



Preface

In this newsletter, you will have the opportunity to read a variety of stories, letters and accounts, as well as other forms of creative writing produced by our students.

You could begin by learning about Hong Kong's past - reading P4 students' accounts of life in Hong Kong 60 years ago will make you reflect on how things have changed since your childhood. Then you could read P1 students' writing about themselves and their families. Next, you could learn about some of the festivals we celebrate.

Finally, if you're looking for a book to read, don't forget to read a P6 student's book review - before you can say 'chocolate', you'll be on your way to the library to borrow the book!

We invite you to start the literary journey now; it will be a memorable one! Enjoy the read!

The English Department

P.4 Life in Hong Kong 60 years ago and now

Dear Kristy,

I am happy to receive your email. I want to tell you about the differences between Hong Kong 60 years ago and now.

Children did not play electronic games 60 years ago. They played Chinese chess and hopscotch. They liked these games because they were interesting and relaxing.

Children play electronic games now. They think these games are interesting and exciting. There weren't any supermarkets 60 years ago but now there are a lot of supermarkets.

Nobody had computers in the past while computers are very popular nowadays. I like the life in Hong Kong now because life is more convenient.

How about your life in USA now? Please write soon!

Best friend,

Aaron

4A Chan Ching Hei, Aaron



Dear Catherine,

I am happy to receive your e-mail. I want to tell you about the differences between Hong Kong 60 years ago and now.

Children did not play electronic games 60 years ago. They played hide-and-seeK and hopscotch. They liked these games because they were interesting and exciting. They play electronic games and mobile phone games now. They think these games are fun because they are interesting and exciting.

People bought food at markets 60 years ago because the food was fresher. However, people buy food at supermarkets now because it is more convenient. There wasn't a wetland park 60 years ago but there is a wetland park now. I like the life in Hong Kong now because it is more convenient.

How about the life in USA 60 years ago? Please write soon.

Best wishes,

4B Kwok Hiu Yuet, Abby



Dear Mary,

I am happy to receive your e-mail. I am going to tell you about Hong Kong 60 years ago and now.

Children did not play electronic games 60 years ago. They played hide-and-seeK and hopscotch. They liked these games because they were interesting and exciting. They play electronic games and computer games now. They think these games are fun because they are exciting.

There weren't any supermarkets 60 years ago. People bought food at the markets. There are supermarkets now so people buy food there.

I like the life in Hong Kong now because it is more convenient.

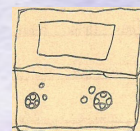
How about your life in USA now?

Please write back soon.

From,

Jacob

4C Ng Wing Kai, Jacob



Dear Issac,

How are you? Thank you for your e-mail. I would like to tell you something about Hong Kong. 60 years ago, some children never went to school. However, all children can go to school now. 60 years ago, there weren't many schools. However, there are many schools now.

60 years ago, people liked collecting stamps and reading comics. Now, people like playing electronic games and watching TV. They sometimes visit the theme park too.

60 years ago, people travelled on sedan chairs and on foot. They took a long time to go to work. However, there are many means of transport now. We have MTR trains, taxis and aeroplanes. They are faster and more convenient. I think life is better now.

Best wishes,

Oscar

4D Lam Ka Tsun, Oscar

Dear Eric,

How are you? I would like to tell you something about Hong Kong. 60 years ago, some children never went to school. However, all children can go to school now. 60 years ago, there weren't many schools. However, there are many schools now.

Regarding games, some children played hopscotch and hide-and-seeK 60 years ago. However, most children play phone games and electronic games now. There are many electronic games.

Concerning the living environment, people lived in small huts. The toilets were outside 60 years ago. However, people live in flats in tall buildings now. The toilets are inside. Regarding public transport, there were sedan chairs. There weren't any MTR trains or minibuses 60 years ago. However, there are buses, taxis, trams and MTR trains now.

Love,

Morris

4E Chan Pak Hin, Morris

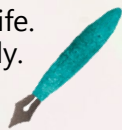


Hi Ben,
Thank you for your letter!
My best friend is Chloe.
She is ten years old.
She lives in Kwun Tong.
She comes to school by bus.
Her father is a fireman.
He puts out fires.
Her mother is a nurse.
She looks after sick people.
From,
Winna



2E Pang Wai Laam, Winna

Hi Cherry,
Thank you for your letter!
My best friend is Venus.
She is seven years old.
She lives in Kwun Tong.
She comes to school on foot.
Her father is a fireman.
He puts out fires.
Her mother is a housewife.
She looks after the family.
From,
Ada



2C Cheung Pui Ching, Ada

Hi Ben,
Thank you for your letter!
My best friend is Pauline.
She is seven years old.
She lives in Sha Tin.
She comes to school on foot.
Her father is a doctor.
He helps sick people.
He helps sick people.
Her mother is a waitress.
She serves food to people.
From,
Heidy

2D Tsang Yuen Ching, Heidy

About me

My name is Cheng Tsz Yi, Tweety. I am seven years old. I live in Shun Lee. I come to school by school bus.
My father is a manager. He helps people. My mother is a housewife. She looks after my family. I have a happy family.
My friend is Chan Ngo Chi, Ochi. She is seven years old. She lives in Po Tat. She comes to school on foot. She is a good girl. I like playing with her.

2A Cheng Tsz Yi, Tweety

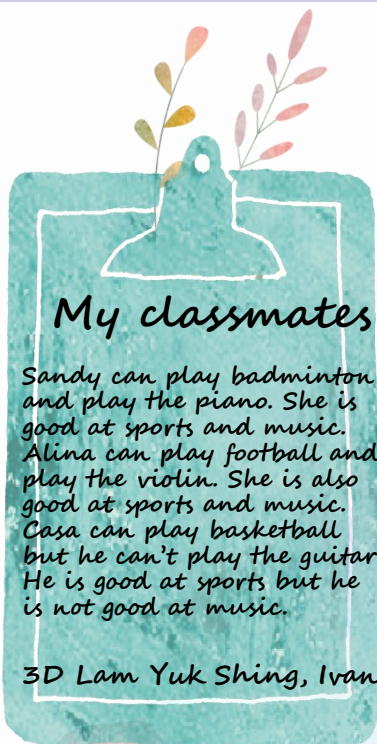
My brother

This is my brother.
His name is Ling Tsz Long.
We live in Po Tat.
He is ten days old.
He sleeps a lot.
He cries when he is hungry.
He likes playing with Dad and me.
He is a cute baby.



2B Ling Tsz Nok, Alan

Buying a toy car for David



My classmates

*Sandy can play badminton and play the piano. She is good at sports and music.
Alina can play football and play the violin. She is also good at sports and music.
Casa can play basketball but he can't play the guitar. He is good at sports but he is not good at music.*

3D Lam Yuk Shing, Ivan

Today is David's birthday. It is Saturday. May and Peter want to buy a present because they want to give David a surprise. They decide to buy a toy for David on his birthday. They go to Fun Fun Toy Shop. They see a lot of toys outside the toy shop. They go in the toy shop and talk to the shopkeeper. May asks, 'How much is the toy car?' The shopkeeper answers, 'It's sixty dollars.' Peter says, 'Oh no!' Unfortunately, they do not have enough money. They can only buy a toy plane but they still feel great.

3A Kwong Yan To, Cyrus

Today is David's birthday. It is Saturday. May and Peter want to buy a present because they want to give David a surprise. They decide to buy a toy for David on his birthday. They go to Fun Toy Shop. They see a lot of toys outside the toy shop. They are excited. They go in the toy shop and talk to the shopkeeper. May asks, 'How much is the toy car?' The shopkeeper answers, 'It's fifty-five dollars.' Peter says, 'Oh no!' Unfortunately, they have not got enough money. They can only buy a robot but they still feel happy.

3C Tsang Chi Shun, Bridgette

Today is 2nd December. It is Saturday. May and Peter want to buy a present because it is David's birthday soon. They decide to buy a toy for David for his birthday. They go to Fun Toy Shop. They see a toy duck, a toy plane and a robot in Fun Toy Shop. They walk into the toy shop and talk to the shopkeeper. 'How much is a toy car?' asks May. 'It is fifty-five dollars,' says the shopkeeper. 'Oh no! We don't have enough money!' says Peter. Unfortunately, they only have fifty dollars. 'Don't worry! We can buy a robot. You see! It's fifty dollars only,' says May. They buy a robot for David. They feel happy.

3B Leung An Ho, Anson

Today is Saturday. May and Peter want to buy a present because it is David's birthday. They decide to buy a toy for David on his birthday. They go to Fun Toy Shop. They see a lot of toys in Fun Toy Shop. They go in the toy shop and talk to the shopkeeper. May asks, 'How much is the toy car?' The shopkeeper answers, 'It's fifty-five dollars.' Unfortunately, they do not have enough money. Peter says, 'Oh no! I don't have enough money.' May answers, 'Don't worry! Let's buy him something cheaper.' They go to a gift shop to buy a card. They feel very happy.

3E Ng Tsz Hin, Hugo





My name is Haje.

I have long hair.

I have a small nose.

I have small ears.

I have big eyes.

I have a big mouth.

I have long arms and legs.



1C Yip Wan Hei, Haje

This is me.

I have short hair.

I have a small nose.

I have big ears.

I have a small mouth.

I have long legs.

I have small eyes.

I have small feet.

1A Lai Yin, Vincent



This is me.

I have long hair.

I have a big nose.

I have small ears.

I have big eyes.

I have short arms.

I have long legs.

I have big feet.

1B Li Wing Man, Elaine



This is me.

I have long hair.

I have a small nose.

I have big ears.

I have a small mouth.

I have short arms.

I have long legs.

I have small feet.

1D Fok Hang Shuen, Virginia



My pet

This is my rabbit Ben.

He is small.

He has long ears.

He has a small nose.

He has small feet.

1E Cai Jing Yin, Jean



My visit to Ocean Park

My breakfast

This morning I had a horrifying kitchen experience. I got up early and made breakfast for myself. I took a pan to fry an egg.

While I was cooking, Mum called me from the living room. 'Sam, you should make your bed before you leave your room.' I put down the pan and left the kitchen.

Later, Mum and I saw some smoke coming from the kitchen. The burning smell got stronger and stronger. 'Oh no! My egg is still in the pan!' I cried. I was scared and did not know what to do.

Mum ran into the kitchen and turned off the stove. Luckily, there wasn't a fire. Although I couldn't have my breakfast, I learnt an important lesson - never leave the stove while you are cooking.

5A Chor Yan Ching, Joyce

My birthday party

Last week was my birthday. I had my party at home. My parents decorated the house with balloons and a birthday banner. Dad gave me a robot. I was very happy.

At the beginning of the party, I made a wish. When I opened my eyes, I saw my little sister knock the robot off the table.

I was very angry. My sister felt afraid and cried loudly. Dad comforted my sister and Mum looked worried. Then Dad said to me 'Don't be angry! I can fix it for you.' We were happy again and enjoyed the party together.

5D Nip Tsz Ching, Cherry

I have been to Ocean Park once. I did a lot of things during my last visit. I visited there last Christmas morning. I went there with my parents by bus. It was a great day.

First, we rode on the cable car to enjoy the view. Next, we had lunch at a Chinese restaurant. We had shrimp dumplings, buns and beef balls. It was delicious!

In the afternoon, we rode on the roller-coaster. It was exciting. I felt amazed. We also took the Ferris wheel and played the booth games. Who won? Me! It was enjoyable. I love the games there very much.

5B Tsoi Ka Hei, Tony

I have been to Ocean Park once. I did a lot of things during my visit. I visited there on 1st January in the morning. I went there with my family by MTR. It was sunny that day.

First, we saw the pandas. Next, we had lunch at a fast food shop. We had fried rice and chicken wings. It was yummy!

In the afternoon, we watched the dolphin show. I felt excited. We also rode on the cable car. It was enjoyable. I love Ocean Park very much.

5E Zeng Tsz Kei, Shirley

The helping hands

Yesterday, I saw an old lady with grey hair in the street. She was carrying some heavy bags of fruit and vegetables. She looked tired.

I went up to her and carried one of her bags. There were some oranges in it. She thanked me and was very grateful.

The bag broke when we were walking up a hill. The oranges rolled all over the place. I tried to pick them up.

A boy nearby helped us. I felt happy. I will help more people in the future.

5C Chan Hoi Kei, Helen

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A presentation about Chinese New Year

Today I'd like to talk about Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year is in January or February. It is a Chinese festival. Many people in Hong Kong like this festival.

People celebrate Chinese New Year with their family and friends. People decorate their homes with red paper. Also, people eat rice cakes and turnip cakes. People enjoy watching firework displays. They are held at Victoria Harbour. They like watching parades too. They also like to go to the flower markets. Water lilies, cherry blossoms and orchids are bought there.

I like Chinese New Year the most because I can have a big dinner with my family and get red packets. This is all for my presentation. I hope you found my presentation about Chinese New Year interesting. Thank you for listening.

6E Ngan Chun Ho, Tommy

P.6

Dear Miss Chan,

A letter to recommend a book to my teacher

How are you? When I was studying in P.4, you always encouraged us to read books. Thank you for your encouragement. Now reading has become my hobby. In this letter, I would like to share an interesting book with you. The name of this book is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Everyone loves chocolate because it is sweet and yummy. I really love chocolate and therefore I found a book related to 'chocolate' - *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. It is a fantastic story! It was written by Roald Dahl in 1964. It is about a boy called Charlie and his friends. They have an adventure in Mr Willy Wonka's factory. I think every child will like this interesting book.

At the beginning of the story, the chocolate factory has been shut for fifteen years. Until one day, the owner, Mr Willy Wonka, allows five children to visit the chocolate factory and chooses one good child to be the owner of the factory. To get into the factory, the children need to get the 'golden tickets'. Some children come from wealthy families so they can find a ticket by using money. But Charlie is poor. Luckily, when he gets his birthday present - a chocolate bar, he gets the last ticket to enter the factory. He is very excited.

The five kids arrive at the chocolate factory. They go into the factory with Willy. But some bad things happen! The fat boy Augustus falls into a chocolate lake and gets sucked into a pipe. After that, three other children get into trouble and... Read it to find out what happens!

This book teaches us to listen to people's advice and not to be greedy. Although Charlie is poor, he can use his bravery and courage to solve problems and thus he wins the factory. I think this book is an interesting book. I strongly recommend this book to you. Please write to me after reading this book.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Reply soon!

Sincerely,
Matthew

6A Tsoi Hiu Yin, Matthew



What a bad day!

Yesterday was a sunny day. Bill, Jeff and I were so bored because we had finished our homework already. We did not need to study at home so we played with water guns in a park.

Although there was a sign 'No water guns!', we ignored it and we played with our water guns happily. However, the garden was wet because of us. Suddenly, a little girl ran into a puddle. I was so afraid that she would fall and get hurt. I ran to her quickly because I wanted to protect her. Unluckily, I slipped on the ground and hurt my ankle. It was so painful!

In the end, the little girl's mother sent me to the hospital and asked my mum to go to the hospital. My mum was angry and told me off. I said sorry to my mum and promised to behave well in the future.

6B Jung Hiu Wing, Isa

A presentation about Dragon Boat Festival

Today I'd like to talk about Dragon Boat Festival. Dragon Boat Festival is in May or June. It is a Chinese festival. Many people in Hong Kong like this festival.

People celebrate Dragon Boat Festival with their family and friends. People watch dragon boat races to celebrate Dragon Boat Festival. Also, they will make rice dumplings. In ancient times, people would buy dried herbs because they thought they would expel evil. I like Dragon Boat Festival the most because I can eat many dumplings. This is all for my presentation. I hope you found my presentation about Dragon Boat Festival interesting. Thank you for listening.

6C Ngai Yuen Kwan, Wendy

A letter to the principal about raising money for charity

Dear Principal Tse,
I am writing because the Charity Club would like to help UNICEF to raise money for the poor people in Africa. We think our ideas will help solve some problems for them. Some people get sick easily because the water is brown and full of germs. It is too dirty to drink. Some families cannot afford school fees, textbooks or stationery because they are too poor. Also, some children need to walk one to two hours to the nearest school because they cannot afford the transport fare.

We want to run a food stall to raise money for the poor people. We can either bake cakes or make jelly. We would also like to cook fish balls and make salad.

We hope you will be able to help us organize the charity events.

Yours sincerely,

Ryan Hui

Chairperson of the Charity Club

6D Hui Chai Kwong, Ryan

