

## THE CHIU CHOW POST



ENGLISH GRAMMAR

## MUCH - MANY A LOT OF - LOTS OF



= a large quantity of something

Much and Many are mainly used in negative sentences and questions. They are not common in affirmative sentences though still possible. Much is used with uncountable nouns.

Many is used with plural countable nouns.

## MUCH

#### + UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- I don't have much time.
- He doesn't need much money.
- Does it use much electricity?

## MANY

#### + PLURAL COUNTABLE NOUNS

- There aren't many chairs in the room.
- I don't have many friends.
- Do you think many people will go?

With affirmative sentences, we prefer a lot of instead of much/many. A lot of / lots of are not common in negative sentences or questions. A lot of can be used with countable nouns and uncountable nouns. a lot of = lots of



#### + UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- I need a lot of coffee.(= I need lots of coffee.)
- There is a lot of traffic today.



#### + PLURAL COUNTABLE NOUNS

- She has a lot of friends. (= She has lots of friends.)
- There are a lot of cars on the street.

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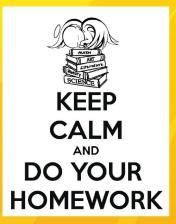
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# Is There Too Much Homework?



By Peter Yam Yat Chung 2A (28)



In my opinion, too much homework is not good for students. The alleged aim of homework is to encourage students to review what they had learnt that day. But in reality, the true purpose of homework is to force lazy students to keep busy after school. For the students who are capable of self-learning, homework is meaningless.

Thus, homework has become a burden on students rather than quality revision. The Prisoner's Dilemma has become a trend in Hong Kong. It is when a school gives too much homework to students with the belief that it will improve their academic results. Parents and school administrators may think that it is a good way for kids to study hard but the problem is that—the school becomes full of unmotivated students. The students' aim becomes to just complete the assignments without absorbing any deep knowledge or gaining any critical thinking skills. However, some schools have no choice but to follow this trend of piling more homework to students. Consequently the homework keeps piling on.

However in actuality, homework has little effect on academic results. For example, students in Mexico and Finland obtain successful exam scores without having much homework. Therefore, the evidence suggests that too much homework will not boost academic results, but instead it puts quite a lot of added negative pressure on the students. Furthermore, stress from high expectations and an overwhelming work-load contribute to the increasing suicide rate in Hong Kong.

Now is the time for teachers to stop handing out too much homework to students. Students must be provided a chance for self-learning and given time to enjoy life.





#### **Crystal CHEUNG HOI YUK 2A (5)**

Parents should not hold all of the lai see money. When people give you a red packet, it's just for you! Like a gift, you don't need to give something in return. So, parents have no reason to hold all of their children's red packets. Furthermore if children keep some of the lai see money for themselves, it can help them learn how to be less impulsive. They can learn not to spend too much money and learn how to save.

However, it doesn't mean that children should keep all of the money. When someone gives you a red packet, your parents also give other children red packets. As a result, if you get more money than what your parents give to other children, then the difference should be for safe keeping. Your parents can put the difference in your savings. This is fair for you and your parents.



Yes, I think so. It is because I am quite impulsive as I only act on my first feeling. For example, when I find a good comic book, I will buy it subconsciously. I don't care about the price or how little cash I have left. Furthermore, I always buy a lot of junk food. This makes my pockets empty in just the middle of the month! Though, I really want to hold on to my lai see money, I am not confident enough to keep it. I will give the money to my parents for safekeeping. I believe that I can fully control my behavior one day but my parents should hold on to my lai see money for now.



#### Daniel KU YUNG HEI 2A (21)

I can see there are possibly some benefits of parents keeping the lai see money for their kids; because some children will buy meaningless objects like toys, accessories or fast food. Theoretically, teens are impulsive. They will act on their first emotion and do something without thinking; and parents have critical thinking skills, so they understand the true needs of their kids. But I actually don't agree with this point, because the lai see money is mine! Lai see money is a gift, something to be enjoyed with no strings attached. If my parents keep my money, they will stop me from buying what I want. So I must keep the lai see money for myself.



#### Vanessa ZHANG WENXI 2A (16)

Yes. Since teenagers are not mature, they are very spontaneous. They act purely on passion. Teenagers don't have enough cognitive skills to use money reasonably. They will buy a lot of meaningless things and not think about the price. Parents are adults; they have sound judgment already. They know how to use money reasonably and understand the true needs of their kids. So, parents should hold on to our lai see money.



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#### **Margaret FUNG SHUK CHEUNG 2A (7)**

Definitely not! What is the purpose of a red packet? Giving a red packet is a way of giving a blessing. It is a special New Year's gift. It should be something to be enjoyed. Chinese New Year is a rare opportunity for the recipient of the red packet to be impetuous to buy whatever they want without the contractual obligation to save or invest. So I don't agree parents should hold on to our lai see money for safekeeping. It's my money! I can do with it what I please with it!

#### **Kevin MO SHIYU 2A (24)**

Yes and no. When young people hold on to their lucky money, they might use this money to purchase disposable products like video games that distract them from studying. Video games lose value quickly and are a poor long term investment. One of the simplest ways to avoid a poor investment is to let parents hold on to the money. But on the other hand, some youths can control their behavior. They will use the money for more beneficial items like books. A good book is not only a lot of fun to read, but it can also open our minds. So, some young people are capable of using the money in the right way and some are not.



#### Pelmo WANGCHUK NAMGAY 2A (13)

No. Parents can teach their children to manage their money by allowing them to keep it. Parents should guide and monitor their children's spending by encouraging them to think about their needs; rather than just taking their money away. It's a useful skill that the children will need for the rest of their life.









## WRITING COMPETITION S4 Champion

4A( 9) LEUNG LAI WA Gisele Theme: Image Description

My teaching experience

This illustration represents my experience with Oxfam. Oxfam is a charitable organization. As an Oxfam volunteer we travelled to a rural area of North China to teach students at an impoverished school. We bought some blackboards, chalk, desks and chairs for them. The students there were not as mischievous as I had thought. On the contrary, they were adorable and energetic. They jumped at the chance to answer questions because they would have to write on the blackboard. I will never forget how they looked when they wrote with chalk. I was surprised of their unquenchable thirst for knowledge. This photo motivates me in my academic pursuits.

#### Friendship

Friendship plays an important role in our daily lives. This photo was taken last month on Sports Day. At first, we argued for the members who took part in the class relay and we felt disappointed with each other. We calmed down after a while and tried to cope with the problem, so we aired our grievances utterly. Through the hardship, we started to come together. We stuck together as one and with encouragement it was all conquerable. This photo reminds me to cherish friends and friendships.





#### WRITTING COMPETITION

S5 Champion 5A (7) LI JIAYUE Taylor Theme: Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my views on gambling among teenagers. Recently, I noticed that some of my schoolmates spend a lot of money betting on their favorite soccer teams. It seems that soccer gambling has become a popular activity with the young generation.

One of the reasons I think teenagers do so, is that they lack self-control. If one of their friends is an enthusiast of soccer gambling, they will all get addicted to it unavoidably as teenagers always get together to play with their friends. Also, they feel ashamed of refusing others. When their friends encourage them to have a try at something, they hardly ever say "no" to them. Once they give gambling a try, they easily immerse themselves in it due to peer influence. Besides, most youngsters regard gambling as harmless. They suppose they gamble for pleasure in order to entertain themselves in the dull school life, enjoying the highs of winning, however, they are affected deeply by it.

Students indulge in gambling, so much so that they keep thinking about it at school, at home or anywhere. The matches usually begin late, so they wake up in the middle of the night to gamble. Certainly, it disturbs the studies of those students who gamble frequently. They are not able to get enough sleep and it is harmful to their health.

Some students have misconceptions of soccer gambling. They consider it a way to show their support for their favorite teams. It is definitely nonsense. They tarnish the matches by making bets which can't benefit their favorite soccer team.

In fact, students can choose to buy related jerseys to show their support, or they can make an appointment to watch a live soccer match together.

In short, a lack of self-control, peer influence and entertainment are contributing factors of gambling among teenagers. It affects their study and health. It is better that they support their favorite soccer team by buying a related jersey or watching a live match on TV.

Yours faithfully, Chris Wong



#### WRITING COMPETITION

S6 Champion 6B (26) LO KA LOK Kyle

**Theme: Exchange Programme** 

Good morning Principal, teachers and fellow students,

Today I am really honoured standing here to give a speech to you. I do know that, every student desires another astonishing chance to study, right? Therefore, I would like to promote a summer exchange program that is suitable for every junior-form student.

I was one of the participants of the last year's exchange program. Let's guess where I went last time. It's Ohio in America! The trip was about cultural exchange, so we interacted closely with local students and teachers in Ohio. All students and teachers were kind and gentle as they embraced cultural inclusion. I even met a Thai girl in class, who had been living there for 10 years!

During the time chatting with the Thai girl, I realized there were a multitude of differences between the education systems of Thailand and America. She mentioned that American colleges were more spacious and the teachers gave students more freedom for choosing their school excursions, as well as extra-curricular activities.

We visited many landmarks in Ohio, including the renowned spot selling fish and chips in an affluent area. I strongly recommend you try the set meal there. The staff were polite and patient enough to respond to our silly questions and requests. I was totally immersed into the American culture, where the freedom of choices and freewill was often embraced.

What's more, I showed tremendous improvement in confidence and my spoken English. I used to be an introvert, but now I was confident enough to communicate with others in English. What a great trip!

I look forward to seeing all of you to take part in the coming exchange program to enrich your studying life. Please feel free to ask me any questions after the school assembly. Thank you and have a nice day.





FIGHT !!!

Vanessa Zhang Wenxi and Crystal Cheung Hoi Yuk from S.2 debate about public exams.

#### **Should Students Have to Pay to Sit in Public Exams?**

#### Vanessa Zhang

Yes, students should definitely pay to sit in public exams. Public exams are the most important exams of our lives. They are the bridge between us and university. If we can get over this bridge, we will have the first success of our life. However, how can we achieve success and not have to pay a price? Aside from studying diligently, we should also have to pay some money too.

Currently, if we want to join the public exams, it costs around \$3,000. Some people might say that's very expensive. But in my opinion, that attitude is very selfish. The Education Bureau provides a lot of things such as money, manpower and time while organizing the public exams, so we should contribute also. The government gives us an opportunity to go to college and fight for a better life. We have to pay our fees and give something in return. In addition, for the people who are living below the poverty line, the government will help them cover some of the cost because they are the future of Hong Kong. But I think all students should contribute something.

#### **Crystal Cheung**

No! No! No! I think it wouldn't be right for Hong Kong students to have to pay. You must think about those living in poverty or surviving on modest means in Hong Kong. They greatly outnumber the rich. The Gini Coefficient of Hong Kong shows that the city is still in a crisis, displaying the huge wealth gap between the rich and the poor. The poor can't afford the basic necessities of living such as food, rent, transportation and electricity. Then they are expected to conjure up \$3,000?

Meanwhile, the rich can easily pay for the public exams with their pocket change. This further disadvantages poor students but it also places Hong Kong at serious risk. Hong Kong society may lose the maximized potential of many intelligent people by trapping them in a dead end cycle. We should help the daughters and sons of Hong Kong to sit in the public exams. We should care more about the people in Hong Kong who are not as privileged!



#### **Game Review**

### **CROSS FIRE: THE GUNNERS KING**

BY DANIEL KU 2A (21)

There are many kinds of games in the world. Some video games are created for computer use. They have an excellent picture quality and amazing graphics. Some video games are designed for mobile phones. They are simple and convenient but still a lot of fun to play. Now, I will introduce a game that combines the graphic design quality of a computer game and the convenient fun of a mobile phone game. It's called Cross Fire: The Gunners King.

Cross Fire: The Gunners King is coproduced by the Korean companies Smilegate and Tencent Games. It took 3 years to create this genuine first-person shooter game.

As a national-class competition mobile game, the game perfectly inherits the quality and game play of a PC. At the same time, it uses the operational characteristics of a mobile phone game. Players can experience the pleasure of shooting and athletic competition in the palm of their hand.

Cross Fire is the global leader in first person shooter games. Hundreds of millions of Cross Fire players have played this mobile game since the official release was finally announced.

Mobile games have also made a breakthrough in innovation. Mobile games now use a second-generation engine. Thus, gaming graphics reach a new height of excitement during gun battles. The ultra-high-definition screen experience makes the game even more realistic and immersive.

I've played a lot of games but there are not many games that keep me interested. This is a mobile game that I insist on playing for a year and a half, because it is a great game. I hope you will be interested in this game too.



## Passion for Latin Dance

By Ken Lo Kin Leung 1C (12)





Ken Lo recently competed in the HKBDFl Ballroom Dance Championships on April 1st, 2018 with outstanding results, earning 2nd Place.

My name is Ken Lo and I started to learn Latin dance when I was only six years old. Over the years dancing has taught me respect, discipline and hard work. But most of all it is a lot of fun.

Latin dance is an international sport with competitors from all over the world. Candidates from Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand compete in the Hong Kong Open Championships. Competitive dance also has many rules and

regulations. Proper steps and posture are very important. There are five different kinds of Latin dance as well, which include the Cha-Cha, the Rumba, the Samba, live and the Paso Doble. It's not an easy job for me. I really have to work at it.

I have participated in quite a few Open Championships and my results were seldom good. But I continued to persist because I enjoyed the process of working with my dance partner Chloe and receiving positive encouragement from my family. When I



Ken and Chloe dance in the Open Championships.

am on the dance floor, my dance partner and I couldn't care less about the other couples dancing. We are immersed only within our own dancing and try to present the best performance that we can.

I would also like to mention my other dance partner. It's my dear mother, Sara! She has been dancing for three years now. To conclude, Latin dance is really a healthy and wonderful sport.



Ken's mother, Sara is proud of her son.



## SPEAK OUT-ACT UP: IMPROVISATIONAL DRAMA COMPETITION

The CCPASS Drama Club also known as the CC Players won the 1st Prize trophy for best improvisational drama performance at the Hong Kong Speak Out-Act Up Drama Competition. Chung Kei Kei, Doris Chan Nga Man, Evan Kuang Zibin, Jonathan Hu Xiaojun, Leo Hong Kai Hiu and Margaret Fung Shuk Cheung gave a splendid performance.



From left to right: Jonathan, Evan, Adeley, Doris, Margaret and Leo perform at the SOAU Drama Competition.

Improvisational drama is acting and creating a story performance without a written script. The CC Players were given a random topic and had to create a performance almost instantly. The topic they were given was "Entertainment in Hong Kong within the Last 20 Years". The objective of improvisational drama is for students to react and respond to each other without the memorization of lines. Improvisational drama enhances the students' English listening skills, language fluency and creativity. But most importantly, it is fun.

Head Coach: Fernando Linn



Adeley, Evan and Doris pay tribute to the Beatles.

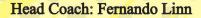


Margaret (left) cries about her problems to Jonathan (right). Doris slays Margaret in a duel.



## STORY ADAPTATION DRAMA COMPETITION

The CC Players adapted the short story The Fun They Had by Isaac Asimov into a seven minute play at the 2018 Stories on Stage Drama Competition. Adeley Chung Kei Kei, Hidy Tsang Hoi Tung, Michael Mok Siu Ming and Karry Wong Yung Yung all made contributions to the writing of the script. Hebe Chiu Man Hei and Gisele Leung Lai Wa joined Michael and Hidy on stage as the lead actors. Doris Chan Nga Man made contributions as the costume designer and as a supporting actor. Pelmo Wangchuk Namgay provided props and technical support. The CC Players earned the Team Merit Award for their performance and script about a future without schools but with robotic home tutors. Michael Mok Siu Ming gave an outstanding comedic performance as a robot teacher conducting a biology lesson, thus earning the trophy for Best Actor. The character of Margie, played by Hebe Chiu also giving a magnificent performance, teaches her robotic-teacher about the importance of fun in return.





The robot-teacher played by Michael conducts a biology lesson to Margie played by Hebe.



Hidy (left) and Hebe share the spotlight.

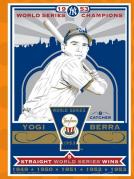




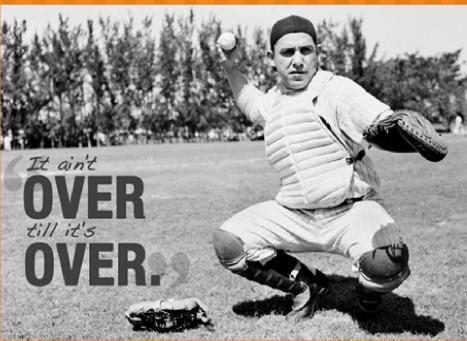
It's time for pizza after a long day of rehearsals.

CCPASS Drama Club – Back Row: (left to right) Adeley, Hebe, Hidy, Doris, Karry, Gisele, Margaret, Pelmo & Mr. Linn – Front Row: (left to right) Michael, Evan, Jonathan & Leo

# YOGISMS



Baseball is the United States' national pastime. Meaning for many years it was the favourite sport of America. Only recently in the last 25 years has American football surpassed baseball in popularity. But baseball still remains the second most popular sport in the United States with basketball a close third place. Baseball is also the #1 sport in Taiwan, Japan, Korea, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Cuba. Baseball is the second most popular sport next to soccer-football in Mexico and Venezuela too.

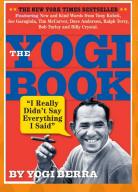


The sport of baseball has had a profound effect on the American English language, more so than any other sport. We use baseball metaphors and idioms almost every day in our speech. Let me give you a few examples of baseball expressions.

For example, when you swing and miss, it means to try but fail, like swinging a bat and missing the ball. Or to strike out looking is to fail by being passive, without even making an effort, like in baseball when a hitter strikes out without swinging the bat. But if you strike out swinging, it means to fail while giving it your best effort. At least you swung the bat as best you could.

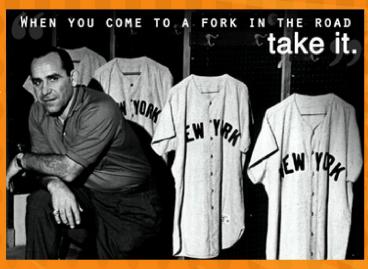
One baseball player in particular has a deep impact on the modern English language and his name is Yogi Berra. Sadly, he passed away three years ago. He was a true champion winning 9 championships with the New York Yankees as the catcher. Catcher is a grueling position because a catcher has to squat the entire game and get hit with hard baseballs, not good for the knees and it hurts a lot.

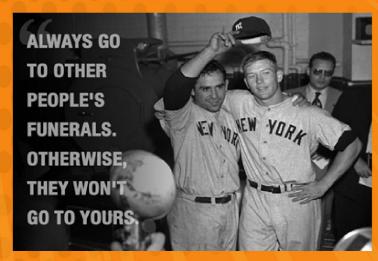




Yogi Berra created many colorful baseball expressions that we use in American-English which we call "Yogisms". Though they may sound silly and make little sense, Yogi's baseball slogans are actually very wise if you look a little deeper. I'll share just a few of my favorites. #1 "If you come to a fork in the road, take it." A fork in the road is a metaphor meaning that you have a decision to make between two things. Yogi twists this metaphor to mean to make new opportunities for yourself or think outside of your given options.

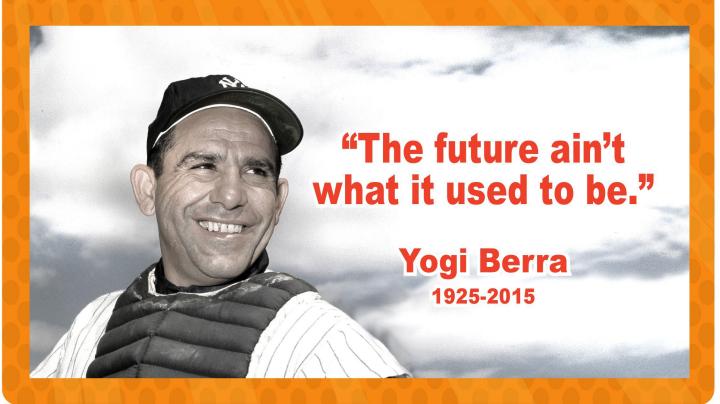
#2—"If you ask me anything I don't know, I am not going to answer." This means that too many people blabber and talk about things they are not very knowledgeable about rather than admit they don't know something.





#3 — "Make a game plan and stick to it. Unless it is not working." This means be consistent and follow your plan even if it is not easy. But also learn from your mistakes and don't be stubborn to change or modify.

#4—Perhaps Yogi's most famous quote, "It aint over till it's over." In baseball even if you are down by 100 runs you still have to finish the game. In other words, never give up no matter what the score is. In life there is no reason to give up or quit. The only thing that signifies that something is truly over is death. So remember, if things seem hopeless, it isn't over till it's over.



## Pailure, Courage & Success



Everyone experiences a failure, that's just a part of life. Look at the Wright brothers – the two American inventors flew the world's first successful airplane.

- 1. Would the Wright brothers be famous if they didn't have the courage to keep trying?
- 2. What was a time where you felt like you were not going to succeed?

#### Adrian Zhang 5B (28)

The Wright brothers would not be famous if they didn't have the courage to keep trying. If they didn't keep trying, they could never invent the plane and achieve their dream of flying in the sky. They were unknowns but they were persistent. Sure, inventing the airplane was a big project but they didn't give up.

When I face some problems that I try my best to solve, I feel very disappointed and afraid that I won't succeed. For example, when I fail a Math exam, I feel hopeless. But my mom always encourages me to face the problem. I have to remember to keep trying until I can cope with the problem and finally succeed.



#### Sherry Ng 5B (9)

The Wright brothers are the inventors of the world's first successful airplane. They faced a lot of failures but they never gave up. They experimented again and again. But finally they created a working airplane. It was a great success for transportation development. If they didn't have the courage to keep trying when they confronted some mistakes and failures, they could not have invented the airplane; and they wouldn't be famous.

Sometimes I have the feeling that I am not going to succeed at something. When I make continuous mistakes at work, my boss shows me disapproval. At times, I think it is impossible to finish my work. That's when I want to give up. I think that I shouldn't get scared of failure because every experience is valuable. I can learn something new from each mistake.

#### Li Lok Yan 5A (8)

The Wright brothers are role models that I want to learn from. They had a big dream to fly which was impossible during their generation. People laughed at the Wright brothers and thought they were day dreaming. They didn't believe that the Wright brothers would make their dream come true.

The Wright brothers didn't just expect that their dream would come true one day, they also took action. They didn't achieve success with their first attempt at flight. But during the experimenting process they overcame many difficulties and didn't give up. They tried again and again until they succeeded.

## From Kowloon City to the World

CCPASS students participated in the From Kowloon City to the World: Cultural Exchange Forum at New Asia Middle School on March 17th, 2018. They had conversations with HKU student-teachers from all over the world and joined group discussions about film, music and tourism with students from a variety of local schools.

**Teacher: Fernando Linn** 



Pauline Tsang Po Ling Mywan (S.4 right) chats with a student from Mexico.





Doris and Amy chat about tourism.



Doris Deng Minghui (center) and Amy Yu Nga Yan (right) from S.5 meet an HKU student from Canada.



Leo Hong Kai Hiu (S.3 center) makes friends with students from the U.K. and India.



## **AROUND CAMPUS**



Jonathan Hu Xiaojun
3rd Place
Individual Performance
2017 Hong Kong Speech Festival
Head Coach: Thomas Holm

Jonathan Hu Xiaojun from S.3 performed the poem GoodBat NightMan by Roger McGough at the 2017 Hong Kong Speech Festival, earning 3rd Place. Jonathan spent many late nights perfecting the intonation & pronunciation of this challenging poem and ultimately succeeded in performing a worthy rendition.



Adeley Chung Kei Kei 1st Place Anti-Drug Essay Contest 2018 Inter-class Competition Teacher: Ally Maa

Adeley Chung Kei Kei from S.3 wrote about the dangers of both illegal and legal drugs. Most interesting was her bringing awareness to the new phenomenon of electronic cigarettes. Adeley's essay was chosen as the best by the NET judging panel.



Daniel Ku Yung-hei, 14, Hong Kong & Kowloon Chiu Chow Public Association Secondary School

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Daniel Ku Yung Hei Published Article March 7th, 2018

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**Teacher: Fernando Linn** 

Daniel Ku Yung Hei from S.2 submitted a short article in response to the question, Should Parents Hold On to Your Lai See Money for Safekeeping? Daniel's article was chosen for publication in the March 7th, 2018 edition of the Young Post within the South China Morning Post newspaper.



The S.2 Star Class
Top 24 Finalist
Hong Kong through My Eyes
Hong Kong Video Competition

Starring: Margaret Fung Shuk Cheung, Daniel Ku Yung Hei, Winnie Chiu Wai Nar (S.4), Mr. Thomas Holm and the S.2 Star Class

#### **Directed by Fernando Linn**

The S.2 Star students created a video about what they love and don't love about Hong Kong. Mr. Thomas Holm and Winnie Chiu Wai Nar also contributed to the making of the video.



## **English Week**

April 16th - 20th, 2018

The Native English Teachers, Mr. Juan Gonzalez (left) and Mr. Thomas Holm ran the festivities and events together with all the English teachers during the English Week. They conducted book sharing sessions, administered booth games and created lunch-time events for all CCPASS students to enjoy. All the NETs also served as judges in the CCPASS' Got Talent Contest.



## Editor in Chief: Fernando Linn

Note from the Editor: I had a wonderful 2017-2018 school year. We have such charming and sweet students that it makes my job as an English teacher fun. I'm so happy and proud to be part of the CCPASS staff and I hope next school year is even better!

