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An Interview with BAFS Club

5A Sonia Wong

S: Sonia M: Matthew (Chairperson) D: Desmond G: Gordon (Vice-chairperson)

S: Why has BAFS Club been established this year?

D: We found that other subjects have their own club. So we proposed this idea last year. We believe that having our own club can unite students who are interested in accounting. We can gather students by organizing activities.

S: How did you set up the BAFS Club?

M: Firstly, we proposed that we would like to set up a BAFS Club to Miss Mak and Mr. Chou in late June. They encouraged us to write a proposal to Mr. Tai to ask for permission. In the proposal, we listed our activities which would be held in the coming year and the reason for setting up a new club. We successfully convinced Mr. Tai and he felt satisfied with our proposal. After 3 months of hard work, our proposed idea came true. It was rewarding.

S: Can you reveal some of the activities coming soon?

G: Sure. There will be a board game competition called "Stock Trading Guru" which aims to help our students learn some essential financial knowledge, and encourage good attitudes towards money management. That will be a collaboration between the Economics Club and the Board Games Club. For students who win in the inter-school competition, they will be representing our school to join the joint-school competition of the same game. We also have the autonomy to hold outings which are originally arranged by the teachers, which means that students who aren't studying BAFS can also join our outing as Miss Mak said. This new policy can enhance fairness within our subject.

S: What are the differences between the BAFS and Economics Club?

G: Our club will focus more on the accounting part, talking about the digits and numbers. We use ratios and figures to do analysis between companies. For Economics, they will do analysis by using words. Economics focuses on the financial phenomenon worldwide.

S: How are students' reactions towards this new club?

M: There are 72 members joining us this year. Most of our members come from senior forms. It is pretty surprising that there are Form 1 students joining our club too. We guess those students may have some basic ideas and also an interest towards accounting. We recruited 13 Form 5 students to join our committee and all of us are passionate about creating a better community for BAFS students.

S: What is the goal of BAFS Club?

D: We aim to gather students with similar interests and enhance friendships. By sharing our knowledge and own experiences, we hope to put our heads together to create a BAFS family. For our short term goal, we aim to help students achieve better results in BAFS and enhance their understanding in accounting.

S: Any message that you want to leave for our *What's Up* readers?

D: Since our committee members will retire after this year, we are seeking students who are interested in being part of our committee members for the next school year. We need you!

M: Last but not least, please check out our BAFS Club Instagram: [lkkc_bafclub](#) for our latest information. Stay tuned!!!

Interview with Ms Mak

5B Selby Ho

As a teacher who teaches BAFS, Ms Mak is deeply impressed by the establishment of the BAFS Club. Here, she shares some of her expectations of the future development of BAFS Club. **S: Selby M: Ms Mak**

S: How do you feel when BAFS Club has finally been established?

M: I'm very glad to have the club established. A few years ago, we already wished to have this club. However, due to the failure in time management and resource allocation, it wasn't possible. But this year, I received a strong request from some students, as well as a proposal written by them. After deliberation, and the good coordination of time and resources, I decided to propose this suggestion to the principal. Initially, we have been approved to try to operate the club for a year. If the reaction is relatively enthusiastic, we will be allowed to continue the operation in the coming years and BAFS Club will be formally established.



S: Oh I see, then what is the reason behind the establishment of this club?

M: First, I would like to thank the students who put forward their comments. As I learned that other schools already have such a club, and BAFS has existed in our school as an elective subject for many years, I thought it was a pity that there was no relevant club in our school, so I proposed this suggestion to the principal. In fact, the outing to Citibank inspired students to have this idea. Since this subject is not affiliated with any of the school clubs, we couldn't get a sponsorship, so we thought that it was time to establish our own club.

S: Apart from the reasons, what do you expect the club to develop in the future? Like organizing activities to attract students to join the club.

M: The first is to hold a number of activities, so that students can have a preliminary understanding of this subject when they don't have a clear concept of it. The club can also build up connections among students who have taken this subject, regardless of whether the students are in different classes, or even in different forms—they can make some communication with each other through the club. The club will serve as a bridge of communication when students are working on group projects. Having our own club will help gather the strength from different students, and bring about good impacts for everyone.

S: Then how about you Ms Mak? Do you have any interest that you particularly like and want to establish a club for? Especially for something that is non-academic.

M: Hum, something like a Gardening Club? I actually kind of like organic farming.

S: I've seen other schools have a greenhouse on their campus, is that what you want to have in our school?

M: Yeah, it's worth developing, right? You can take it as a pastime by watching your plant grow slowly every day. It's fun, isn't it? When I was a secondary school student, I used to be a member of this kind of club. Every day after school, I would spend time on cultivating, like growing different kinds of plants. I think this would definitely help students develop a variety of interests.

Track and field - Behind the Glory **4D Kristy Leung, Rachel Kan**

For us, December is the month for Christmas celebrations, but for the athletes of our school, it's also the month to display their hard work. 5th December was the last day of the Tuen Mun Inter-school athletics competitions. The game ended in triumph for our school team. The marvellous achievements included winning in all six grades, breaking 12 records in total, and getting the overall championship. Actually, we were facing a new challenge this year - athletes from Harrow International School. Fortunately, our athletes still tried their best and surpassed other participants.

This is the last year for F6 student Natalie Yeung to compete for LKKC. "I don't have much time for training. However I've tried my best to attend the training as much as possible in a week." At the Tuen Mun Inter-school athletics competition, Natalie joined the 200-meter race. "Although it was not my personal best, it was a good experience for me to see what I lacked. I'm looking forward to seeing LKKCers to continue to pass on the spirit." Moreover, she hoped that the junior forms can enjoy every moment of the game as well. "I especially want to thank Mr. Yip for putting spirit in the track and field team," Natalie added. Indeed, Mr. Yip has been leading LKKC's athletics team for a long time.

In fact, our precious schoolmates really did make an all-out effort to get the best results. Success or failure, it's all about attitude. The more you pay, the harder you try, then the more and better you gain.

Natalie said creating your dream life comes with hard work, dedication and sacrifice. Having some people to count on is also important. If you love what you do, you will keep moving forward knowing that one day this will all be worth it.

As one of my favourite quote states, "*When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.*" – Franklin D. Roosevelt

Last but not least, please keep supporting the LKKC athletics team!

Our Swimming Team **5D Winnie Ho, 4D Mary Zhong**

2018-2019 Tuen Mun Inter-school Swimming Championships came to and end in early October. Our swimming team did a great job by winning the boy's overall championship and girl's overall championship. Congratulations to all our outstanding swimmers! It is marvellous that our boys have won this championship for 27 consecutive years! I believe this success does not come by chance but by the effort put in by all of our athletes. I am glad to invite one of the swimming team members—Gigi Fung from 5D to share her feeling of being one of the swimming team members of LKKC.

W: Winnie G: Gigi

W: Hi Gigi, I am very proud of your accomplishments in swimming! Would you like to share some of your swimming experience with me?

G: Sure!

W: What prompted you to begin your swimming career?

G: When I was young, my mom forced me to go swimming but luckily I found it interesting and it has become my favorite hobby.

W: I know our swimming team is quite distinguished among all the secondary schools in Tuen Mun, but did you guys face any challenges this year?

G: Before the relay, we thought that we would lose to the team from TYT, because we thought that they were much stronger than us. But the good cooperation between us made us win at last and we were extremely surprised. I felt blessed to have good teammates.

W: That is admirable. How do you feel being one of the members of the LKKC swimming team?

G: I feel proud to be one of the members of the swimming team. We all know that our swimming team has the least number of members when compared to other competitive schools, still our determination and hard work led us to the championship. During the competition, members in the stadium cheered for the competitors who were readying to compete, the atmosphere was quite furious! I feel tons of love in the LKKC swimming team!

W: Do you have any expectations or hopes for the swimming team?

G: I hope that we will keep our good results in the following years and success in winning the championship for every grade! And it will be perfect if there are swimming team trainings provided by the school as it can remind the members to practice throughout the year, as people can be lazy and skip swimming club practices which are optional.

W: Thank you for the interview, Gigi. I wish you all the best in swimming!

G: Thank you.

M: Mary E: Eliza Lee

M: When did you start learning swimming?

E: I started learning swimming when I was six. I remember that when I was small, I was afraid of water and was not brave enough

to get into the swimming pool. After the first ten swimming lessons, I decided to give up. However, with the help and support from my coach, family and friends, I continued swimming and here I am!

M: What does swimming mean for you?

E: I think swimming is not only a kind of sport for me, but also a way for me to relax. I enjoy swimming freely in the water. Although the training might be exhausting sometimes, I like the time being with my swimming teammates.

M: What time do you usually practice swimming?

E: I used to train every day after school when I was studying in primary school. Now, in secondary school, I can no longer be as hard-working as before with the busy school life. Therefore I usually practise during the summer holidays, 2 hours long for each training.

M: What special memories do you have during swimming practice or competition?

E: In the latest Tuen Mun District Swimming Gala, I am in girls B grade. Before the competition, my teammates and I thought that we had no chance to win at all because there were quite a lot strong swimmers from other schools. However, we miraculously won the medley relay and the grade B overall championship. I will never forget the moment when the announcer announced that we were the winner.

M: What are your thoughts and experiences after winning?

E: Of course I am overjoyed. But I think that whether I win the prize or not is not the most important. What I am more concerned with is whether I have improvement or not. Although I may not win any prizes, I will also be very glad if I achieve my personal best result.



Christmas is coming!!!

5C Sophia Leung

Christmas is an annual holiday among Christians that commemorates the birth of Lord Jesus. Christmas celebrations include various traditions such as the arrival of Santa Claus, display of nativity scenes, Christmas trees and exchange of gifts and cards. It's the most wonderful time of the year, especially for Christian. Whether you are celebrating a religious festival, like Hanukkah or Christmas, or a more secular occasion, you're sure to have your own selection of rituals or customs that make the holiday season so special. Nowadays Christmas is all about style and enjoyment, but people are also very passionate about traditions, and throughout the world in November and December there is an undeniably festive ambience. For example, the Philippines has one of the longest holiday seasons in the world, starting in September and ending around January 9. The end of Christmas in Sweden is on January 13th which is called Twentieth Day Knut. On that day, the Christmas Tree is taken down and leftover cookies and sweets are eaten! In Colombia, Christmas celebrations and preparations start on the evening of the 7th December which is known as 'the Day of the little Candles'. Houses and streets are decorated with candles, lanterns and lots of lights. It's very common to see candles, usually red and white, and other lights displayed in windows or on balconies.

Besides these amazing celebrations of Christmas, have we ever thought about others?

Nowadays, it seems that Modern Christmas is a holiday of consumption, a holiday to let the rich people to spend money. Many people complain that Christmas is becoming more and more commercial. In the days of the feast, the streets are full of people, who are busy buying Christmas presents. Christmas trees, Santa Claus, Christmas lights are seen everywhere in the world. However, it wouldn't be Christmas without love. If you were a noble or rich person, would you be willing to give up your status and wealth to help the poor? Some people may do this because of love, for their children or parents. But how about those who are homeless? While we are having dinner at home warmly with our family, there are a lot of homeless people sleeping in the cold street. Giving others a gift can make people happy and watching them immersed in the joy of receiving gifts will make you feel happy too. The gift may not be a real present, but a kind of consideration. It is not about how much you receive, you should ask how much you have contributed. The biggest meaning of Christmas is to give. We should not forget the true nature of Christmas. It is to remind people the importance of love.



Here are some Christmas messages including messages for friends, for family and various other relations.

~~Dear friend, you are here and Christmas is going to be the best ever!

Wishing all of you with great wishes for Christmas!!~~

~~No matter you like my choice or not, this is the wish from my side!! It is the thought that matters and I have put in all my thoughts and mind into it!!

The rain may wet us when we want to be dry, the pain may occupy us when we want to live life, but the thing that will not change is that we will always love Santa Clause!~~

~~Merry Christmas my dear partner and friend!! My life has become so special because of a friend like you!!

This Christmas I want to say that I just want to treasure your love!!~~

~~ Friends like you are like angels who will always guard you in every situation.

6 **Bratarley - Always Remember To Celebrate Life**

4C Kari Tung

The family vlogging channel, Bratayley, currently with almost 7 million subscribers on YouTube, is famous for its daily videos of the Leblanc family. The Bratayley family members includes the dad and mum of the children, Mr Billy and Mrs Katie Leblanc, and the main stars of the channel, Caleb, Annie (named Julianna) and Hayley Leblanc.



The name of the channel started only as a joke for Hayley by saying that she's a brat. So, brat-hayley, Bratayley. It was created because Mr Billy worked in the US Navy and didn't want to miss out on different things his children do. The original idea was to film daily and gymnastics videos and post them on YouTube for their families and friends to watch.

The most unbelievable thing happened when a video was published on 2nd March, 2012. The video 'I'm never going to the park again' went viral and currently has 65 million views. Can you imagine? They only had a few subscribers then, but this vlog went all viral in America. It was their life-changing point where they continuously achieved different milestones and was soon the most popular daily vlogging channel on social media.

Unfortunately, a tragedy happened on 1st October, 2015. Their oldest child, Caleb Logan Leblanc was hit by an undetected heart ailment called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and passed away only at the age of thirteen. It was unbearable for the fans who supported the channel since the start. The family started vlogging again after their recovery of the pain because this was where memories with Caleb were made. These were some things irreplaceable and they knew Caleb would want this channel to go on. This unfortunate tragedy taught the family and fans to always celebrate life.

Annie and Hayley are achieving great success in their acting and singing careers but never forget their family channel and still continue vlogging their everyday life for fans—jumping out of their comfort zones and sharing their life to the world.

I truly adore Annie and Hayley's bravery as they are the strongest persons I know. I've been a fan for three years and saw them grow to be the confident influencers on stage. Even though their brother's death was hard on them, they still mention him with glee. He brought irreplaceable memories, laughter for the family and for the fans, teaching us to live the moment by cherishing everything we have. Always remember that everything is possible so always strive for your dreams.

AFS Intercultural Fair

5C Cody Lai

The AFS intercultural fair is an annual activity organized by the AFS to let students experience cultures from various



countries. This year, exchange students from countries like Germany, Italy, Austria, Norway, USA, Japan, and France all showcased their own cultures through different ways. Some students offered food from their hometowns, while some others taught local students vocabulary in their own languages. Luckily, I was able to join this event, and I had a wonderful experience. Let's see what the other student participants think about this event!

5B So Hoi Kiu, Hikki

AFS Intercultural Fair was an unforgettable experience for me. We met people from different countries, like Italy, France, Germany and Japan. They told us some information about their country and taught us some vocabulary in their language. I felt amazed when I learnt four kinds of languages in a day! We tried some of their local food too! I enjoyed the food very much! I am really glad that I have participated in this activity.

5A Choy Wing Tung

The International Fair provides a good chance for students to communicate with people from different nations and make new friends. It's a pity that I was not feeling well that day so I did not stay long. But I'm sure that the Fair was enjoyable for other participants! There were lots of fun events!

5A Fei Wing Tung

I went into different classrooms in the AFS Intercultural Fair, such as Japan, France, Germany and Spain. I learnt some useful vocabulary and had some local food, for example, sushi and biscuits. I liked Germany the most. We played games with the Germans and tried to play their ball games. All of them were very nice. We had the chance to take photos together too!

4C Tung Yan Nam Karis

As I went to Poland in the last New Year holiday, I shared my experience there with an exchange student and she was so delighted that I had been there as Poland is considered as a more remote country. Besides Poland, I learnt to write my name in Nepali and ate the most popular candy from Finland, which, in my opinion, was not very appetizing. Overall, it was a truly memorable event.

4B Chan Tsz Yan Yannes

Through the AFS Intercultural Fair, I learned more about the cultures of different countries. We often stereotype a country's culture by thinking we already know a lot about it. After this event, I understand the most effective learning of different cultures is through exchange. Even though it's just exchange in ideas, we can still broaden our horizons by knowing more about the world we live in.

4B Chow Ching Lam, Daisy

I think it was an amusing event as we got to communicate with the students from countries all around the world at once! Although I didn't meet all of them, I still learnt a lot about different cultures. Overall, it was a memorable and fun experience!

4B Wong Hei Lam, Chloe

The AFS Intercultural Fair is an intercultural learning event which allows local students to have a glimpse of different cultures. I enjoyed this fair very much. Also, I learned many cultures from different countries, such as Spain, Japan and Russia. I hope I can go there again next year!

5A Ho Sum Yee, Holly

I enjoyed the day spent in the AFS Intercultural Fair. This event allowed me to meet a lot of people from different countries. Also, we could try the local food and learn their language. I exchanged my Instagram with some Japanese girls. It's a very good chance for us to know more about other countries.



5C Lai Tsz Him, Cody

This fair was a great experience for me. Not only could I practise my English during the event but I got the chance to explore different cultures. I loved all of the booths and I highly recommend others to join it.

5C Lam Kwan Yik, Chloe

I think the activity was not what I had expected. I thought it would be like a fun fair and would have many stalls for us to join, but it was held in classrooms. Still, there were different cultures of different countries or us to learn in each classroom. Although I didn't meet many friends, I really learnt something during the activity.

5C Na Sze Yat, Nancy

This event was quite interesting. We met different people from the world. The exchange students were so willing to share their life in their countries with us. They shared food from their countries with us and they were really tasty. Even though we just spent half a day with them, we learnt a lot already.

Sadly, time was limited and so we were not able to enjoy all of the events available. But I really enjoyed my experience there and I thought that it would be a great experience for students

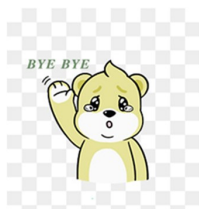
to practice their English while having a chance to get in touch with foreign students. Be sure to join next year if you are interested!



Read all about it!

Have you ever noticed anything special around the school campus— since last year? Yes, they are newly posted proverbs – some are philosophical, some are pieces of advice and some are merely to make us laugh and loosen up in the midst of our busy school life. Pause for a second when you see one and give them a thought!

Let bygones be bygones.



A wise man thinks
all that he says;
a fool says all that
he thinks.



Brevity is the soul of wit.



Brevity (n.) being brief

Dear Readers,

We'd like to ask you a question and we hope you can answer it for our next issue! Those who reply will be rewarded! (Don't worry, we won't post your name unless you want it posted!)

Please answer this question:

What did you do with your red packets this year?

Please write your response onto a piece of paper with a short elaboration and your class and drop it into the envelope on the English Board opposite Room B, G/F or on our Instagram (lkkc_whatsup). We value your responses and suggestions!

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