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THE NEW HORIZON

LOOK AHEAD FOR TOMORROW'S CHALLENGE

Editorial

Summer vacation starts in July. We believe all of you (as students) must be very excited about what you would do in summer. Apart from taking a break from your busy studies, we hope that you will still spend your time effectively and meaningfully planning what you will do to prepare yourselves for the next academic year. In this edition, the introduction of film reviews will hopefully give you some new insights into how to watch a film with appreciation. 'School Events' keeps updating our School's activities. Our 'Profile' this time introduces a student from Form 3 regarding how she works hard to break through her own limitations to be

successful in playing her music. 'Students' Writing Corner' is also a part you should not miss. We sincerely hope you enjoy this edition and wish you a happy and fruitful summer.

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Ho Ying Ying is a Form 3E student. She has won numerous awards in different music competitions at school and in the public. Her outstanding performance in playing Gu Zheng earns a lot of applause. Ying Ying is an active and extrovert person. Her friendly attitude also helps her gain a lot of friendships at school. Indeed, before she started finding her interest in playing Gu Zheng, she was a passive and quiet girl.

Profile

Interviewer : Cheung Fu Wah Interviewee : Ho Ying Ying

Cheung: How long have you been playing Gu Zheng?

Ying: I have been playing it since I was in primary six. Up to this month, I have learnt it for four full years.

Cheung: Why did you choose playing Gu Zheng but not other instruments?

Ying: The reason I chose it because the player looks artistic and wise with the Zheng. The wonderful sound of the Zheng also attracts me a lot. I think each string from the instrument can make a terrific bit that makes audience feel comfortable and relaxed. Another reason is that I was recommended by one of my primary school teachers to join a government's subsidized music programme for training students to play musical instruments. I like Chinese music. Compared with other instruments, I think Gu Zheng looks more professional and cool.

Cheung: What do you think the most difficult part of playing Gu Zheng?

Ying: Since Gu Zheng can have thirteen to twenty-five metal or nylon strings. As a girl like me, it is very difficult for me to apply the force with brisk movements of my fingers into it. However, through daily training, I have learnt how to control it proficiently.

Cheung: During the process of Gu Zheng training, what have you learnt other than just the music knowledge?



Ying: I think playing Gu Zheng teaches me how to be patient, concentrated and hardworking. Since the training occupies me almost two hours a day on weekly basis, it's easy to give up if I do not persist in it. I used to be a less motivated and quiet person. My parents even thought that I would give it up when I started playing it. However, my hardworking and assiduous attitude helps me break through all my limitations and makes me success in different music competitions. Playing Gu Zheng makes me feel confident. Through joining competitions and public performances, I have gained a lot of valuable experiences that also enhance my skills. Furthermore, I was a shy and passive girl but now I have become active and outgoing after I learnt to play Gu Zheng. Therefore, 'no pain, no gain' is the principle if you want to succeed in everything. Just like learning English, you should keep working hard without giving it up although you may encounter difficulties. 'Practice Makes Perfect' is a universal rule of success.



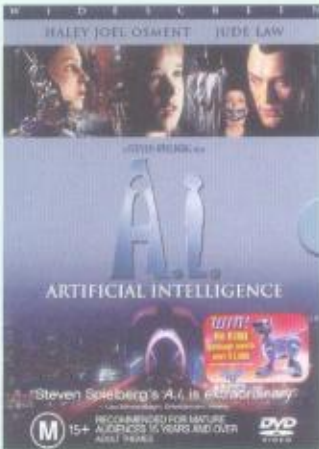
Gu Zheng is one of the oldest music instruments in the world. The earliest Zheng can be dated back 2500 years ago. It had five silk strings and a bamboo soundbox. Influenced by Confucianism, at that time playing and understanding music was one of the four skills a person must have to be considered as well-educated.

By CHEUNG FU WAH

English Movies For You

Do you like watching movies? Here are some good movies that we want to introduce to you. Hope you like them.

A.I / Artificial Intelligence



Earth's natural resources are depleted - but human resourcefulness is in full flight, engineering ways of coping with everyday life with the help of robots. Couples need permits to procreate but one thing the robots don't yet have are emotions. Love and affection are the last frontiers of A.I. until Professor Hobby (William Hurt) and his team at Tufts University develop

David (Haley Joel Osment) a prototype of a boy robot who can be programmed to bond with his parents, love his mother and love her forever. A Cybertronics employee Henry Swinton (Sam Robards) and his wife Monica (Frances O'Connor) are given the unique opportunity to foster David while grieving over their own son. David soon learns - through a wild adventure in the company of robotic Gigolo Joe (Jude Law) - that humans and robots are on different sides, and he'd prefer staying with his mum. If he can survive...

Comments:

This movie is about a robot, which had a human as his mother and he loved her so deeply but one day, his mother abandoned him because he was not a human. So the little boy started to find the fairy in the fairy-tale but at last he could not find the fairy because it was just a story! This movie tells a sad story because at last the boy could not stay with his mother. 'If one of my family members was a robot, how would I treat it?' I wondered.



By FICNA FOK (Form 3F)

New York Minute

Since the death of their mother, twins Jane (Ashley Olsen) and Roxy (Mary-Kate Olsen) have drifted apart. Jane has become a top student, while Roxy has rebelled, cutting school and working on her band. Today is the most important day of Jane's life. She hopes to win a scholarship to study at Oxford, and it's time for her to deliver her speech to the awarding committee. But it's a big day for Roxy too. She's been invited to a video shoot for a band where she hopes to impress some A&R types with her band's demo CD. Roxy cuts school yet again and the two girls leave Long Island to make their appointments in Manhattan. But Roxy is being pursued by the tenacious truant officer Max Lomax (Eugene Levy), who is determined to nab her. Things take a turn for



the worse when the girls foolishly accept a lift from a stranger who turns out to be an inept gangster and music pirate (Andy Richter).

Comments:

This story is about the twin girls -- Jane and Roxy. Although Jane and Roxy have the same appearance, their behavior is different. They are twins but they've got very different characters. Jane is older. She is very formal, polite, traditional and tidy but her sister Roxy is completely the opposite. She likes rock music and playing drum. She is messy and rude. Her dream is to be a singer with her band playing rock songs. In the story, a man thinks that Jane and Roxy stole a clip but they actually did not. The man then started chasing them because of the clip. Through this, they realize that they care each other very much. The story is touching. It makes me cry. This movie is a comedy. They speak very slow and easy English so I think it is suitable for everyone even the lower form students. In short, it is a good and exciting movie.

By VIKTORIA KONG (Form 4E)

Learning English Through Films

By MISS CHEUNG MAN YEE

With a view to promoting English culture and English-learning, the English Enhancement Scheme committee has



organized several monthly 'Film Shows' this year. During lunchtime, students can freely watch educational English movies in which only English subtitles are displayed. Students can learn English and also know more about Western culture through

entertainment. Many scholars believe that it is easier to learn when you are having fun. So we offer students different kinds of films, like the exceptionally successful film 'The Sound of Music', an interesting comedy 'Bend It Like Beckham', etc. Next year, we will continue introducing you more interesting films, like documentaries, comedies, and even romantic films.

The following is a short dialogue between Miss Cheung and a student about the film show.

Student (Ah B) : My English is not good. I am afraid I can't understand what the film is about.

Teacher : Don't worry, Ah B. In a film, you can usually see the speakers. You can see their expressions and their body language. You can also see the things they are talking about. In fact, you can even try to predict what will happen next in the film as many films have easy-to-predict plots. After all, you may read the

English sub-titles if you find the speaking too fast.

Student : Well, everyone knows that watching films can help enhance our listening capacity. But apart from improving the listening skills, what else can I learn if I go for the film shows?

Teacher : Lots of vocabulary and useful expressions. You may bring a notebook with you. Jot down some useful words or terms and use them in your writing and daily conversations. After all, I'm sure you will have lots of fun in the film shows.

Student : Let me ask Ah A, Ah C and Ah D to go for the next film show together!



School Events 2004-2005



The New Annex

The new annex of the campus was completed in December 2004. Students started using the new classrooms there in the second term. The new annex provides students with more spacious, modern and equipped classrooms so as to let them enjoy their school life. Our future English Self-access Learning Centre will also be set up on the first floor, room 101A of the new annex.



The First Student Union Committee of Henrietta



The first Student Union's inaugural ceremony was held on February 25 2005. Chairman of the Student Union, Tang Tze Chung (Form 6B), has claimed that he would try his best with the committee to effectively establish a communication bridge between the school and the student body. Moreover, he promised that the Union would provide all students in



Henrietta with student services.



The Student Union Centre is located on the first floor of the new annex. Students are welcome to visit the Centre and meet the Student Union committee to share with them their opinions towards the School and the Union. The location is in room 101C. The opening hours: 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Regular school days from Monday to Friday).

Environmental Protection Assembly

To promote ideas of environmental protection, some teachers performed an interesting and educational drama at one of the weekly assemblies in April. Furthermore, to support the idea of saving energy, our school also joined a 'No Air-Con Day' on April 29. Although all air-conditioners were shut down that day, teachers and students have learnt the importance of saving the world and using less energy to protect the environment.



Sharing on English Reading

Morning Reading Scheme organized a sharing session on May 17, 05 for students to share their opinions of reading and recommend some popular books to promote the importance of English reading on daily basis. 'The Da Vinci Code' may be one of the good choices for those who like adventures with detective mood.

Students' Writing Corner



I think that everyone should have, at least one, unforgettable dream, including me.

Last year, when the U.S. troops made an attack in Iraq, I had a strange dream.



In the dream, I was in Baghdad, the capital of Iraq. On the street, the buildings were on fire, and people were escaping, crying, lying on the street and so forth. After the U.S troops had made an attack there, the whole place turned to

ruins and the ground was littered with human-body parts and pool of blood . People there were tearful and lifeless. At the corner of the corridor besides a building, I found an old woman holding her grandson in her arms, lying helplessly on the road, trying desperately to make him conscious from being dead. She also called other people for help, but no one was likely to give a helping hand to her. I saw many people running, holding their wounded heads and blood streaming through their hands. When I saw that, I felt so pitiful to her and went to help her without hesitation.

'Do you need some help?' I asked.

'Yes! Yes! Help me to call the ambulance. My grandson is in danger now! He was hit by a thunderous blow to his back.' She replied.

Twenty minutes later, the ambulance came and sent the little boy to the hospital. The old woman and I got on the ambulance too.

On arriving the hospital, the boy was taken to the emergency room at once. The old woman was waiting outside throughout the operation, and praying that his grandson would be safe. I stood beside her trying to console her and I asked, 'Why are you here alone? What about his parents?'

'They have all been killed by the bombs dropped by the troops ! My son and his family are innocent. Why are they so brutal to kill us?' She responded. 'Allah will protect my grandson. Allah will give us a helping hand to fight against the troops.'

Six hours later , the physician came out of the operation room and said regretfully, 'We have tried our best, but we can't save him still. We feel very sorry about that.'

The old woman hesitated for a while. Her face turned white and then she lost her consciousness. Since that case, the woman disappeared...

I would never forget this dream. It not only shows the poor conditions of the people worldwide, but also shows the abominable, cruel picture of wars. So, I think we must be in aid of the people who need help, stand up together to fight against wars.

Ey TAMUI SHAN (Form 4B)



I want the world be peace and no more war. Will this ever be true?

