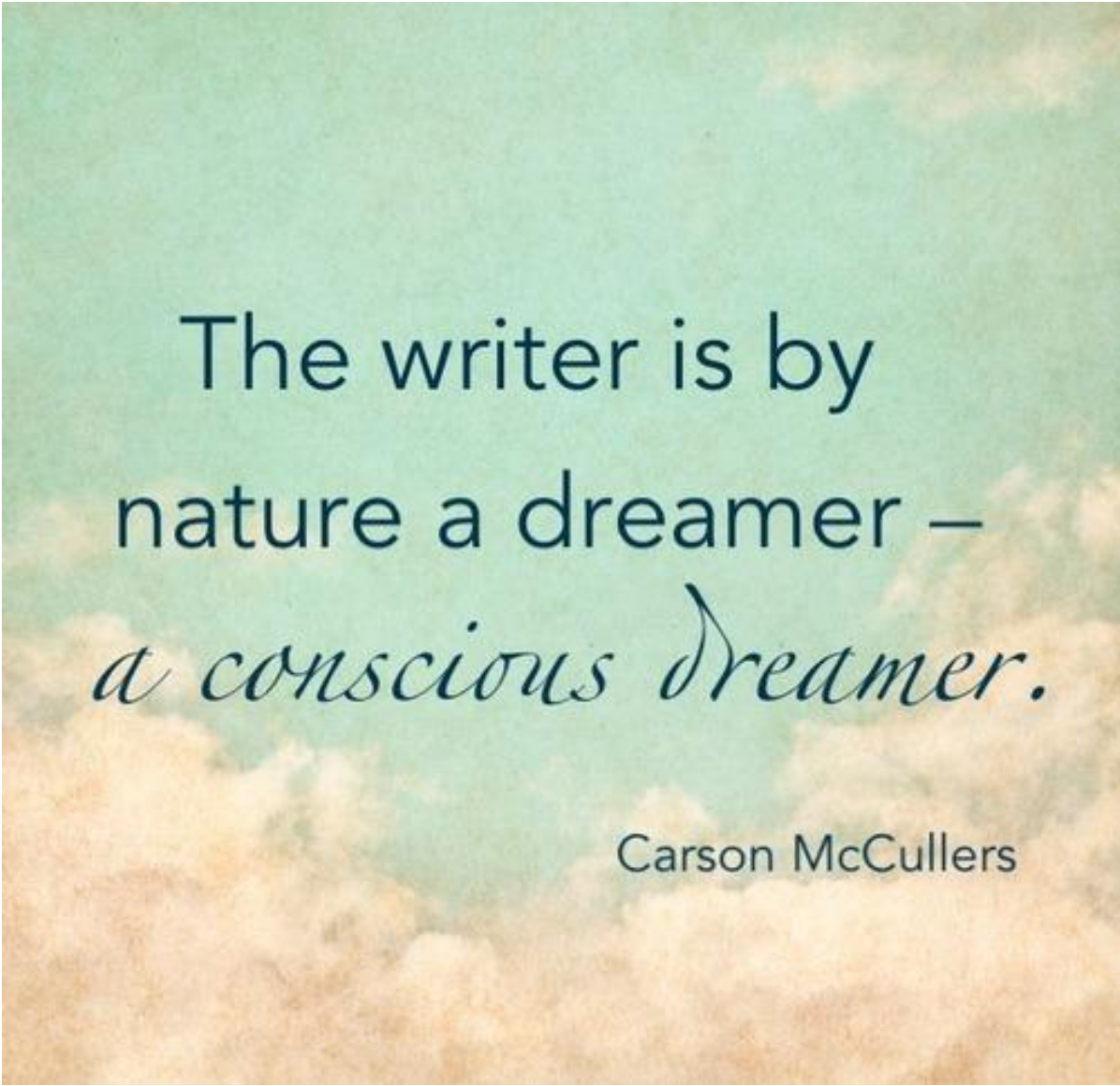


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[1]Leung Hiu Tung (1D)

The brave dog

Once upon a time, a man called Ben had a dog called Bobo. One Sunday, they went for a walk in the park at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Suddenly, they heard a woman screaming for help. "Ouch! It hurts! Help! Help!" said the woman. Ben and Bobo saw a dog. It was biting the woman. Bobo, the dog, ran quickly to the woman to save her and it fought with the fierce dog. The woman was bleeding so badly that Ben called the ambulance. The woman was sad because she was painful.

The woman requested the police to catch the dog. Then, the police searched everywhere at the park. Finally, they caught that fierce dog. The woman thanked the police, Ben and Bobo. She gave a thank-you card to Ben and Bobo.



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[2]Chim Sum Ming (3A)

A detective story



‘So tell me what happened,’ said the man in a trench coat.

‘Sherlock, another convenience store has been robbed,’ said the police officer.

‘Watson, seems like another interesting case to solve,’ said Sherlock.

Ten minutes later they arrived at the crime scene. The officer said an employee found out that the cash was missing in the cash register but no one had visited the shop. So Sherlock examined closely inside the shop. Then he asked if there was any witness.

The officer said there was a 12-year-old boy who saw the whole incident. The boy came to Sherlock with an ice cream cone and said it was a staff member of the shop who did it.

‘I saw it,’ the boy yelled loudly.

‘Back off,’ Watson said. So the boy calmed down.

Sherlock walked to the staff with a doubtful face, then he saw something shiny on his back. He pushed the staff to the wall and found some cash in his pocket. Everyone looked at the employee.

At that moment another officer said he had looked at the surveillance and confirmed the staff stole the money.

As soon as the officer wanted to arrest the thief, Sherlock said, ‘Stop! No, the employee isn’t the thief. Watson, don’t you realize something weird? If he had stolen the money, why didn’t he run away? He knows the shop so well, so he knows the blind spot of the surveillance camera. Why was he caught on camera? Also, the boy. How can his ice cream remain the same? Won’t the ice cream be melted? I mean it took us a couple of minutes to come. How can he see the cash got stolen and wait for us to come when the ice cream hasn’t melted?’ ‘So who stole the money?’ asked Watson.

Sherlock got a smile on his face and said, ‘This is a serial theft case. How can this young man steal the money in all cases? Then how come it will be so obvious who the thief is this time? I think the staff and the witness got hypnotized. The former got hypnotized to steal. Why didn’t he remember anything and why didn’t he run away? The latter got hypnotized right before we came so that could mean he who is behind the whole thing is still nearby.’

‘There is still something missing. How can there be so many flaws?’ said Sherlock with a questioning face.

Suddenly he shouted, ‘I got it! That’s why. Everything was so obvious because he wanted our attention. Sheriff, how much did he steal?’

‘He stole as much as last time. He stole \$5319 in cash and goods that worth \$1029.’

‘The fifth alphabet is ‘e’. The thirteenth alphabet is ‘m’. The nineteenth alphabet is ...’ Sherlock spoke to himself, solving the riddle.

‘It’s me! Oh my god! He has left this trace the whole time.’ shouted Sherlock.
Give me a map!’

Sherlock marked every convenience store that had been robbed. He was shocked when he finished connecting the dots.

‘I think this is the last theft case in the serial. The message is clear,’ one of our old rivals has come back, Watson,’ Sherlock said.

‘What?’ Watson said in surprise. He looked at the lines connected on the map and found a name – Moriarty.

‘The game has just begun,’ said Sherlock.

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The earth

Dear members of the Student Union,

We live on a beautiful planet named “Earth”. But now, the earth is being destroyed by human. In order to save the beautiful planet, we must do something green in our daily lives. It is important for us to create a more environmentally-friendly school. Here are my suggestions.

Firstly, we should reuse and recycle some litter such as glass, plastic and cans. These are the resources which are valuable to be reused. For instance, cans are made of metals. Reusing the cans not only save our natural resources but also money. Metals are extracted on earth. While we extract metals, we waste a lot of money. Thus, in our daily lives, we should place different kinds of litter into different kinds of recycling bins to help reuse the rubbish more easily.

Second, we should turn off the lights when it is not needed. Reducing the use of lights also reduces electricity. Also, it can help us reduce the amount of carbon dioxide. While we use electricity, we need power to work and release carbon dioxide at the same time. Maybe it is not very effective in a short time but it is a good way to save energy in our daily lives. Both houses and schools could be more environmentally friendly. We can take actions.

Third, we should save water. Under no circumstances should we waste water. It is doubtless our earth lacks pure water. Although the area of sea on earth is large, there is only a small percentage of pure water that we can use and drink and the percentage is now decreasing. In the meantime, water plays an important role in our health. To make our school as eco-friendly as possible, to save our planet, to save the human's future, we must save water by all means.

These are something easy for us to do in our school or daily lives. And we can make a contribution to protect the environment. So, just like the title, let's go green.

Chris Wong

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[4]Wong Wai Sum (3A)

My first flying experience

Last summer, I had my first flying experience with my family. I felt very excited and all the things inside the airport were new to me.

First, Dad brought us to the airline check-in counter to get our boarding passes. Then, we checked in our luggage. After that, we went to the departures board to double check our flight details and we knew that it was time to go through the airport security.



I felt very nervous because I was not sure if I had packed any forbidden items into my carry-on luggage. Luckily, when I passed through the security, nothing happened. I took a breath of relief. Then, we went to the immigration counter. The staff looked very serious. I was frightened. But when it was my turn, the staff did not seem scary at all.

After that, we waited for an hour at the boarding gate, then we went on board. The flight attendants told us to fasten our seatbelts. I was very excited. I sat beside the window, and I watched the airplane take off. The scenery was beautiful.

The flight was safe and comfortable. The in-flight meal was yummy but there was a little incident. A woman felt dizzy and she wanted to vomit. Luckily, the flight attendant gave her some water and medicine. The woman felt better afterwards.

I enjoyed the flight very much. I drank lots of orange juice and I watched some films. I hope to have another flying experience soon.

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[5]Chan Yu Shi (6B)

Re: Nasty Chinese food?



Recently, I read a comment about Cantonese food suggesting that it is “healthy” and looks disgusting. I totally agree with the points put forward in the comment. Here are my views on that.

To begin with, it was mentioned that there was too much meat and not enough vegetables, which is true. Our bodies need the dietary fiber, vitamins and carbohydrates in vegetables to sustain health. Many Cantonese dishes incorporate meat and neglect adding vegetables to it, for being able to afford meat is a symbol for wealth. People nowadays care about their faces and how people think of them more than their own well-being. There are Cantonese cuisines that include plant-based food like tofu or mushroom, but those are just the minority and they usually come in as alongside, which people often think of it as decoration, driving more and more Cantonese dishes to put emphasis on meat.

Another viewpoint stated in the comment was that some of the meat dishes look disgusting. Examples given were chicken’s feet and ducks’ tongues. I partially agree with this. Some meat dishes look disgusting and nasty. In my opinion, all the meat dishes are disgusting and nasty. Have you ever wondered

where the meat comes from? It is the dead bodies of animals that are raised in filthy cages and slaughtered cruelly against their will. The so called “regular” meat is no better than the feet or tongues. If you say you favor normal meat dishes but are disgusted by eating other parts of an animal, that would be a bit double standard, right? You may defend by saying those feet and tongues are different. They are dirty. However, what is the difference between your own pets and the farm animals that you will not eat the former yet consuming the latter? What makes the regular meat any cleaner than feet and tongues after they have been cooked? How about sashimi from Japan? That is even raw meat! If I have to answer, the only difference is your attitude. All forms of animal products are disgusting.

Some being made from endangered animals like sharks and abalone, Cantonese food arouses the concern of the public. Shark fin soup is nothing rare to many weddings, birthday celebrations in Cantonese culture, which I think is unacceptable. Take sharks as an example. The other parts of a shark do not taste good due to the accumulation of mercury inside their body. Yet “clever” Cantonese people came up with the idea of eating only the fins. Therefore, many sharks got their fins chopped off and left in the ocean, with no treatment to the wounds, desperately waiting to die from severe blood loss, extreme pain or infection. The manner of extracting fins from sharks undoubtedly does not fit the society norm where we promote responsibility, love and care. There are many alternatives available to replace these “luxurious” food choices while leaving the animals alone. So, the dishes that

are made from endangered species should be abandoned. There is not a single point to keep murdering these innocent animals and disturbing the ecosystem for our enjoyment of some temporary excitement on our taste bud.

Last but not least, it is sad that Cantonese food is known for fatty dishes like roast pork and roast duck, which is bad for our health. I could not agree with this more. Meat itself carries tons of unhealthy substances such as cholesterol, trans fat and other carcinogens, not to mention its health value after being deeply fried. Many Hong Kong people suffer from high blood pressure or high blood cholesterol, a fatty diet being attributable. It is also the leading cause of many preventable diseases like heart disease, stroke, cancer and obesity. Let alone fatty meat dishes, even vegetables cannot be that much of a lifesaver when it comes to Cantonese cuisine. To make it more appealing, chefs go nuts about lipids because that is what makes things smell good. So just a simple dish of “Cantonese” veggie can be as oily as meat dishes.

On the other hand, it is unfair to pinpoint that Cantonese food is unhealthy. Vegetarian dishes for religious purposes are something rather mild to opt for. There is no denying that a Buddhist sits a special place in Chinese custom. Vegetarian dishes are surely cruelty-free, lighter and healthier. I am sure if you try, you are bound to fall in love with it. It is because at the end of the day, health is our top priority and lays the foundation to success in our aspects of life, and personal taste preference should come next.

All in all, the reader has made some very good points and has successfully raised our awareness on diets. I hope we can all pay more attention to our diet, health and the animals.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wong

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[6] Chan Sau Ping (3D)

A letter to club members



Hi everyone,

I hope you're having a good day. Our school's Social Club is going to invite you to participate in a voluntary work. I'm sure it will be great fun! Let me tell you the details.

First, let me tell you the date, time and place. The Flag Day will be held on the 6 November on Saturday. And the time will be from 7:00a.m to 12:30p.m .Then, the place will be in the New Territories and Kowloon districts. Second, I will tell you why we need to raise funds. It is because it can support the elderly services, arouse citizens' care and love towards the elderly and make contribution to the community.

Lastly, if you want to join the Flag Day, you can submit the application forms to Hong Kong Red Cross office by 22nd October 2015 via the following means: Mail to 10/F, The Hong Kong Red Cross Building, Central, Hong Kong or send an email to redcross@org.hk.

Let's take part in this charity event!

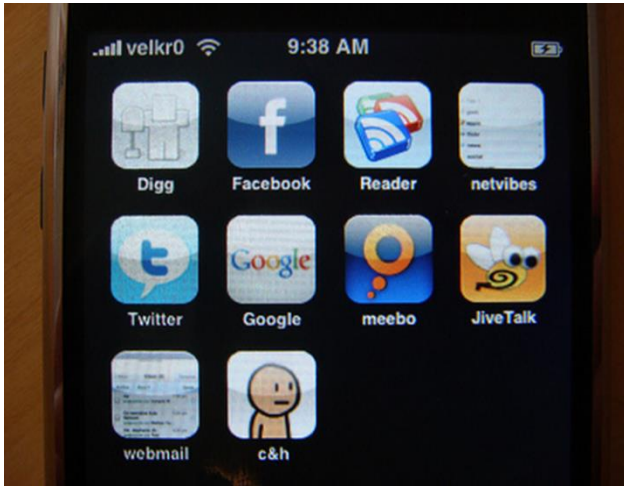
Best wishes,

Chris Wong

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Social media



When you walk on the street or take a stroll in park, wherever you are, you can see a lightening screen in almost everyone's hand. Most of them are using instant messaging or social networking websites. Even adults are getting immersed in those social media, not to mention many teenagers

indulge themselves in using such time-wasting social media. Currently, there has been an argument that the use of instant messaging and social networking websites prevents teenagers from developing proper social skills. I totally agree with it. Let me tell you why I agree with it.

First of all, the use of those social media will affect teenagers' development of proper social skills because those social media affect teenagers' normal social lives. Someone may argue that teenagers can also develop their social skills by using social media and communicating with other people. I have a completely different opinion to it. The main cause of teenagers not being able to develop social skills is because teenagers are too indulged in using those social media. It will undermine their ability of communication. Good social skills are developed through a normal social life. If teenagers use instant messaging too much, it affects their normal social lives. Hence, it intervenes them in developing proper social skills.

Secondly, conversation will not be completed by using instant messaging and social media. If teenagers are using too much instant messaging, it will affect their communication skills because instant messaging is too convenient that they only enter a few words and they can end the conversation. There is no denying that teenagers cannot develop proper social skills because of it. Good social skills are only developed by a lot of interactions and communications. The more the interactions are, the better their social skills are. I am also one of the victims of the improper use of instant messaging. Therefore, I have experienced the disadvantages of using too much instant messaging.

Moreover, networking websites only allow us to receive a lot of news or messages from others. The procedure is simple, no matter how complicated your social communication can be. Therefore, I think the use of instant messaging and social media interferes with teenagers' proper social skills development.

The world is changing every day. But we have to understand and pay our attention to these new technologies.

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“Selfie apps: beauty or beast”



Having “V” shape face, “bling bling” big eyes, 44 inch legs, are the dreams for most women. But it is no longer a dream for ladies nowadays because these body features can be possessed in painless means with the use of beauty-enhancing selfie apps.

I am a young girl who likes snapping selfies whenever and wherever I go. I can use my phone to take a good photo and share it with my friends easily. I think snapping selfie is a useful invention too.

Some of the girls like using some beauty-enhancing selfie apps like BeautyPlus, Meitu, Cyberlink and so on to make themselves more good-looking after snapping selfies. I also love being beautiful but I will not use these apps because I think the photos looked fake after using the apps. I like the photo to be more natural and I do not like any artificial enhancement on my face. I am confident of myself and I do not want people to focus on my looks. I will mock at myself if I use the apps to make myself good-looking.

Snapping selfies seem to be a hot trend across the globe. I agree that it should be encouraged because everyone likes to post their beautiful selfies in order to get people’s appreciation. One may feel satisfied with their photos being appreciated and have a sense of superiority which boosts their self-esteem. Moreover, we can take our photos easily by using those apps.

However, if the trend of snapping selfie for the purpose of winning admiration, the meaning of taking photos will be lost. Besides, people are just living in a “virtual society” as one just sees a lot of photos which are fake. It may destroy the relationship and the trust between each other.

Natural beauty is true beauty. Using different apps to make ourselves look perfect is just a joke and fooling ourselves.

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[9] Cheung Ling Yan (3A)

Introducing Hong Kong

Hi, Celeste Lily,

My name is Jacquely. I am from Hong Kong. I love sightseeing and eating. Now, I am going to tell you something about Hong Kong.

There are many beaches in Hong Kong. The beach I like most in Hong Kong is Pui O beach on Lantau Island. We can swim, play with sand go surfing, BBQ or even collect shells to eat. The facilities are perfect. After playing, you can take a bath and buy some food in the snack shop.

Hong Kong is a gourmet paradise. We can enjoy food from around the world. The quality of food is good and the price is very cheap. For example, Japanese food, Korean food, Indian food are very common in Hong Kong.

Although Hong Kong is a small place, there are many fun things to do. Let us go travelling there!

Yours,
Jacquely



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[10] Mo Chung Ki (3A)

A trip to Macau

I went to Macau with my best friend, Yamme. I really enjoyed the trip.

Yamme and I went to Macau by ferry. On the ferry, we were so excited when we talked about Macau's tourist attractions.

We visited Macau Tower. On the first day, before the visit, we were hungry so we found a bakery and ate egg tarts and pork chop buns. Those were very yummy. We were impressed by the taste. I think nobody should miss the egg tart in Macau. Macau Tower has a nice view of the whole Macau—I took photos with my friend and I bought a few souvenirs there because they were expensive. Sadly, we could not play bungee jumping. We spent all day in Macau Tower.

On the last day, we visited the A-Ma Cultural Village. There are temples, museums, and shops. The museum shows the history of A-Ma goddess. Then, we went to Ruins of St. Paul's and took photos.

I think this was an enjoyable trip.



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[11] Cheung Ho Him (3A)

A trip to Japan



Yesterday, my family and I travelled to Japan. On the first day, we did some sightseeing. We saw a lot of trees with pink leaves. I asked my brother what those were. He told me, “They are called sakura(cherry blossoms)”. Those were the most beautiful flowers I have ever seen so I took a lot of pictures of them and set them as my wallpaper. Then, we all got hungry so we bought some local snacks like sushi, etc. They were tasty but I prefer the local food in Hong Kong.

On the second day, we went to Tokyo Tower, I don't know why. It was a very hot day but this was not the point. The point was I saw a pretty girl there so I sat next to her and tried to talk to her but she spoke Japanese. Therefore, I spoke English to her and I finally made friends with her. She showed me and my brother around Tokyo Tower.

Japan is a really nice place. I will definitely visit it again and meet up with that pretty girl.

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[12] Ho Sheung Luk (1C)

A painful event

One Sunday in July 2015, Mrs. Chan took a walk with her tiny and cute puppy Bingo in Tuen Mun Park. Bingo had sharp claws, a long tail and brown fur. In Tuen Mun Park, an unforgettable event happened.

At 1:00 pm in the afternoon, when Mrs. Chan was walking with Bingo, Bingo suddenly became fierce and bit Mrs. Chan's mouth. Mrs. Chan said "Oh! My god! Bingo, why do you bite me?" Mrs. Chan's mouth was injured. Then, she drove to hospital. During the journey, she said to Bingo "Oh! Bingo, don't bite me again!" Bingo barked a few times.

Mrs. Chan needed to go to hospital to treat her injury every week. Every time she went to the hospital, she touched Bingo and told Bingo, "Bingo, you have always been loyal to me. Why did you hurt my mouth?" Bingo shook its tail and barked when Mrs. Chan talked to her. Later, Bingo never bit Mrs. Chan again and they lived happily forever.



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Three little pigs and a big bad wolf



Long time ago, a mother pig let her three little pigs live independently. Then, the three little pigs lived in a forest. Each of them needed to build a house.

One day, a big bad wolf called Ben saw the three little pigs. He was hungry and wanted to eat them. First he went to the youngest pig's house—Jimmy's house. His house was built with straw. The cunning wolf went to Jimmy's house and took a deep breath. Then, he blew and the house collapsed. Jimmy was scared and he went to his younger brother's house and said "Help! Help!"

After that, Ben went to the second pig's house. His house was built with sticks. Ben said "I will eat you!" The second pig Leo and the youngest pig, Jimmy were very frightened. Ben blew several times. The house collapsed too. Leo and Jimmy were scared. They went to the eldest pig's house.

Then, Ben went to the eldest pig's house—Kelvin's house. He said "This is your last house. If I blow, you will all die!" He blew and blew but the house did not collapse because the house was built with bricks. Kelvin said "No worries guys. My house is very sturdy and the wolf won't succeed!" Ben became very furious and he wanted to have a fight with the three little pigs. However, he was accidentally stumbled by a stone and died.

Finally, the three little pigs celebrated happily at night. They had lots of snacks, such as egg tarts, red bean pudding etc. They were very full and they went to bed at 10:00pm.

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[14] Yeung Wai Yin (3A)

A special experience



Hi there, I am Chris Wong from 3A. I participated in voluntary work last year. I took care of mentally disabled people from their hostel in Yau Oi. It was a great experience for me. If I had never participated in the voluntary work, I would never have got a chance to understand the mentally disabled people one by one.

First, the purpose of this program is to give teenagers a chance to take care of mentally disabled people whom they rarely meet in their daily life. If you join the program, you can gain an experience that not everyone could have. It will be a very unforgettable day too.

On that day, all the F.2 students worked in different groups. In my group, we taught them how to draw a self-portrait with markers. I was amazed that they were so attentive and eager to learn. The outcome of their portrait were out of my expectation. They really did a fantastic job.

Moreover, the most memorable thing for me was their pure smile on their faces. They were very nice. They could show respect to us. Afterwards, we chatted and played games happily.

I have learnt a lot on that day, like being more patient and understandable about people who are in need of help. I strongly recommend all of you to participate in more voluntary work. I believe that it is a blessing to give than to receive.

Thank you.

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[15] Ho Yuk Yee (4A)

A bad day at school

It was the most distressing day in my life. Early in the morning, I saw a flock of crows on my way to school and I noticed that something bad was going to happen to me.

A series of bad things happened. I forgot to get my money for breakfast and I felt hungry until lunchtime. Also, I failed in my English test and got laughed at by all my classmates, including my friend, Grace. That made me feel sad and embarrassed. However, these things were not the worst.

The worst thing happened in the P.E. lessons. Since the teacher was handling the problem of some naughty boys, we got time to play basketball on the playground. Suddenly, a basketball hit my head and I felt dizzy.

“Sorry.” Grace said to me coldly. “It doesn’t matter. I’m fine.” I replied angrily.

I thought Grace hurt me purposely with the basketball since she was jealous of my talent in playing all kinds of sports.



I took revenge on Grace by bullying her. I did not pass the ball to her even though she was my teammate and even pushed her when she came near to me. When she jumped up to get the basketball. I also jumped up and tried to push her away so I could get the ball. However, I lost my balance and fell on Grace, who was pushed over by me and fell on the floor. I hurt my ankle and Grace's leg was broken. We screamed and cried. A teacher came towards us and wanted to know what had happened.

“It was just an accident.” Grace told the teacher.

I regretted the silly things I had done to Grace and felt ashamed of that.

It was the worst day at school. I felt that I was a devil since I broke Grace's leg and bullied her purposely. Also, I hurt my ankle and could not play any sport games in a short period. However, it was a good lesson to learn in life, that I should treat my teammates with respect.

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<http://interestingthings.info/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/sad-face-373395-1024x768.jpg>)

[16] Yung Chun Ming (3B)

Amazing Hong Kong

Dear Celeste Lily,

Hi Celeste Lily, I would like to tell you something of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is a special administrative region in China. In Hong Kong, many people are Chinese. They speak Cantonese in Hong Kong. The climate in Hong Kong is moderate.

Hong Kong, the Pearl of the Orient, is a popular tourist destination because Hong Kong has many charming scenic spots. The skyscrapers of Hong Kong are scenic spots. The skyscrapers of Hong Kong are concentrated in Victoria Harbour strait. You can take a boat tour to watch the light and sound show “A Symphony of Light”, or enjoy a dinner in the center of the harbour.

Hong Kong is also the “Culinary Capital of Asia,” which has more than 12,000 restaurants with more than 100 kinds of cuisines. You can taste not only the authentic cuisine, but also the fusion food and exotic cuisine. In Hong Kong, you may try many local snacks, such as pineapple buns, egg tarts, shark fin soup and mini egg puffs.

It is impossible to write everything about Hong Kong. I hope you can come to experience them yourself.

Love,
Annie from Hong Kong

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Cold Comfort



Have you ever experienced that moment when you are down but when your best friend tries to comfort you, but you feel like that ‘comfort’ makes you feel even worse? Well, I have. And it was certainly the most depressing moment in my life because you may think your friend intentionally did something to make you feel worse. You may start to doubt why your friend did not know that it did not work. And you may start to ask yourself why she is so lucky and you are not. You may start to doubt your friendship. Can cold comfort kill?

“I’m so sorry for that! I know you’ve tried your best. I can be your guardian angel. I’ll be there if you need me and I’ll support you all the way. The second Math test is coming soon right? Everything is going to be alright!”

This soft and sweet voice was from Angel, my classmate and my best friend. As her name implies, she is like a guardian angel who is always kind, innocent, smart and sweet. She comes from a loving family. Each time when I encounter

difficulties, she will comfort me. It works. You know, as a teenager, sometimes when your life is not smooth, you'd probably think the whole world has collapsed. You usually seek help from your friends because we meet almost every day and understand each other well. Besides, Angel is unique. She is very generous about giving comfort. She is trying all her best to get some positive energy

I believe she is born to be an angel. She owns everything that I want. I always think I am lucky to have her as my best friend. I think she is different from my other best friends in the past. Unlike her, I am the 'Anger' and 'Sadness' in 'Inside Out'. I hate unfairness and I must speak it out when there is any. I always doubt that the world is unfair to me. I always feel sad. But we do have one thing in common – we get emotional easily.

“How do you know that everything is going to be alright?” I asked hopelessly.

“I can teach you. We can study together! How about next week?” She said with her encouraging soft voice.

“Oh, that's great! Let's do this together!”

Yes it worked.

Right before the second test, Angel found that she lost her calculator. She would definitely fail the test without the calculator.

“Use mine” I whispered and lent her my calculator.

“Oh, how can you....” She replied with surprise.

“That’s okay! You know me. I will NOT pass. And you’re my best friend!” I was trying to keep my voice weak.

At last, Angel got high marks as usual. I failed, as expected.

“Thanks so much! But please don’t do that next time. I just think it’s not right!” she said while holding her tears.

“That’s okay! I was hopeless at Math. Even though I had the calculator I would not pass the test.” I said. I felt sad about the result at the very beginning, but now, her comfort worth more than the Math test.

Yes it worked again.

“What, you got only 20 marks? What an idiot!” Eric, the bully in our class, laughed when he saw my marks.

“How about you? You only got 10 marks? I got a higher mark than you even without the calculator. See who is the idiot!” I shouted angrily.

“Just ignore him! Don’t get angry!” Angel comforted me again. One more successful case.

However, there was a time when it did not work. And it was the time when the second test result was brought home.

“Why can’t you get a higher mark in the second test?” Mum shouted.

“Do you know how difficult it is? You never understand! You know nothing!” I cried loudly.

“If you spend more time studying and less time arguing, your results will be better!” she shouted louder and slapped me...

We were so noisy that my neighbors decided to call the police and stopped the ‘fight’ between us. We were silent finally. My father was out of town so it was just me and my mum in the house. I kept crying crazily in my room while my mum sat outside. We enjoyed our distance. From our deepest heart, we thanked the police who helped us keep silent. It felt like I was being stuck there. I felt so

bad that I wondered if I have already got into depression. I was thinking about the meaning of life. I wondered why my life had no love.

I called Angel, telling her what had happened. I asked if she could come out and meet me somewhere. I wanted to listen to her comfort. I thought she would answer my phone immediately. Instead she texted me.

“Are you okay? I’m so sorry for that! I know you’ve tried your best. I’ll be there if you need me and I’ll support you all the way.” she typed.

“So can we meet now?” I asked desperately.

“I’m so sorry I can’t! How about texting?” she replied on Whatsapp.

But she cannot. So what she just said was nonsense! Didn’t she say “I’ll be there”? She is a lucky girl. Her caring mum never scolds her. She always gets high marks in the tests. She is popular in school. Everybody thinks she is a real angel. I am her best friend. At least I think so. I got used to “I’ll be there” from my former best friends because they just said it but they never showed up when I needed them. I thought Angel was different.

I was at a difficult time. And this was what I got from my guardian angel? I felt so bad because my mum scolded me. I had an argument with my mum because I failed the Math test. I failed the test because I lent her my calculator! But now she said she could not meet me when I needed her! This is the COLDEST COMFORT I have ever got in my life!!! Angel is no DIFFERENT!

“How can you say you CAN’T? Why don’t you come and see me? Do you think I’m not your best friend?” I replied on Whatsapp.

“Come on! You’re crazy! You should calm down.” She replied.

I could not believe it was from her. It was still so cold. She must know that I was feeling very sad. But she still answered it in a cold way. Did she want me to feel bad? I know. From the very beginning she does not want to be my best friend. Maybe she wants to break our friendship. We are so different. I think she is just the same as my former best friends.

“If it’s not you, I’ll pass my Math test!!”

“Ridiculous!! Okay whatever!”

“Angel! Do you know how bad I’m feeling now? It seems you don’t care! Okay! I know it! We’re NOT friends anymore!” I answered very angrily.

I kept crying in my room for the whole night. It was the first time I did not get any comfort from Angel since we were friends. It was definitely a cold and difficult night.

Since that night, everything has changed. The world is cold. I became a lonely girl. My school life became arguing with others. I did not think Angel's life changed a lot. She is always well-liked. She could always find some friends to chat with. From the very beginning I am not important to her. But I could feel that she was not as cheerful and positive as before.

A few days later, something happened. After I had finished my lunch in the noisy playground, I went to the library, a good place for a lonely girl. When I passed by our classroom, I found that Eric took something out from Angel's bag. It was strange because everybody should be outside enjoying their lunches now. Besides, Angel and Eric are not be friends. But anyway, Angel is well-liked. Maybe Eric became her friend now. I just ignored that and left.

After lunch, when I went to the classroom, Angel was crying. Though she likes crying, I had never seen her cried like this before. After a while, Mr Chan, our class teacher, came to her.

“I’m sorry for that. We’ll try our best to find the thief. At the same time, I’ll call your parents and tell them that you lost your mobile phone...” Mr Chan said calmly.

“NO! No, please don’t call my parents!!” Angel shouted.

Angel’s parents are one of the kindest people in the world. I could not understand why she was so afraid of this.

“But I have to. Your phone is your parents’ property. They must be informed when you lose it.” Mr Chan insisted.

“How can I stop you from calling them?” Angel asked with sadness.

“Stop...stop me? Okay, if we can find out the phone now, the case will be closed. Then I won’t call them.” Mr Chan replied.

“Mr Chan, I know who the thief is!” I know it was my time.

“Who?”

“Eric! I saw him took something out from Angel’s bag at lunch!!” I shouted.

“Eric, show me all your belongings. If we find it, we can call the police and ask them to catch you.” Mr Chan turned to him immediately.

“Okay, it’s me. Please DON’T call the police!” Eric admitted it.

“Take it out and we won’t call them. If you tell me you sold it, nobody can stop me this time.” Mr. Chan was so good at negotiating with naughty students.

Eric took out the phone accordingly. He got some demerits. The case closed.

“Thank you very much!” Angel talked to me.

“You’re welcome. You don’t need to be so sad.” I tried to calm myself down.

“My parents are going to divorce. I’ll live with my mum and she’ll have a financial burden. If I lost the phone...” This time it was Angel who tried to calm herself down while speaking.

Oh, divorce? I thought Angel had a perfect family! That is why she looked so sad recently?

“Oh, I’m so sorry...” I was not talented at comforting others.

“That’s okay. Thanks for your kindness. I hope you feel better about your family now. On that day I couldn’t come out because my parents were arguing as well. I had to stay at home and comfort them. I feel exhausted about always comforting others.” She spoke with her very weak voice.

“Oh, I’m so sorry...” I really didn’t know what I should say. “Shall we be friends again?” This was the bravest question I asked in my life.

“I think so.” she replied.

Cold comfort cannot kill. It is because no matter the comfort is cold or warm, it does show the kindness of a person. And this is what we should learn and treasure.

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[18] Lam Hei Tsai (2A)

A clean environment

Good morning principal, teachers and my fellow schoolmates,

A clean environment is essential for our health. Hong Kong is our home so we need to keep it clean together. This is our duty. The earth has suffered from global warming. We need to protect the environment by saving water, using fans when it is not very hot and recycling all the recyclable items. The earth has suffered from global warming because we always use the air-conditioner.

Students can hold a “no air-conditioning” day, “use a fan week” and a “planting day”. Recycling all the recyclable items and reuse the unwanted materials as much as possible. I think these are workable because these activities can let students know that using an air-conditioner will make the earth suffer from global warming. That means it can make the air become very filthy and the earth will become hotter and hotter. The most important thing is, we will produce less rubbish. Besides, planting can make the air fresher.



At home, students can protect the environment by reducing rubbish, collecting kitchen waste as fertilizers, turning off the lights and electrical appliances, saving water and doing some planting at home. First, recycling can produce less rubbish at home. Then, collecting kitchen waste as fertilizers also can produce less rubbish and the fertilizers can be used for planting!

Turning off lights and electric appliances can save energy and save money. It can save energy from the electrical appliances that you do not use. After that, taking a shower instead of bathing can save water. Turning off the water when you are brushing your teeth at home. Finally, doing some planting at home can make the air become better.

Let us work together for a healthy living environment and a better Hong Kong. Thank you for listening.

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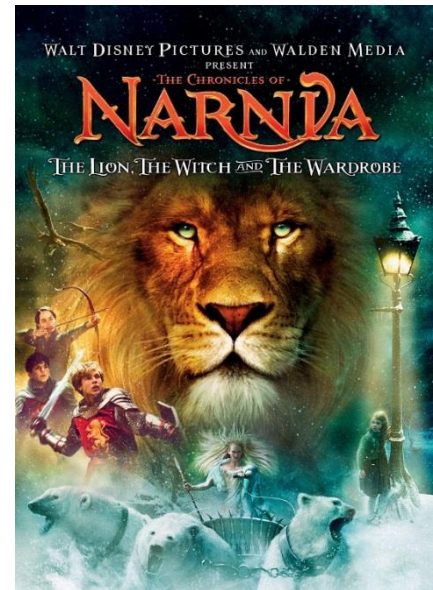
[19] Hui Chak Wa (4B)

Name of book: The lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Author: C.S. Lewis

Publisher: Harper Collins

I really like Lucy, a little girl in the story. She is not a gallantry, but she is the bravest one. I think of the experiences of Lucy, Peter, Susan and Edmund.



They are courageous. Lucy discovered a magic wardrobe that was able to access the magical kingdom, Narnia. If Lucy did not find the magic wardrobe, Peter, Susan and Edmund would never know that there was another place in the world. Also, Lucy was the only person that could find the lion, Aslan. Aslan said that she had a pure heart and she was brave. That was why she could be friends with everyone.

Although Lucy was just a little girl, she adventured with her family. She never escaped when there was a war. When I read this book, I hate Edmund. But I like Lucy. She is my favourite character in this book.

The characters cooperated four times in order to defeat the evil White Witch. It made me realize the importance of teamwork. One person's power is not enough. A lot of things cannot be achieved alone. But teamwork means sharing and helping. We can do anything together.

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[20] Chan Cheuk Hei (1C)

A greedy man

Once upon a time, a man inherited all the money from his dying father.

When the man grew up, he poured all the money to the sea. Then he became poor.

At night, he slept in the street. In his dream, he saw his father. His father said “Naughty Boy! I’ll give you a chance. I give you a bottle. When you need to eat or drink, it’ll help you.”

When the man opened his eyes, the dream came true. He had a bottle and it could give him food to eat!

His life changed. He became a rich man. Five years later, he was greedy and he wanted to break the bottle because the bottle could give him food only. He used an axe to break the bottle.

The bottle broke. Finally, the man became a poor man again. The story teaches us that we should not be greedy.



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