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CCPASS WORLD



Goodbye to CCPASS Seniors



Why is Hello Kitty so popular?



Santa Claus visits CCPASS for Christmas



The CCPASS Players Return



KOBE BRYANT
1978-2020

IDIOMS ABOUT THINKING AND LEARNING

Have your wits about you



Be able to think quickly and make sensible decisions

Know what's what

Know the important facts about a situation



Not have a leg to stand on

Not have any way of proving that you are right about something



Slow on the uptake

Taking a very long time to understand or realize something



Round the bend

Crazy; insane



Split hairs

Argue or worry about very small details



Go to your head

To cause one to become arrogant



Ring a bell

To seem familiar, although you cannot remember the exact details



In the dark

Not knowing very much about something





My Best Friend

Kerry Chu Wing Man (S.2)

My best friend is my mobile phone. She rests peacefully in my pocket when she is asleep and will accompany me everywhere in my hand when she is awake. When I am sad, she makes me laugh with a funny video from You-tube or makes me smile with some gossip from Face-book. My thoughtful and sweet phone keeps me in touch with other friends too, through text messages and phone calls. My phone is always by my side whether I am expressing my joy or my sorrow. She is never jealous of other friends and never judges my web surfing tastes. I love my best friend and I will always care for her.

Koey Lee Ho Yi (S.2)

My best friend is Vivian. She has long hair and wears glasses. She is funny and kind. Also, she likes listening to music and playing on her mobile phone. I usually go shopping with her too. Furthermore, she is very studious and a great teacher. Sometimes if I don't understand a homework topic, she will explain it to me very carefully. Whenever I tell her my problems she is always there to listen and comfort me. I am very happy when we are together. I hope our friendship lasts forever.

Vivian Chen Jinshan (S.2)

My BFF is Koey. She is a happy girl and we love to talk and laugh together. She is hilarious as she always tells me funny jokes. Besides liking to play games together, we also have the same interests. Her hobbies are listening to music and watching television. Of course, I like to do those things too. Koey is also very friendly and says good morning and good night to everyone. I love her a lot.



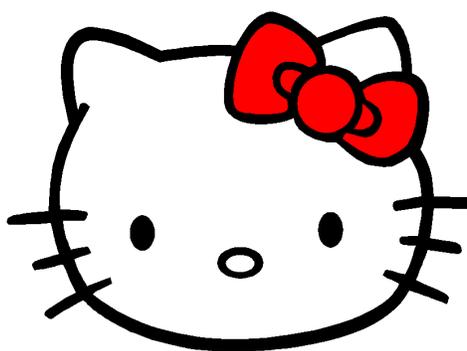
Dawn Zeng Xinyi (S.2)

My best friend is Music. Music provides me companionship and is always by my side. Whenever I feel lonely and helpless, emotional ballads lift my spirit. When I feel anxious, a soft falsetto calms me down. When I feel sad, an upbeat electronic tune brings me back up. When I do homework, a symphony brings me inspiration. Even in my sleep, I hear music comforting me. Music is always with me.

HELLO KITTY WORLD



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When the Japanese company created Hello Kitty and then products like the Hello Kitty luggage, they would not have known the impact their creation would have on the world and millions of people as the cartoon character **swept the world off its feet** (使全世界為之傾倒). Not only children have **fallen under her spell** (對她著迷), but the cute cat figure even has adults who are **fanatical** (癡迷) over her every move. Products bearing her logo are often quickly swept off the shelves in many countries, and over three decades later, Hello Kitty is still **revered** (尊敬的) and continues to have a strong following in many countries across different regions, not just in her country of birth in Japan.

Those who have not developed any interest in Hello Kitty are always **puzzled** (困惑) as to why the seemingly non-talking cat would have so many **fans** (愛好者) which differ in nationalities and cultures, but who are all single-minded in their pursuit for the many Hello Kitty collectables and **fashion** (時尚) items from the company that created her, Sanrio, such as the Hello Kitty purse. Essentially covered in her trademark pink **accessories** (配件) and garments, Hello Kitty has even had her own cartoon series produced in different languages. These shows have served to increase her fan base and add to her **mystique** (神秘感), and till this day, there are still people who are looking for videos and DVDs of the cartoons.

When a Hello Kitty product is released in Asian countries as her home country Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore, there will be massively long queues which would form days before the official release dates. Fans will gather to patiently anticipate the start of the sale of each product, and there have been occasions when overwrought emotions have led to crowd trouble and unrest. Some fans have even **traded blows** (鬥爭) in their race for limited supplies of Hello Kitty products. This has contributed to the Hello Kitty **phenomenon** (現象) that continues to engulf people in many countries and cannot be explained logically, **baffling** (令人困惑) social observers worldwide.



Part of the appeal of Hello Kitty can easily be explained in her signature cuteness that appeals not only to children of all ages, as well as most women who have naturally had a fondness for such characteristics. The sweet colours that the cartoon cat is often dressed in are also attractive points that convey a pleasant disposition and friendliness that act as **subliminal** (潛意識的) agents of attraction. It is no wonder that fans have continued to love Hello Kitty, and will always be **fervent** (熱烈的) supporters of every development and product that she is associated with. The wide range of products includes Hello Kitty **luggage**, **handbags**, **lunchboxes** and many more. These products often come in limited edition quantities, and collectors have also paid incredibly high prices for them.

The Hello Kitty phenomenon has grown from strength to strength over the years, and will remain strong as long as there are children in our world. With the **virtues** (美德) the character also portrays in her cartoon series, such as friendliness and kindness, there should be no reason to worry about it. These virtues can only promote the same in children, and it is certainly a facet of Hello Kitty that should be **praised** (讚美) generously.





'The Speaker' English Public Speaking Contest is a competition designed for fluent and exceptional English speakers with an already established base of good communication skills. So this is a very competitive contest. The students were asked to give their own interpretation of the acronym 'LOL'. Four CCPASS students were brave enough to take the challenge, Noah Li Zirun 5A (26), Shauna Feng Shan Shan 4A (6), Andy Zheng Zian 4A (27) and Nicole Deng Haozhi 3A (2). **Noah Li Zirun** earned a spot as a **Semi-Finalist** with around 300 competitors in Hong Kong registered for this event. Coach: Fernando Linn



Lean on Labor

By **Noah Li Zirun** (S.5)

The true meaning of 'LOL' is "Lean on Labor". What that means specifically is to lean on the labor of others. Taking advantage of the Labor Class in Hong Kong has not only been the problem of yesterday but also today. Because people in the high end of society put their own personal gains above others, specifically the "working man". One class of people does thankless work, while another class of people gains all the benefits from it; and that's not good. The pyramid structure of our society is unfair to the hard working – labor class people. They too, deserve a fair wage, health benefits, adequate living space and the right to 'laugh out loud'. Yes, all members of our community rely or lean on the labor of others. The Hong Kong people's hard work cultivates harmony and keeps our society functioning. But let's make Hong Kong a better society by appreciating Hong Kong's working class by giving them the essentials for a quality life. We can make Hong Kong a better place for all. Thank you.

Lies of Love

By **Shauna Feng Shan Shan** (S.4)

The real meaning of 'LOL' is "Lies of Love". All aspects of society are full of little white lies. Everyone and anyone can be a liar, even your parents. My father works very hard to support my studies. He does grueling back breaking work as a professional furniture mover. He loads heavy objects on cargo trucks. So he's always very tired. But when I ask him, 'Daddy, are you tired?' He just laughs and says 'No worries! I just lifted some small items.' But I know, he's lying to me. You see, often people lie to protect the ones they love most. They are reluctant to tell the truth because the truth is often cruel.





The S.3 Star Class entered the MI Young Writers: English Writing Competition. They were asked to write on the topic “My Hero”.

The Superhero in my Heart

By **Kaylie Weng Jiani** (S.3)



When people mention the word “hero”, who do you think of? Do you have an image of a hero in your mind? Perhaps your hero is a famous singer, a film star or a revolutionary. However, my hero is ordinary. She has never created a life-saving vaccine or changed the world with a new invention or technology. As a matter of fact, she never received much education. But my mother is the hero in my heart. Although my mum is inconspicuous, she gives me more love than anyone else. Through her love and affection, I learn to be a good person, to value life and to appreciate my fellow human beings.

Every waking moment of my life, my mum has been there with me. When I was a baby, she taught me how to walk and how to speak. When I went to primary school, she took me to school every morning. When I failed an exam, she encouraged me to never give up. Furthermore, my mum has many talents. She is as amazing as a great magician because she can do the impossible! First of all, she performs magic in the kitchen, creating fantastic dishes and cooking the most delicious food. She can turn food scraps into a delightful and yummy work of art. When it comes to household chores, my mother is able to clean the living room and wash the floor within minutes. She’s superhuman. It would take mere mortals hours to do the same. It’s these seemingly mundane moments that are really extraordinary. They inspire me and bring me joy.

In addition, my mum is full of wisdom as she taught me to be kind to others. She once told me “when you wake up in the morning, look in a mirror then make sure that you are happy. As long as you’re happy, you can share your happiness with others.” It’s these types of phrases from my mother that help me build my character and provide me a positive outlook of the world. My mother encourages me to be an optimistic person, who can spread positive energy to those around me. Honestly, my mum is the greatest teacher in my life.

Sure, my mum did not receive much formal education, but she is well schooled in life. Without any doubt, my mother is the person who has influenced me the most. She is my superhero. Though she may not have the power to save the world, she has the power to affect me. Thank you mum for your patience and dedication; it's because of you that I have the perseverance to go on.

Miss Mok and the Moon

By Nicole Deng Haozhi (S.3)

I had a burning desire in my youth to be a great pianist, so I practiced diligently every day. However, when I started to receive praise from the audience, the applause obscured my aspiration. I started to practice only my showmanship and ignored the quality of the music. Day by day, my skills were getting worse as I neglected technical practice. In the end, I finally realized that there are always temptations during your way to success. The most important thing is to keep your original aspiration in mind and to never be complacent. My hero Miss Mok taught me that.



When I was 9 years old my parents took me to a spectacular piano room. That's when I first met Miss Mok my piano teacher. Her silk dress was as white as an angel's garb. The backlighting in her classroom gave her an enormous shadow that magnified her presence. She looked as graceful as those pianists who perform music at high speed on television. I hoped to one day be a graceful and skillful pianist. But Miss Mok brought me down to reality, refusing to be my teacher. She said "Nicole is not suitable for playing the piano. Her fingers have not grown long enough yet."

Then I listened to Miss Mok play a melody on the piano "Re Sol La Do." Afterward, I pressed the piano keys freely and replayed the musical pitch. Miss Mok was suddenly shocked and her tone about me changed. "She definitely has potential! I can't believe she copied my melody!" That's when I started my piano career.

The moon became my companion as Miss Mok pushed me to play every note till the pitch black of night. Every practice exhausted me. I would be worn out and frazzled. After practice, I would go to the quietest place at my home, the outside balcony. The moon hung high in the sky reminding me to persist toward my goal of being a great pianist.

But unfortunately, when I was 13 years old, I lost my original aspiration. "Thank you Nicole!" the audience would applaud as I was showered in flowers from adoring audiences at musical events. I felt the mountains move when audiences cheered and I rapidly became famous around my school area. However, I became obsessed with the easy applause. Thus, I began to play simplistic pop tunes which are much easier than classical

pieces. I no longer talked to the moon in the pitch black of night, because it did not require a large amount of technical practice. I also began to only focus on my showmanship.

But Miss Mok could see right through me and see I was digressing as a pianist. Miss Mok put her hands on her knees then asked me with gentleness. “I saw your show last night. I can see that you enjoy the easy-come easy-go applause. But I hope you have not forgotten your aspirations to become a great pianist.” Then the truth came and it was cruel. Miss Mok said honestly “So why could you only play well the pieces that you were most familiar with? The audience will eventually catch on.”

Then I lowered my head in shame and my face turned into a red potato.

Miss Mok’s tough but thought-provoking words enabled me to focus on my goal to be a wonderful pianist. Without her, my delusions of grandeur would have consumed me even after the applause began to cease. Now, I walk to the balcony outside and look at the moon above and see Miss Mok, my hero smiling back at me.



The Intellectual Hero

By **Richard Li Jinghang** (S.3)

There is always that someone that helps us through really tough times. We sometimes call him or her a ‘hero’. Your hero may be a family member, friend or even a stranger. But my hero is not flesh and blood. He does not exist outside of the printed page. He is the famous literary character, Sherlock Holmes. How can an imaginary person be my hero? Though he can’t physically be there for me, I learn some praiseworthy character traits from him that are quite useful in dealing with problems.

Sherlock Holmes was created by the Scottish writer Arthur Conan Doyle in the nineteenth century. Doyle designed Holmes as a master sleuth that breaks a lot of very difficult cases and mysteries that the police and other detectives are incapable of understanding. For example, Holmes debunked the Baskerville myth that hounds kill; and he cracked the case that led to the arrest of the leader of a large criminal syndicate, that was none other than the clever professor - Moriarty. Sherlock Holmes’ cunning, creativity, attention to detail and the ability to think outside of the box has won the hearts of people all over the world. Whether it’s Math homework or a scheduling conflict, like Holmes I try to think clearly about the situation to provide a rational solution.

Moreover, Sherlock Holmes’ uniqueness is appealing as he is braver & more courageous than most and clearly cleverer than ordinary people; perhaps even more handsome than most others as well... Oh, maybe I don’t know that for sure. Holmes definitely doesn’t fear anything as he always puts his best foot forward to disseminate justice even at the risk of losing his life, which is uncommon in our world today.

When I read Sherlock Holmes stories, I always feel the power to work out conundrums and to contemplate new ideas. He also lets me know that there’s still righteousness in the world; because I believe that justice can win over evil in the finale. Sherlock Holmes is not only the hero within his stories but he is also a hero for those that value the power of the mind in the real world.

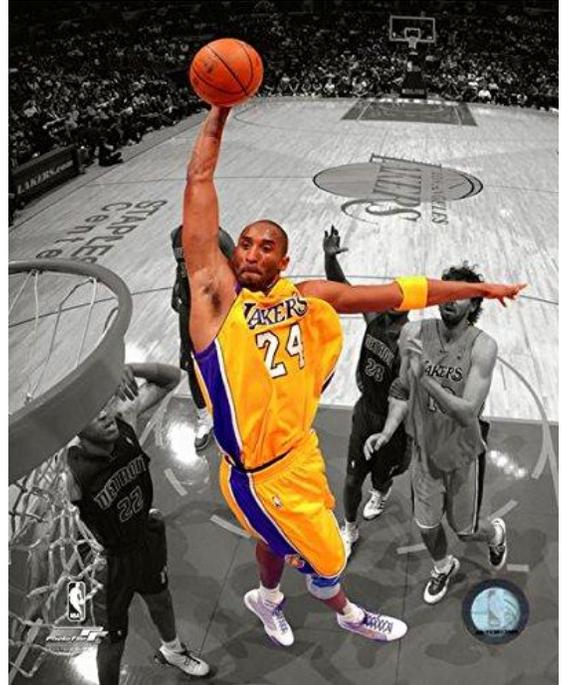
Kobe Bryant

By **William Fu Wai** (S.3)

Editor's Note: NBA star Kobe Bryant and his daughter along with seven other occupants tragically died in a helicopter crash on January 26th, 2020 in Calabasas, California. Many students at CCPASS admired Kobe Bryant's hard work, will and determination on and off the basketball court.

My hero is Kobe Bryant, a retired ex NBA basketball player. Bryant was a phenomenon in high school leading his team to the Pennsylvania state championship. Bryant was so good that he also won the Naismith High School Player of the Year Award as the best Secondary School player in the United States. Kobe Bryant had his pick to play at any of the best basketball universities in the USA like Duke and North Carolina but he chose to go professional right out of high school.

It was very rare for a secondary school player to go directly into the NBA. But immediately he became the big boss of the Los Angeles Lakers. He has accomplished so much in his 20-year career winning 5 NBA championships, 2 NBA Finals MVP trophies and 1 regular season MVP in 2008. But that's not all. He was also an NBA All Star 18 times and won 2 Olympic Gold Medals in 2008 and 2012. I admire Kobe Bryant for all his accomplishments.



I also admire Kobe Bryant because he had the ability to defy defeat. He always found a way to win no matter the situation. Every time the Lakers were on the verge of losing, Bryant always used his jump shot to bring victory for the Lakers. But even in those rare times that Kobe Bryant suffered defeat, for example when the Lakers lost to the Dallas Mavericks or the Detroit Pistons in various NBA Finals; Kobe Bryant always worked hard in the off season and came back stronger.

Bryant ended his career with the Lakers after 20 years in 2016. He played for only one team in his career which is rare and brought lots of honors to the Lakers. He is my hero and a hero for the Laker's organization.

STUDENT FIGHT!

This month two students argue about which is more important, wisdom or courage?



WISDOM

Stella Lo Wing Ki (S.4)

I'm sure that wisdom and courage are no strangers to everyone. But today I want to share my views on the importance of wisdom. As is known to all, wisdom is the key to the continuous development and progression of human beings. Wisdom is the accumulation of what we have learned over the years. As for most people, wisdom is a necessity for success because it provides us with an arsenal of ideas and methods to solve problems. In other words, wisdom makes it easier to get the job done.

Whether it's in the past or the present, wisdom has always played an important role. Zhuge Liang is one of the wise men in history. He laid a solid foundation for success for the state of Shu Han with his extraordinary wisdom. Only by using skills can we win in a complex situation. Courage gives you the power to affirm yourself but wisdom represents a strong driving force, decision-making power, observation and contemplative faculty. Therefore, I think wisdom is more important than courage in our daily life. What do you think? Do you agree with me?

COURAGE

Joann Yu Chui Yan (S.4)

Victory depends on wisdom and courage. But comparatively speaking, I think courage is more important than wisdom; because it is now or never. If a man has only intelligence and no courage, he will not be brave enough to take the first step. For example, Sima Yi an outstanding statesman and strategist in the Three Kingdoms period of Chinese history had the courage to take action. In contrast, Yi's rival the wise Zhuge Liang made the "stratagem of the empty city" and thought too much rather than attack. So Zhuge Liang lost and Sima Yi won.



Another example is Loo-Keng Hua, who didn't go to university. One day, he looked at a mathematical thesis published by the famous mathematician Jiaju Su. He read it over and over again and thought it may be wrong. So he quickly picked up his pen to work it out. After careful deduction and calculation, he concluded opposite to that of the professor. At last, he published a paper by himself. Not only did Loo-Keng Hua not believe in authority, but he dared to challenge it. His courage is worth learning. Usually speaking, doing things without thinking is reckless. But when every opportunity comes, you must reach out and grab it. Without courage, all wisdom is useless. What do you think?

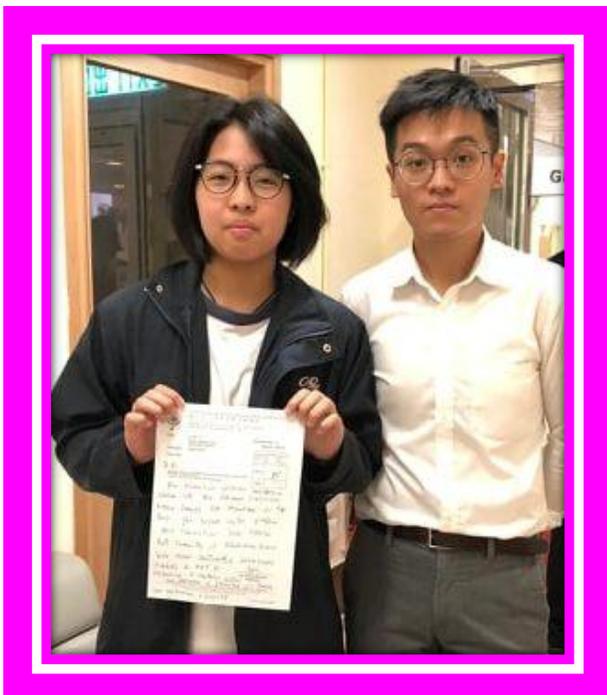
2019 HONG KONG SPEECH FESTIVAL



Cynthia Wu Minshi (S.3) earned a **2nd Place** finish for Solo Verse Speaking. She recited the poem 'Purple Shoes' by Irene Rawnsley. Coach: Miss Tang Huen Tung (not pictured)



Becky Ouyang Baoyi (S.3) earned **3rd Place** for Solo Verse Speaking. She performed the poem 'Purple Shoes' by Irene Rawnsley. Coach: Miss Chiu Pik Tin (not pictured)



Vanessa Zhang Wenxi (S.4) was awarded **3rd Place** in the Public Speaking S.3-4 Division. Coach: Mr. Lau Wai Ki



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Conjunctions

Despite	Despite is used to introduce a fact that is in sharp contrast with another fact.	Despite all her faults, everybody likes him.
Provided	Provided means if or only if.	They can listen to music provided they disturb nobody.
Unless	Unless means; except on the condition that	You don't need to go unless you want to.
Since	Since is used to show result.	Since I see you, I am better.
So	So is used to show result.	Whoever says so is a liar.
If	If is used to show condition.	Let me know if you go to the school.
Yet	Yet shows contrast or joins opposites.	We haven't finished eating the watermelon yet .
After	After tells us about order, sequence.	I can pass after the green light is on.
Because	Because is used to show reason.	She usually eats at home, because she likes cooking.
Although	Although is used to show two opposite statements.	Although he speaks seldom, he says meaningful words.
Whereas	Whereas is used to show contrast.	She is very funny whereas he is boring.
But	But is used to join two ideas that are opposites.	I am very hungry, but the fridge is empty.
Besides	Besides means in addition to, also. It is a preposition.	She speaks three languages besides Spanish.
Unlike	Unlike means different from, not similar to.	Jack is completely unlike his father.
Therefore	Therefore is used to show the result /effect of an action.	She came first. Therefore she got a good seat.

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1st Place Winner of the CCPASS Letter Writing Competition



Noah Li Zirun (S.5)

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about the current phenomenon of over-protection of the current young generation. That, parents being overly protective of their offspring is a concern for the majority in Hong Kong. Today's youth lack the skills to cope with problems they encounter in their everyday lives which is a potential detriment. Their ability to be self-reliant suffers by being overly protected. As a loyal citizen, who is willing to devote myself to the development of my motherland, I have the solemn obligation to fix this stubborn difficulty by proposing three suggestions.

By analyzing the burgeoning numbers of foreign nannies, there is, clearly, a transparent trend of Hong Kong people relying more and more excessively, on help from others. Sometimes, the love of relaxation and comfort is the sole rationale for hiring a nanny. The nanny will take care of all the housework, including laundry, cooking, or housekeeping. But it enables the younger generation to sit back, relax, and focus on what they are responsible for, schoolwork, games and sleep. Ironically, employers of the nannies really think this would help the development of their children because as pupils they are given spare time to explore the world. However, that is not true. There is an old saying in Chinese, 'you have to take good care of your room before you can take good care of the country'. Doing those trifle things, in contrast with the short-sighted perspectives of those overprotective parents which I disagree with, complement children's lives which teach them to be patient with messy situations, to be problem-solving when presented with difficult tasks and to cultivate creativity.

First to cease this urgent problem, we have to start on the re-education of parents to extinguish the idea of being over-protective as desirable. In my perspective, if parents are given talks based on massive data and conclusive evidence, they will be essentially persuaded to give their beloved kids sensible tasks.

In addition, parents must train those polluted kids to learn respect and mental & physical toughness. That is the solution. Being didactic is not cruel. Children need to be taught and learn how to act morally. Growing students need to be given the moral standard of being responsible and having empathy with other people.

Lastly, on top of what is mentioned above, schools have an obligation to nurture a healthy growing environment by cooperating with parents. School is important for the moral education of children. Students should be consulted and educated by both their school and their family.

To conclude, quoting Michael Jordan, "if nobody will help you, do it alone". The most prestigious celebrities are mostly shaped and emboldened by overcoming mountains and seas of difficulties. People need to be polished to be shiny. I hope generations of Hong Kongers can be as bright as the Sun. I hope they can go out of their comfort zones and encounter problems. I hope they can stop being overprotected. I believe my recommendations would help.

Yours truly, Chris Wong

DEEP THOUGHTS

CCPASS students share their haiku, Tanka and rhyme poems.



Elf Land

By Andy Zheng Zian (S.4)

Snowy ancient rock.
White elves dwelled there for centuries.
Holy no man's land.



Feather Duster

By Yoyo Lo Shuk Yu (S.2)

Long feather duster
Makes everywhere so tidy.
Made of chicken hair.
Sweeps, dusts and wipes tables clean.
Every house wife's greatest friend.



Triplets

By Sophia Li Yi Yeung (S.2)



Triplets are very clever
And so very free.
They are cheerful as ever.
Their character shines for us to see.
No one can be as good as them three.



Rhyme Scheme

TANKA

Pen

By Rayson Wong Yui Sum (S.2)



Blue thin pen so long
Writes English on white paper.
Angry teacher shouts
Because students make mistakes.
Crazy children having fun.

POETRY

What one other demand could the government concede to, to quell the protests?

The Form 2 Elite Class answered this question from The Young Post in the autumn of 2019. The Chiu Chow Post is not a political magazine and respects all of our students' opinions.



Grace He Huiyi (S.2)

The government can promise the people of Hong Kong to keep our city semi-independent for 50 more years after 2047. So Hong Kong can maintain its unique identity a little longer. We have a different culture, economy and rule of law from the mainland.



Amber Yang Lihuan (S.2)

I think the government can offer to improve the housing in Hong Kong. Houses are expensive and the land is limited. The government can offer to expand housing on unused land. They can also crack down on cage homes and make living comfortable and affordable for all people. I think that will quell the protests.



Jessica Lau Pui Ching (S.2)

With the extradition bill, China can ask for anyone to be handed over to them for any reason. But China has already imprisoned people that criticize the government. I think the government can offer to release political prisoners and free those that were wrongfully put in jail.



Rain Tan Luotong (S.2)

I don't care if Hong Kong has autonomy or not. I love both beautiful China and beautiful Hong Kong. Perhaps the government can convince the protesters that Hong Kong will be stronger when united with China.

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AROUND CAMPUS



Ms. Wong Wing Han (right) with Santa Claus



Mr. Thomas Crothers sings a tune



The third CCPASS Halloween Party



Crystal and Nicole MC the Christmas Show



Ms. Helen Choy Shun Yin reads out loud



Ms. Carina Tang Huen Tung voted The Most Commendable Teacher by students and teachers

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