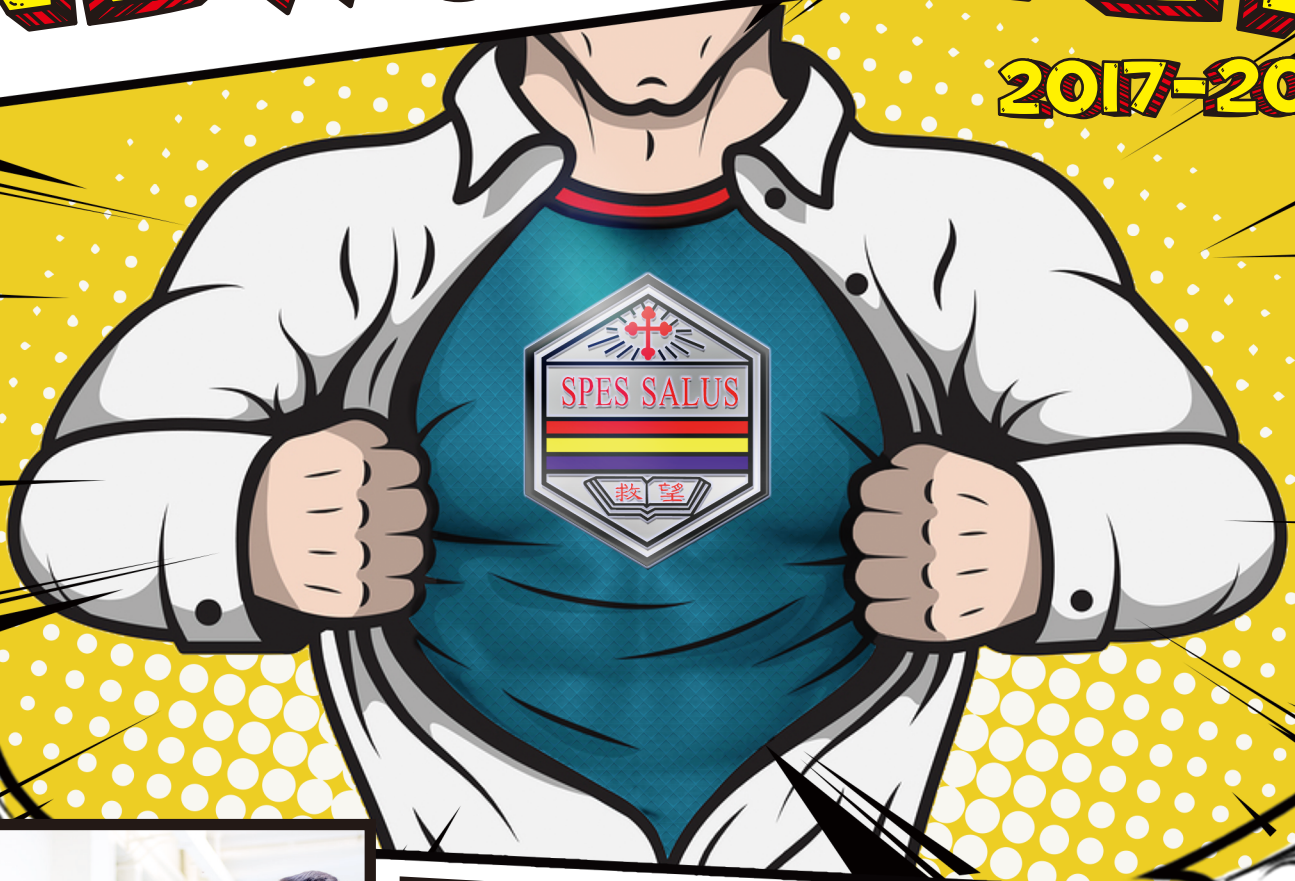


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Another successful English Week was accomplished, and we are glad to see the improvements made in our fellow students' English while having fun. Even more so, we learnt values and life lessons from inspiring stories of heroes both fictional and in real life.

Thanks to the support and encouragement of our teachers, students and our devoted members of the English Society, we were able to hold many activities and leave our legacy in the history of our school. As the chairperson of the society, I would like to express my gratitude to them and share with you my experience of being the chairperson of this year's English Society.

Having 'Hero' as the theme this year, we aim at inspiring students by sharing the heroic acts from around the world. Meanwhile, we organized plenty of activities to create an English atmosphere. First of all, we organized

English morning assemblies and English Speaking Day every Wednesday. Not only did we benefit from English teachers' sharing, but also from class presentations on topics ranging from various sport heroes to Nobel laureates. Then students were given different tasks to do during breaks such as reading aloud or even singing a chorus to teachers to get their signatures.

Through my participation in the activities, I have overcome one of my biggest hurdles and that was making speeches. This year, I was given more opportunities to speak to the whole school. So I practised unceasingly, and tried to calm myself down when I was making the speech. Finally, with the support and encouragement from my teachers, I was finally able to speak fluently and confidently. Ever since I have overcome my fear of public speaking, I can now confidently face everyone in the Morning Assemblies.

Often times, we encounter obstacles that may dishearten us. However, if we are determined and brave, nothing can stop us from achieving our goals and ambitions. Before you decide to give up your English learning or something important to you, think about how strong and persistent you can be and give it another try. We wish our students can learn through all the activities and grow into outstanding, brave gentlemen in the future.

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DRAMA TEAM

English Drama Team

Let us proudly present the newly established English Drama Team! The team was set up this year consisting of 20 F.1 to F.3 students. Members have gone through lessons on performance skills, vocal, physical and facial expressions. After a 3-month intensive training, the Drama Team put together the original dramatic work "Alex in Wonderland" on show.

The team will participate in the Talent Show organized by Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Schools Council Secondary Section English Language Education Committee on 19th May, 2018. In the school hall of Cheung Sha Wan Catholic Secondary School, Diocesan schools will take part in one of the most anticipated activities of the school year. There will be over 20 schools participating. The competition is keen, and so we wish our English Drama Team the best of luck!

Synthesis of "Alex in Wonderland"

Alex in Wonderland is a comedic reimagining of the classic tale by Lewis Carroll, *Alice in Wonderland*. In our version, Alex follows his sister Alice down the rabbit hole in pursuit of her- to hilarious consequences. The characters have had enough of Alice, and so have little time for Alex once they find out he is her brother! This leads poor Alex to many frustrating encounters, and a confusing and difficult search for *Alice in Wonderland*. Many of the characters Alex meets are the same as in the original- the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, the March Hare... but with a couple of imagined new ones- a Butterfly, brother to the Caterpillar, for example. Will Alex find Alice? It remains to be seen!



THE SPEECH FESTIVAL 2017-18

Our school participated in both the choral speaking and solo verse. In the 2017 Speech Festival, we even had five students from forms 1 and 3 who had their first attempts in Public Speaking Solo and got merits. With the hard work and efforts of our teachers and students, we are pleased to announce the results as follows:



Awards

Second place
Merits Certificates
Merits Certificates
Merits Certificates
Merits Certificates
Merits Certificates
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Merits Certificates

Participants (class)

F. 1 boys' choral speaking competition (1A)
Yau Kok Pong Alec (1A)
Lee Hon Ching (2A)
Tang Tsun Ting (2A)
Lui Man Hin (2A)
Cheng Chi Kwan (3A)
Yu Ho (3A)
Lam Tik Ming (3A)
Sze Wai Lun (4A)



ENGLISH WEEK

Once a year, the English Week is held to encourage English learning outside the classroom. Several new activities were created this year to satisfy our students' ever-changing craving for fun. The new 'hero-inspired' challenges such as the Running Dictation and Gigantic Scrabble put our students' teamwork and other skills to the test. There were also traditional events like the English morning assembly, Game Booths and Movie Show which were equally exciting. The English Week ended with a short clip featuring some of the best moments on Friday 19th January.



GAME BOOTHS

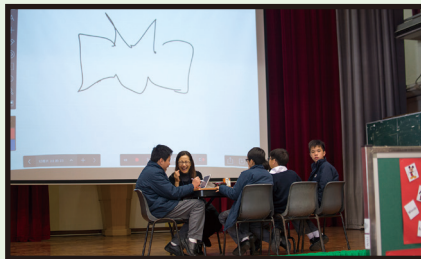
To kick start the English Week, a number of game booths were held on the first two days in the school hall.

One of the all-time favorites was the game Shooting. It was a simple game that required the participants to identify words and shoot!

Another popular game was Draw Something which was played on the stage using an iPad. This game resembles the game Pictionary, except everything is smarter and bigger with the use of Apple Pencil and a screen projector.

Here is a list of the other games:

1. Matching
2. Word Search
3. Spelling Ping Pong
4. Food Toss
5. Board Game



GIGANTIC SCRABBLE

In the English Week, Gigantic Scrabble was one of the most competitive and fun activities which aimed at 'boosting' students' spelling power.

During lunchtime, a gigantic scrabble game board was placed up in the center of the playground. Each team was given gigantic cards (7 letters cards, 1 blank card and 1 superhero card). The blank one could be used as a substitute for any letter and the superhero card was used to double the score in that round. All students enjoyed the game, they struggled hard to strategize their every letter to form a word as long as possible. Indeed, the huge success of this function should be attributed to the active participants and whole-hearted support from the teachers.



MOVIE SHOW - INSIDE OUT



The last event of the English Week was Movie Show. Students were invited to watch the famous animated movie "Inside Out" during lunchtime and after school. The participants enjoyed watching the movie very much. It was a relaxing and touching story that showed human characters from the inside out. Students found it easy to relate to the movie and they learnt how to control their own and emotions in different situations.

RUNNING DICTATION

Running Dictation is definitely one of the most exciting games in our English Week. Not only does the game require students to have a good memory, but it also takes physical strength and endurance.



Students from each class form a team to participate in the game. Students took turn to run from the starting point to the other side to read a poem and memorize as much as they could and then wrote down what they remembered on their board. This means they had to run back and forth many times because students could only remember three or four words at a time.

To add challenge to the game, students needed to draw a card that asked them to perform an action such as skipping a rope or twirling a hula hoop around the waist three times in the middle of the race.



"Exhausting but fun!" a student from the winning team exclaimed when his team finally finished writing the poem on the board.

Are you ready for another round of Running Dictation? I hope to see you taking part in this game again next year!



SONG DEDICATION

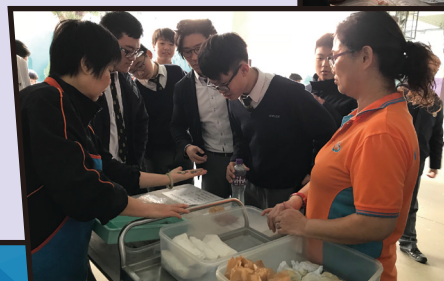
This year, we had two song dedication sessions during the lunchtime of the English Week (17-18). This program is an effective means of communication because songs deliver various messages. To their respected teachers who put efforts in teaching and caring for them, the students expressed their heart-felt gratitude through song dedication. To their adored parents who show selfless care and concern in looking after and bringing them up with sweat and toil, the students expressed their deepest appreciation. To their dearest friends whom they met since childhood and youthhood, the students stretched their open arms to voice their love. That is true. Singing is magical because the lyrics of songs can convey messages to others in a unique way.

The song dedication program this year was a great success.



TUCK SHOP EXPRESS

Tuck Shop Express was organized during the English Week to encourage students to speak English in authentic situations. For two days of the English Week, a temporary food stall was set up in the covered playground during recesses, replicating a mini tuck shop. English Ambassadors took the students' orders in English while students patiently waited for their turns. Everywhere was filled with laughter and joy.



MORNING ASSEMBLY

Weekly English assembly

We continue with our 'Hero' theme in the second term. In the English passports, we have included news articles about REAL LIFE superheroes from Hong Kong and overseas.

These real life heroes are: Bruce Lee, the martial arts megastar who changed the world with his Kung Fu and philosophy; Ming Gor, the kind-hearted restaurant owner who gave out meal boxes to the underprivileged people and the London Marathoner, Matthew Rees, who helped an exhausted competitor run over the finishing line despite adding time to his own race. Through sharing these stories, we hope students were encouraged

and positively energized so that ultimately they would understand the message: YOU CAN BE YOUR OWN HERO!



OUR NEW TEACHER

I am Miss Naterlie Ip and I am the student-teacher at CHECSS. My teaching experience in CHECSS so far has been mesmerizing. Seeing slices of life in the campus, very much reminds me of the rigorousness of vitality and youth. This experience will definitely be the most significant one in my remarks of life, as this is the first time I've ever taught as a teacher in school.

The most memorable thing to me in CHECSS is the dynamics of the school as a whole. Dynamics, being the little talks and interactions between students and teachers; the playfulness of students and how they run to the basketball court after class; the heartfelt encounters in the school in which you pass by all the joyful faces that greet you with such enthusiasm; students who were once ashamed to make mistakes in class and hesitant to answer questions, now grown to embrace their mistakes and are willing to try again. Your efforts in doing so, to me, is the very proof of improvement as you stumble through the realm of knowledge with your will and spirit. I hope you all can always remember language as the breaker of barriers as it celebrates life and liberates us from the invisibles, constructing bridges between us with words and sentences.

Your memory, every moment – every endearing moment – is captured in time, leaving imprints on your minds and hence, another piece of delicate glass figurine added to the collection and another puzzle piece put in place, until they are returned to you as a completed picture you painted in the slip of time.



ART AND CULTURE FESTIVAL

Not everyone can be a great artist, but everyone can learn to love and appreciate art.

Art is a universal language that fosters better communication between people of different backgrounds. Students can get a better understanding of foreign cultures and people with different beliefs by appreciating different art works.

As an essential part of well-rounded education, our school has launched a new event called Art and Festival Month in May. Myriads of activities were held, including book sharing, book crossing, talent shows and key chain design, etc.



English song performance

To cultivate English-speaking environment, F5 students had an English song performance in the Talent Show of Art and Culture Festival. All four F5 classes sang different English songs during lunchtime in the playground. They put tremendous effort in practice and consequently the show was well-received. A lot of students were attracted to stay at school for lunch in order to watch the performance. Audience enjoyed the show and many of them even sang along.

Book crossing activity

Undoubtedly, reading is an integral part of language learning. To raise students' interests in reading, a Book Crossing was held. Originally, Book Crossing means leaving the books at a certain place for another reader to pick up and read. Not only does it help students to explore different kinds of books, it has also fostered a positive reading environment in school. Participants were given a sticker if they finished reading to a complete introduction of a book. Many students were happy to find the books they liked and got many stickers. Some of them even competed in the numbers of stickers they got. This event was successfully held.



SLOGAN COMPETITION

To raise students' awareness of cleanliness on campus, a slogan competition was held in April. Every student was told to create and decorate their slogan on the forms given. Some really great works were displayed, and a prize presentation ceremony was held in order to show appreciation to the winners who made great effort in helping the schoolmates to develop a sense of civic responsibility in the school.

THE WINNING WORKS FROM BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR FORMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Junior

Prize	Name	Class	Slogan
1 st	Poon Yu Hin	1A	Make School Green! Throw Flush Clean!
2 nd	Sin Cheuk Wai	1B	Keep classroom tidy. Love where you study.
3 rd	Ng Long Shing	3A	Cleaning the school is our job. Doing this should never stop.
4 th	Lee Lok Yin	1D	Put the rubbish into the bins. Our campus will be clean.
Highly Commendable	Choy Tik Chun	1A	We can do it! We can make our school clean!
Highly Commendable	Lo Kai Pang	3C	Love our Choi Hung, Clean our campus; Choi Hung is my love, Choi Hung is my home.
Highly Commendable	Yuen Tsz Lok	3A	Cleaning is easy! Don't be lazy!
Highly Commendable	Lam Kwan Yin	1A	Clean! Clean! Clean! We can clean our campus!
Highly Commendable	Chung Sau Ching	1A	Put the rubbish into the bin. Our school will be clean!

Senior

Prize	Name	Class	Slogan
1 st	Ng Cheuk Yin Cheston	5A	Keep the environment CLEAN and make the campus better than we've ever seen!
2 nd	Lai Pak Fung	4A	More Cleanliness! More Happiness!
3 rd	Foo Yuk Kin	4A	We all have one goal, let's play our role. Arouse the student awareness, maintain the campus cleanliness.
4 th	Lam Kevin	4A	Only you can clean the school.
Highly Commendable	Chan Tsz Yat	4A	Use the tool. Clean the school. Make it cool. Don't be a fool.
Highly Commendable	Cheung Yiu Wai	4A	Let's clean together. Make our life better.
Highly Commendable	So Tsun Yin	5A	Cleanliness is easy. Don't be lazy. Change now to be clean. Achieve what we all dream!
Highly Commendable	Yu Man Tik	4A	Clean the school. It will be cool.
Highly Commendable	Ting Chak Kuen	5A	Come and join us clean the campus.