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Other Learning Experience (O.L.E.) is one of the three core components in the New Senior Secondary curriculum. Students' growth should not be only based on academic improvement but also relate to the development of intelligence and emotion. Some parents and educationalists advocate the benefits of homeschooling when others think traditional schooling is more beneficial to trigger the multiple effect of learning. As a front line teacher in Hong Kong, it is always easy for me to believe in the system of traditional schooling because students and teachers could follow the target curriculum designed with other experienced colleagues in school and it is more effective to communicate with students and provide them with suitable and timely assistance.

It is wonderful to see students grow healthily and happily in their secondary school life. One of our 'missions' is to ensure they perform well academically; however, building up treasurable and valuable friendships is also one of our great rewards for being teachers. School is a place not only for learning but also contributing. It is true to say that students and teachers do learn from each other and grow together.

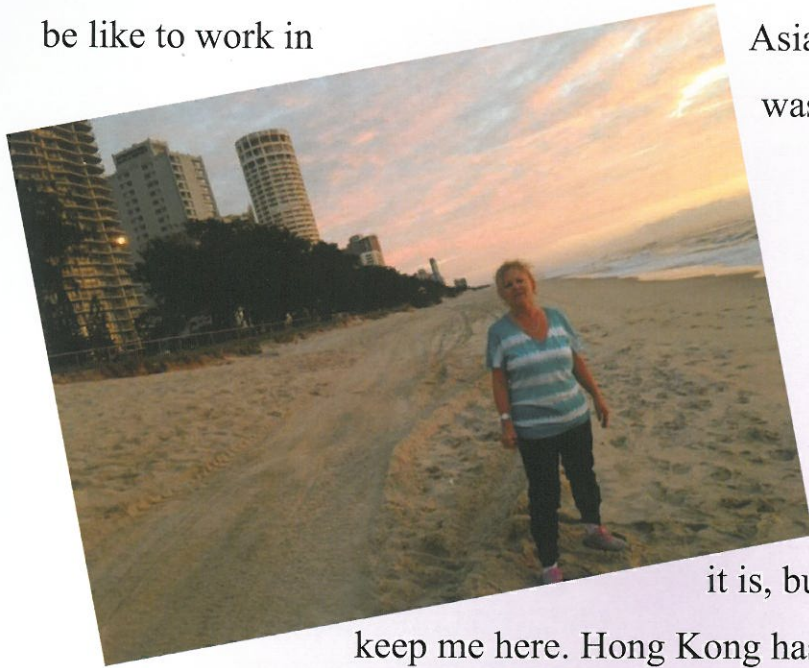
May the year of 2014 be a fruitful and memorable one to you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Editor in Chief

Our New English-native Speaking Teacher

I come from Queensland, Australia, and I have been living in Hong Kong for more than ten years. Over the years, I have worked in France, England, Germany and Australia. In 2003, I came to Hong Kong for a 2-year stint just to see what it would be like to work in

Asia...I never left!! This certainly was not my original plan.



There is something about this city, which ropes people in. I have still not worked out what it is, but it certainly is strong enough to

keep me here. Hong Kong has so many wonderful attributes.

The high energy of the city and safety are two very important aspects, which have had a big influence on my long stay here. I also feel it is easy for foreigners to feel part of the Hong Kong community. I feel the friendliness and acceptance of expatriates here is evident in many areas.



A lot of my enjoyment comes from the students I teach. I find their eagerness to learn and diligence makes the job of teaching them so much easier. It is very different to teaching Western children.

In my free time, I love to be quite active, whether it be traveling, walking or skiing. In Hong Kong, I also do a lot of hiking. I try to walk to the Peak at least twice a month. Each time I do the walk I think “Oh, I am too old for this” but sure enough a couple of weeks later I am doing the same thing. The amazing view over Victoria Harbour is truly a unique quality of this fabulous city.

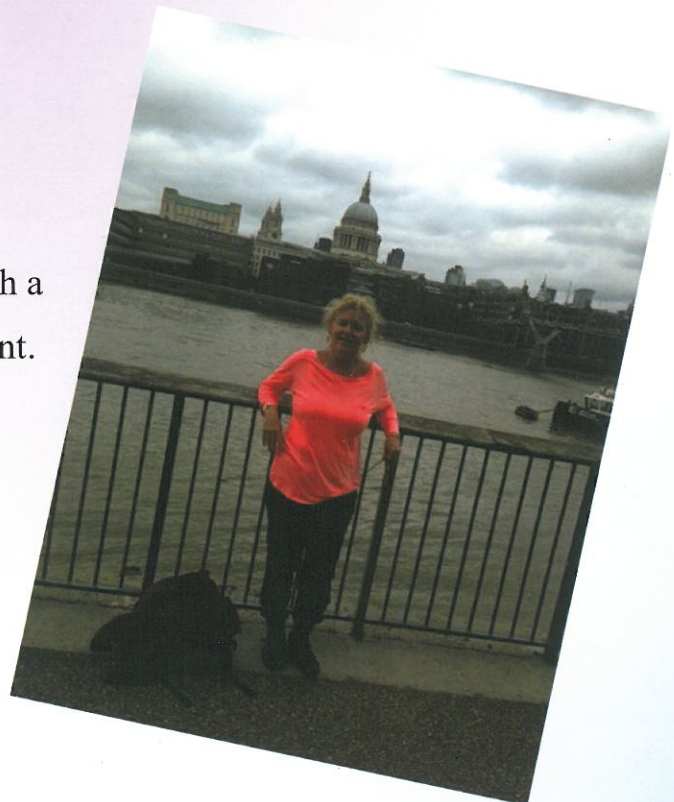


I am also extremely appreciative of the warm welcome I received from the staff at Henrietta. The teachers, janitors and office staff have bent over backwards to include me in the “Henrietta” community. This is something I am truly grateful for. I hope I get to meet more of the students as the year moves on.

Thanks to everybody and I truly feel extremely fortunate to be working in such a positive, healthy and friendly environment.

Enjoy your year!

Noeleen Haney



"My Country"

By Naaleen Haney



I certainly have a different life here in Hong Kong to the life I had in Australia. My home country is beautiful and is totally surrounded by Ocean. I grew up in the northern part of Australia and went to a school which had a large population of Australian aborigines. My dad was in the army so we did a lot of traveling when I was young.



My family, which consisted of mum, dad, a brother, 3 sisters and myself, all ended up living on the east coast of Australia where we all went to school and university. Over the years, I have seen a lot of my country and my two favourite cities are Sydney and the Gold Coast. Sydney is such a picturesque city which has a stunning harbour (similar to Hong Kong). The Gold Coast, which is the city where I spent most of my adolescent years, is famous for its beautiful beaches.

Even though I consider Hong Kong as my temporary home, I know one day I will return to my roots and live near the beach.



Have a look at the pictures below.

Do you know what they are?



Photos taken by *Harriet, Joanna, Tiffany, Mandy, Grace, Aaron, Anotonio (F.1D)*

This year, all Form 1 students went on the annual school picnic to Sha Tau Kok Farm. It was a sunny day with a light breeze in the air. The majority of students loved this outing as it was educational and fun! Read on to find out what our students thought about the picnic.



Our class went on an outing to Sha Tau Kok Farm. We took part in many interesting activities. First, we visited an organic farm. The staff showed us around and we learnt about the special species of trees and fruits. Then, we went to the animal farm and we fed the rabbits and cows. It was fun! After that, we had a barbecue and we ate well. Next to the barbecue site, there were some stalls selling snacks. I saw a man take out two porcupines. He asked me to touch one of them and I did! It was so lovely!

Joanna Lee



Sha Tau Kok Farm is a very special place. We joined the guided tour to learn more about plants and animals. I took a lot of photos of the animals such as cows, rabbits and peacocks. At lunch, we had a barbecue. There were different kinds of food like fishballs, sausages and chicken wings. The food was delicious!

Mandy Cheung



Sha Tau Kok Farm

I thought the trip was very interesting and meaningful because I

could learn and play with my classmates. We improved our friendship too! The activity I enjoyed most was feeding the animals. They were very cute! I hope I can go there again to feed the animals.

Aaron Tse



On 6th November, I went to Sha Tau Kok Farm with my classmates and teachers. There were a lot of things to see. First we went to the animal farm. I saw some sheep, rabbits, cows and an ostrich so I bought a pack of vegetables to feed them. Then the tour guide told us about the plants and the history of the farm. After that, we had a barbecue together. It was a wonderful day and I learnt a lot that day!

Antonio Wong



When I arrived at Sha Tau Kok Farm, I was very excited. My classmates

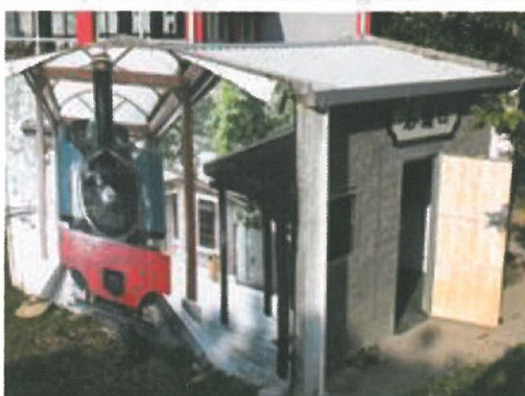
and I visited the ecological farm before having a barbecue. It was a great time to chat and enjoy lunch together. The food was yummy and we took a lot of photos. What an unforgettable day!

Tiffany Lui



Sha Tau Kok Farm is in the New Territories. We went there by coach. We saw a lot of things like mangroves and organic farms and visited the Train Museum. After that, we made Hakeka dessert - Chinese Fevervine Cha Kwo. It was an unforgettable experience!

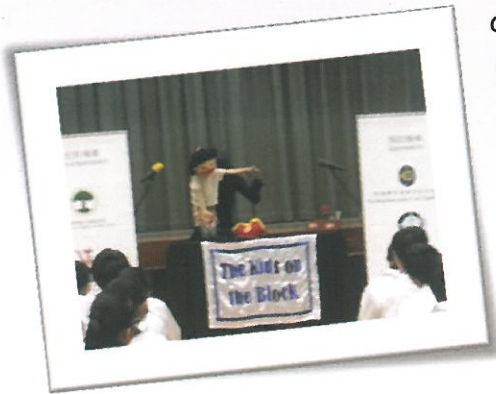
Grace Wong



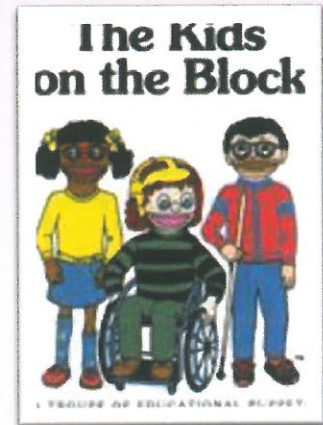
An English-speaking Puppet Show

On 15th November, we invited The Kids on the Block to stage a performance in the afternoon for all Form 1 to Form 3 students in the Hall.

The Kids on the Block is a puppet troupe. First developed in the US in 1977, it aims to provide an educational puppet program to enlighten



all children about disabilities and social issues. The puppets represent both fully abled children, healthy and disabled children. They dress and act like real kids who have their own interests, hopes, fears, talents and weaknesses.



Let's see what our students said after watching the show.

This was a very good show. The puppets were so cute and lifelike. - Miki

I learnt that people with dyslexia may not be able to tell left from right. They put a ring on their left hand ring finger so that they know which hand is the left and which is the right. - Jessica Yu 3B

I liked the puppet show. I learnt that we should respect other people. We should not tease people who are born with disabilities. We should try to help them and teach them what we know. - Jordan Sze 3D

It was funny, I learnt more about dyslexia. - Jason Chan 3B

I liked the puppet show because the MC and the actors were so funny and they made us laugh. I've also learnt so many new words and become more confident in learning English. - Alex Wong

I have learnt how to help people who have trouble studying. – Yanny Cheng 3B

I liked the puppet show very much. I now know we should stop discrimination against the disabled. – Gloria Mok

I liked the puppet show because it was interesting. I remember that Melody could not distinguish left from right and her friend Jennifer taught her. It was very nice of her. I also admired the puppeteers who were so flexible. – Rachel Chan

I liked the two dolls in the puppet show very much. They had an adorable voice and were well-designed. – Sincere



2013 Charity Campus Run

It is Henrietta's tradition to have students dressing up in fancy and creative costumes running around the campus for a good cause – raising money for charities. This year, the meaningful event, Charity Campus Run was held on the 15th November 2013. In that emotionally-heated afternoon, runners of each participating class first gathered in the school hall to shout out the cheering slogan created by their respective class. Then, the principal and vice-principals were invited to judge the costume design competition, in which the runners wore colourful and tailor-made jerseys to demonstrate their class spirit.

Once the competition started, the campus was totally filled with energy, excitement and enthusiasm. Cheering classmates roared, held up hand-made banners and indulged in the competitive yet friendly atmosphere during the relay-race.

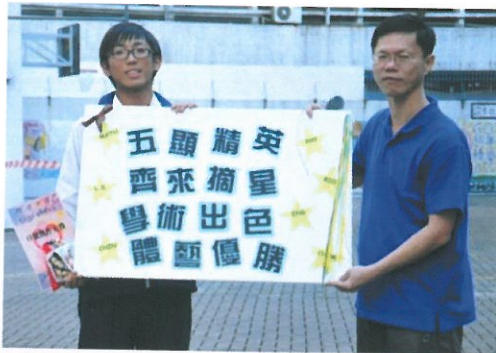


Participating in this traditional and meaningful activity made every student from Henrietta proud! We hope to keep passing the blessings and love to the charities with our sweat and energy every year.





Taking photos around the campus was continual all afternoon. Everyone could experience the class unity, friendship and sportsmanship.



Results of 2013 Charity Campus Run

Best Jersey Teams	F.2D, F.4D, F.6D
Best Slogans	F.2A, F.4A, F.5E
Champion for Forms 5-6	F.6D
Champion for Forms 3-4	F.3D
Champion for Form 2	F.2C
Champion for Form 1	F.1D

StarsMix

StarsMix – the school company in HSS of the Junior Achievement Company Programme (JACP)

This year is the first time for our school to enroll in the JACP and 35 F.4 students of our school participated in this programme. The JA Company Programme is to help young people understand and appreciate the role of business in Hong Kong, and to develop their entrepreneurship, teamwork and leadership through a learning-by-doing experience. In this event, students will showcase their creative products and services, and develop their confidence for future endeavors.



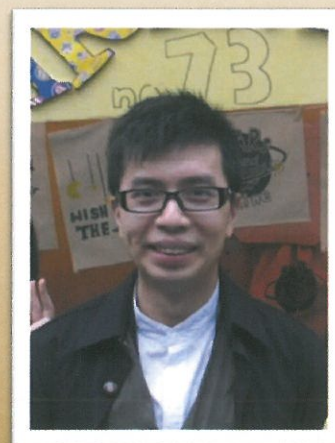
Mobile Promoters of the Participating School Companies at the Trade Fair



At the initial stage, our students had to elect the management team, complete a business plan and raise capital for the school company before starting their business from September to October. After setting up their school company, StarsMix, they implemented their business plan by producing products, organizing an in-school pre-sales in November. Finally, they had a Trade Fair at Chater Garden in Central on the 14th December 2013. On that day, they competed with the other 73 other school companies by selling their products to the public. After the phase of organization and operation, they prepared for the annual report, AGM, and final presentation competition from January to April, so that they could share their experience and review the company operations with the stockholders and the public.

It is our pleasure that the HSS Navigator invited four of the company directors to share their experience of running a company. They are the Directors of Production, Finance, Human Resources and IT.

Mr. Wong Chi-chung
Teacher-in-Charge of HSS JACP



DIRECTORS SAY

“This is the first time that I heard about JACP and I like this programme so much. As Production Director of the company, I was responsible for designing and making products. In this programme, I realized how a company works, how a general meeting is held and how to manage a large group of team members. We all put in a big effort as we thought that it is worth spending our time and energy on it. In the past few



months, we have been working hard together to prepare for the trade fair in December. We hope we can lead by example for those who get involved in this programme in the coming years.

From the programme, I learnt how to be responsible and under my ability more. I really

appreciate joining the programme as this was a mini sample of how society works!The programme and the fair was a successful one.”

Cheng Yat-ching (Class 4C)

Production Director

StarsMix

“Through this program, I learnt about entrepreneurship, teamwork and leadership. With the help of our business advisors, Charles and Alex, I acquired a lot of entrepreneurial knowledge such as stocks sale and the procedure of drafting agendas.

Also, I experienced the importance of teamwork. In order to make things run smoothly, we needed to cooperate with each other during the process of making and editing products.

In addition, since I was Human Resources Director, I needed to deploy and allocate staff to do different jobs. Effective communication was very important because every staff had their own difficulties and needs.

I felt honored to join this programme and my motto is “strive for the best”!

Ng Pak-ki (Class 4C)
Human Resources Director, StarsMix



“As IT Director in our school company, I experienced a company life cycle. From designing our products to fund-raising, and making our products to selling our products. The whole process needed the help of IT. Although it was exhausting, we all enjoyed participating in it. It was a valuable experience. In real life, I may not have the chance to experience it but JACP has given me a chance to explore my potential. Through JACP, I learnt about how a company works. Since IT is my specialty, I helped to prepare or backup all important documents of our company and design our own website. This was truly a fantastic opportunity for me to apply my specialty in the programme”.

Wong ming (Class 4C)

IT Director

StarsMix

“It was my great pleasure to join this programme and I was honored to take up the position of Finance Director. Through this programme, I learnt a lot of skills on how to operate a company, such as how to store goods properly, how to determine the price precisely and how to sell stocks skillfully.



For me, I think the most important skill was how to link up a group of people. We must remember ‘Two heads are better than one.’ So, it was important for our company to work together and cooperate with each other effectively. But I found that it was not so easy!

I was pleased to be able to join this programme. The experience that I gained was very useful and valuable and I believe I benefited a lot from it”.



Lau Ho-to (Class 4C)
Finance Director



We Are STARSMIX!



Strategic Planning



Paying a visit



**Our
gorgeous
hand-made
bracelets!**



Products for Sale at HSS!

**Our Beautifully-
Decorated Booth at
Trade Fair on the 14th
Dec 2013!**



Team Spirit!





English Speaking Day

15th November, 2013

A lot of students had a lot of fun participating in the English games on that day!

What's there to play?

Activity One: "Do you know your body?"

Activity Two: "Continue my word"

Activity Three: "Fun Interview"

According to the survey, a lot of students enjoyed having interviews with teachers. They also found the game "Continue my word" interesting too. Learning English through games can be fun and rewarding.

Many of the students said they would try their best to learn English and suggested other activities such as watching film, drama, singing contest and board games.



Non-English teachers also participated in the English-speaking Day to help promote the use of English in our daily life.