

Primary English Newsletter (PEN)

At a Glance

Disasters at Pui Kiu College

On February 18, our Grade 4 students had a very exciting day. They started off by gathering their information boards on Natural Disasters and their awesome 3D models and displaying them on tables and chairs in the covered playground.

These boards and models were the result of a month-long preparation of their end-of-module projects.

They had spent time working on it individually at home, and with their group mates in class.

After the projects were all laid out, the students then stood back and welcomed their guests – their parents! Many parents came to support their children by listening to their presentations and asking questions on how they went about making the projects and why did they choose a particular natural disaster to research and work on.

The Grade 4 students did amazingly well, especially since they remembered to *present* their work and not to *read* off the information.

The teachers are very proud of the students and would also like to thank the parents for their unfailing support.

In this issue of PEN, the Grade 5 students have been busy inventing while the Grade 6's have been building simple machines. Meanwhile, the students in Grade 3 have been plotting the exciting journey of a seed while the Grade 4's have made a very educational trip to the Geopark in the Sai Kung Country Park. You can also read about what the Grade 1 and 2 students have been up to in our regular features.

The EPA feature tells us all about the progress that is being made in this year's Grade 5 show – BadTime Stories. Rest assured we will keep you informed of developments.

Our featured teacher for this issue is a teacher from the Chinese subject panel – Teacher Shan Shan, who is the class teacher and Putonghua teacher of 6M. Two 6M students – Rachel and Tiffany – have interviewed Teacher Shan Shan and submitted the interview to PEN. Have fun getting to know more about Teacher Shan Shan!

For the Writers' Corner this month, we have the Grade 2 students celebrating their wonderful work.

We hope you enjoy reading PEN!

Have a good weekend!

Ms. Jennifer Lopez

Primary English Panel Head



Grade 1

~ Mister Seahorse ~



Have you heard of the story of “Mister Seahorse” before?

When Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs, she does it on Mr. Seahorse's belly! She knows he will take good care of them. While he swims waiting for the eggs to hatch, he meets some other underwater fathers caring for their babies:

Mr. Tilapia, who carries his eggs in his mouth; Mr. Kurtus, who keeps his eggs on his head; and Mr. Pipe, who carries his eggs along his belly!

The ocean is a dangerous place. If you were a fish, where would you hide your eggs to protect them from harm and danger? Let's look at what the Grade 1 children said!





I will hide my eggs in a little cave
because it is very secret and the big fishes
won't find my eggs. (Secret) ✓

secret

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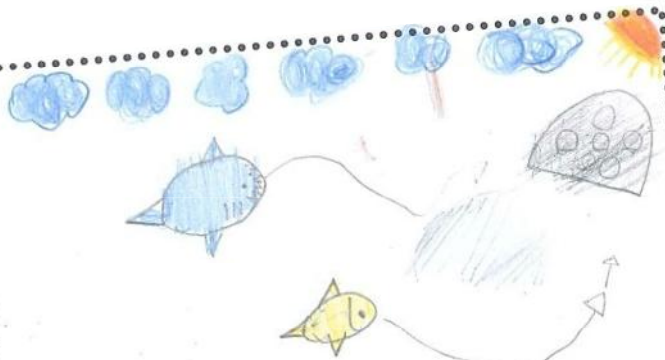
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If I was a fish, I will lay my eggs
in a hole because a hole is dark
and sharks and fish will not be
able to see it. ✓



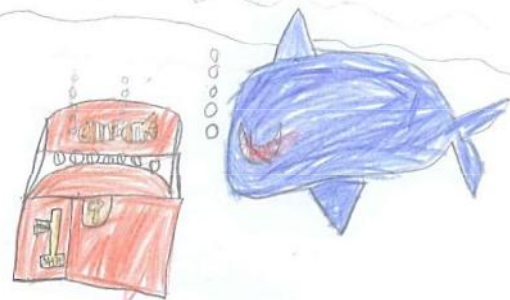
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I will hide my eggs in a little cave
because a cave is so dark so the fishes
can't see anything. ✓



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I will hide my eggs in a treasure
chest because fishes cannot go in
to the treasure chest. ✓



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Grade 2

~Welcome to Hong Kong~

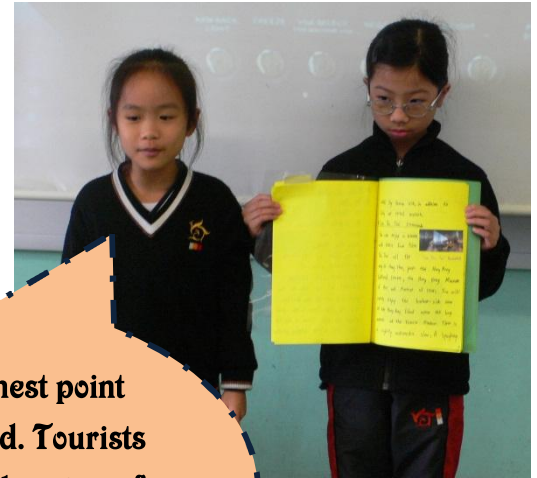
Hong Kong is one of the most densely-populated places in the world, yet there are many interesting places to visit.

Our G2 students have been learning about the landmarks in Hong Kong in Module 2. They have done a tourist brochure introducing different landmarks, such as The Peak, Hong Kong Wetland Park and The Big Buddha, for the tourists to visit. They have also talked about the culture as well as the history of Hong Kong.

Let's have a look at their work.



Tourists must go to the Hong Kong Wetland Park and have a look at the special wetland animals such as Fiddler Crab, Mudskipper and Hong Kong Cascade Frog. They are all very lovely.



The Peak is the highest point on Hong Kong Island. Tourists can have a spectacular view of sky scrapers and Victoria Harbor.

If you want to have a 360° view of Hong Kong, then you must go to Hong Kong's tallest building – ICC.



The Big Buddha is the biggest copper outdoor statue in South Asia. It is located on Lantau Island. Tourists may try the vegetarian cuisine there.



Tourists can go to Ocean Park for the famous Dolphin show, visit the lovely pandas and the world class Aqua City.



Grade 3

~ Seeds on the Move ~

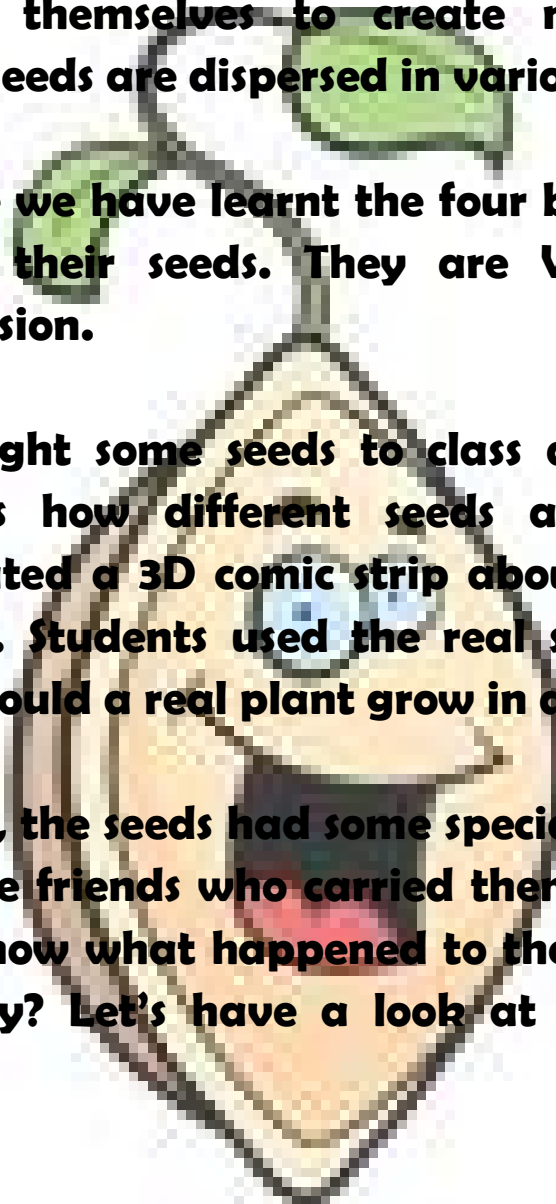


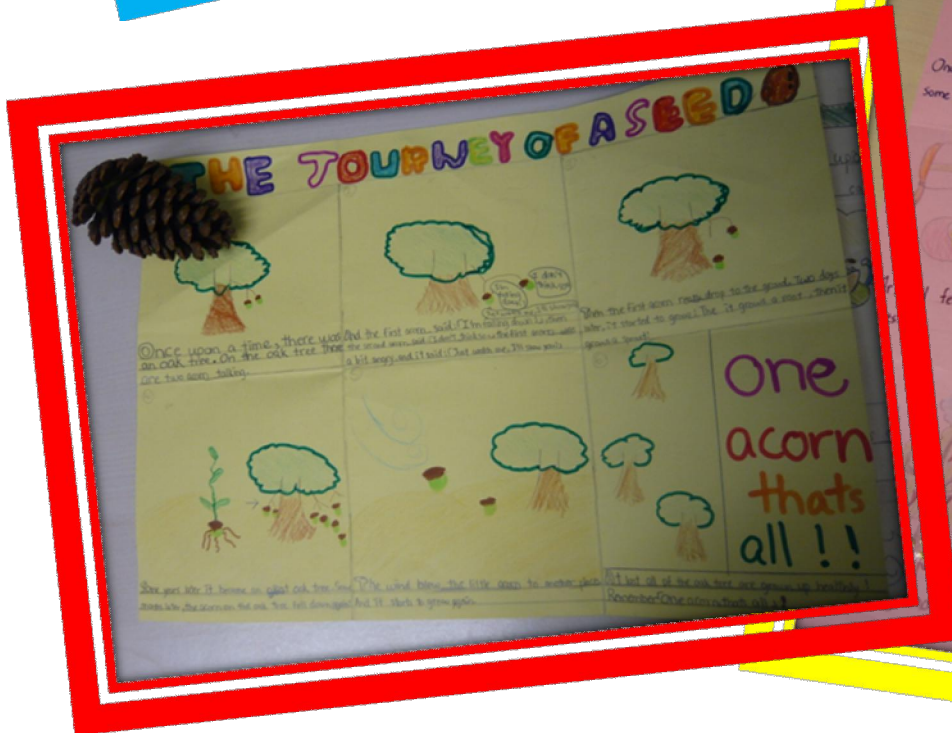
Our 3rd Graders are currently still busy in Module 2 “The World of Plants”. In the past few weeks, students have learnt about Seed Dispersal. Plants need to disperse their seeds from themselves to create new colonies. Different kinds of seeds are dispersed in various ways.

In this module we have learnt the four basic ways for plants to spread their seeds. They are Water, Wind, Animals and Explosion.

Students brought some seeds to class and discussed with their friends how different seeds are dispersed. Students then created a 3D comic strip about the special journey of a seed. Students used the real seeds in their comic strip! How would a real plant grow in a comic strip?

In the journey, the seeds had some special experiences and they met some friends who carried them to different places. Want to know what happened to the seeds at the end of the journey? Let's have a look at the students' creative work!





Grade 4

~Volcanoes Rock! ~

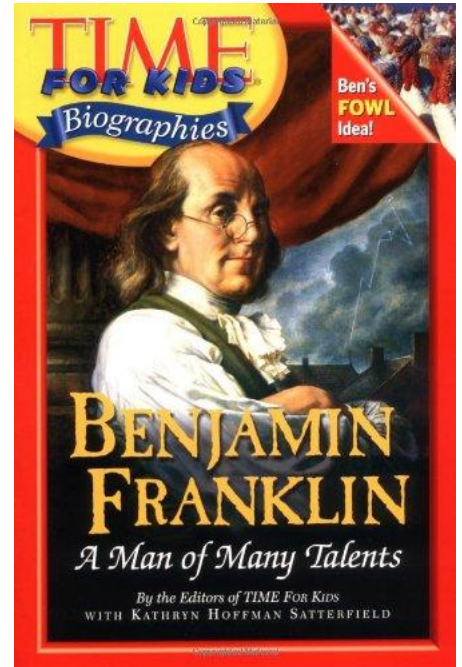
The Grade 4 Module 2 is coming to an end and we learned so much about different natural disasters. We covered tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, landslides and floods. After coming back from the Chinese New Year holiday, we went to the Sai Kung High Island Reservoir to look at volcanic rocks. We entered the Hong Kong Geopark and walked around the East Dam. On the coast of High Island, we could see many hexagonal rock columns. Those hexagonal rock columns are rare natural wonders, created from volcanic materials under unique environmental conditions. They were formed 140 million years ago and we can see them in a lot of places in Sai Kung. We had three guides and they were very informative. They told us how the hexagonal rock columns in Hong Kong are very special because they are red in colour; in other places, they are mainly black. We were also able to touch the volcanic rocks and take pictures with and of them. Take a look at us and the beautiful sights!



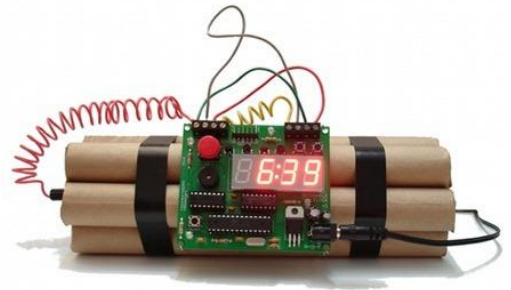


Grade 5

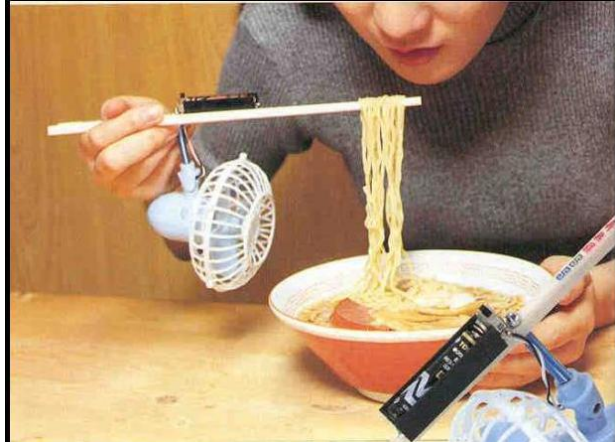
The second Module "Inventions" is coming to an end. Apart from the brainstorming technique "SCAMPER", students have been learning about different inventors and their inventions. They also learned how to write a biography---the life story of a person. By reading and writing the successful stories of different inventors, students learned the importance of perseverance and never giving up.



Students also had fun designing and writing about their own special alarm clock. They came up with many interesting ideas (though they may not be workable) such as using bombs or water to wake people up.



All Grade 5 students and teachers are now looking forward to the project presentation. We are sure that students will share plenty of brilliant ideas and amaze everyone by presenting many creative inventions!



Grade 6

~ Simple Machines~

Our Grade 6 students are finishing their second Module: **The Wonders of Science**. Throughout the module, they learned about making a hypothesis, the steps of completing an experiment, all about life sciences and weird and wonderful creatures. In the last two weeks of the module, we branched out into Physics.

"Simple and Complex Machines" is one of the readers covering Physics. Students studied about seven types of simple machines from the book: Inclined Plane, Wedge, Screw, Lever, Wheel and Axle, Gear and Pulley. They made their own simple machines during lessons. The ultimate goal was to make two simple machines that could lift up a ball and put it into a box.

Our Grade 6 students were very energetic when they were working on their simple machines. They enjoyed digging out unused materials to complete their task. Here are some snapshots of their great work.



They are making their simple machines as well as testing them out together.



ENGLISH PERFORMING ARTS:

THE GRADE FIVE SHOW!

Hello everyone! In previous PEN entries, we've gotten to know what the other grades are up to, but now that we're in Term 2 we can start letting you in on a little secret ... the Grade 5 students are involved in a VERY BIG SHOW.

"What!" we hear you exclaim. Yes, we know it comes as a total surprise, and you are most likely shocked beyond belief, but we assure you that this is the unvarnished truth! In September, the Grade 5 students auditioned for roles in a combined-class stage show, and have been practising a carefully assigned part ever since. At the end of the year, they will perform their piece in front of an audience of peers, parents and patrons!

We can't tell you very much about the content of the show yet, although you may have heard bits and pieces and figured out that the theme has something to do with the effect humans have on their environment. However, we do promise that a sneak video peek will be made available shortly! Keep an eye on Eclass for details! In the meantime, let's look at some of these performance practice pictures!



"Not yet! I said not yet!"



"When I talk, you listen!"



"Uh oh, the lead actress died!"



"Ok, who put in the Kung Fu scene?"

AN INTERVIEW WITH TEACHER SHAN SHAN



Q: Why did you choose to be a teacher?

A: It is because I graduated with an education degree.

Q: Do you enjoy teaching Chinese at Pui Kiu College? Why?

A: Yes, because I am happy and glad to be with these lovely children.

Q: How long have you been teaching at Pui Kiu?

A: I have already taught in Pui Kiu for five years.

Q: Of all the classes that you have taught, which class is the most memorable to you?

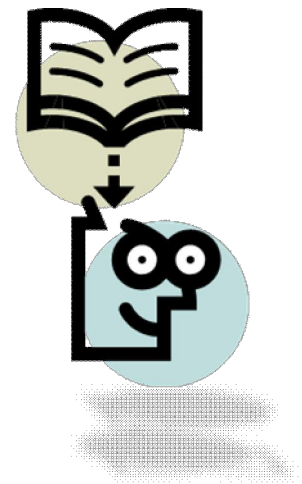
A: To me, it is currently class 6 Maple.

Q: What is your motto?

A: My motto is For God So Loved The World.

R&T: Thank you for your patience with us and your answers for our questions!!

TSS: No problem, thank you!!! Bye!!



By: Rachel Cheung & Tiffany Pang (6M)

Students' Writing Corner ~ Grade 2



Summer in Hong Kong

Summer in Hong Kong is very hot and humid. It falls between June and August. It is about 28C in summer. The humidity is high, it is about 87%. It rains a lot and there are typhoons in summer.

In summer, people go swimming, go fishing and build sandcastles, I think it's fun.

People eat ice-cream and watermelons in summer because it is very hot.

People wear shorts, sandals, t-shirts and skirts, I always wear shorts, t-shirts and sandals.

There is also a festival in summer and it is Dragon Boat Festival. During Dragon Boat Festival, people make dumplings and eat it and also people watch Dragon Boat races.

Written by Isabelle Lau Pui Yee (2C)



If trees could talk, what would they say?

If trees could talk, they would ask “what is your name?”, “how do you do?”, “how old are you?” and “do you like living in urban area?”.

Then they would tell me their story. They say, long time ago, they were very happy because the air was fresh and the water was clear. But now the air is polluted because some people like smoking. There are many cars on the roads and many factories belch out black, dirty and toxic gas. And the water is dirty too.

They hope the air will become fresher and the water will become cleaner. They want no more trash on the ground. So they hope everyone on Earth could help them.

Written by Pacus Ho (2B)



Harp Seals

A harp seal is a mammal.

It is about 1.7 - 2 meter long. It is about 140 – 190 kg. A female harp seal is about 140 kg. A male harp seal is about 190 kg.

Harp seals live in the Atlantic Ocean and the Arctic Ocean.

Harp Seals like to eat fish and a variety of food such as crabs, shrimps and jellyfish.

Harp Seals like to swim in the ocean. They are very noisy. They usually live in groups. They migrate in groups too.

The number of harp seals is decreasing so people should protect them.

Written by Colin (2M)



My Chinese New Year Holiday

This year our Chinese New Year holiday started from 30th January to 9th February. On the first day of my holiday, we went to visit my great grandma. After the visit, we went to our grandparents' house to have a family gathering. I said Chinese New Year blessing words to my relatives, and they gave me some red packets for Lai See! My parents also gave my cousins some Lai See and they were happy! At night, many relatives came to visit my home. We also had a nice and delicious dinner and watched a film called Spider Man.

On the second day of my holiday, we went to Tai Po Waterfront Park to play scooters by the seaside and I thought the sea was so beautiful. We also went to the Insect Park. I learned a lot of things about insects. After that, we went to Auntie May's home to have a wonderful dinner.

On the third day of my holiday, I went to the Club House to watch a Lion Dance. Many children watched the dance and we were all very excited. Some children even picked out the

vegetables from the mouth of the 'lion' for good luck. Then, my family went to Gold Coast for lunch.

I really enjoyed my Chinese New Year holiday! I had a lot of fun and I felt delighted!

Written by Casper Lam (2P)



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