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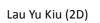
On 26th and 29th September, all of the F.2 students went to Tsim Sha Tsui to interview some foreign tourists. The excursion has improved their English speaking skills and widened their horizons. Let us see the feelings and some photos during the excursion!

Smarco: After the excursion to Tsim Sha Tsui, I felt very amazed because the tourists didn't know the culture of Hong Kong. Also the tourists hadn't tried the local food, such as stinky tofu, egg tart, egg waffles, fish ball, dim sum etc. I thought that I became braver than the past after this excursion. If some people who come from foreign countries ask me some questions, I will answer them bravely.

This excursion to Tsim Sha Tsui is a good experience to talk with the foreigners. It improved my English speaking skills, so I hope that we could go to the excursion once more.

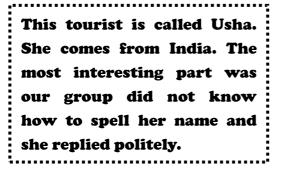
> My group interviewed four groups of foreign tourists. They come from Pakistan. The tourist in the middle is called Zokhruf.







The man on the right is called Peter and the woman on the left is called Josie. They are from New Zealand. This group of foreign tourists loved shopping in Hong Kong because there are a lot of products for them to buy.







This tourist is called James. He comes from Australia. When we I asked him the questions, he I replied patiently and politely.

What did the exchange students experience?

23 September was the very first English Day. On that day, three courageous and brave students who joined exchange program last year were invited to share their experiences. So generous were they that they endured the nervousness of being on stage and shared their precious memories during their studies.

As our schoolmates and the foreigners there led a totally different lifestyle and communicated

with different languages, going to exchange trip was a great difficulty to them undoubtedly. The Americans and British speak English so we can still say that it is quite easy for us to chat with them. However, some of our schoolmates visited countries like Austria and Germany where the locals do not use English to communicate usually.



Chan Kit Wing (5D)

Because of the obstacle of the lack of communication, our

schoolmates felt lonely and helpless. With no one to help, they once thought of giving up. However, they didn't quit ultimately. To adjust their attitude, they took the initiative to learn about the countries. Stepping out of their comfort zone, they learnt for the sake of pursuing excellence.

Not only did they widen their horizons, they also had a better understanding of the foreign



his mind.

countries. An exchange student named Hinkey went to America for exchange. Before the long trip, he was scared since he had heard of news that the country was not safe due to gun shot accidents. Until his visit to America, he had a whole new impression of America. He told us that the Americans were friendly and enthusiastic, willing to help him who was a stranger to them to adapt to the new environment. The great impression that the foreigners gave him is still fresh in

Since participating in the exchange program can broaden their horizons and let them know deeply about a strange country, the three experienced schoolmates recommend our schoolmates dare to try things new.

Through their courageous stories, our schoolmates can have deep understanding of the exchange program and the correct attitude when dealing with hurdles.





F.3 cosplay competition was held on 4th October, 2016. There were 8 groups of participants. They cosplayed as different characters including Mario, One Piece,

Detective Conan. Let's take a look!



They are the second runner-up from 3B. They cosplayed as Mario lively. They designed the props by themselves which surprised the audience. They want to join this kind of competition too.

Hui Lok Hang (3D) is the first runner-up in this competition. He cosplayed as one of the characters in Dead Notes. He felt delighted after joining the cosplay competition because he really enjoyed it.





Congratulations

to Class 3A! They are the winners of this competition. The audience feels extremely amused and the costumes make their eyes pop.



F.2 Cosplay Competition

The F.2 Cosplay Competition was held on 18th November, 2016. The theme of F.2 Cosplay Competition was Superhero, such as Captain America, Iron Man, Hulk etc.

Smarco: I was the designer of the characters of 2D group 2 Spider-Man. After the competition, I thought that our group was very lucky and glad that we won the champion of this competition.





Benky: Some contestants cosplayed as funny heroes such as one punch man. I think the competition was great. Some costumes are expensive, some are cheap but look really cool. My unforgettable costume is the Professor X because it looks very funny and wonderful.

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2016 Sports Day Show Time

Lo Tsz Yau Xenia (1C)

Every Form 1 student has to perform at 'Show Time'. It is a cheerleading team performance.

It is also an inter-house compitition. All students paid their efforts to prepare for this event. Leaders of each house will teach Form 1 students the dancing before Sports Day.



In the show, we have to scream at the top of our voice. The champion of the event can get 30 marks. It is a very big honor winning the show time. The champion this year is Blue House. Congratulations!



Let's watch the video and recall your memory!

https://youtu.be/yb8WZkHWXPY

Good Works from students ...



Tang Tsz Kiu (F.5B)

Learning a new language

When it comes to the ways of learning a new language, people have different views. For me, downloading podcasts is the most effective way of learning a new language.



These days, we all gain access to Internet. Downloading podcasts for our commute and choosing foreign films are just a piece of cake. Not only is it convenient but also effective. Apparently, if you are learning through a textbook, it will bore you to death as everything is new and difficult for you. However, should we learn through foreign films and podcasts, we can listen to the sounds of the language and also understand the meaning of the language through watching the subtitles.



I'm now learning Japanese, which is a totally new language for me. Whenever I have free time, I will watch the Japanese movies like 'Your Name' and 'Shin Godzilla'. I am totally immersed in the environment and concentrated on the movies. I can say that no one can distract me. Comparing to learning through reading, it is easier and much more enjoyable to concentrate. The more you enjoy the process, the more likely

you are to keep the habit. Meanwhile, every time I finish watching a Japanese movie, I know how to pronounce some words and understand the meaning of those words. As time passes, I can understand Japanese without watching the subtitles!

Learning a new language may take you a lot of time. However, if you stick to the most effective method, you can definitely learn a lot!

Ng Wai Yan (F.5B)

The Big Boss of Online Gaming is Addiction



You can be a princess who grows up happily in the castle or a hero who is admired by children for killing the dragon. You can put on the most fashionable outfit every day or shoot the monsters down in every single street. Stop imagining your ideal-self, my friend. Look at the mirror. Are you living as

perfectly as you did in online gaming? You can fight the big boss in the game but can you do the same against your addiction?

Recently, I have heard that most of my classmates are discussing the new online game

established just the night before. They spent every late night dealing with the big boss and slept the whole school day. They sacrificed their precious resting time in exchange for the weapons required to save the princess. Their craving for being a hero had dominated themselves. Weeks passed by, they started to hide from society. They don't want to talk about the daily routine but the process of rescuing the city instead. At last, they remain as the unsung heroes at school with countless sleepless nights and a failed exam result. Is the story familiar to you?

There must be reasons why online gaming is so attractive to dominate our lives. They are undoubtedly an exciting world for us to seek our ideal-self. We can choose our own character as we like and act as crazily as we want. No one would like to tell us what to do or how to feel. Such excitement has taken over our hearts. That's why we are desperate for the up-coming version of the imaginary world.

Apart from that, students nowadays lack care from others. Teachers, parents and friends are less willing to communicate with the



adult-like teenagers. They think we can do everything but of course we cannot. Their high expectation on us has given us enormous pressure. While the school life is hectic with the packed schedule, we desire to escape from this cruel world. Once we find our satisfaction in online gaming, we want to maintain the "ideal me".

Addiction to online gaming is like taking drugs. The big boss conquered our spare time as well as our relationships with the beloved ones. Therefore, actions have to be taken in order to fight against this big boss.

First of all, the addicted students themselves should train their self-discipline. Time control is required. My suggestion is to set up a timetable to ensure that you won't overuse the computer and obsessed with online gaming. You should also find your importance in the real world. You'd better identify yourself well with your goals to achieve and your dreams to realize.

For the schoolmates and friends of the addicted students, you should help him to develop a good habit and interest in other fields such as music or sports. It is important to educate them about the disadvantages of addiction to online gaming. Not only should you accompany them, but also take care of them.

For the family members especially the parents of the addicted students, you should pay more attention to their needs. Never should you ignore their existence nor pay lip service to them. Remember that you are the one who affect them the most. So you ought to mind your actions and speech. Spending more time with them is also a good choice.

In a nutshell, nobody in this world is perfect. Therefore, you don't have to pursue an ideal personality. Bear in mind that you are good enough to be yourself. I do hope that players can kill not only the big boss in game, but also in real life!

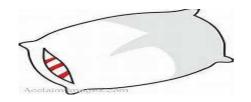




Let's read the jokes and relax now!

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet. I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date.





I dreamt I was forced to eat a giant marshmallow. When I woke up, my pillow was gone.

Teacher: 2 books +2 books? Me: 4 books...© Teacher: Now I'll ask a tough one...5,658,635 books + 56863 books?



😌 Promotion List (Second Term) 😌

DATE	ACTIVITY
17/2	 English Day 5 – Intercultural Day
	• Academic Week
	• F.5 Inter-class Debate Competition (Preliminary)
15/3	• Junior English Assembly
16/3	• F.3 TKPSS Has Got Talent (Scrabble Competition)
	• F.5 Inter-class Debate Competition (Final)
17/3	• English Day 6 – F.2 Voice Dubbing Competition
6/4	• F.2 TKPSS Has Got Talent (Scrabble Competition)
7/4	• English Day 7 – F.1 Drama Competition
5/5	• English Day 8 – F.3 Drama Competition
11/5	• F.1 TKPSS Has Got Talent (Spelling Bee Competition)

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