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Letter from the Principal

Time flies. This term has come to its end in a wink. Our children have enjoyed a busy yet rewarding life throughout this year. In them, we have seen growth, though in various degrees, both in what they have learnt and in their life experience. This urges teachers to put together students’ work in this newsletter; to boost their confidence on the one hand and to share their joy with parents and schoolmates on the other.

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A Letter From the Editor

Hi there friends!

As you know, I am the editor. But don’t think I took over the whole newspaper! I’ve worked with other people to create this, so thanks to them.

We still have articles about BSTWLMC’s activities and also present you on other subjects too. You can find articles on Korean pop, fighting aliens, the happiness of playing, reading and studying, revolutionaries, wacky games, breaking records, candy crushing, superstars and more. When combined, it becomes the most important thing of all: MAGIC!

Remember, if you want to read even more articles from the LMC Star you can find them on the school’s website.

There are so many things inside! We all hope you enjoy reading it!

Henry Chu 5D

School News: Swimming Gala

What happened on 26th October? The Swimming Gala of LMC! Not only was it a day when there were no classes, but also a day for students to show off their swimming skills!

As soon as I entered the Ma On Shan Swimming Pool, I joined in the wave of talk.

After singing the school song, I grabbed my binoculars and watched my participating classmates fling themselves into the exciting races. They swam quickly and got many prizes.

After lunch, the second part of the races began. It was a wonderful feeling as my classmates’ hard work paid off with tons of shiny medals. It was a fantastic day, with lots of laughs and cheers!

5D Erica
Drip, Drop, Splash!

Yap Cheng Hei Scott 5B

Drip, drop, splash!
Silvery streams of raindrops
Flow down the glassy rooftops.
The inside
Is as wet as the outside.
While water stays obediently inside the pool,
Coloured ropes divided it into patches of blue.
Both water and people look so cool.

Get, set, go!
Cream of the finalists dive
Into the water in groups of five.
The swimmers do their best
To beat the rest.
They swim with all their might,
Freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly to give out a good fight.
What a glorious magnificent sight!

Go! Go! Go!
Come on mates, faster!
Come on kids, quicker!
Spectators and parents cheer.
That's all one can hear.
As the swimmers approach the finishing line,
The walls and roofs can no longer confine
Thunderous roars for the champions that are so defined.

Hurray! Hurray! Hurray!
We are the champions.
Thanks our coach for a million.
Friends and families rush forward to congratulate
For they couldn’t wait to celebrate.
The champions raise up their shining trophy.
To add a page in their biography.
What a treasured memory!
Do you know who the Korean pop artist PSY is? PSY (his stage name, his real name is Park Jae-sang), is a famous Korean pop artist, song writer, rapper, record producer and dancer. He is famous for his hit single called ‘Gangnam Style’. This song is about a city in South Korea called Gangnam, where the people are very trendy and hip. Gangnam Style is also famous for its dances, just like crossing your arms and flinging your fists up and down, called ‘the horseback dance’.

In the official ‘Gangnam Style’ clip, you can see PSY doing ‘the horseback dance’ in numerous places, including buildings, beaches, roads, playgrounds, springs, a sauna, and even transportations.
The song was released on July 15, 2012. As of November 19th 2012, the music video has been viewed over 760 million times on YouTube.

On September 20, 2012, Gangnam Style was recognized by Guinness World Records as the most 'Liked' video in YouTube history and won 'Best Video' at the MTV Europe Music Awards held later this year.

Fans and people from all parts of the world listen to this song, and even try to follow the dance, especially in Hong Kong. Some music channels tried to make up a new ‘Gangnam Style’. We really liked this song, and we hope you like it too!

6D Katie & 5D Henry
Revenge of the Sith is the third and final of the six Star Wars Episodes, since episodes 4 to 6 were created first. After a fierce battle in which Obi-Wan and Anakin join Republic forces in an attempt to free Chancellor Palpatine from the evil Count Dooku and his droid army, they succeed and bring him back to Coruscant.

Palpatine, the Supreme Chancellor of the Republic, has been planning the Republic's downfall since before the war even began. He was secretly a Sith Lord, the Jedi's greatest enemy. He tried to lure Anakin to the dark side so he could wipe out the Jedi Order for him. The Chancellor came up with an awesome plan: he ordered the clones to kill the Jedi who are commanding them.
And then he ordered Anakin to wipe out the rest in the Jedi Temple.

Will Anakin join the dark side and will Palpatine seize power and become a dictator? Or will Anakin successfully resists the lure of the dark side and turn the tide of the war? Read the book or watch the movie to find out!(Of course, Anakin joined the dark side and became Darth Vader(All Sith Lords are named Darth-something) and Palpatine ruled the world as a tyrant. If not, then episodes 4 - 6 would not exist because there would be nothing left for the Jedi to do, and there is no sense in writing a book about the Jedi hanging around relaxing. ;)

I strongly recommend this book/movie for anyone who is not scared by non-violent fighting scenes, as the visual and sound effects are awesome. Your butt will be glued to the seat in front of your TV when you are watching the movie and you can't put down the book after you pick it up.
Did you follow the important event that happened in America this year. Mitt Romney and Barack Obama were the candidates of the Presidential election in America! Both Romney and Obama wanted to gain the seat as the new president of the United States of America. The question a lot of Americans probably asked were: Who do I vote for, Romney or Obama?

I think Obama won in the end because the Americans trust him, as he has been their president for several years.

Do you think they are happy with their decision? Keep your eye on the news to find out.
Hurricane Sandy was one of the fiercest hurricanes in the world. The hurricane lasted from 22nd October, 2012 until 29th October, 2012. Sandy attacked many regions and cities. It attacked Canada, also Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba, Bahamas and Bermuda in the Caribbean.

In the USA, the hurricane hit many states: Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington D.C., Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, New England, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and the Midwest. Sandy did severe damage, mostly in New York and New Jersey.

The American president, Obama, and the American government are puzzled: how can they fix the damage brought by Hurricane Sandy?

Hurricane Sandy developed from a tropical wave in the western Caribbean Sea on October 22nd, which quickly strengthened and upgraded to Tropical Storm Sandy 6 hours later. You’d be shocked if you saw the damage Sandy had done. Rooftops were ripped off, lampposts fell over, floods were everywhere, skyscrapers and houses crumpled into a million pieces……Countless people lost their homes in the hurricane. Some people even lost their family. Don’t blame the hurricane too much, though, you should blame the global warming which caused the chaos!

Nature is nice and good to look at most of the time but it can prove itself to be dangerous and powerful. Don’t think we humans are stronger than nature. Remember not to mess with Mother Nature!
On 26\textsuperscript{th} February 2013, a hot air balloon crashed near Luxor, Egypt. The balloon was carrying twenty passengers and a pilot.

A fire started in the balloon when it was a few metres off the ground, attempting to land. As the crew was trying to anchor the balloon to the ground, the pilot and one passenger leapt to safety. The balloon rose rapidly due to a sudden gust of wind. Another seven passengers jumped from the balloon to escape the fire.

Unfortunately, they all died from the height of the jump. When the balloon was 300 meters away from the ground, it finally exploded and crashed into a sugar cane field on the west side of Luxor.

The balloon was carrying 9 passengers from Hong Kong, 4 from Japan, 3 from Britain, 2 from France, 1 from Hungary, an Egyptian tour guide and a pilot. 18 passengers died from the explosion and another man from Britain died after being rushed to the hospital.

Hot air balloon flights are temporarily banned from Egypt. I think the Egyptian government has done the right thing. Hopefully, the Egyptians will improve the safety of hot air balloons soon!
Do you know who the shortest man in the world is? How about the most dangerous road? Or maybe the most calorific burger? ***You'd better read the Guinness Book of World Records if you want to know! (Don't misunderstand me: I'm not telling you to go and buy one now as it costs too much and it's hard to find. Let me assure you. And I'm the one who has it, so I will explain the records to you [but not all].)

Let me tell you some records in the book. One of them is the largest school, called the City Montessori School in India. There are 39,437 students in this school! There is also the richest man ever, named John D. Rockefeller. He has about 322 billion US dollars! The tallest dog was named Zeus, who measured a whopping 111.8 cm! One island in Mexico has the largest collection of 'haunted' dolls, called La Isla de las Munecas (Island of the Dolls). Some say that the dolls come to life at night!

Actually, Hong Kong has a record too! Hong Kong is the city with the most skyscrapers in the world.

If you want to know more, go to the Guinness World Records website or find a copy in the school library. Hope you'll find the records amazing!

***The shortest man is Chandra Bahadur Dangi at 54.6 cm. The most dangerous road is the North Yungas Road. The most calorific burger is sold in Oscar's Diner. It has 4,200 calories.
Do you know what kind of insects US Marines were recommended to eat in WW2? Do you know why some Vikings had goofy names like Oaf, Fat-thighs and Stinking? Do you know which crusaders ships were protected by barrels of pee? If you want to know the answers, read Horrible Histories, because teachers will not tell you these gruesome details in school.

Horrible Histories is a series with more than 60 books which is full of jokes and stuff that can help kids (the type of kids who get crazy when they see a book with 100% words) learn history.
My favorite book in the series is the book about World War 2.
The book about WW2 tells you about how the soldiers and civilians survived in the war and how the Japanese and Germans massacred millions of innocent people and other bloody, awful, tales from WW2.

In other Horrible Histories books, you can hear about all the gore and awesome bloody stuff in history, stuff they would never tell you in middle school. I don't recommend these books if you are afraid of horrible stuff or you'll never get the jokes. But I recommend the series to those who like bloody tales and groovy jokes. The Horrible Histories books are very exciting and I guarantee that you will read all the 60 books after the first one you choose.
Sugar Crush! BAMBAMBAMBAMBAM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Wonderful! Level completed!

‘Sugar Crush’* may make you think of a game----Candy Crush Saga. Candy Crush Saga is a famous game made by King.com for smart phones and Facebook.

There are three power-candies in total. First, a striped candy. It can be formed when four of the same candies are joined. It can destroy a horizontal or a vertical line of candies if activated. If swapped with another striped candy, it’ll make a cross that destroys horizontal and vertical candy lines, with the swapping place as the middle.

Second, a wrapped candy. It is formed when five of the same candies are joined in an L or a T shape. It can destroy a 3×3 column of candies twice if activated. If swapped with a striped candy, It’ll make the striped candy grow 9 times larger and destroy candy lines that are 3 times larger horizontally and vertically.
Lastly, a colour bomb. It can be formed when 5 candies are joined. It can destroy all candies that are the same colour as the swapped candy. If swapped with a striped candy, it’ll make all candies that are the same colour as that striped candy turn into striped candies and activate a chain reaction immediately. For a wrapped candy, it’ll burst twice. For another colour bomb, an amazing thing will happen. It’ll destroy every vertical line of candies one by one!

Candy Crush Saga is ranked as the most popular game on Facebook. It has 275 levels on smart phones, and 350 on Facebook. I strongly recommend you download it on your smart phone or tablet to enjoy the sweetest game ever!

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*Sugar Crush is a kind of a present after you win a level.

**Don’t misunderstand me, I’m not telling you to eat the sweet game. How can you eat a game?
Hello everybody! Today I’m writing about a board game called Keltis. Keltis is a German word which means “The way of holy stones”. So how do stones walk? We’ll find it out in this game.

There shall be 3 kinds of “stones”: A high column, 4 average-height column, and a flat one. The high column and the 4 average-height column are your pieces. The flat one is for marking scores.

Here is a photo to show the gameplay:

You can see that there are Irish symbols:

A score line around the board:
The aim is to reach the goal (ten marks) as soon as possible because the more points you get the better chance you have to win.

You move your stones by playing cards out. For example, if you play a blue 1, you can move 1 step forward. But if you play a yellow 9, you still move 1 step forward on that line. The numbers are used to count your marks which are an important part of the game. But there is a place different from the numbers crossed out from the 5 main lines.

You can see that there is a wishing stone symbol upon the right lower corner on the above picture. When your stones walk, they might step onto cards that turn out to be a wishing stone or score boosters or four leaf clovers.

The wishing stone can add bonus marks or deduct marks from your score board when the game ends. Remove the wishing stone card after you step on it. The score booster can add bonus marks to your score board immediately when you step on them, so do not remove the score booster. The 4 leaf clover allows you to move 1 step forwards without drawing a card, so do not remove it.

I hope you will enjoy playing this game as much as I do.
White tigers

The white tiger is a mutated Bengal tiger. They are a bit bigger than normal tigers. Because they are so rare, they are all in captivity. That means none of them live in the wild.

White tigers are divided into 2 species: the true albino tiger, whose stripes are very faint, and the white tiger with strong stripes. White tigers (including the albinos) have pink noses and either green or blue eyes. Other signs of their difference are that they cross their eyes when they are stressed or confused. They may also have shortened forelegs, kidney problems, arched or crooked backbones and a twisted neck.

They also suffer from a condition called 'star-gazing'. Some of the white tigers born in North America have faces with a snub nose, jutting jaw, domed head and wide-set eyes with an indentation between the eyes. However, some of these features may be linked to a poor diet rather than inbreeding.
Sailfish

Sailfish live in the warmer oceans of the world. They are blue or grey, with a special feature: their dorsal fins, normally known as a sail. Another special feature is their long bill, which resembles the sword fishes’ bill. They change colour a lot. They can appear from dull browns and greys to dazzling purples and even silver. Sailfish can change their colors instantly, because it is a change controlled by their nervous system. Sailfish change their colours to make capturing prey much easier.

Sailfish grow quickly, and they feed on squid and small fish. The sailfish’s sail is normally folded down to the side when it is swimming, but it may raise its sail when it feels threatened or excited, making the sailfish look bigger than its original size. They also use their sails when they hunt other fish, raising their sails to herd a school of fish or squid. Sailfishes are well known for their incredible jumps and great speed. The sailfish is the speediest marine animal. It can reach a speed of 110 km per hour.

The sailfish and white tiger are both beautiful but rare. If we want to save these lovely creatures from disappearing, we must give them a hand. We can participate in WWF activities, donate money to Greenpeace, SPCA and other organizations. Don’t think just because you’re small, you can’t do anything! Sometimes the most insignificant people make the biggest changes.
It would be marvelous if my ideal school could be real. I could just see a big, grassy meadow filled with animals of all sizes and shapes, wandering around freely. The children are all enjoying the fun playing with the animals. Ahh...The nature!

Besides that, the animals will greet us every morning at the gate, with a happy, smiling principal standing beside them. Instead of waving their hands, the animals will wave to us with their paws and hooves with a friendly welcome.

Also, I wish that cable cars can be built in our school. The cable goes around and around the school. It would be in mid-air so that the children in the cable cars would be able to enjoy the scenery of Shatin. Plus, each cable car would be built with a glass floor. The children can look through it and spy on the people below. Hee hee!

It would also be great to have a giant, invisible, water-proof and semi-circle shaped rain shelter to cover our school when it rains. The rain shelter will automatically open when it senses the rain. Since there is a rain shelter, the children won't need to worry about the weather. How nice!

Then, I would like to have an enormous castle-shaped trampoline which is half the size of a standard football field. That will surely give the children a bouncy recess! They are gonna be crazy about this exciting activity!

In order to give the children a chance to relax themselves when they are feeling nervous, I think I would like to have three outdoor Jacuzzi and three indoor Jacuzzi. Each of them will have steamy hot water. It would be just like a hotel! What a perfect idea!

Last but not least, there will also be an aquarium that is built under the indoor swimming pool. That way, the children can see the fish below while they are swimming. It would be an amazing sight! There will be a tunnel connected between the school and the aquarium underground in case some people are not willing to get wet.

To sum up, I wish that everything I have mentioned above could come true one day. I wish I would be able to see all of them in my life.