



Kindergarten and Primary Newsletter for 2008-9 Issue No. 31

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Assemblies: At last, an upper school Assembly to report on! Last Friday we heard from our Primary six students who have just returned from their week's trip to Beijing. It was an informative presentation, we were all interested to hear their accounts of the different places they visited during the week, and to see their photographs too. They had obviously had a very busy, and exciting time in Beijing, judging by their descriptions, and the happy faces in the photos!

Our thanks go to their class teachers, their mandarin teacher, and the two assistant teachers who accompanied them to Beijing, and helped to put together their assembly. Today, at Ching Wah Street, it was the turn of Mrs. Rushton's Primary 1 class, who told us all about 'light and dark', which is their current topic work. This was a very ambitious assembly, with lots of information from all the children about this interesting topic. Well done to the children, many of whom spoke clearly for us all to hear! Thanks to Mrs. Rushton for guiding the children today!

Stars of the Week: Jose Leung (P6C), Robert Lee Milner (P6G), Arthur Shing (P6N), Anson Lam (P5D), Tatsuhiro Ishii (P5W), Doris Yu (P4E), Leo Tsui (P4J), Jackie Ho (P4M), Brian Ma (P2C), Charlotte Mang (P2L), Yasmin Miles (P2W), Yutaka Kobashi (P1R), Anson Got (P1O), Perin Chen (P1L), Shaun Lau (R1am), Natalie Woods (R2am), Sunny Chan (Rpm), Chak Sum Hung (KG1am), Charles-Alexandre Sepulchre (KG2am), Annisse Lee (KG1pm), and Andria Sze (KG2pm). Congratulations to all our stars this week!

Two more to congratulate: On Friday we were able to congratulate Angela Yang on her winning 'Champion' in the Primary Fencing Invitation Championship of Hong Kong, and second place in the HK Individual Fencing Competition, and Kyle Kwan, who won bronze Medal at a recent swimming competition. Well done to both these students!

You may notice that there were no P3 Stars this week, this is because they were all out on their Camp, on Thursday and Friday last week, and here is Ms. Wyatt's description of their exploits there:

Primary Three on camp at Po Leung Kuk, Sai Kung.

May 14th and 15th 2009.

Two classes of very eager children boarded the bus for the journey to Sai Kung last Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. Tse, Mr. Mason, Mr. Ridgeway, Ms. Theresa and Ms. Wyatt.

This was their first school camp and for some even the first night away from home! A very exciting time lay ahead.

After the hour long journey we arrived in the beautiful setting that houses the holiday camp. The grounds are very well kept and the picturesque river setting is lush with greenery and trees.

A gymnasium houses activities such as climbing wall, trampoline, badminton and table soccer. Outside activities include archery, rollerblading, cycling, rope climbing course, soccer and basketball.

There is a central canteen (newly refurbished) where we ate and a great playground, shaded by trees, which we made very good use of!

We all thoroughly enjoyed two days of trying all the different activities and it was great to see the children having a go and taking risks with new ideas. The camp provided opportunities for the children to learn new skills together and to help and support each other as well as succeed as team members and show independence in organisational skills both during activities and in the dormitories.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the evening. If possible next year we would like to make more of the evening event, maybe by all contributing to make a more sumptuous supper and some organised activities for the children.

The children were exceptionally well behaved at all times and all of us are delighted with the success of this year's Primary Three camp!

This week: Our Primary 1 classes are out on Friday this week when they visit the HK Science Museum, for more work on their Light and Dark Topic!

Next Week: At Ching Wah Street we have decided to switch around the Lunch times for the Primary 1 and PP1 Classes, so just before 12 noon the students will go and play in the large playground, and undercover playground, and at 12.25 pm they will return to their classrooms for lunch, with the PP1 children taking their lunch to one of the P1 classrooms to eat with the P1 children. This will be trialled for three days next week. This we think will be more beneficial to our students, they will be able to play in the open air, rather than in the hall, with much more space to run around in, and then they will be able to eat their lunch in the calm of the classroom, before resuming lessons again at 1 p.m. If wet, we will still be able to go to the playground, but use the undercover area. So next week, we shall trial this new arrangement to see if it works, and if so, then this will become the new permanent arrangement for our Lunchtime playtime. If you arrange for your child's lunch to be brought to school, in time for lunch at midday, please note that the lunch can still be brought in at that time, and it will be stored in the classroom ready for use at 12.30 p.m.

Finally, please be reminded that next week, school will be closed on Thursday 28th May for the annual Dragon Boat Public Holiday, and also on Friday 29th May, when all our teachers will be attending an In-service study day at school, therefore no school for students on that day.

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