



香海正覺蓮社佛教陳式宏學校

HHCKLA Buddhist Chan Shi Wan Primary School

# Be a Communicative Self-confident Wise-kid

## ♥ Learning with Native-speaking English Teachers ♥

### Our NETs

This year's team of NETs is made up of four energetic teachers from Canada and the UK: Miss Elaine, Miss Greta, Mr. Duncan and Mr. William! With the help of the NETs, a positive English learning environment is created all around the school. Our students enjoy interacting with the NETs no matter in lessons or after lessons. Exposing our students to different cultures really helps them understand the value of learning English so they can be a part of worldwide English-speaking community.



### PLP-R/W Lessons

P1 to P3 students have their PLP-R/W lessons which focus on reading and writing with Miss Greta and Miss Elaine in the English room every week. They learn about different text types, such as storybooks, magazines, emails and comics. Students learn and use English in authentic situations and through experiential learning. Recently, our P1 students and P3 students learn how to write a recipe by making chocolate cakes and hotdogs respectively.



### Guided Reading Lessons

Miss Elaine and Miss Greta carry guided reading lessons with our P4 students weekly. During guided reading, students read books in small groups with the NETs according to their reading levels. The NETs support our students in learning reading strategies like using phonics skills to pronounce new words. We would like to help our students become fluent readers and use these strategies independently while reading.



### Speaking to Writing Lessons

Our P5 and P6 students really enjoy having their weekly lessons which are co-taught by Mr. Duncan and Mr. William. The speaking activities are thematically linked to the GE units to create a meaningful context for our students to practise target language structures and appropriate speaking skills, and to carry out group discussion and present their ideas. The group discussion promotes our students to learn and use meaningful phrases in their writing afterwards.



# ♥ Reading Anytime and Anywhere ♥

## Morning Storytelling

Students who arrive early to school are invited to gather around and listen to various stories with the NETs. We learn about characters, settings and prediction! English storytelling is the chance for the NETs and our students to share their love for books as well as helping them develop their English comprehension skills. More importantly, listening to stories helps our students become active listeners.



## Lunchtime Buddy Reading

Our P1 students are invited to read books with our P6 English Ambassadors (EATs) in small groups after lunch every day! They benefit from listening to stories and conversing with their P6 reading buddies about different topics. At the same time, our P6 English Ambassadors have opportunities to use English for communicative purpose.



# ♥ Enriching English Learning Environment ♥

## English Morning Assembly

The whole school loves to participate in our monthly English morning assembly. Each month, different students from one level are invited to host the assembly with the NETs. They use different ways such as riddles and tongue twisters to promote the English monthly theme and fun activities. The English morning assembly not only allows our students to gain confidence in speaking in front of the school, but also increases their exposure to the language.



## English Radio

Every Wednesday lunchtime, our students tune into the English radio episode produced by the NETs. The NETs talk about funny stories, riddles and jokes in English. The radio episodes focus on the English monthly theme, like 'School Picnic' and 'Under the Sea'. At the end of each radio episode, the NETs ask our students some questions and encourage them to share in the school corridors at recesses.

## Happy Recess

During recesses, all students are encouraged to participate in fun English games and activities! Various English activities are carried out by the NETs and our EATs in the English room where our students can come and play board games, sing songs and use iPads for fun quizzes. The NETs also run storytelling at English Fun Zone where the younger students can listen and read their favourite books.



## Winter Fun Fair

The Winter Fun Fair is an exciting day that our students always look forward to it each year. The playground becomes a wonderland where our students can move from station to station playing games in English to learn Christmas traditions and songs. These games allow them to use English while having fun at the same time. Our English Ambassadors provide a big help for the rest of our students as they run the games. They learn leadership skills and act as great role models for their peers!



♥ Extending the Diversity of Learning ♥



## Choral Speaking Team

Our choral speaking team (P2-P3) worked very hard to practise for the Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival. The poem they performed this year was about an old teddy bear who is looking for a loving best friend. They were able to bring the poem to life with their lively gestures and voices. Every year, our students take pride in performing on stage together. It is a great opportunity to practise teamwork and presentation skills!

## English Ambassador Teams

Our three English Ambassador Teams help promote English-learning throughout the school. They are high-flying students from P4 to P6 that they work like mini teachers to help our younger students complete their English work. They also help with the English recess games every day. Each EAT team has a weekly training with different topics in English that helps them develop leadership, responsibility and teamwork!



## English Fun Classes

This year we have two after-school English Fun Classes specially for P2 and P3 students who are not eager to use and learn English. Every week, Miss Greta and Mr. Duncan design various games and activities like whiteboard games and word searches to encourage our students to speak in English and practise their spelling in a fun and relaxing way.

## Interclass Activities

Each month, a different level group is invited to the covered playground to play English games with the NETs. Four classes of the same level will compete against one another to complete challenges as a class and earn points for their team. This is a chance for our students to use English in a fun way and work together as a class. They must listen carefully to the instructions and use English to cheer on each other!



## Debate Team

This year, some P6 students were invited to participate in a debate competition run by a local secondary school. Our students researched a lot and wrote speeches to persuade the judges that shark finning should not be legal in Hong Kong. We are very proud of them as they were crowned the Grand Champions! This was a very exciting opportunity for the students, and they gained a lot of confidence in public speaking and debating.



## Study Tour

One of the highlights of 2019 was our study tour to Brisbane, Australia. Some of our P4 to P6 students experienced a wonderful cultural exchange as they stayed with host families to learn more about life in Australia. We were also able to share some of our school values as we taught our Australian school buddies how to practise mindfulness. What a memorable experience! This year we are very pleased to announce that some students will have the chance to visit New Zealand on a study tour. We cannot wait to learn more about this country and to speak English with the locals.

