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A Sneak Peek into our School Lives

SHARING FROM S1 STUDENTS

Graduating from Jordan Road Government Primary School, Issac regards Delia Hip Wo as an amazing school with splendid classrooms and kind classmates. Issac enjoys spending time with his new schoolmates and is proud of his school work being acknowledged and put up on the classroom wall, as well as being the class monitor.

Coming from Hong Kong Taoist Association Wun Tsuen School, Samiaa and Fatima are thankful for the amazing teachers and the wide variety of activities in Delia Hip Wo, such as Magic Club and Hockey Team. When asked about their proud moments at school so far, they unanimously said it was passing all the uniform tests.

Cheryl graduated from the St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Po Kong Village Road) and she instantly found herself drawn to Delia Hip Wo after visiting the school for the first time. She thinks the teachers and students in Hip Wo are extremely friendly and welcoming; and there is an impressive array of extracurricular activities. She also treasures the learning opportunities that the school has offered her, in which she is particularly proud of being the emcee of the S1 Parents' Day.

Paul graduated from Lok Sing Tong Yeung Chung Ming Primary School. He grows fond of the English-rich ambience on the school campus where he gets accustomed to speaking in English. When asked what he likes most about his secondary school life, he unhesitatingly said it is his teachers and fellow classmates. He is proud of taking part in this interview as it takes him a lot of courage to speak in front of a camera.



Fatima



Samiaa



Issac



Cheryl



Paul

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FROM STORYTELLERS TO READING WORKSHOP TUTORS

Herbie Chan and Joyce Gomez, our recent graduates, recently taught a 4-week English Story Reading Workshop for P5-6 primary school students. The workshop combined elements of storytelling and story appreciation with a dash of creativity.



After reading each classic children's story, there was an art and crafts session which echoed the theme of the story. The art and crafts session was proven to be engaging and enjoyable for the students as their imagination ran wild while immersing in a story. In one of the workshops, inspired by the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, students created a brand new character based on the candy they were given.

Each workshop ended with a session called "The Story Treat" as the pleasure of being read to is a nice treat to most children. During The Story Treat session, students were able to simply savour the pure joy of reading a story as the ultimate goal of the workshop was to instil the joy of reading in all the participants, and hopefully they will become happy and eager readers as their reading interests grow.

Last but not least, it was such a proud moment to see our former students transforming into confident and passionate tutors for the Reading Workshop using the storytelling skills they acquired from their past experiences as storytellers in the school's reading activities.



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LEARNING SCIENCE THE FUN WAY

Collaborating with New Home Association, our school has recently organized an interactive science workshop on two Saturday mornings for a group of primary students in the Yau Tsim Mong and Shum Shui Po districts. Mr. Lau Kai Chi, the Head of Science Education Committee, designed the programme with an aim to make learning science fun while igniting students' interest in the subject. Furthermore, this workshop offered first-hand experience of learning science in a well-equipped science laboratory.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the first session was when students learnt to use microscopes to observe tiny objects, which allowed them to make new discoveries from a whole new perspective. In the following session, they took it up a notch by handmaking their own buzz wire game, during which they were introduced to electric current. This fun-filled STEM project definitely left a lasting impression on the aspiring scientists.



CELEBRATING ENGLISH 2020

Celebrating English 2020 was the theme for this year's English Language Week. It was hoped that students would be more interested in learning English and more confident in using English through a wide variety of activities beyond the classroom setting.

To provide an authentic English learning environment, several in-class activities and interactive workshops were held for different year levels. What's more, the English Extravaganza, where various English-rich language games and activities were held after school each day, was the most anticipated event throughout the week. The Bingo party brought English Week to a perfect end. A huge shout-out to all the English ambassadors and teachers for an eventful week!



A VISIT TO THE KWUN TONG MOSQUE

Keeping a positive relationship with people of different ethnicities, races and cultures is one of the biggest strengths of Delia Hip Wo. It is evident from an inclusive and multicultural environment offered by our school to our students. To bolster our relationship and to understand the needs of the Pakistani community especially the Muslim students, a visit to the Kwun Tong Mosque was arranged on 17th September, 2020.

Principal Ms. Lam and Assistant Principal Mr. Chan accompanied by our teacher Mr. Khan met with the honorable Imam Qari Muhammad Awais in the mosque.



The Imam welcomed the delegation with immense delight and appreciated the visit organized by our school. During the meeting, various topics were discussed and opinions were exchanged between the two parties. The most standout point was how to nurture our students and foster their all-round development and help them become better integrated in the society. The Imam appreciated the efforts of our school in allowing students to offer Friday prayer (Jumma) at school. Last but not least, Ms. Lam informed the Imam of the after-school Homework Class for S1 students, which aims at cultivating a good habit of doing homework regularly as well as having access to direct guidance from teachers at school. Overall, the visit was very rewarding and enlightening as it helped us understand the needs of the Muslim students in addition to giving us a chance to strengthen our relationship with the Non-Chinese community.

INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Delia Group of Schools organises various inter-school competitions across different subjects among Delia schools. Each year, our students work hard to prepare for the competitions and their performance has been exemplary and serves as a motivation for other students.

The Inter-school Mathematics Competition assessed the Mathematical skills of the students with a varying degree of difficulty, where algebra, geometry, number theory and combinatorics etc were tested. The format of the questions of this competition was similar to that of 'Hong Kong Mathematics Olympiad (HKMO)'.

Thanks to the efforts of the student representatives and the teachers in charge of training, our school made a clean sweep in the competition across all forms.



55 CONTESTANTS AND MR. POON



54 CONTESTANTS AND MR. LEUNG

The Inter-school English competition included two rounds which were Boggle and Kahoot General English Knowledge quiz. Our school nominated three students from each form to take part in the competition. Our school won the first prize in Form four, joint-first prize in Form one and Form two and second prize in Form five.



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The Inter-school Visual Arts Competition 2020/21 was held on November 28, 2020 at Hip Wo branch this year. There were two sections in the competition, junior section and senior section. Students could choose to draw on any of the two topics provided, "A busy City in the Sun" and "An Artificial Paradise". Our school secured the First position in junior section and the Third position in the senior section.



We congratulate all the students who took part in various competitions and keep the Hip Wo flag flying high and above. With all these activities, students get a crucial chance to enhance their thinking, calculation and teamwork skills as well as stimulate their imagination and creativity.

INFUSING PAINTING WITH POETRY

Cai Nga Kuen, our S4 student, won the First Runner-up prize in the Poster Image Creation Competition organized by Love Foundation School Campus Life Engineering - a charitable organization which promotes life education in schools. Hundreds of entries were received by the organizer.



Titled *Accompany*, Nga Kuen's work was inspired by the artistic style of traditional Chinese ink painting and the poem of a Tang Dynasty poet, Li Yuk. As commented by the judges, Nga Kuen's poster expresses her love towards her father and exemplifies exceptional drawing techniques. We congratulate Nga Kuen for her outstanding achievement and will continue to help her reach her full potential.



For more school highlights and information, follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



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Congratulations to Ms. Arfeen Bibi for making it to the Diversity List 2020

It is with great pleasure and honour to share with you that our distinguished alumnus as well as the Head of the English Language Education Committee, Ms. Arfeen Bibi, was recognized on the Diversity List 2020*—a list of 24 outstanding ethnic minority women in Hong Kong.

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Ms. Arfeen knows firsthand the difficulties and obstacles faced by ethnic minority students, especially women who are expected to fit into traditional customs and stereotypes. To realize her dreams, Ms. Arfeen has overcome countless barriers and obstacles.

Pursuing her doctoral degree in Education at the University of Hong Kong, Ms. Arfeen specializes in exploring the transition ethnic minority students are facing from higher education to work. 'We should be given the chance to demonstrate our capabilities regardless of our outlook or hijab. There should be more calls for inclusiveness when it comes to hiring ethnic minority women at the workplace,' she highlighted.

When asked what she would like to say to ethnic minority students, she made the following remarks, 'Do not conform to the preconceived societal expectations of ethnic minorities or do not even try to fit into one. You are capable. Break the stereotypes. And be bold.'

*The Diversity List 2020, initiated by the NGO Zubin Foundation, made recommendations of exceptional ethnic minority individuals to the advisory committees of the Government, with some of the nominees being appointed by the Government in various committees.

