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Editorial

With the dawn of Hi-Tech era, came a drastic change in all walks of life that not only revolutionized the 'Pop Culture' but also the most-spoken English language. A mere glance at the Facebook and WhatsApp can give us a glimpse of how English writing has changed in the modern times!

The Hi-Tech gadgets brought many modern-day issues into limelight too. It is heart-warming to see that many of our students have put forward their concerns about a burning social issue – environmental protection and suggested creative measures to combat this problem. The article, 'If you were a fish, what would you say to the humans?', highlights another hot topic – 'Polluted Ocean' and reflects the unbiased views and opinions of students.

To captivate the interest of students and keep them gainfully engaged, a variety of English immersion-activities were organized in Term 2 pertaining to a wide spectrum of learning areas. As old saying goes, 'Learning English can be fun! It is not the filling of a pot but the lighting of a fire.'

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Term 2 English Corner Activities (2017-2018)

In term 2, many interesting activities were held in and outside the English Corner. Plenty of activities were held to celebrate Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Easter. Students took part in them with lots of excitement and enthusiasm.

1. CHINESE NEW YEAR

being one of the most important festivals in Chinese culture, it was celebrated with 'Lantern-riddle Game' which is a very popular activity with Chinese people. Through this activity, students learnt to wish others 'Fai-chun' in English. There were lots of smiles and giggles as they tried new vocabulary and words.



2. EASTER

On the English-speaking Day, two fun-games, related to Easter, were conducted in front of the school hall. One was to help students learn the names of the baby-animals. It was a matching game. The activity was organized by the NET, Ms. Gupta and assisted by Mr. Frederick Cheung who added a new dimension to the game by asking interesting questions about the animals. Participants won lots of chocolate eggs by matching the baby animals with the parent animals, in a given time. Since the game was time bound, there was lots of excitement as students had to race against the time to complete it.



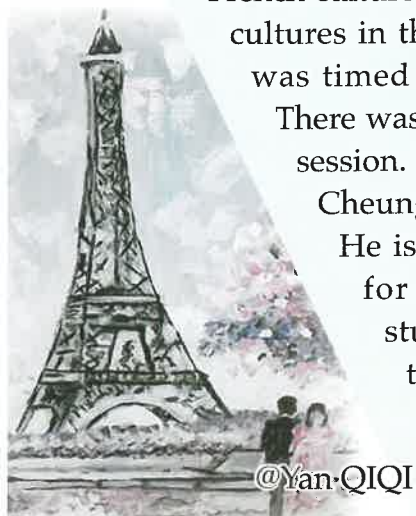
A team of dedicated English ambassadors promoted and conducted the English Corner activities enthusiastically.

The English Corner was decorated with English 'Fai-chun' hanging from the beautiful red lanterns along with colourful pictures related to Chinese New Year, Valentine's day and Easter, to captivate the attention of students and help them learn new vocabulary.



3. FRENCH CULTURE-BONJOUR (HELLO)!

French culture is considered to be one of the most refined and romantic cultures in the world. The timing to introduce this beautiful culture was timed perfectly with Valentine's Day just round the corner. There was a presentation by the NET, Ms. Gupta followed by a Q-A session. In spite of his busy schedule, Mr. Frederick Cheung came to teach some basic French words. He is fluent in French, having lived in Canada for a long time. Besides the basic words, students also learnt the famous attractions, things and food & wines of France, such as Louvre Museum, Mona Lisa, Eiffel Tower, macaroons, croissant etc.



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Happy Kitchen:

With everyone wanting to make something special, what could have been better on Valentine's Day than to make "Chocolate Roses and Chocolate Hearts" as a gift to the loved ones? The junior form students made them while having lots of fun and guess what? The best of the chocolate roses and hearts were made by Form one students.

If anyone wants to try them out, here is the recipe - a sure shot recipe to win anybody's heart!

INGREDIENTS

- White and dark chocolate drops
- Candy sprinkles/ golden dust
- Heart and rose shaped candy molds

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Melt the chocolate drops over hot water, in a glass bowl.
2. Pour white/ dark melted chocolate into the molds and refrigerate until firm.
3. Add sprinkles and golden dust over the chocolate hearts and roses to make them look nicer!
4. Wrap them in golden paper or pack them in beautiful heart shaped boxes for the best Valentine's Day gift ever!



Do you know?

1. Tomato is also known as love-apple.
2. Cupid is the God of love.
3. Dove is the symbol of peace.
4. Red roses are the most popular flowers given out on Valentine's Day.





The Volvo Ocean Race School Programme (STEM-related English Activity)



Every year, Volvo Hong Kong, organizes a around-the-world yacht race and provides students with a unique sports event experience that combines learning with interactive hands-on activities.

This year all the Form 3 students took part in their free school programme on 26th January 2018. The School Programme included Interactive hands-on experiences, STEM related worksheets that could be adapted for various subject areas i.e. English, Art, Sustainability, behind-the-scenes tour and a school competition.



The students had a great time participating in all the fun activities including a wooden boat ride, stimulator experience, photo gallery and magic show. The guided tour was very informative, too.



It was indeed a wonderful English-related activity, thoroughly enjoyed by all.





From movie to environment

Movie is a form of art using motion pictures to tell stories of various themes, ranging from love to wars, nature to religion. Amid all these themes, environment has always been popular among film makers. Countless of movies have been created under the motif of it. Here are some of the movies with a green theme.

John Hillcoat's "The Road", which was adapted from Cormac McCarthy's best-seller "The Road", is an eco-film depicting how a father and a son struggle to survive in a deserted world after the earth has been devastated by an unknown environmental disaster. The main story line lies in the love between a father and a son. However, throughout the movie, there are images of the negative impacts of the environmental problems. "The Road" sends a very strong message to the audience that the Earth needs our care and protection.



Perhaps "The Road" is too dark and too heavy for young viewers. If you want something light, Wall-E can be a good choice. Wall-E is a Disney animated movie. The story takes place 700 years in the future, when the Earth has been turned into a trash-covered ghost town. No sign of humans can be found as they have already fled to a gigantic spaceship that hovers in the outer space. Wall-E is a robot that still lives on the planet. The mood of the movie is not bleak and gloomy but it warns us that terrible state will happen if we don't take any action to solve the environmental problems now.



In the world of movies, the producers use their imagination to predict the disastrous future when the world is no longer suitable for humans to live. Back to the reality, the situation is not yet that worse. However, it is deteriorating and very soon, the prediction may become true. Take our ocean as an example. According to a recent news report from the SCMP, the waters around the globe have been polluted with microplastics. Fish and other sea creatures are found to have tiny plastic fragments inside their bodies. This greatly poses health risks to both humans and marine species. If we don't stop this problem, one day, the sea will be buried under rubbish and all marine animals will disappear. Without ocean, the earth will not be an ideal place for living creatures anymore.





A group of F4 students discussed the issue about plastic ocean. Let's see their opinions.

Topic: "If you were the fish, what would you say to the humans?"

My living environment is very bad now. You always throw rubbish to my home. Have you ever thought about how you live in such a dirty environment? If we eat dirty food, we will become sick. If you eat us, you will also be sick. Finally, you suffer from what you have done. So, please stop polluting the sea.

Mataragnon Natalie



Do you know what's the taste of the plastics? It's just a poisonous and awful taste. However, I can't do anything to avoid microplastics to go into my body parts. My home – sea has been polluted and I am very disappointed that I live in a trashed place. Can you imagine that you live in an air-polluted area? So, please don't pollute my home and recycle your plastic items.

Andy Li



Have you eaten something you don't know? After eating those plastics, my stomach starts swelling. I feel very painful. I couldn't digest the things in my stomach. I feel full all the time. Also, my living environment is full of floating things which I think they are my food.

Ken Chen



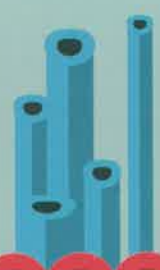
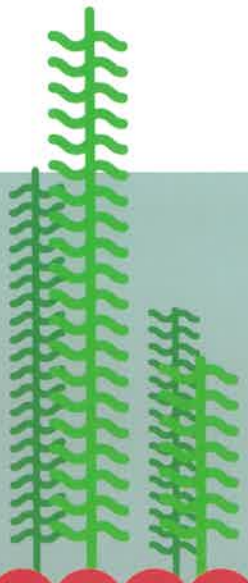
You dumb mortals, do you know the consequences of your action? Think about it, what do you eat? Fools! YOU EAT ME and what do I eat? PLASTICS! That's right! I survive for vengeance of my brothers. I don't care what I eat. What I know is that you will suffer for eating me!

Claudio Ku



Awful, smelly, horrible are the words to describe my living place. Some of you are so selfish that you always throw rubbish into the sea for your own convenience, fish my family and friends for your own appetite and produce lots of waste discharge for your industrial development. Your inconsiderate behavior has polluted my habitat, posing a great threat to our existence. Nothing in the world can delight me so much as clean, pleasant and unpolluted ocean. Humans, humans! I plead for your help. Please reduce the use of non-biodegradable products.

Jessica Yu



In the past, I was living in a clear and clean blue ocean. The scenery was beautiful. There were a lot of marine species available in the sea. My friends, family and I were swimming enjoyably in the clear water all day long. However, such happy moments did not last long because of those selfish humans! The sea is no longer clear and blue. Instead, it is full of household waste and plastic substances floating on the sea. Do you know that rubbish is highly damaging to the whole marine life? Many good friends of mine have been killed. If humans do not stop doing this, the whole eco-system will be spoiled.

Kylie Leung

Mankind, you are so strange. You always talk about human rights and animal rights. But, you are just hypocrites! When you try to protect us, the prime concern is about yourselves. Always about you! If there is no short-term benefit – MONEY – you will not act until the last moment. So please, we are both animals. Maybe we are not smart. We are also LIVES! Please protect us from suffocating death. Stop throwing your rubbish to my home!

Thomas Chan

Hey, humans! You are the germs of the Earth, you know? You always throw the plastic items in the sea! That will affect my life! I always eat plastic items. I feel so painful every day. Besides, after you flush the toilet, the human waste will drift to the sea. I cannot understand why you are so selfish. Please stop it and help us!

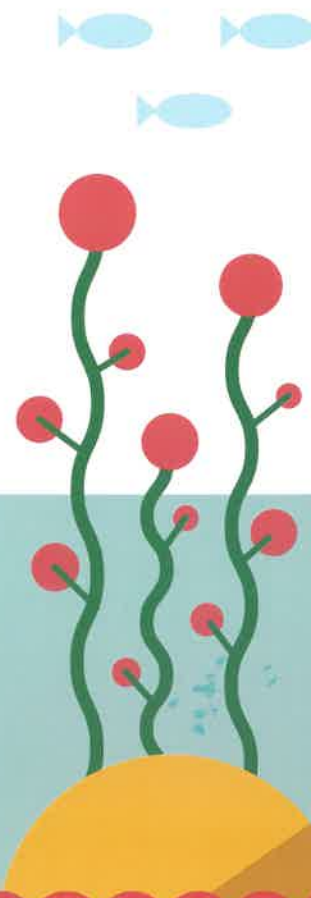
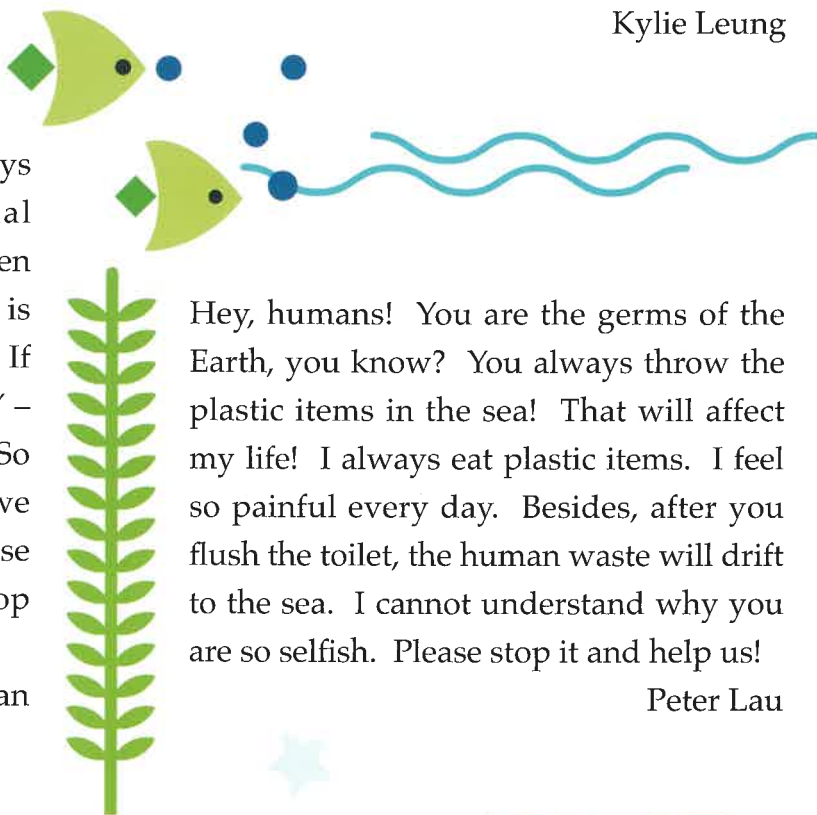
Peter Lau

I feel painful and angry. I hope humans not to throw plastic items into the sea. Many fish think they are the food to eat. Finally, they get sick or die. I have lost many friends. Also, the people are lazy. They throw rubbish into the sea, not the rubbish bins. It is very self-centered. You all need to know how to protect the ocean.

Venus Ho

I do not want to eat microplastics. I want to tell the humans, if you were fish, you would feel that pain. Please teach your children how to protect the ocean. One more thing to tell you, you are eating plastics too.

Ryan Mok



ACTION ANIME!

Attack on Titan

This anime has a huge worldview, which mesmerises readers with the darkness in humanity.

Its thrilling and piercing theme song, Crimson Bow and Arrow, is also one of the factors contributing to its success.

The writer portrays every character very sophisticatedly, making each of them prominent. The greatest part about watching Attack on Titan is that you can uncover numerous unexpected secrets in every episode.



JOJO's Bizarre Adventure

This anime is another very exciting anime. The worldview of this anime is not very big but there are many jokes and fighting scenes. There are different characters controlling their own unique avatar in different seasons but they share the same purpose, which is "to save the world".

Dragon Ball

This anime is classic and popular. It was first published in 1984, but it has fans of different ages. This anime has a nice plot and the fighting scenes are breath-taking and attractive. The anime also tries to bring joy to fans by its hilarious jokes.



Anime Related to Fantasy Worlds

Re: 0 Life in a different world from zero
KonoSuba: God's Blessing on This Wonderful World!



You do not only find human beings in fantasy worlds. There are different ethnicities, such as ork, fairy, and devil. Can you imagine a world that only uses magic? This can happen in these anime! What can be used are not magic tricks but magic power that can be used for combat, flying or even saving the world. And the characters do not use cars to travel. They use dragons or even monsters.



And boys are in particular attracted by these anime because the female characters are adorable and miserable. Boys would become sympathetic knowing their stories and want to protect them from the villains.



Why Do Boys Like "Anime Girls"?

The most important reason is of course their appearance. They usually look adorable and vulnerable. Some of them have beautiful outfits while some just look like the girls next door. Boys wish to have a girlfriend whom they are proud of. It is very normal for them to be attracted by these female characters.



Anime girls have different appearances. They can be divided into two kinds.

1. Lolita

This kind of girls look extremely cute. And they have big eyes and a small mouth. Most of them have an ordinary body and their age is around 8-16. A lot of boys treat them as their younger sister.

2. Royal sisters

This kind of girls look mature. They also have big eyes and a big mouth. But most of them have a well-developed body and their age is around 16-28. Boys treat them as their elder sisters.

The anime girls have a lot of characteristics and most can be divided into two categories.

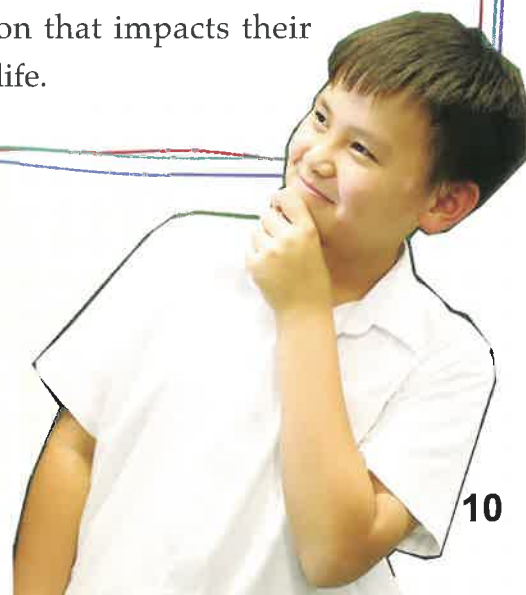


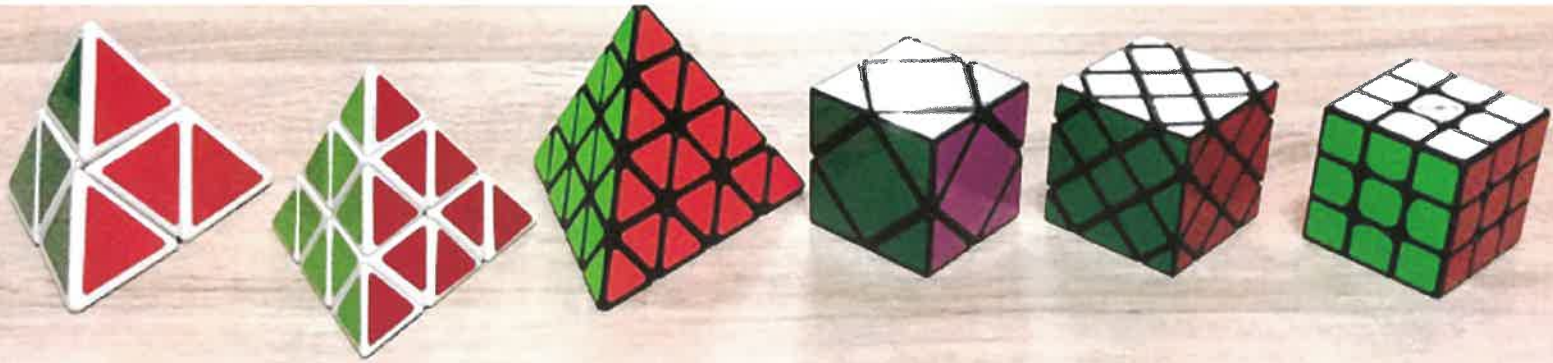
1. Tsundere

Tsundere (ツンデレ, pronounced [tsundere]) is a Japanese term for a character development process that describes a person who is initially cold (and sometimes even hostile) before gradually showing a warmer, friendlier side over time.

2. Illness

These anime feature characters who struggle with a debilitating health condition, whether they're diagnosed with a terminal illness, a mental health issue, or a lifelong condition that impacts their way of life.





Rubik's Cubes

There is a wide variety of Rubik's cubes, for example: 3x3, Pyramix, megamix, etc. But do you know the history of it?

The history

Back in 1974, Erno Rubik made a prototype of the 3x3 Rubik's cube. It is made of wood.

In 1980, The Rubik's cube made its first international appearance in toy fairs across the world.

David Singmaster published the first layer-by-layer method. It is commonly used by many puzzlers and beginner cubers.

In 1980 and 1981, the Rubik's cube received the UK Toy of the Year Award.

In 1997, Jessica Fridrich published her methods for solving the Rubik's Cube online.

(source:ruwix)

World record

3x3: 4.22 by Feliks Zemdegs

4x4: 14.84 by Sebastian Weyer

Pyramix: 1.19 by Dominik Górný

Skewb: 1.10 by Jonatan Klosko

(source:World Cube Association)



Best Love Song of 2017

Perfect by Ed Sheeran

1) Choose the correct words.

I found a girl / love for me
 Darling just dive / jump right in
 And follow my lead / trail
 Well I found a girl / love beautiful and sweet
 I never / always knew you were
 the one / someone waiting for me



2) Complete the lyrics with the correct tense of the given verbs.

'Cause we _____ (be) just kids when we _____ (fall) in love
 Not knowing what it _____ (be)
 I will not _____ (give) you up this time
 But darling, just _____ (kiss) me slow, your heart _____ (be) all I own
 And in your eyes you're _____ (hold) mine

3) Put the chorus in the correct order:

Chorus
 () But you heard it, darling, you look perfect tonight
 () When you said you looked a mess, I whispered underneath my breath
 () Barefoot on the grass, listening to our favourite song
 () Baby, I'm dancing in the dark with you between my arms



4) Complete the lyrics with the words in bold:

woman - stronger - shares - I'll - found - secrets - children - Fighting - we'll - Darling

Well I found a _____, _____ than anyone I know
 She _____ my dreams, I hope that someday _____ share her home
 I _____ a love, to carry more than just my _____
 To carry love, to carry _____ of our own
 We are still kids, but we're so in love _____ against all odds
 I know _____ be alright this time
 _____, just hold my hand
 Be my girl, I'll be your man
 I see my future in your eyes



5) Put the chorus in the correct order:

() You look perfect tonight	() When I saw you in that dress, looking so beautiful
() Now I know I have met an angel in person	() I don't deserve this, darling, you look perfect tonight
() Barefoot on the grass, listening to our favourite song	() Barefoot on the grass, listening to our favourite song
() And she looks perfect	() I have faith in what I see
() Baby, I'm dancing in the dark, with you between my arms	() I don't deserve this
() Baby, I'm dancing in the dark, with you between my arms	



What's going on with the magic numbers?

This year, a wide variety of activities were successfully organized by the Students' Union, Cohere. One of the innovative and spectacular highlights is '3-6-9-12' booth games. So, what exactly is the activity? Our reporters have interviewed the President of Cohere, Miss Kitty Lam Tsz Kwan and another committee member and photographer Mr. Anthony Yau Wai Fung to brief all of us about the brand-new and interesting activity that has won critical acclaim among all the participants.

R: Reporter

K: Kitty Lam

A: Anthony Yau

R: How did you come up with the idea of organizing it?

A: When we were planning the activities during the election period, we found that some Students' Unions from other schools had held booth games before. Therefore, we came up with an idea that we should design our own booth games which are fun and attractive to students. We decided to hold this activity as its budgeted cost was affordable and the popularity of it was strong when we received the initial responses from schoolmates.

「三六九十二」攤位遊戲

日期：5月23-24日 (星期三,四)
 時間：12:30-13:05
 *同學於攤位集齊3個蓋印，即可於扭蛋機抽出精美獎品一份。

hss cohere



R: What were the challenges when organizing it?

A: The most challenging part was that we had to make the most effective use of the limited budget. The props from the eggbeater for lottery or the frame for flipping slippers were all made by us. We used lots of time and put tremendous efforts to prepare the necessary materials for the activity.



R: How did you divide the manpower?

K: There were two main factors under my considerations.

First, it's my teammates' interest.

As I always believe that if you are interested in something, you will enjoy working on it wholeheartedly. I hope this activity not only provides happiness for students, but also for our committee members as well.

Second, it's the strength and weakness. A successful activity needs strong team work so that the things can be run together smoothly. Our weakness can be the strength of others, so we need to work with the teammates who are different from us. This can help us complement each other and make things perfect.



R: How did you feel after the event?

K: We are delighted and honoured to have a chance holding this fun activity for our schoolmates. Although it is not easy for us to conduct four games at the same time, we never felt frustrated and indeed we even worked harder on this activity. I am pleased to see how much effort our teammates have paid and the smiles on our schoolmates' faces. We are totally satisfied and it's beyond description.



R: How did the participants feel?

K: Under the joyous and lively mood, most of the students found this activity enjoyable and they were eager to play those games during recess and lunchtime. The most popular game is the 'three-point shot', which was popular among boys and girls. It also brought a profound impression to other audiences, including teachers and schoolmates.



R: So, would you like “3-6-9-12” become a tradition of SU’s activity at Henrietta?

K: Definitely! We hope that it can last long. There will be more fun and exciting games throughout the school year. Then, apart from studying we can also have a fruitful and memorable school life!

