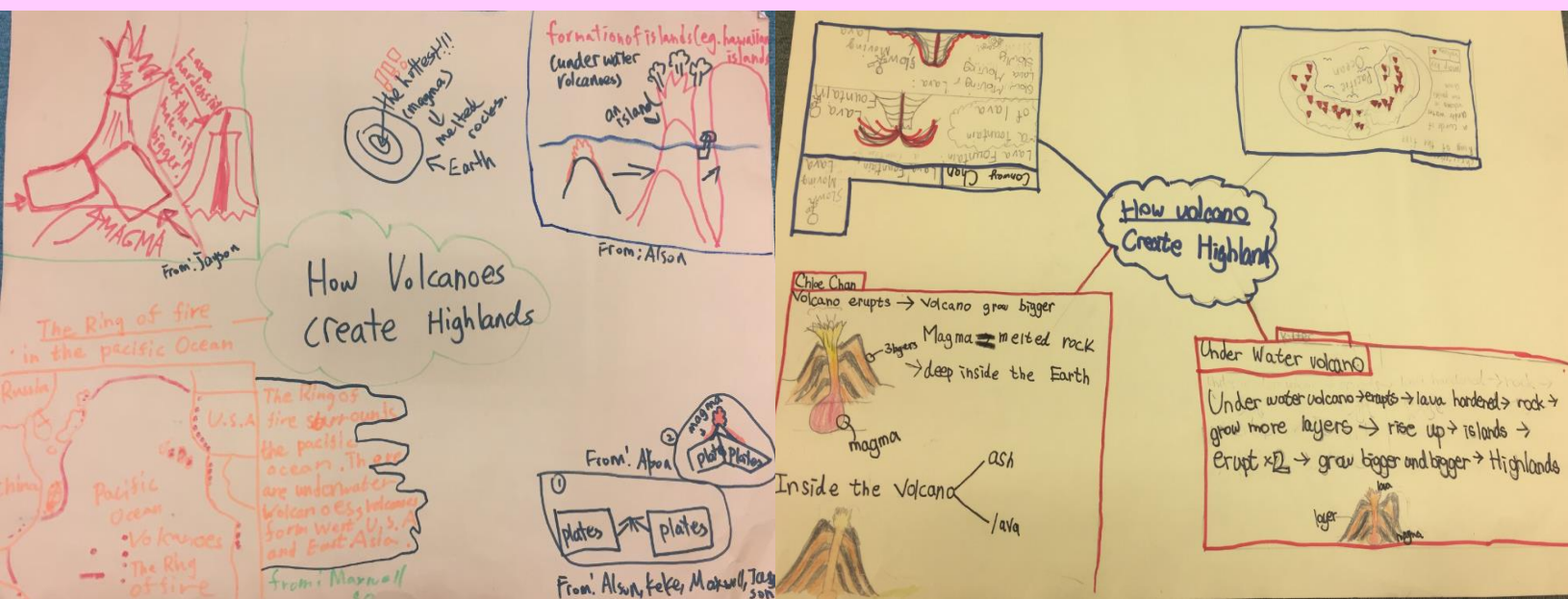
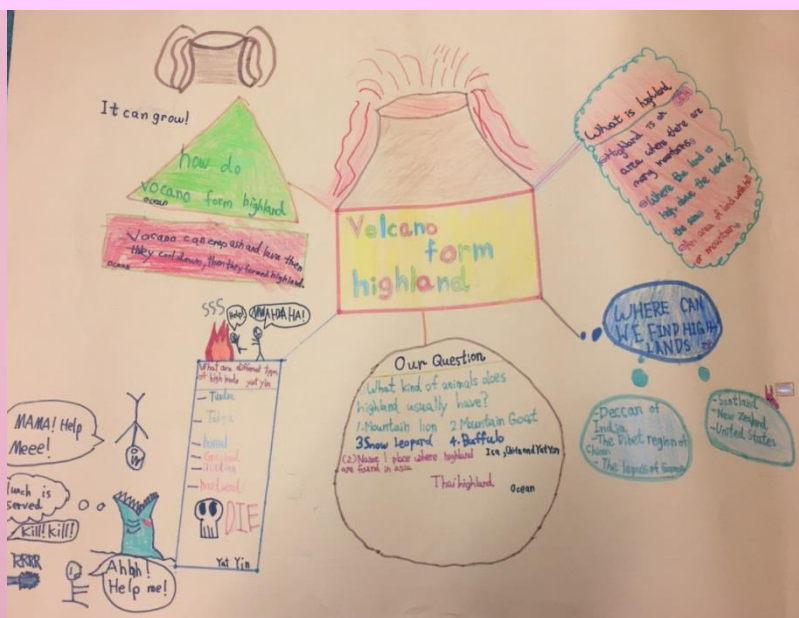




Grade 4 created mind-maps to show their understanding and presented their mind-map posters shown below.









# Grade 5

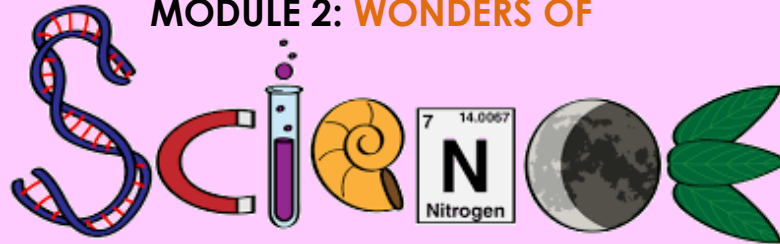
In Module 3 “Inventions”, the Grade 5 students learn to become an inventor and use the creative thinking skills to design and create their own inventions. In January, students attended an interesting SCAMPER workshop and learned to use the inventing techniques “SCAMPER” (**S**ubstitute, **C**ombine, **A**dapt, **M**agnify/ **M**inify, **P**ut to other uses, **E**liminate, **R**earrange/ **R**everse). Now it’s time to put what they have learned in action and come up with an original idea to make inventions using SCAMPER. In addition, students will introduce their inventions and explain its features and operations in the explanatory writing.



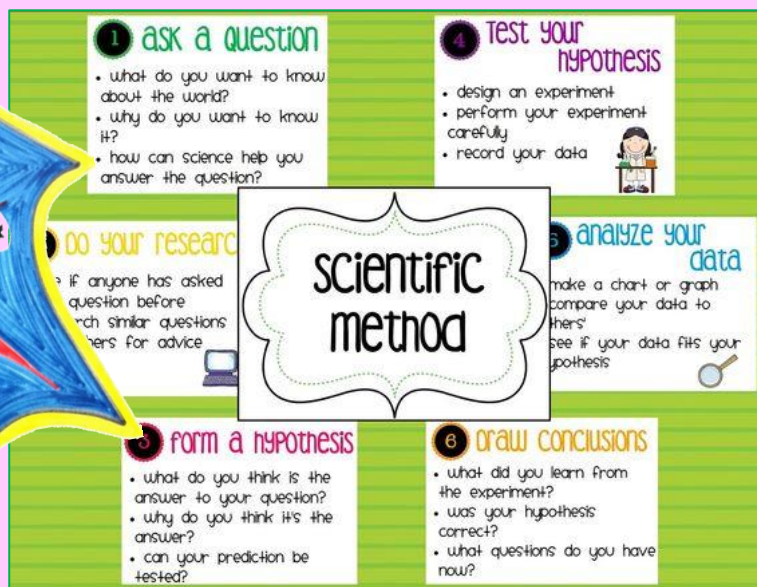
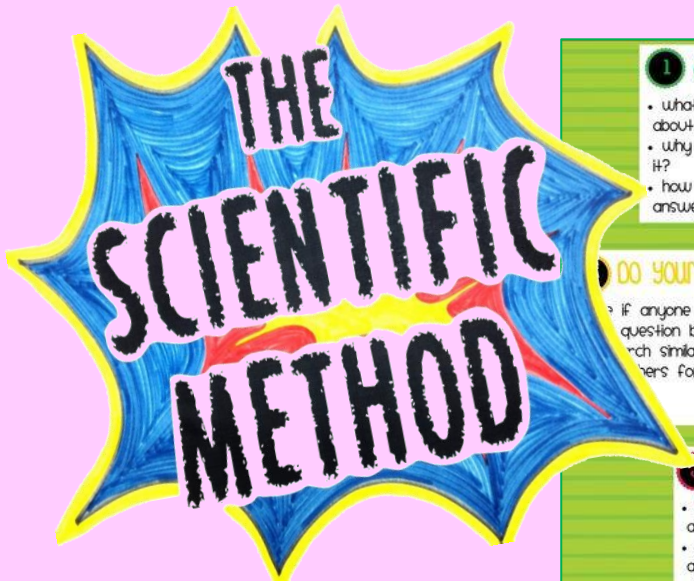


# Grade 6

## MODULE 2: WONDERS OF



The Sixth Graders are now immersed in the “Wonders of Science” for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Module in English. They have already been introduced to the scientific method – asking a question, doing research, making a hypothesis and then testing it by designing and conducting experiments, jotting down observations, analyzing them and finally drawing conclusions.





Among the reading materials assigned for this module, students have learnt about rare animals that inhabit the planet, including the flying dragon, the bowerbird, the leaf insect and the star-nosed mole.




With their thirst for knowledge, some students have gone ahead and researched other lesser-known animals. Student researchers enthralled their classmates by presenting their information posters and engaging them in Q&A sessions about their rare finds.





Have you ever heard of the leafy sea dragon, the panda ant or even the dumbo octopus? Find out more by checking out some of the posters below.

# Dumbo Octopuses?



Dumbo octopus is a type of octopus named after Walt Disney's famous character "Dumbo the elephant" because of the ear-like fins. There are around 37 different species of dumbo octopi. These interesting animals can be found in all oceans of the world. They can be rarely seen because they live on the bottom of the sea on a depth ranging from 1300 to 2300m. Other species of octopi live in shallower waters. Since not much is known about dumbo octopi, they are not considered to be endangered species.

**Color of the body can be red, green or orange.**

**Average lifespan of dumbo octopus is between 3 and 5 years.**


**Dumbo octopuses swallow the prey whole (gills). For that reason, 4/5 of the prey never exceeds 1.5 cm.**

**Newly born dumbo octopi are able to survive on their own.**

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# The Giant River Otter



The Giant otter or Giant river otter (*Pteromys brasiliensis*) is a South American carnivorous mammal. It is the largest member of the Mustelidae, or weasel family, a globally successful group of predators, reaching up to 1.7 m (5.6 ft). Atypical of mustelids, the Giant otter is a social species, with family groups typically supporting three to eight members.

**The Giant otter is an apex predator, and its population status reflects the health of riverine ecosystems. It feeds mainly on fish, including cichlids, piranhas (such as piranhas), and catfish.**

**The Giant otter ranges across north-central South America. It lives mostly along the Amazon River and in the Pantanal.**

**The Giant otter has been hunted extensively and are now among the rarest otters in the world - only a few thousand are believed to survive in the wild.**

**Bo: Jannie (6), Erin (3) & B**

# LEAFY SEA DRAGON

**DESCRIPTION:** Leafy Seadragon is a marine fish related to the seahorse. It has a long slender body and leaf-like appendages over their entire bodies that blend in among floating seaweeds and kelp beds. Leafies are generally brown to yellow in body color with olive tinted appendages. It has very long thin snout, slender trunk covered in bony rings and thin tail. It has small transparent dorsal and pectoral fins.

**HAZARD:** Leafy Seadragon is found along the Southern and Western coasts of Australia. Water temperature is 23°C (74°F) for them to survive.

**FOOD:** Leafy seadragons feed by sucking up small crustaceans such as mysid shrimp, plankton and larval fish through its long pipe-like snout.

**REPRODUCTION:** The male leafy seadragon is aggressive to his mate. The male will fight for the female. The male carries the eggs on a broad patch on the belly where female deposit up to 200 bright pink eggs during mating. After 4 weeks the eggs begin to hatch. Once it hatches, the young seadragon is completely independent.

**THREATS:** Habitat loss, illegal trawling, water pollution especially from industrial waste, and climate change.

**PREDATORS:** Leafy seadragon doesn't really have any natural predators in their environment. They blend in to the surroundings so well that it can't be detected as a food source even when predators are right there in front of them.

**BAHAVIOUR:** Leafy seadragon remains still for very long periods of time when the water is calm. When the water moves too fast, seadragon is at risk of drying from dehydration. Leafy seadragon can swim to move long distance in an effort to find food. It is one of the slowest type of seahorses in the world. It moves about 10 cm to 150 cm (40 ft) per hour.

**BY: JEFFREY YOUNG and GREGORY**

# Panda Ants

Panda Ants are mostly found in China. They are known for their extremely painful sting. The sting is so painful that they can kill a man. So, Panda Ants are commonly called the "Crazy Ants".

The ant was called the "Panda Ant" because the color of it is like the Chinese giant panda.

The Panda Ants are part of the very deadly, but they do not bite or sting or kill. They are just very painful. They are not dangerous to humans, but they are very painful. They are not dangerous to humans, but they are very painful. They are not dangerous to humans, but they are very painful.

**MADE BY: Matthew and Kyle**

# BABY POTTO or POTTO

The potto is a strepsirrhine primate of the family Lorisidae. It is only species in the genus *Pterodicticus*. It is also known as Bornean Potto. It is a nocturnal species, active at night. It is a very shy animal. It is a very shy animal. It is a very shy animal.

**MADE BY: Matthew and Kyle**

# OCELOT

The Ocelot, also known as the desert leopard, is a wild cat distributed extensively within South America, including the islands of Trinidad and Margarita, Central America and Mexico. North of Mexico, it is found regularly only in the extreme southern part of Texas, although there are sightings in southern Arizona.

**CHARACTERISTICS:** The ocelot is a medium-sized spotted cat, similar to the leopard in physical proportions. The ocelot is between 40 and 100 cm (16 and 39 in) in head-and-body length and weighs 9 to 16 kg (20 to 35 lb). Larger individuals have been recorded. The fur has 24-45 horizontal rows of rings or stripes and is shorter than the tabby's. The fur is short and smooth. The back is heavily cream, buff, yellowish, reddish grey or grey, while the neck and underside are white.

**Taxonomy and etymology:** The ocelot is a member of the genus *Lepus* and is classified under the family Felidae. The ocelot was first described by Swedish zoologist Carl Linnaeus in the 10th edition of *Systema Naturae* (1766) as *Felis pardalis*, placing it in the genus *Felis* along with the domestic cat, European wildcat, leopard, jaguar and tiger.

**REPRODUCTION:** A litter of four to three is born after a gestation period of 70 to 85 days. Births take place in dense, usually located in dense vegetation. A newborn kitten weighs 200-300 grams.



# ENGLISH PERFORMING ARTS

## Grade Five



Time flies by...

so quickly when we are having fun!  
We are now drawing close to one of the most anticipated highlights of the Pui Kiu College calendar: the Annual Grade 5 Show.

We have been working so hard, making sure that our four exciting shows are in tip-top shape, just for you!

After much consideration and head scratching, we have come up with the title of this year's Annual Grade 5 Show: "Dream On!"



Here are some of the winning poster designs for this year's show. They are such a delight and so beautiful.





### “FIX THEIR DREAMS!”

What do you do if your child can't stop daydreaming? Three children appear to be **STRUGGLING** with life. Their parents try to seek help from professionals, but is everything OK as it seems?



### “A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM”

is a modern English version of William Shakespeare's magical play. A story of love, loss, misunderstanding...and donkeys!



### “OOPS...”

Oh dear...all the adults have disappeared and only the children are left. That might sound fun, but really it is quite scary. The children have to use all their courage and imagination to earn their parents back; so they start their adventures adult-free!



### “ TIME MACHINE”

A Time travel adventure. Two warring families are fighting to be on top. This leads to difficult relationships. Maybe they need to change the past...and meet some familiar characters along the way.





**Chinese**



**New**



**Year!**



# Grade 4 writer's corner

## WANTED ALIVE

WANTED by:  
Christmas Fun Association

### Last Seen:

Finland,  
Christmas village,  
Christmas House Santa



SANTA CLAUS

### Reward:-

A free roast turkey,  
traditional christmas  
pudding, minced pie.  
A ride on the Santa Claus  
sleigh. A christmas tree  
which grows money and  
A dreadful but safe christmas  
without Santa



### Appearance

He appears to be round and stout, has a bushy white mustache. He wears a red suit, a cuddly red hat, wears round eye glasses with a blue sparky eyes under it, carries a warm and bright smile (don't be fooled by it!). He always carries a big brown sack, is often seen riding on a magical sleigh pulled by flying reindeers in speeds faster than a fired bullet.

### Crimes Committed

He broke into thousands of houses like a mouse, trespassed a private area without being noticed, distributed wrong presents to wrong people, didn't have a driving license for the sleigh, had immense wealth despite having no visible source of income, suspected in the potential of money laundering, dagholes in citizen's houses ceilings, blocked the chimneys of many houses with his oversized belly, and



# WANTED

Dead or Alive

## INFORMATION OF CRIMINAL

Alien Miss Shiny Blink Blink Tholasy or most people call her Shiny. She is the most wanted person because she stole all the diamonds in every planet she had been. She borned at the first day of Year 1000. She is 1.3 meter tall, 28 kilogram. She has a pink colour skin, two thinny hairs, a pair of big and deep blue eyes. Always have a big smiling mouth. She lives in her space ship.



The last time we found her was in the Diamond Hill of Hong Kong.

## REWARDS

HKD 1 million will be paid for information directly leading to her.

👉 Go to Hong Kong Disneyland, Space Mountain to take your reward.

## The Haunted House

Written by Emily So (4P)

The haunted house is located on the hill. It is as big as Pui Kiu College. It is creepy, spooky and frightening. No one dares to go near it.

Entering the living room on the ground floor by turning the slimy door knob, there is a bloody sofa. There is sound of children crying from somewhere. The living room smells like blood.

Walking up to the second floor, there is a master bedroom. There are cracking and creaking sounds coming out from the wardrobe. There is a skeleton popping out from the wardrobe. The dust of the dusty bed makes people feel sick. The room has a terrible smell of rotten cheese.

At the corner of the master bedroom, there is a bathroom. Spider webs are everywhere. The sound of a man screaming for help echoes around the bathroom. It smells like rotten flesh.

The haunted house is frightening and spooky. It causes nightmares for people. Do not go there ever again.



# DAISY



and the TROUBLE

With



# PIGGYBANKS

Daisy!



by. Kes Gray



Summary:



Had you ever tried to want something but, you had not enough money in your piggybank? And worse of all, get into trouble? Well, maybe you had not, but Daisy did, last week. Her friend Gabby just got a immense new water-squirting, light flashing, noise-making micro-scooter, and Daisy was determined to get one too! But instead of collecting money by doing house chores, she and Gabby went on a bootsale, and sold what they had got. But again instead of waiting, Daisy sell the ring, the pair of earring, and a necklace that grandma had given to Daisy's mother when she was young. And do you know what Daisy's money loving mother did? She threw all the money that Daisy had earn in the bootsale into the rubbish bin! So Daisy would never ever get her micro-scooter!!!



← the micro scooter

Feeling:



I feel happy and relaxing while reading the book because the book is full of funny thing that Daisy made. Daisy always make hilarious mistakes with her friend Gabby and her family, so I always laugh out loud while reading the book. I choose to read it while enjoying my break.

I like the part:



I like the part when Daisy's mother finally figured out that Daisy had sell her ring, ear rings, and necklace out, and she turn into a dragon chase Daisy out!

If I were:



If I were Daisy's mum, I would not throw the money that Daisy had earned, instead, I would take the money and find the person who bought the ear rings, ring, and the necklace, and pay him/her back and take back the ring, the ear rings and the necklace.





## The Haunted House

By Bernice Pang, Class 4M



If you venture into a dark forest on the night of a full moon, you might come across a dark and eerie house. You might feel scared; you might feel excited, because you have just found a haunted house.

Ghosts and monsters fill the haunted house. They are extremely scary to see. They fill the house with sounds of fighting and other creepy sounds. Don't let them touch you! Their skin is yucky and cold.



The house looks very freaky. Inside the house you can't see what is hiding in the darkness. Scary sounds, screams and groans are what you hear. Inside smells really bad, like a toilet full of poop.

A vampire might live there. Their soothing voice controls people's minds. Their touch gives you chills. There is the stink of blood around them.

Haunted houses often fill people with fear, but they can also be exciting. If you are brave, a haunted house can be a great place to experience heart-pounding fun.

