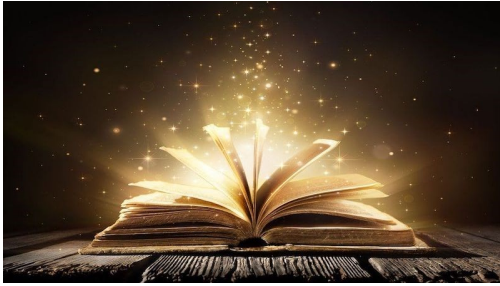


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Social Media

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In recent years, social media has become an integral part of our daily lives. It is transforming the way we communicate. We can access information and do research quickly. It is also a platform for us to stay connected with family and friends worldwide and share personal updates. Of course, it has many benefits, but it has also brought a host of problems. From privacy concerns to the spread of misinformation and its detrimental impact on mental health, these problems with social media have become a pressing issue in today's society.



One of the most significant issues caused by social media is the erosion of privacy. Users may divulge their personal information unwittingly. As a result, incidents such as data mining and breaches may happen easily. Scammers will use data mining for identity theft. The publicly available information on social media can help them target victims successfully. They can also get usernames, passwords, email addresses, and phone numbers effortlessly.

Have you ever seen fake news on social media? Social media has proven to be a fertile breeding ground for the spread of fake news and misinformation. Platforms like Instagram and Facebook can lead to the rapid dispersal of misleading and false information, which can influence public opinion and elections. Due to the lack of effective mechanisms to verify the accuracy of content shared on these social media platforms, the problem has worsened too.



Social media has also caused the rise of cyberbullying. Its impact on the mental health of users, especially teenagers, is another urgent issue. Cyberbullying is bullying with the use of digital technologies, which can take place on social media. Social media has become a platform for harassment, abuse, and harmful content lately. When bullying happens online, victims might feel like they are being attacked everywhere. Consequently, it will cause psychological harm to them. If you see cyberbullying happening to someone you know, try to offer support to them.



It's inevitable that social media has become part of our lives so how can we use social media properly? It is not difficult. We should think twice before we post anything. We should avoid posting anything with any content that contains personal information or whose whereabouts could pose a safety risk. Be more careful and mindful while sharing or consuming content. Since there is a lot of fake and misleading information on social media, we can do a 'fact check' before sharing the information. Don't trust the news on social media blindly! Adopting a correct approach to social media is the most important thing. If we can properly use social media, we can foster a healthy relationship with social media.



I know LKKCers have been very busy since the first term started. So why don't you take a break and immerse yourself in the wonderful world of books and literature? While you are searching for an interesting one, let me share a classical and educational book— *Myths Of Greece and Rome*.



This book has collected lots of legendary stories about Greek and Roman gods and goddesses. Some are household names such as Hercules, Jupiter, Venus and Apollo. Also, the twelve constellations, which refer to the twelve zodiac signs, have their myths too, for example, Gemini.

The story of Gemini, which is about twin brothers Castor and Pollux, takes place in the Calydonian Hunt. During the Calydonian Hunt, Castor was slain while in combat with the sons of Aphareus. Pollux implored Jupiter to let him follow his brother to death, and Jupiter was touched and set one condition: Pollux should be willing to spend half his time in Hades.

Later, Jupiter was satisfied with their bonding and relationship, and the twins ascended to the sky, and the twins formed the bright constellation, Gemini.

It is believed that constellation myths were first created by the ancient people. They stare upon the stars and imagine them as various creatures and objects, then, they make up myths about the stars. By word of mouth, these myths are widely known across the world, and inspired artists and writers around the world, who pay contributions to literature and art. It's also the main reason why I would like to introduce this book to LKKCers as reading this book can broaden your horizons.

Next time, when you look up at the stars, try to see if you can find the constellations!



Exploring the Power of Empathy: an in-depth look into the classic "To Kill a Mockingbird"

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I reckon that every F4 and F5 student is familiar with the book "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. It is a timeless classic that continues to captivate readers with its powerful storytelling and thought-provoking themes. Set in the racially charged atmosphere of 1930s Alabama, this novel explores the complexities of human nature, the destructive consequences of prejudice, and the importance of empathy.

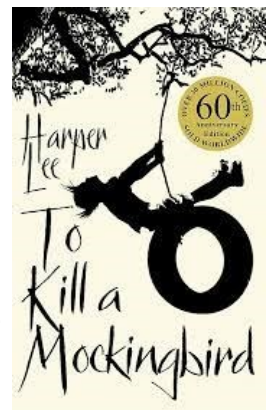
"To Kill a Mockingbird" follows the journey of Scout Finch, a young girl growing up in the fictional town of Maycomb. Through her innocent eyes, we witness the unfolding events surrounding the trial of Tom Robinson, a black man falsely accused of raping a white woman. As Scout's father, Atticus Finch, defends Tom with unwavering integrity, the small town's deeply ingrained racism and injustice are laid bare. Through Scout's observations and interactions with the people of Maycomb, the novel provides a profound exploration of morality, compassion, and the power of empathy.

At its core, "To Kill a Mockingbird" is a powerful exploration of the destructive nature of prejudice and the importance of empathy. Through the lens of Scout's coming-of-age journey, the novel exposes the harsh realities of racism, injustice, and societal expectations. The central theme of empathy is embodied by Atticus Finch, who serves as a moral compass throughout the story. Atticus's unwavering belief in the inherent goodness of all people, regardless of their race or social standing, challenges the deeply rooted prejudices of Maycomb's residents.

The novel also explores the loss of innocence and the complexities of morality. Scout and her brother Jem grapple with the harsh realities of the world as they witness the injustices surrounding Tom Robinson's trial. Through their eyes, readers confront the harsh reality that fairness and justice can be elusive in a society that is deeply divided by prejudice.

Since its publication in 1960, "To Kill a Mockingbird" has had a profound impact on readers worldwide. The novel's exploration of racism and injustice continues to resonate, reminding us of the importance of empathy and understanding in our own lives. Its enduring relevance lies in its ability to provoke introspection and challenge societal norms. By exposing the dangers of prejudice and the power of empathy, "To Kill a Mockingbird" remains a relevant and necessary read, particularly in a world still grappling with issues of discrimination and inequality.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" is a literary masterpiece that delves into the complexities of human nature, the destructive impact of prejudice, and the transformative power of empathy. Harper Lee's poignant storytelling and memorable characters make this novel a vital read for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the human condition.



Chinese New Year

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Chinese New Year - I think everyone is very familiar with this festival but if you don't know its origin, read on!

The festival has a long history and believed to have originated in the Shang Dynasty. It has long been a custom ever since then for everyone to go back to their home every January, and stay together with their families, on the 1st of the lunar calendar, which is called 'GuoNian'.



Most of us have probably heard the story about "Nian". It was a horrible creature and would go out and find its food down the hill in a village every January 1st of the lunar calendar. "Nian" ate everything alive, be they animals or people - all it saw would be its food. So the occupants in the village would go away when "Nian" came – until an old man came. He came with ways using red things and noises that would keep the creature away, so setting off firecrackers and pasting Spring Festival couplets everywhere was the way, which we still see today. "GuoNian" also has another meaning: that is, the villagers had 'Guo', meaning "survived" another one of 'Nian's attacks.

Talking about Chinese New Year, I believe the most important part in our minds is the red packet! It was called 'YaSuiQian' before, as a blessing given by elders to children. The word 'Sui', now means 「歲」, which has the same rhyme as 「祟」, and that isn't a good thing! Ghosts, demons, and monsters are examples of it. So it'll have to be 'Ya', which means "suppressed".



There is another thing that you may see during the New Year, however, it is less popular. It is the Lion Dance. This doesn't have a long history, though, because the lion wasn't seen until the Han Dynasty. The Lion Dance, is, of course, a dance performed by some men wearing costumes and trying to jump and run like lions. Lions are symbols of strength, bravery, luck and royalty. Seeing a Lion Dance means that your life in the new year will be filled with strength, bravery, luck and royalty. It is a kind of blessing. For now, Lion Dance can also be seen when a new shop opens or at a wedding to bring some luck to the new couple or the new shop.

Chinese New Year is, undoubtedly, I think, the most important festival in China. But, after all those events you can see during Chinese New Year, Chinese New Year isn't itself a festivity without the company of families or friends. After all, it is a celebration of the reunion of families and the start of the new year. So, everyone, always remember that the most important part are those who stay with you. Cherish what you have! The year of the Dragon is coming, so be sure to make the best of it with loved ones. Happy Lunar New Year!



Meet our Students' Union -- INFINITY : Unleashing the limitless power of LKKCers' unity!

Koo Tsz Ting, Isabel 5D

A Students' Union is an organised group that represents the collective voice of students in a school. Its purpose is to advocate for the rights of students, interests, and also their well-being. *Infinity*, our Students' Union this year, not only acts as a bridge between the entities of the students and the school administration, but also facilitates effective communication and collaboration and aims to enhance the overall student experience by organising various activities, events, and initiatives.

INTERVIEW WITH INFINITY :

Welcome our new Students' Union — *Infinity* this year. We have invited the chairperson, Jack Ling from 5D, for a brief interview.

I: Isabel J: Jack

I: Firstly, it's good to hear that your team won the election of the Students' Union! May I know why you and your team joined the election?

J: Sure, thank you for the congratulations. Before we discuss our visions and policies, let me share my honest thoughts about my time as a member of the LKKC Students Union. Like many of you, I initially doubted the significance of a student union in a school setting. However, I was eager to see how it could benefit our fellow students. When the weight of responsibility fell upon me and my team, I came to understand the value of being part of the Students Union and leading my team.

After experiencing the benefits of the Students Unions in previous years, my teammates and I have come to appreciate the importance of serving others. We have realised that putting words into practice can be a daunting task. Therefore, we have decided to challenge ourselves and participate in a contest to serve our fellow students with the utmost dedication and effort.

I: How did you feel after you won the election?

J: I can vividly recall the exact moment our team emerged victorious in the election to become a part of the Students Union. The feeling was nothing short of sensational, with a mix of exhilaration and relief coursing through our veins. However, we were all fully aware that this was a solemn commitment that we had undertaken. The gravity of the responsibility ahead of us made us feel nervous, but we were determined to fulfil our duties to the best of our abilities.

I: Would you mind explaining the meaning behind the Union's name, *Infinity*?

J: Initially, our group deliberated over an appropriate, memorable name for our team. After a series of extensive discussions, we arrived at the name "Infinity," as it aligns with our objective to inspire our schoolmates to achieve their full potential and strive towards infinite possibilities.

We aspire to motivate our peers to unlock their boundless potential by embracing a mindset of growth and progress. By adopting a limitless perspective, we hope to instill in our colleagues a desire to push beyond the constraints of their current capabilities and thrive in their respective fields. We are excited to embark on this journey and look forward to the opportunities that lay ahead.

I: I see. Were there any problems and difficulties you faced when preparing for the election?

J: We faced numerous challenges as we prepared for the election. As newcomers, we lacked expertise and experience. We had inadequate preparation time and we needed to deal with the first uniform test simultaneously. Despite all this, we remained committed. We developed a comprehensive strategy, researched and analysed plans, engaged with stakeholders, and collaborated with the Students Union from last year, *Beta*. Our dedication paid off, and we entered the election with an indomitable faith to face any obstacles.

I: Is there anyone you want to thank?

J: My teammates and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Students Union of the previous year, *Beta*, for their dedication to LKKC. They set an excellent example for us with their stellar performance, and we aspire to follow in their footsteps. We are also immensely grateful for the technical support provided by the teachers in charge of managing the Students' Union - Mr Yip, Mr Lee, and Miss Choi. Without their assistance, we would not have been able to achieve this milestone of eminence.

Irrevocably, I would like to express the utmost gratitude for all the support from the LKKCers. Not only to those who voted for us and gave us extraordinary honour but to those who made instructive criticisms.



Form 1 Overnight Event

Ho Ngai Ling, Cathy 5D

More and more, our school has been organizing overnight camps. One such event was arranged for some of the Form 1 students. We interviewed some Form I students to discuss their opinions about the overnight event. (This was prior to their camp.)

C: Cathy **A:** Form 1 student A **B:** Form 1 student B

C: I'm so glad to invite you two to have a little discussion about overnight events! Let's start with a simple question, overnight event or day camp, which one would you like more?

A: I would like to have an overnight camp. An overnight camp can help us build our self-confidence. It provides a chance for us to rely on ourselves and develop independence. Also, we will have a chance to take on new responsibilities, try new activities and meet more friends. Therefore we can build our self-confidence through the overnight camp.

B: I prefer overnight activities as well because it's all very exciting and sleeping outside is a very special experience for me as I can have a chance to stay with my friends only instead of my parents.

C: Have you ever had any overnight experience in your primary school?

A: Yes, I had an experience in primary school. That was my graduation trip. My friends and I went to Wu Kai Sha Youth Village. We played a lot of fun games and chatted together. At night we played board games. This was the most unforgettable experience in primary school.

B: Me too. I spent a night outside back when I was in primary school. It was my graduation camp and my friends and I had a lot of fun and joy that day and created lots of memories that are invaluable.

C: Thank you so much!



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