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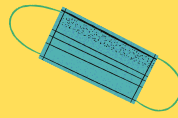
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School Lockdown



Meeting Our Native English Teachers



Last year all schools had to shut and we needed to use Zoom to learn from home. Let's see how P5 students lived during the lockdown.

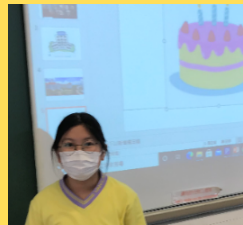
Enoch (5B)

My family and I were in Singapore so we needed to quarantine for 2 weeks in the hotel.



Yannis (5B)

My gran taught me how to make strawberry cheesecake. It was yummy.



Bess (5A)

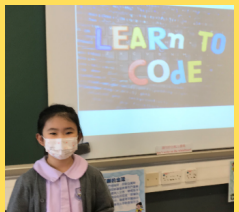
I learnt how to rollerblade. When I fell down I always got back up and tried again.

This is a great piece of advice Bess - Don't give up!



Bethany (5A)

I taught myself to code. I think this skill will be useful to me in future.



Champion!



Sit back, relax and listen to Vangie telling her story by scanning here.

Vangie entered The Standard's Story Writing Competition when she was in P6 at YLMPS....and she was the overall champion.



The students in 4A worked together to design and ask our NETs questions to learn more about them.

Mr. Gavin

What do you do at the weekends?

I have a 6-month-old son called Nathan.

He is too young to walk so at the weekend we push him in his pram near my home in Tsing Yi.



Benedict (4A) interviewing Mr. Gavin.

Miss Alice



Kelly (4A) doing a great interview of Miss Alice.

Why did you want to be our teacher?

I think education is really important and I love teaching English.

Miss Abi



Miss Abi being interviewed by Harris (4A).

What do you like to eat?

I love burgers and pizza but they are not very healthy!

Who is your favourite singer?

I love Adele.



Scan this to see a video of an Adele song.

NET & CNET Lessons at S.K.H. Yan Laap Memorial Primary School

P1 & P2 NET Reading Lessons with Mr. Gavin

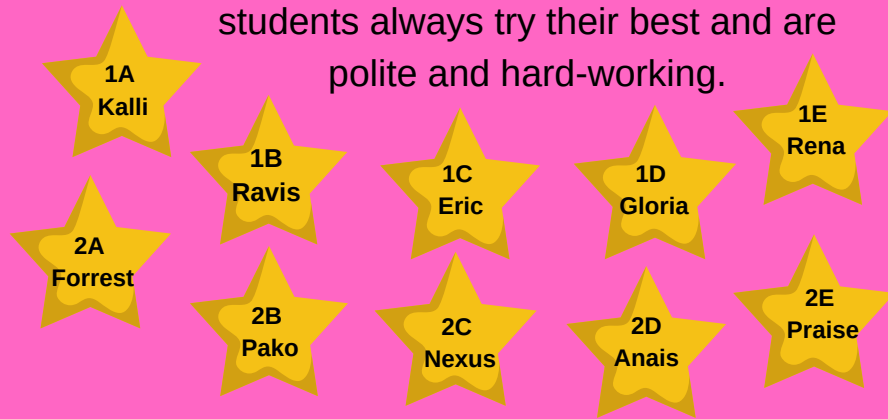
Mr. Gavin is teaching the P1 and P2 students all the basic reading skills. By the end of P2 students will have learnt:

- ★ All 44 English sounds and how to blend them to read aloud.
- ★ The 220 most common words in English books (the Dolch Sight Words).

This year Mr. Gavin is using the fun Mr. Men and Little Miss series of books to teach new words and moral lessons of how you should behave.

★ Star Student Awards

Mr. Gavin has chosen a **star** student from the P1 and P2 classes he teaches. These students always try their best and are polite and hard-working.



Do you know?
"Brats" are very naughty children. But of course 2E are **NOT** brats, they are wonderful!

2E students blending letter sounds to make words such as "brats".

wonderful



P3-P6 CNET Speaking Lessons with Miss Abi & Miss Alice

In the P3 and P4 "Light Up the World" lessons the teachers link the learning to students' real life experiences. In a lesson about Japan any students who have been there will share what they did in Japan. In the P5 and P6 lessons students are learning how to do well in an interview to help them earn selection to their dream secondary school.



Student Activities



"Posties" Voice Recording



Rachel, Esther, Cinda and Felix (all 6A) were chosen to be the voice recorders for The Posties Newspaper.

Cinda said, "Recording our voices was challenging but now lots of children in Hong Kong will benefit from hearing us read the words aloud."



Canadian English Writing Competition



Our P4 and P5 English Ambassadors entered this writing competition.

The judges were impressed as **all** of our students were selected to enter the **semi-final** in December 2020.

Please remember to **wish them luck**.

This piece by **Ally** in 5B shows the high standard our students produced.

I hope you enjoy reading it...

If My Best Friend Emigrated Abroad

Finding the photo of a 3-year-old me smiling happily with my best friend Angel brought back many memories.

When we were 8, Angel announced she was going to live in Australia. I cheerfully said, "I hope you enjoy it!" but at home I revealed my true feelings. "Does Angel not like me Mummy?" I asked. Mum replied softly, "Of course she does dear. It's just her parents think life will be better for them in Australia."

I went to the airport with Angel and although we didn't talk much, as we didn't know what to say, Angel gave me an envelope as she left the waiting area.

I opened the envelope and saw a photo of Angel and me as three-year-olds smiling happily. On a small piece of card Angel had written "Even though we are not together, we are friends forever".

I felt warm water filling my eyes.

Sadly the card is now lost but I will always remember the words. Real friendship does not care how far apart you are as your heart will always be with your friends.

E-Writing in Action Workshops



In these two workshops, our students created effective e-posters about bullying.

Gina (5A) said, "Using the special effects on the iPad allowed my poster to clearly show everyone why it is bad to be a bully."



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Promoting a Great Reading Culture



The teachers in the English department have introduced many new activities to improve the reading culture in the school. Let's see how we are helping our students **"Learn to Read and Read to Learn!"**

Raz Kids

We are now using the Raz Kids e-library. It has:

- ★ Over 2600 books
- ★ 29 different levels of difficulty
- ★ Books on every topic you can imagine
- ★ Fiction & non-fiction books
- ★ Many different text types
- ★ Quizzes and activities



These books were given to the 1A students to read. Did you like them 1A? Let Mr. Gavin know.



Mr. Gavin would love to hear which e-books you have read. Please come and see me and let me know!



Radio Broadcast Folk Songs



Every Wednesday morning is our English Radio Broadcast where students and teachers present a radio show for their schoolmates. We have already learnt the story "The Ugly Duckling" and listened to some great songs.



Mr. Gavin has been very busy...reading! He has read over 150 books from our school library. He wanted to record his voice reading the books aloud so you can:

Read Along with Mr. Gavin!

In Mr. Gavin's Reading Corner in the school library all the books have a QR code which links to Mr. Gavin reading the book. So you can read with Mr. Gavin any time and anywhere!

How cool is that?



Scan here to listen to the song "Lemon Tree". Mr. Gavin would like to know what the song means to you.



Use this QR code to listen to Mr. Gavin reading a "Nate the Great" book.

This issue of The English Express was created through the hard work of all the students and teachers in S.K.H. Yan Laap Memorial Primary School. Mr. Gavin wrote the content of this edition but if all the teachers did not work so hard to provide so many opportunities for our students or if our students were not so actively involved in their English language learning, then he would have nothing to write about.

Well done and thank you!



**GOOD
JOB**