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The annual English Week has come to a close...

How many stickers have you collected?

How many of the exciting activities of English Week this year have you participated in?

How was your time with teachers in our annual English chat time? I'm sure chatting with English ambassadors and teachers, collecting stickers, and exchanging them for lovely little gifts deepened our understanding of our teachers and student volunteers! Did you hear your Chinese teachers talk about Chinese culture with you in English? Did you hear your teachers share their daily lives in English? It was so interesting!



Other than the chat sessions, don't forget the annual movie screenings and ping-pong matches. Secondary 2 and 3 students were fortunate enough to enjoy an English movie inside and outside the classroom, learning English in a fun way. What about the inter-class ping-pong matches? Did you give yourself a chance to challenge yourselves? We were so

"Last week, I joined the Junior Public Speaking Contest. I was so nervous at first and almost wanted to give up. But when I stood on stage, I took a deep breath and started speaking. To my surprise, I spoke clearly and confidently. When they announced me as the champion, I was shocked and extremely happy! My heart was full of joy. This win gave me so much confidence and taught me that I can achieve anything if I try my best." —3A Tam Hoi Ching



"This was a wonderful debate! The exciting cheers drew perfect punctuation for that. The topic was "this house regrets the decline of handwritten communication. The debate was fiercely intense, with voices raised passionately. Although sharp each side delivered a strong point, neither side backed down. The debaters were very dedicated and showcased the power of language and persuasion." —4C Lee Sheung



Boardgame Extravaganza

If you haven't visited the English Room to check out the wide range of English board games and card games, you still have a chance today at lunch and after school! Make new friends and have fun while building your confidence learning English. Choose from the selection of exiting games from Scrabble to Codenames. And if you haven't tried "English Mahjong", you're missing out on the mad fun!!



English Week's LKKC's Got Talent

Lights, camera, action! English Week activities were in full swing as the excitement unfolded. On 12th May 2026, students of all ages took to the stage after school to proudly showcase their talents in the LKKC's Got Talent Show. Whether performing solo or in groups, they did not fail to entertain.

Both the judges and the audience were thrilled by the performances; you could truly sense the immense effort, time, and teamwork poured into the acts that stood out. Our schoolmates displayed an amazing spirit! A huge thank you goes out to the audience who showed up to support their peers. The show was a success not just because of the performers, but because of your presence.



While every show must come to an end and winners must be named, it doesn't mean those who didn't take home a prize weren't talented—everyone was a star shining brightly. In the end, the judges had the difficult task of picking the winners. This year, duo comedians Tsoi Tsz Kuen and Chan Kam Kwan both from 6A took home First Prize as well as the viewers' choice award for "My Voice, My Choice" for their hilarious comedy act, while Alicia Leung Nga Lam from 3B won first-runner up for her electric performance with her guitar and rocking singing voice, followed by the singing sisters Pang Sum Lo from 1B and Pang Sum Kiu from 4B who won 2nd-runner up. Well done to

everyone who performed on stage!

This year's English Week, like every year, brought laughter and joy to our school, immersing everyone in the world of English and creating unique memories. We look forward to everyone's continued participation next year. Learn happily, and find happiness in learning.



Battle of the Books

Ms. Jesuszette de Guzman

On 24th April, 2026, some of our F1-F3 students participated in a friendly match of Battle of the Books with Methodist College in preparation for the Semi-Finals. It was a fun challenge and they got a chance to chat and mingle with one another.



The Hong Kong Battle of the Books is an inter-school reading competition that turns literature into a competitive sport. It is run by a group of various committees consisting of teacher-librarians and literacy experts from various international and local schools in Hong Kong that team up to select and design the questions. Its main aim is to encourage students from both international and local schools to read a diverse range of high-quality books. Our students have been given a list of 20 English books and they have been working hard to read as many as they could.

Our school will be competing on 20th May against international and ESF schools, namely Discovery Bay International School, Yew Chung International School of Hong Kong and King George V school. We wish them good luck! The school will be rooting for you F1-F3!! Enjoy it!



STEAM Week Recap

5D Alice Zou

Aside from English Week, over the past few weeks, did you participate in any science activities? STEAM Week brought a wave of hands-on events that shows LKKC's exploratory spirit. Here are some highlights.

The Microorganism Workshop

In the microorganism workshop, a teacher first introduced the fascinating world of microscopic life: several types of tiny organisms quietly sharing our planet. Then junior students got the opportunity to see it all for themselves in sea water. With a careful turn of the knob and the right eyepiece in place, a microscopic world revealed itself under the microscope — plankton (small plants and animals) drifting and spinning, painting a living, glowing green picture right before their eyes. Without close observation, the glass of seawater looks perfectly clean like drinkable water.

It is another thing entirely to watch microorganism swim. Many students even took photos with their iPad to record every moment of their observation.

The Cosmetic Product Display

When you squeeze a tube of hand cream, have you ever wondered: 'What exactly is this creamy texture? Well, STEAM Week had the answer. With guidance from seniors, students could step into cosmetic Chemistry by mixing, stirring, and heating ingredients to create their very own hand cream. All of them were made of different chemicals such as preservatives, glycerol, etc. But still chemicals could not turn out to be a fascinating blend without plenty of actions to speed up the chemical reactions! The experience showed that everyday items we use are far more interesting and the mechanism behind is easier to understand than we think. So in other words, science can sit right on your bathroom shelf.

Hovercraft & Logic Challenges

STEAM Week wasn't just about experiments. There was excitement as well. Put your mind to the test! Many students took on the challenge of building hovercrafts and competing in Maths and ICT orientation activities. It pushed everyone to think logically and solve problems creatively. We could see their efforts and enthusiasm. High five to you participants!

The Week May Be Over – But the Spirit Lives On

STEAM Week has come to an end, but the curiosity it sparked hasn't. Curiosity and the spirit of exploration can continue to inspire us in our daily lives. Every question we ask about the unknown plants a seed of knowledge—one we might turn to when we least expect it. I believe STEAM Week carries that very same spirit. So don't hesitate: head to the library and pick up a book to find answers. When STEAM Week comes around again next year, jump right in!

The greatest adventures often begin with a simple question: "Why?" And an easy answer: "I will embark on the journey!".

Cultural and Creative Writing Exchange Tour

5D Anna Kwan

Do you know what "baltic" means? It is a Scottish English word meaning very chilly. In March and April, twenty F2-5 LKKCers were lucky enough to have a taste of the baltic weather in Scotland and London during a ten-day Easter cultural and literary exchange tour, accompanied by Ms Dian and Mr Victor. The objectives of the tour were to pique students' interest in creative writing, inspire their imagination through the region's hypnotising scenery, deepen their understanding of literary traditions, and immerse themselves in the cultural atmosphere of England and Scotland.



At the start of this journey, we were absolutely mesmerised by the magnificent and tranquil Scottish Highlands, and had a tough but thrilling and unforgettable hiking experience on the awe-inspiring Old Man of Storr, feeling the true "baltic" temperature on the mountainous landscape. Another iconic attraction where we can witness the bewitching Scottish culture is Eilean Donan Castle. The reason why it is intriguing stems from the prohibition of photographs inside the castle, and thus, you will never know the inner structure and exhibition in the castle if you never enter it. That sounds mysterious, doesn't it?



One of the highlights in the itinerary was undoubtedly the one-day tour guided by Dr Janet de Vigne, Mr Victor's professor, from the University of Edinburgh. She led us on a journey through numerous spots and shared the backdrop and underlying stories behind historical landmarks, sparking our creativity in writing re-created stories about Scottish history. It provided us with insights into literature and an impressive, memorable exploration of culture outside the classroom. We even created our own pieces of work, encompassing a wide range of text types, namely poems, short stories and even scripts.

Another university we paid a visit to was one of the most renowned, internationally respected institutions in the world – the University of Cambridge.



We had a fruitful discussion with a master of poetry, Richard Berengarten, who rendered us his exceptional perspective on poems. On top of the gain in poetry writing skills, with the thorough explanation by the punter, we sat back, relaxed, and saw the majestic Cambridge University college facade in comfort and style, which was a precious and enchanting opportunity to take photographs of the colleges and gain deeper understanding of the history of England, a unique and leged viewpoint.



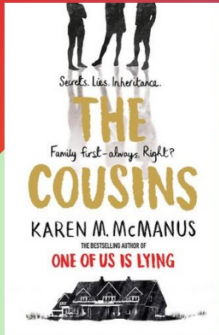
This journey was simply to admire natural scenery, but to foster a connection with the world of literature through the irreplaceable travel stories and also to take our breath away from the bustling crowds. He that travels far knows much. Every expedition is a lesson that you cannot have in the classroom.

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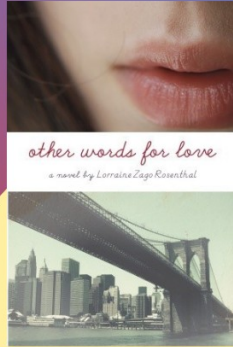
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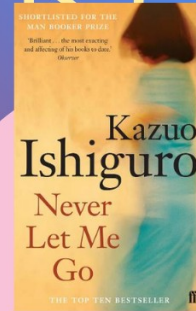
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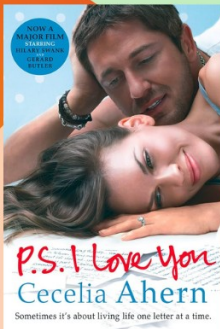
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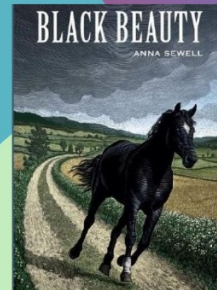
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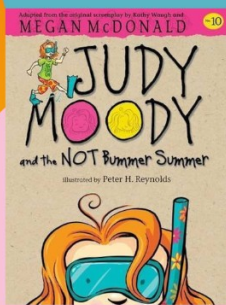
Inevitability, sacrifice, memory



Grief, healing, letters



Compassionate, enduring, courageous



Wacky, adventurous, colorful



Whimsical, heartfelt, spirited

Let's read together and read-connect

"Connections can be fun, thoughtful or bittersweet"

Check out the school library for these titles this English Week!

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World Cup 2026

5D He Chun Ka

2026 US Canada Mexico World Cup: A Football Feast for Everyone

The charm of football has never been limited to the top clubs that lift trophies. It also belongs to every city waiting to boil, every grassland soaked in sweat, and every ordinary person running for their dreams. In less than a month, the curtain will be lifted for the 2026 World Cup between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. This tournament, dubbed by FIFA as the "most inclusive" in history, is transforming the World Cup from a "stage for a few" to a truly global holiday.

The Three Kingdoms Joint Office, the largest football event in history

This World Cup will be held from June 11 to July 19, 2026 in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, marking the first time in the history of the World Cup that three countries have jointly hosted it. The competition will be held in 16 cities, including 11 in the United States, 2 in Canada, and 3 in Mexico. The opening match will kick off on June 11th at the legendary Aztec Stadium in Mexico City, with the host team Mexico facing South Africa, while the final will be held on July 19th at the 82500 seat stadium in New York and New Jersey.

The most notable change in this World Cup is the expansion of the participating teams from 32 to 48, with a record breaking total of 104 matches played. In response to this change, FIFA has also made careful adjustments to the competition format: 48 teams are divided into 12 groups, with 4 teams in each group; In addition to the top two teams in the group, the top eight third place teams can also advance to the final round of 32 and enter the single elimination stage.

More spots, more 'new faces'

The most direct change in expanding the team is that more teams have obtained tickets to the World Cup. The number of seats in Europe has increased from 13 to 16, Asia has jumped from 4.5 to 8, Africa has 9 direct seats, South America has 6, and Oceania has 1 stable seat for the first time.

This year, four teams made their debut on the World Cup stage: Uzbekistan, Jordan, Cape Verde, and Curacao. Among them, Curacao, with a population of less than 200000, will break the record for the smallest participating country in the World Cup. Central Asian football powerhouse Uzbekistan, after experiencing many regrets in the World Cup qualifiers, finally received their first World Cup ticket in team history and became the first team in Central Asia to advance to the main tournament.

Of course, expanding the military does not mean that competition will become easier. On the contrary, the intensity of the European region has only increased - the Italian team, which has won four World Cup titles, lost to Bosnia and Herzegovina in a penalty shootout in the playoffs, missing out on the World Cup finals for the third consecutive time, leaving countless fans sighing with regret.

Not just football, the ripple effect of the World Cup

The impact of the World Cup has already spilled over the stadium. Due to the preparation for the World Cup and the heat wave, the Mexican government recently announced that this academic year will end about 40 days earlier, which has caused quite a stir among parents. The diplomatic game surrounding the relationship between the host country and participating countries in the World Cup has also attracted much attention - the United States once proposed to replace Iran with Italy, but was clearly rejected by FIFA. FIFA President Gianni Infantino emphasized that "the Iranian team has advanced... they should participate". These interludes remind us that the World Cup is never just a game of 22 people chasing the ball, it is politics, economy, culture, and a mirror reflecting the face of the world.

Football grows on every grassland

When the world's attention is focused on the grand stage of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, football is quietly growing in countless inconspicuous corners - including the campuses we are familiar with.

In our school, the annual social football competition is also a traditional and exciting event. Various clubs from teams compete on the playground after class. Classmates who sit quietly together in the same classroom on weekdays become the most competitive opponents when they change into jerseys. You can see students who are usually not good at speaking loudly commanding on the field, and you can also see people willingly sitting on the bench to make their teammates play for a few more minutes. Without the cheers of tens of thousands of people, the absence of television broadcasts, and even the fact that the field is not even flat, every precise pass and every all-out sprint reminds people of the same truth: the true meaning of football is never about who to play for, but about whether you give your all when you stand on the field.

From the dazzling lights of the World Cup in the United States, Canada, and Mexico to the afternoon playground in our school, football connects every person who loves it in different ways. Every exquisite coordination on the top stage stems from countless tedious exercises of basic skills; And the sweat and laughter of every social game we play are also the most authentic form of this sport - no matter where we are, no matter our level, as long as there is an open space or a football, happiness will naturally occur.

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