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Assemblies this week: Last Wednesday we were entertained by the Primary 5 Talent Show, with lots of piano playing, a cello, a violin, a couple of comedians and a brilliant magician! Well done to all those talented students and thanks too, to Mrs. Wenitong, who co-ordinated the whole show!

Today Primary 10s sang two songs and recited a story in poetry form. Again, our thanks to Ms. Osborne and her class for a lovely assembly.

Stars of the Week: Awarded in both campuses this week, by our Class Teachers, to the following students: Steven Cho and Joey Leung (P6G), Tony Wong and Tate Lam (P6T), Canice Yu (P5C), Louie Battad (P5N), Winki Ho (P5W), Justin Lai (P4E), Stephanie Ching and Ryan Kwok (P4M), Johnny Yeung (P3M), Nessie Luk (P3T), Minato Kobashi, Hedy Wang and Beatrice Yuen (P3K), Val Shiu (P2C), Lucy Yang and John Bae (P2D), Mandy Ha (P1A), Dennis Ling and Ulrika D'Souza (P1O), Emma Wan and Chloe Noel (P1Os), Aidan Wong and Ferrida Yip (PP1pm), Ryan Lin (R1am), Clara So and Nicholas Tam (R2am), Jasper Law and Shelby Lau (Rpm), Andrew Or (KG1am), Megan Lan (KG2am), Chris Koo (KGpm), and our PE Star this week is Carmen Li (P4E). Our congratulations to all our stars this week!

This week: We welcome a new member of staff today, namely Ms. Sarah Leung, who has joined our Lower School as ESL Teacher. Welcome, Sarah!

Hong Kong Literary Festival events for our school happen this week, with P6 out on Tuesday, P2 going on Wednesday, P3 on Thursday, and finally P4 and 5

students on Friday. I am sure the sessions with authors will prove to be very worthwhile for all our students. Thanks too, to Mrs. Eaton who has been liaising with the Literary Festival office to organize this trip for all our upper school students.

On Saturday this week four of our students, with Ms. Man and Ms. Yang, have been invited to demonstrate the 'Chinese Typewriting' skills that our students have been learning. Julian Snelling, Gerald Williams, Noel Dube and Vanessa Wright will be showing their skills at a Faculty of Education meeting.

Keep Place Letter: Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your 'Keep Place' slip and \$1,000 deposit, to reserve the school place for next September. May I remind those of you who have still not done so, that the deadline is this coming Friday, 7th March, after which time we cannot guarantee a place once we have conducted our interviews to fill the remaining places. These interviews will be starting very soon.

News from the Secondary Section: Last week, during a conversation with a parent, it was suggested that I share news of the Secondary School with the primary school parents, as many would be interested to hear about how the school was developing and progressing, so I will try to do this from now on. This week's news follows below:

Secondary Section News: Because this is the first news bulletin for the Primary newsletter I will try and give you a brief overview of the school's development over the last couple of years. Firstly, the Secondary Section started back in 2002 with just 20 students, and now we have more than 200 attending Years 7 - 12, with one year's cohort of IGCSE students already through, and onto our first year IB Diploma course. Studies are progressing well, both in our IGCSE and IB Diploma classes, and next year will see the final year being added with a year 13 class, and final graduation of our Diploma Students. In order to encourage good behaviour and excellent working practices with our students, we have introduced a Merit Stamp system of rewards. Students can earn "Merits" for good work done, exemplary behaviour, or other noteworthy actions, awarded by our teachers and very similar to our "Stars of the Week" in Primary, and each month we hold a "Merit Award Assembly" where merits are totaled up and those with the most number get to be congratulated in front of the school. Those with

large accumulations of merits over the year can be awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold awards, which consists of a rather handsome certificate.

Now it is not all hard work and study at the school, as over the years we have been developing other social and sporting aspects of the broader curriculum that we offer our students. We have an excellent P.E. programme, and the school is a member of the International Schools Sports Federation, Hong Kong (ISSFHK), and regularly send different sporting teams to compete with other international Schools in Hong Kong. In fact last week saw our Under 14 girls' basketball team reach the semi finals of the ISSFHK league, only to be beaten by just one point in the closing seconds of the match, by the Australian International School. A tremendous effort by our girls!! Other team sports include Football, Golf and Hockey.

We have quite an active Students' Representative Council, which meet regularly to discuss school and student affairs. They have organized fund-raising activities both for their own school fund, and for various charities over the years. Currently their adopted charity is Room to Read, which raises money to build and open libraries in remote areas that badly need this kind of resource. This week they are raising money for the emergency funds to aid those affected by the recent snow storms in China.

Finally, we must mention the publications that the students, with teacher help, produce. First of all a monthly news magazine, entitled the "Youth Spot" is produced by an active group of students, complete with articles about the school and often accompanied by photographs. Secondly this year we have a working party of both teachers and students producing our very first year book, which will be a properly printed publication, available for sale to parents and students at, we hope, a reasonable cost. Watch this space!

This I hope has provided you with more information about our Secondary Section and how it is developing and growing into a well established International School in our community.

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