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Club activities

Art Club - Keychain Making Course

What do you usually do after school, LKKCER's? Whatever it is, make sure you give yourself time to enjoy doing something that can help you relax or take a break from studying, which is exactly what our school clubs have been doing, including the Art Club!

The Art Club held a keychain-making course on 29th November after school. Some of our fellow school-mates had signed up earlier and showed off their creativity in the Art Room when they were given the opportunity to use UV resin to make wonderful keychains. With some beautifully selected open bezels and a UV lamp, they got creative in mixing different colours and adding in metal flakes and shapes of all kinds. Check out some of their masterpieces!



Economics and BAFS Joint Club Activity - Enchanté

5A Li Yin Lok



This year, our Economics Club and our BAFS Club decided to try something new and joined the NSS Joint School Market, where students could gain a first-hand experience of what it's like to run a mini-business by putting up their own booth and selling their products.

Named Enchanté, our school's booth sold handmade bracelets, earrings and necklaces. Customers could also buy "Material Bags" to make their own accessories at home if they wished. Although we made a profit and had fun especially during the preparation stage for the booth, there were still hardships to overcome.

With a great number of other sellers participating in the market, the competition was quite tough. Due to limited resources and lack of experience, our school's booth

looked plain and simple when compared to other vendors, especially when the majority of the participants were experienced or well-established businesses. However, many kind consumers who knew that our booth was run by students and that our products were handmade, felt for us and made purchases to show their support. Thanks to them, our booth was successful. We gained so much from the experience. Of course, thank you to all of our classmates and teachers who came by as well. It cheered everyone up to see your faces!

Alumni Sharing Day

Sharing by Mr Yip

5A Kwan Wun Hang, Jacky

A year has passed and once again we welcomed our alumni back to our school to give a talk. They came from many different industries and professions. Mr Yip Man Yiu, one of the alumni, graduated in 2006 (F.5) in LKKC. He is now a financial planner working in Manulife HK.

During the talk, he talked about the background of financial planning and its role to society, as well as challenges that he faced throughout the course of his career. Financial planning is actually a part of the insurance industry, which plays an important role in ensuring the safety of citizens' property. For example, financial planning helps people manage their wealth as well as assess and control their risk in financing, such as buying stocks. However, as time goes by, people are starting to distrust the insurance industry because of the small number of dishonest insurance product sellers as well as con artists disguising as financial planners to scam people. This is why Mr Yip entered the insurance industry. But it wasn't easy: he had to face plenty of nonsensical criticisms from the public, even from his friends. Since then, finding ways to change people's impression of the financial industry became his mission.

Despite the fact that the talk may seem too specialized, the audience was filled with excitement. Students and teachers were curious about the financial industry and Mr Yip's experiences in that industry. Many approached him after the talk and had some fruitful conversation with Mr Yip—I was one of them!

After hearing his sharing, I learned a lot more in-depth about financial planning and the insurance industry. And most importantly, I appreciate his courage when facing the criticism from the public and his ambition to show the public the value and importance of having an insurance.

Sharing by Ms Tsang

5D Praveena Lukna Tjen

Q: Thank you so much for the amazing talk you delivered! Let's start with a simple question. Would you mind giving us a brief introduction to your studio?

A: Sure! Artsy Space (Instagram: @artsyspace_) is a child-oriented art studio where we thrive to provide our children with the highest quality learning experience. Not only do we teach drawing techniques and styles, but we also steer them to a distinct and integrated way of thinking, so-called thinking outside the box. We also hope that children will break through their limitations to explore freely the world of art and appreciate beauty with their own interpretation.

Q: I see! I've heard you mentioned freelancing, designing, and creating. What is the biggest challenge throughout your journey in establishing your art studio?

A: It's hard for an artist to pursue their dreams in circumstances such as the pandemic and the past social movements. Also, Hong Kong people generally do not consider being an artist to be a 'stable' occupation compared to other jobs with typically long working hours but a steady source of income. It is undoubtedly very hard to adhere to the path of art in such difficult times. Nevertheless, I am glad that I overcame those obstacles and that's what made me 'me'. On your way to achieving your goal, I would say believing in yourself is the most essential. Once you gain satisfaction and courage in your process, things that appear tough will start becoming easy. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the tolerance, and the passion to reach your ideals or destinations.

Q: Is there any advice you would like to give to our students that are determined to enter the industry or study further in the art field?

A: Definitely enjoy the process instead of the result. Being an artist is never easy, as are other jobs. Therefore, appreciating the little things in your process is crucial. Although the result might come unexpected, we learn from our mistakes and that's what makes us better. Seize the day and opportunities, and broaden your horizon as youth implies limitless possibilities.

Alumni Sharing- Doctor Fung

5C Kathy Wong Ka Sui

Recently, our school invited our esteemed alumni to share their working experience with our students, especially for those in Form 3, 4 and 5. The experiences shared by the alumni are undoubtedly valuable and all of us were deeply inspired. From the sharing, our students not only learned about the admission requirements of their dream jobs, but also had a brief preview of what they are going to face in their future careers in great depth.

Of all of the sharings, Doctor Fung's was definitely one of the most thought-provoking. He is now working in the division of cardiology in Prince of Wales Hospital. In his daily work, he encounters lots of patients from different walks of life, and that every single one of them is important to Doctor Fung. He said, "As a doctor, you should know that taking great care of the patient's feelings, listening to and comforting them as what you do to your friends can sometimes be more helpful than only prescribing them pills." As I observed, the ultimate criterion to be a good doctor is to be a thoughtful doctor.

Aside from treating his patients as friends, Doctor Fung shared the reason why he chose to become a doctor. He values the mission of his job more than the stable salary.

In order to let us have a better understanding of a doctor's work in real life, Doctor Fung shared a story of him with an elderly patient who had a heart disease. The patient had been through a surgery aiming to improve his heart function. Unfortunately, the attempt to find the cause of the disease from the surgery was futile. He had a relapse soon after. At that time, all Doctor Fung could do was to tell the daughter and son of the patient about their father's condition and provide the best advice. What was left for the patient's family was to choose whether their old father would take the risk of having surgery again or not.

It is always a challenging task for a doctor to tell their patients the risks they are going to face, especially when Doctor Fung saw the photos of the great memories between the patient and his family on the walls behind the hospital bed. Sadly, it is the duty of doctors to assume the worst consequences and provide the best suggestion to the patient.

It is a life-threatening moment for the patient, but the most important thing for every doctor is to find the best way to help them and look forward to their recovery. What Doctor Fung wants us to know is that doctors not only save lives, but also rescue a wonderful but broken family by saving any of their family members' lives.

Fortunately, in the story mentioned above, the old patient recovered after the second surgery. Knowing that the person he saved could gain a new life with all the people who loved him, Doctor Fung finally accomplished his mission - to not only save a life, but also a family.

Being a doctor is no doubt meaningful. However, it will be challenging as you need to be good at medical studies and always face stress and even depression dealing with death. Therefore, after listening to all of this, if you are interested in the medical field and are enthusiastic to help people, being a doctor will be a good choice for you!

Alumni Sharing - Ms Mak

5D Praveena Lukna Tjen

Q: Thank you so much for the amazing talk you delivered just now! Would you mind giving a very brief introduction to your current job?

A: I am the co-founder of the spatial design company COX DESIGN (Instagram: @cox.hk). My main responsibility is to design specialized projects for our clients and to interact and negotiate with our customers, to satisfy their requirements. I also do project management to scheme our prospective steps.

Q: May I know why you and your partner(s) named your firm COX DESIGN? How would you describe your company?

A: The prefix "co" refers to the word cozy, hoping that the corporation's atmosphere will be comfy and relaxed. The alphabet "x" kind of implies the word "experience" as our company cherishes experience and understanding. Not only do we wish our clients to have extraordinary experiences with us, but we also wish that our staff can obtain a work-life balance in this company. I would describe my company as an interior design institution that emphasizes the acquisition of skills and the gaining of experiences, as well as achieving harmony in career and personal enrichment.

Q: Why did you and your partner(s) decide to assemble an enterprise of your own?

A: I guess it is a rather long story. To begin with, I studied at POLYU and HKU and had various part-time jobs. After a while working in my old company, I realized that I wasn't satisfied with the existing corporate policies and practices. I started asking myself questions: would my future self regret working in such an institution with repeating and duplicating tasks? Absolutely. The more I reconsidered my career, the more I felt the need to innovate and change the way I lived. Coincidentally, a friend of mine had the same ideology as both of us wanted to jump out of our comfort zone. Therefore, we collaborated and established this interior design cooperation.

Q: What gives you satisfaction from your job?

A: Definitely the support and appreciation from our clients. Alongside my journey in spatial design, earning recognition and affirmation from my patrons brings me the most happiness and dignity. Eventually, I've become friends with my frequent clients as they revisit us for more and more collaborations.

Q: Last but not least, is there any advice you would give to our students that are keen to enter the design field?

A: 'Never forget why you started, and your mission can be accomplished.' I would say stay true to yourself and to always remember your unblemished intention, faith and passion. 'Art sense' is also remarkably crucial in which you evolve your own aesthetics with the unique way you appreciate artistry and elegance. Never be weak-willed in your pursuit of beauty.

Q: Thank you for taking the time to meet with me today! I really enjoyed learning more about your career! And I am sure that our students know more about you now as well!

Student Union Interview with Beta

5A Poon Ka Mei

Q: First of all, congrats for winning the election. How did you feel when you knew the result?

A: Thank you! We were all delighted from the moment we knew we won of course. We are glad that all our effort can be seen by our schoolmates. We are much obliged to all the schoolmates for participating in this election, especially for those who supported us.

Q: Going back to the summer holiday this year, why did you decide to join the election?

A: We have built a sense of belonging in LKKC in the past four years and we really want to give back to the school by serving our schoolmates. Other than that, we strongly believe that we can gain something from this, ranging from learning to take responsibility, leadership to friendship and time management skills.

Q: Did you have any difficulties during the preparation and election period?

A: To be frank, yes, there were. Our promotional products, the folders and the timetables were ordered online. It took a longer time to get them due to the pandemic and one of them almost got lost. We were very lucky to be able to give out our promotional products at the scheduled time.

Q: What is your core value?

A: We want to ensure that our students can enjoy their school life. A healthy learning environment is crucial to a student's mental health well-being. We want our students to learn in a comfortable environment, which is why we feel the need to continue past services and put forward original petitions, and hence maintain a stable and high quality school life.

Q: Would you mind telling us what policies are going to be proposed?

A: As our lives are gradually returning to normal, we are finally able to hold fun activities, including the Christmas carnival, inter-house and inter-class competitions and the singing contest. The stationery counter has resumed this late November and will be open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:30 pm to 1:45 pm to provide students affordable stationery. A google form for online ordering is also available. Of course, we mustn't forget one of our highlights - the monthly lunch concert.

Q: The monthly lunch concert seems fascinating. Can you tell us more about it?

A: Our teachers have organised lunchtime concerts several times in the past years and we are absolutely captivated. We also know that many of our schoolmates love singing. Yet the singing contest, which is held once a year, is the only chance for them to shine. During the monthly lunch concert, teachers and students are encouraged to show their beautiful talent in singing. Those who would rather watch are welcome to show your support for the performers at the concert.

Q: Who would you like to thank?

A: As mentioned earlier, we would like to thank all LKKCers. May we show our deepest appreciation to Patronus, our predecessor, for their devotion to serving our school, and for their efforts in organising various school events. We would also like to pay tribute to the teachers who have supported us a lot.

Q: Is there anything you would like to add?

A: Contact us on Instagram (@lkkc_beta) or leave a message on Tellonym. Its link can be found in the biography of our Instagram page. We are looking forward to seeing you be a part of us, as the role of a critic. Speak your mind to us. We are here to build a connection between the school and the students. Remember, the Student Union is always by your side. Together, we will build a brighter future.

Interview with Minou, our exchange student

5A Yip Tsz Ching

Q: Hallo! Guten Tag! We all know that you're from Germany, Minou but which city do you come from exactly? And also, what prompted you to come to Hong Kong?

A: Oh, I was born and raised in Berlin, which is the capital city of Germany. When I first heard of this exchange programme, the first city that I thought of was Hong Kong. I have always desired to visit China, but due to the Covid restriction, I couldn't. So I grabbed this opportunity as an exchange student to pursue my dream. Back to why I chose Hong Kong, I think its blend of eastern and western influences attracts me, not to mention it belonged to a British colony in the past.

Q: Fascinating! I figure it's the reason why most foreigners dream of visiting HK. You've been here for more than a month now. You must have some favourite food and activities. What are they?

A: Ah! Here comes my favourite question. I LOVE the pineapple bun in Hong Kong! It's sweet but not overly so. Germany should get one of those too. During the weekends, I go to Maryknoll Fathers to learn Cantonese. The scenery there is great and I simply don't want to leave! Speaking of my favourite activity, I know it's a bit weird, but I enjoy riding the bus. Looking at the skyscrapers from the upper deck to Hong Kong Island makes me feel tiny.

Q: It's not weird at all! I enjoy the scenery even when I'm riding the bus to school. Everyone does. By the way, what's by far the most touching thing your host family has done for you?

A: So you know everybody gets a bowl for dining, right? When I first got to the house of my host family, my host parents gave me a white bowl like theirs while my host siblings got Mickey Mouse bowls. To be honest, I was a little bit disappointed because I assumed that I couldn't fit in. But then, a few days later, my host parents bought me a Mickey Mouse bowl too as if they had sensed my disappointment. And at that time, I finally felt like I am a part of them and perhaps, their own daughter.

Q: Aww, that's precious. Your host parents must be so caring and observant. You should take good care of your bowl! I'm curious to know, have you encountered any challenges throughout the months?

A: Definitely the language barrier. I don't know what to do when my classmates are discussing something in Cantonese and I can't join them. As a shy person, I don't dare ask and can only let it be. But I do want to try my best to talk to more people, because my classmates are all very nice and they always try to involve me in different activities.

Q: Oh I see. I'm sure that your classmates are willing to discuss with you but sometimes our mother tongue has a great effect on us. That's the end of our interview today, you must be starving, let's have some dessert together!



Christmas list for the year

4D Ko Yan Kiu

The ringing of Christmas bells can be faintly heard. Christmas time is soon approaching, so what better way to spend our Christmas than to participate in a few traditions?

The origin of Christmas traditions would take us back hundreds and thousands of years. From the nutcracker to our enjoyment of gingerbread houses, the oldest dates back to the year 1223. Before we dive into the lengthy list of Christmas traditions, let us find out how Christmas truly started.

The harsh and frigid winter was marked for our celebration of Jesus Christ—in the darkest days of a frosty night, a light was born to the world. Jumping to the later years, the Europeans discovered the period of Christmas was in perfect sync with their schedules. At the very end of December, most cattle were slaughtered resulting in a stockpile of fresh meat; wine and alcohol were finally fermented and people had all that they could ever dream of to celebrate this festive eve, therefore resulting in the popularization of commemorating Christmas.

Our first thought of Christmas would bring us to Christmas trees, and if you are thinking about whether it is a tradition, you will be glad to know you're right. The decoration of Christmas trees is crucial to celebrating Christmas, otherwise, we would be celebrating pine trees (which would be mundane). Children would wait impatiently gripping their ornaments and fiddling with silver tinsels. Their urge to hang the star on the top of their Christmas tree can be seen on their bright pink faces, and the sight of presents underneath the Christmas tree reflected in their enlarged eyes. This custom gets the family together as they hang their beloved ornaments onto their unique Christmas tree.

With the next tradition, things will start to get more interesting. With movie depictions and songs written, we hear of a rule known amongst the grownups. Mistletoes are more so a lure, a romantic one precisely. They would be suspended on door frames waiting for couples to walk into its trap, then the tradition begins. It is simple. Every time you step underneath the mistletoe, people would be adamant that you kiss the next person that ambles by. If you are not a grown-up however, it would be an exception and you may hug whoever you desire. The harmless tradition sure brings tons of Christmas spirit!

Speaking of Christmas spirit, the recommended way of celebrating Christmas is surely by caroling. Today, numerous caroling groups sing for clemency in churches and communities, in exchange for hot spiced beverages that aid the traveling well-wishers warm. A characteristic legend tells that Christmas carols were stipulated after Carol Poles, an English girl who seemingly went missing in London during the holiday season in the late 19th century. Most people searched for her by going door-to-door, singing to express their good wishes. Newspapers helped to continue this tradition by further promoting it and by even printing the music for many popular carols in their pages.

Whatever tradition you follow, we wish everyone a warm and joyous Christmas with family and loved ones!



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