

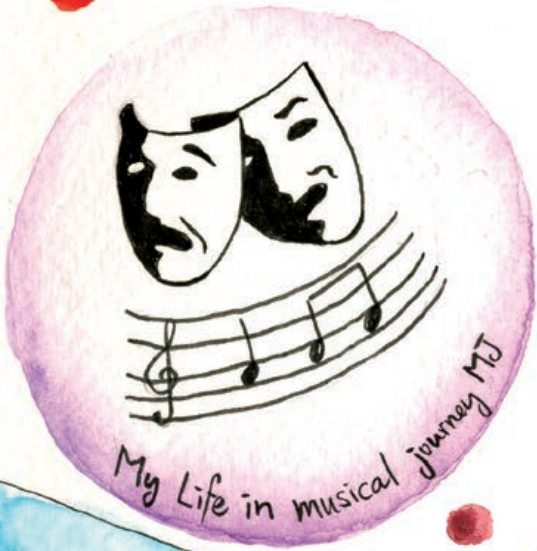
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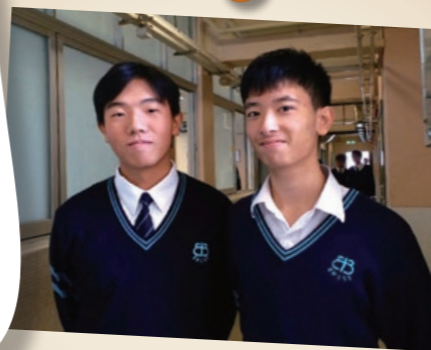
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Let's start, shall we?



Here they are.
Meet the team of writers
of this Baptizine:



Sit back and enjoy!

Talking to our
Wing Lung Farmer -
MR Chan



Cola, Lai wing Yan (4E) Wong Chun Kit (4C)

Has anyone ever noticed there is a teacher always wearing a bamboo hat? His perseverance pays off as he keeps taking care of his plants in our school. Today our topic is the discovery of Mr.Chan's planting and farming life.

Mr Chan Tat Yan has been in charge of the farm in the school for many years. He said he learnt a lot during this farming life, from the beginning when he didn't know much about the ABC of farming to now when he has the details of everything in the farm in his mind.

Of course there are always challenges. He shared once when the strawberries started to bloom and bear fruit, one day a heavy rain came and damaged most of the strawberries.

However, after this experience, thanks God, Mr Chan learned that there are always more solutions than difficulties. When a storm is coming, we can set up the canvas. When the birds strike at the crops, we can set up a snare to block them.

Mr.Chan always remembers the motto that comes from the Bible - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Finally, for any students who want to try to plant something at home for the first time, Mr Chan suggested vanilla because it only requires little sunlight and it is easy to take care. Besides, vanilla has a wide variety of types such as rosemary(迷迭香), mint(薄荷) basil(羅勒), Thai basil(金不换). You can pick one for your first try! Of course, our farmer, Mr Chan, and his farmer students are free to give you advice and help.



mj Candy



Candy, Leung Nga Wing (4D)

Candy is one of the most impressive performers of Musical Journey.

Her talent was spotted very soon by her parents. She started to learn singing and dancing when she was a little girl. Her parents, especially her mother, are her loyal supporters and also biggest fans.

Candy has to struggle between singing and dancing. She is both passionate and talented in both performing arts. So musical is a good choice as it combines singing and dancing into a piece of art. So far, she had done four musicals, of which the performance for the 20th school anniversary: One Night Just Down The Road... was her most memorable performance. Candy was fascinated by the professional and talented work of the whole team.

Candy is grateful for what MJ brings to her life. She is given a lot of opportunities to perform, which is not a must. Also, she has become a more mature after all these years of practice and performances. Her confidence also grows a lot. Of course, her English makes good progress. Finally, as a team person, she learns how to appreciate the different talents of other teammates.

Candy encourages us to follow our dreams. Never give up is her another motto. She hopes that we have no regrets about our life.

Candy's growth in Musical Journey is itself a wonderful journey of a talented girl in a loving music family.



Dance like a Chinese

Julia, Poon Wai Kwan (4C)

Hi everyone, this is Julia from 5A. I am a dancer who loves Chinese dancing. I have already danced for 6 years. I started joining the school Chinese dancing club since I was in secondary form 1. What attracted me to join the Chinese dancing club is that I love dancing when I was a child. I started dancing when I was in primary 5. Therefore, I decided to continue to dance in my secondary school life to pursue my dream.

Let me tell you just some of our achievements in these few years. In 2015, our Chinese dancing club had the precious opportunity and honour to dance for the 20th Anniversary of Baptist Wing Lung Secondary School. It was so happy to be part of the school birthday party. We also won the gold award of different regions last year, such as Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing etc.



My best memory is once we had to prepare hard for an upcoming important competition. We practiced 4 solid hours after school every day! I remembered once we practiced for even 6 hours. It was really exhausting and everyone felt extremely tired after practicing. However, we knew that was worth it. Although everyone was depleted and drained, we supported each other and we had a great time together. This has become a beautiful memory of my teenage life; I am sure the others would feel the same.

I found my best friends and met different kinds of people after I joined the Chinese dancing club. They are all kind and cheerful. We build up teamwork just like a family.

If you have a dream, keep going, never give up. I believe one day you can succeed like me and my teammates.



A Summer in Canada



Danny, Kong Cheuk Hei (3C)
Curtis, Choi Tak Hei (3C)

The school organized a study tour to Canada in the summer of 2016. It was a wonderful experience in which all our students had a great opportunity learning English and immersing themselves in a foreign culture. Let's listen to the sharing of Danny and Curtis.



Hey Curtis, Remember the exchange trip to Canada we went last summer holiday?

It was truly a one-of-a-kind experience, one that I will not forget.

Of all the neat things and good stuff that we had, my favorite parts of the trip are our homestay and the day we went kayaking.

Our homestay family was Shirley and Fred. They took good care of us, meeting all our daily needs like every good meal throughout the whole trip. They were really kind and hospitable. They helped us with anything we had problems; they tried their very best to help us and make us feel like home. So there was no problem of homesickness and cultural shock. We've learnt a lot from them, especially about how to get along with others and be a better person.

And the kayaking day. We played some hilarious games at the campsite first, then we had hotdogs for lunch, those big hotdogs were different from the small ones in Hong Kong, so satisfying and hearty. Then we got our kayaks and we went to the lake. On the lake we were surrounded and captivated by the beauty for nature. The scenery was so beautiful that I was simply shocked

because I've never seen anything like this in Hong Kong. Trust me; I am serious. I enjoyed the kayaking trip all the way. It started raining when we got back on land. I stayed to help the coach to put the kayaks back in storage. I was soaked through but I felt joyful. Then the coach called me a True Canadian. I felt wonderful that day. If I have another chance to go to Canada again, I will definitely try kayaking in the same stunning scenery!



Hey Danny, during the English camp in Kamloops Canada in summer 2016, we spent most of the time in Thompson River University. We had English classes everyday with Mr. Justin. Mr. Justin taught us about the country of Canada and Canadian culture. What impressed me the most is the topic about the eco-friendly practices in Canada. The lesson helped me to understand the use of recycling bins in Canada. The classification method of recycling bins in Canada is somewhat different from the method used in Hong Kong. There are only three types of recycling bins in Hong Kong, metal cans,

plastic bottles and paper waste. However, Canada's recycling bins system has five classifications, those are food waste, metal cans, plastic bottles, paper waste and liquid. Besides the environmental issue, Mr. Justin also taught us about the history of Kamloops, which helped me to know more about the town in which we stayed.

Other than studying in the classroom, we had outdoor activities such as kayaking, bowling and cherry-picking. These outdoor activities were scheduled after class in the afternoon. I love kayaking the best; the lake in Kamloops was beautiful.

Generally speaking, I feel Canadians are polite and friendly. I feel no discrimination among people in the town. If you were there, you will definitely feel love and peace around the society. I heard people saying thank you all the time. Canadians keep the door open for others, they always say thank you to each other. In a supermarket, I saw the customers saying thank you after the cashier packed the goods for them. The way Canadians behave is a model of courtesy and respect. I believe this is the main cultural difference between the western countries and the Asian countries.

The knowledge I learnt helps me to know more about studying in Canada. The wonderful memories in Thompson River University and Kamloops will definitely be part of my life.



**Good Morning Everybody,
it's English On Air...**

Over the years, many Wing Lung students have tried to be the hosts of English-On-Air. It is always a big challenge because it is never easy for local students to speak a foreign language in front of the whole school through a camera. You can imagine the pressure and nervousness. But our English hosts have always done a good job. Eunice and Henry are just two of them.

Eunice, Chan Cheuk Ying 5C

This year I was invited to be a host of English On Air (EOA), one of the main duties of being an Active English Officer (AEO). My partner, as well as my friend, Henry and I were happy to be on the campus TV because it required flexibility and creativity, which was fun and challenging at the same time. The whole crew of the campus TV faced different difficulties and problems together, not only some technical problems, but also presentation problems. Of course, we solved them all as a team.

As a host, I need to know the rundown of the day and made sure nothing had been left out. I like working in an intense environment sometimes since it's so exciting and I can learn so much from the experiences. Other than that, Henry and I had lots of fun behind the scenes; we enjoyed being a host so much. We introduced different topics as interestingly as possible to you all sleepyheads. (At least we tried)

Last but not least, I had to give a shout-out to the PST team, English teachers and other Active English Officers. We could not have an interesting, inspiring morning assembly on every Thursday without them.

If hosting intrigues you in any way or you want to have some breakthroughs of yourself, we always welcome you to join us! There's nothing to lose giving yourself a chance and don't be afraid of failures or embarrassments; everyone has bad experiences! Do what you



want to do and let the light inside of you shine!

Henry, Wong Man Ho 5C (28)

It has been a thrilling year since I've become an Active English Officer this year.

Being one of the hosts in campus TV is one of the best experiences I've had.

When I was little, I dreamt of being a host of a show one day. And this chance just came to me unexpectedly...what a big surprise!

I've been inactive for the past couple of years in my school activity. But after being a host for EOA, I can't help regretting my decision of not being a host earlier.

My partner and me had so many fun experiences together. We had the chance to show off ourselves on the campus TV, but there was lots of practice behind the scenes.

Being a host is such a good way to boost my confidence and I've gained some good experience in public speaking. When I was on-air, remembering the script notes and speaking fluently at the same time is quite a challenge!

All in all, it is a fruitful experience and I encourage those who have not tried it before to give it a go!



**Learning Big things
from Small**

Early this year, thanks to the arrangement of Ms Fok, head of our Career Counselling Team, Mr Jo took two students to visit Mr Tony Small, the Safety Director of Gammon Construction Limited, a leading construction and engineering company in Hong Kong. It is both a language and career activity as Carman and Jenny had the valuable opportunity to polish their English and learn much about the workplace from a successful individual.

Carman, Yeung Nga Man (4B)

On February 27, 2017, I went to Gammon headquarter to have an interview with the Gammon safety director, Tony Small. Tony is a health & safety, sustainability, systems & audit director. Tony is a very nice person who is enjoying a very successful career. We asked him a lot of questions, he was very willing to share and answer our questions.

As Tony is so successful in his career, we asked him what the most difficult part of being a director was. He said the most difficult thing is handling relationship. It is because a director always needs to have face to face communication with his staff and clients, so he has to maintain a good relationship with every party. Also, he often goes to the construction sites to conduct inspection work, so he must have a good relationship with all the people because his mission is to help them work more efficiently and safely. People will not listen to him if there is no rapport.

Next, we asked Tony what he would usually do to reduce his job stress. He mentioned his family. Because his family is in Hong Kong, so he will hike with his family at weekends; this shows Tony is a healthy family-man. He finds his rest and peace in a simple, harmonious family life that is close to nature.

Finally, as teenagers, we asked him how a teenager could prepare himself or herself to become a good leader. He replied me the most important thing is experience. Teenagers can try to do some summer or part-time jobs so that they have the opportunity to learn from different people, just learning something from the different people around you is inspiring enough; maybe you can find your strengths and weaknesses and better yourself.

It is great to listen to Tony's sharing. His advice is practical. Although he is so successful, it is his gentle, modest manner that attracts me most. I really admire him. In this interview I have learned many things



from Tony. Also, I am more confident of my English. Although my English is so-so, I can still talk to Mr Small, a foreigner, and learn a lot.

Jenny, Cheung Ching Yee (4C)

This year, I had a chance to visit Gammon safety director, Tony Small. This is a very special experience and an unforgettable memory for me.

This is my first time to talk to a company director. I have never thought that I could visit such an important person of a big company like Gammon as I am just a student; how lucky I am!

I was excited and nervous. First, because I could interview a successful person, but the problem is I have no confidence in my English and I need to talk to the top guy of a company in English..

In the interview, we asked Mr Small loads of questions. And his answers taught me a lot. We have asked him the most difficult part of being a director. And his answer is developing relationship with your colleagues. This is just a simple answer but it also makes me realize that being a leader, you cannot just control your team, communication is more important. It can remind me if I am the leader of a team; I need to try to communicate with my teammates.

The next question inspired me a lot. How can a teenager prepare himself or herself to become a good leader? He said teenagers should learn from how others work, and try to do more different jobs to get more experience, and then you can learn through working with people.

During this interview, I found that it is not a hard job to communicate with a foreigner. At first, I thought Tony was a serious man, but when I talked to him, I realized that he was not and he liked to share his experience with us, like about his family life.

This is a great opportunity to open both my mind and my eyes a lot to the outside world. Tony also said you need to have some qualifications to make you successful or achieve some goals. I would not forget what he said. I will work harder to acquire the qualifications I need for my future career. Talking to a foreign CEO is a very important memory in my life and I am glad that I have this chance.

Enjoying Englishland



Jessie, Chen Chor YI (2C) Agnes, Wong Cheuk Lam (3C)

Englishland has been a place of fun and learning for so many years. We have had various activities, which have become part of our Wing Kung collective memories. Most of the activities are short and sweet as they take place during the 30 minutes after lunch, but they create memories and experiences that may last for a long time.

Happy Thanksgiving (Nov 24)

How much do you know about Thanksgiving? In USA and Canada, people set a day to say thank you to God and the people who love them. Our school wants students to learn how to be grateful and give thanks. So during the lunchtime of 24th November in Englishland, the English Department organized a Thanksgiving activity. There were some interesting games and a video clip to let students know more about the festival. The part that most students looked forward to was to eat the big, tasty Thanksgiving turkey. All the students had a slice of delicious turkey and enjoyed it very much.



Finally...

Before saying goodbye, X and Y have a few words for all of us.

Agnes: Next year we will be form 3 students. What do you think of your form 2 life?

Jessie: Since I joined Englishland's activities, my English results get better. I learn more vocabulary and speak more English.

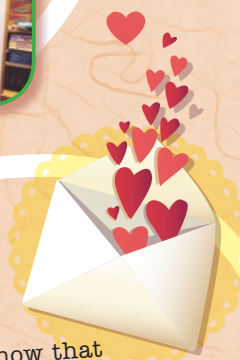
Merry Christmas (Dec 3)

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way.....When someone sings this song, what do you think of? Santa claus? Snowman? Reindeer? On 9 of December, we used Oreo biscuit, white chocolate and M&M chocolate to make a cute reindeer biscuit in Englishland for our parents and friends. It was a special present. Apart from the sweet reindeer, we had many different exciting games to play. We listened to traditional Christmas songs. Also, the English teachers prepared some games to give away Christmas presents. It was such a wonderful Christmas lunchtime.



Happy Valentine's Day (Feb 9)

On 14 of February, I think most of you know that day is Valentine's Day. If you want to make a present like a flower, you can join us next year. On that day, we invited students to join our activity. We taught student to make a chocolate flower and they could send it to their boyfriend or girlfriend or anyone they like. Therefore, Englishland is a best place to learn more English and to improve your English through funny activities and festivals. Englishland is a place with a lot of fun!



Agnes: I agree with you. Every lunch time I would go to Englishland with my friends. We like to play scrabble very much.

Jessie: Englishland is really a fun place to learn English.

Agnes: So we need to share the fun with students who have never been there or those who do not like English.

Jessie: Hope we can see you all in Englishland next year.



Our Horseshoe Crabs



Wong Ka Yiu (4E) Jimmy, Lau Ho Fai (4C)

Our school is one of best green schools in Hong Kong, in which caring about nature and the environment is our core value. All of us are aware go the importance of being a faithful steward of God,'s creation. The Horseshoe Crabs on the seventh floor have become our school pets. Kinasy and Jimmy will tell us about the importance of this tiny awesome creature.

On the seventh floor in our school .There are some little creatures living there. "What's that?" You may ask. They are called Horseshoe Crabs. They live in our Life and Sustainable

Development Center. You guys may have already heard about them many times. Then why not try to understand them a little bit more?

Yes, it is Horseshoe Crab. Its body is protected by a hard carapace, just like an armor. It also has a pair of eyes like us. But each of their eyes is composed of about 1000 ommatidia, which means it is a very small eye. It has 5 pairs of legs and its mouth is located in the center of their legs. It's obvious enough to know that they use their legs to walk, swim, and even to move the food into their mouth!



The most important thing of all is this little guy is very related to our daily life.

Let me tell you more about the crab. Their blood has a huge advantage to our medical research. Unlike us, Horseshoe Crabs do not contain haemoglobin(血紅蛋白) in their blood. They use haemocyanin(血藍蛋白) to carry oxygen. So that's why their blood is blue. Their blood contains amebocytes, which play a similar role to the white blood cells of us to defend virus inside our body. Besides that, their blood can be used to detect the virus in medical applications, which is very important for developing our medical treatments. So people catch them to eat, and sell them to the research organization in order to earn money. About 500,000 Horseshoe Crabs are harvested annually. But that will make them extinct soon...'

Apart from medical contribution, the Horseshoe crab can teach us a lesson about life. It is true that they are small, then so what? Even though they are small, they can still contribute to our society, and so can we! No matter who you are, you are unique. Every single one of us can do many things for the society.

If you have some extra time. Maybe you should go to the seventh floor and go check them out. Maybe they can teach you more about life.

Time is running out.
Let's stop here. Thank you.