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My Life in a Wonderful Primary School

Blair Danielle Jade, 1A

I spent six years of my life in a wonderful primary school in Sai Kung. The primary school is a tall grey building next to a swimming pool. It's called Sai Kung Central Lee Siu Yam Memorial School but I call it LSY.

My primary school is very close to my house so it was very convenient for me to get there. Even though it was only a 15-minute walk, my dad would drive my brother and me to school. However, whenever my dad was working, I would walk to school. My primary school is next to the beach so there is a very beautiful view. I enjoyed going to school.

My primary school is quite big and I think it's very nicely built. It has seven floors. On each floor, there are many classrooms. We weren't allowed to go to the seventh floor since it was under construction. My classroom during Primary six was on the fifth floor so I had to walk up many stairs every morning.

My school has many interesting facilities such as a playroom, a table tennis room and a computer room. We also had many extra rooms for remedial classes. The playroom was my favourite room as I could play with the ipads and I could also play with the lovely Primary One students. I learnt many subjects like library studies, general studies, English, Maths and Chinese. Among all the subjects which I learnt, my favourite was art since I can express myself through colours.

I had a great primary school life because I met most of my best friends there and I could get involved in many clubs and activities. The teachers were also very friendly and kind. My best friends were Jade, Janine, Sandra, Sophie, Artica and Tyra. They always made me laugh and they supported me when I had difficulty. We are still friends but some of them don't go to my new school. My favourite teachers were Miss Kuo, Miss Mak, Miss Wong and Mr. Hill. They taught me very well. I joined many activities too. I was a member of the school orchestra, the drama club, the dance club and the football team. I won many awards such as speech award, conduct award and best service award. I was also the prefect leader.



I like my primary school because it not only educated me a lot of subject knowledge, but also taught me on life skills and helped me through personal problems. The teachers were caring and all of my friends were there. It was like my second home. I miss the school a lot. In the future, I will go back to my primary school and visit the teachers and my younger brothers and sisters.

Although I'm studying in secondary school, I still miss my primary school life. I hope my secondary school life will be just as enjoyable as my old days in primary school.

My Personal Profile

Lai Sophie Emily, 1A

My name is Sophie but my full name is Lai Sophie Emily. My parents gave me my name Sophie because it means wisdom and wise. I was born on 24 October, 2003. I have a friend who has the same birthday as me so I treat her like my twin sister. I live in a 2000 square feet house in Sai Kung.

I live with eight family members including my elder sister Faye, three elder brothers Ryan, Ben and Sam and one younger brother Harry. I often fight with my brothers because they are very annoying but I get along with my sister. My dad and my grandfather are both nice people. I also have two dogs called Charlie and Chloe. They are both girls. They always bark a lot.

I am short. I have long hair and brown eyes. All of my friends say that my eyes are very nice. I'm a funny and silly person

because I always make my friends laugh. I'm also lazy, shy and generous.

I go to school by bus every day with my friends. At lunchtime, I usually talk with my friends or eat my favourite homemade food prepared by my mother. After school, I often go to Sai Kung to see my father for a while because he comes home very late.

I think the ways to improve my English are to read more English books, watch more English videos and write more. I like YY3 because everyone here is very nice and caring. Also, there are lots of different activities to join. I hope I can always stay happy here!



A Letter to a Friend



Blair Jamie Archie Karl, 2A

Dear Ben,

How have you been recently? I haven't talked to you for a long time! How are you doing in Thailand? Did you enjoy your summer holiday? Hopefully you are having a great time there!

I really enjoyed my summertime here in Hong Kong. The weather was beautiful! On most days, it was sunny with a light breeze so it wasn't very hot. I went swimming on the beach and did a lot of water sports such as windsurfing, wakeboarding, water-skiing and many more! In addition, I spent plenty of time shopping this summer. Recently, I have visited a well-known shopping centre which is the most magnificent shopping centre in that area.

It is called Festival Walk, which is not far away from the City University of Hong Kong. It is located in Kowloon Tong MTR station. As you know, I go to school in Tseung Kwan O so it only takes me twenty minutes to get there by MTR conveniently. I have heard of this shopping centre from my father as he used to work there. My father has taken me there for multiple times and now, it becomes my favourite shopping centre.

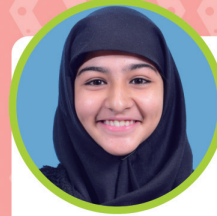
As you can probably tell, the shopping centre is very spacious with an area of over ninety-one thousand square meters and it has seven floors. There are more than two hundred shops including boutiques, electronics shops, sports shop, fast food shops and many more! Furthermore, you can enjoy different cuisines there as there are Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Western restaurants in Festival Walk. More importantly, there is a modern cinema showing five films at the same time in its mini cinemas. It is also the largest cinema around Kowloon Tong.

I love this shopping centre so I will visit it again in two weeks. Besides, I think I will buy some welcoming gifts for you and your family when everyone arrives next month. While I'm there, I will stuff myself with delicious Chinese, Japanese and western food. On the other hand, the prices of both food and goods there are much higher than those in other places. Anyway, I am paying for the best quality, right?

I hope you are just as excited as I am to visit the shopping centre. We will go as soon as you arrive next month! I really can't wait!

I'm looking forward to hearing your reply!

Best wishes,
Jamie



Unzala, 2A

Dear Mary,

How are you recently? I haven't written to you for a long time. How are you doing in Paris? I wish I could have also joined you but as you know, my exams were on the way. Anyway, what did you do in your long holidays in Paris?

I really enjoyed my holidays after exams because all the stress was gone. I did a lot of shopping this year. Recently, I have visited a popular shopping centre which is the most beautiful and famous shopping centre in that area. It is also known as 'one-stop' shopping.

It is called New Town Plaza which is located in Sha Tin. As you know, I had just moved to Sha Tin because I've got a subsidized house offered by the government. It takes me around five to ten minutes to reach there. I have heard of this shopping mall from my neighbours who went there a month ago and told me that there are lots of shops for all ages. It is also having 'Halloween' discount.

The shopping centre is really very spacious. It has got six levels which is more than other shopping centres nearby. There are 350 international brands and boutiques, the latest electronics shops, 50 restaurants and supermarkets selling Japanese and Taiwanese food. Believe me, you can spend days looking for bargains and hunting down products.

Nevertheless, if you are the fan of Snoopy, there is a Snoopy World next to the shopping mall. It's the first and so far the only Snoopy land in Asia. Apart from that, there is also an oval musical fountain at the centre of the third floor. It will definitely bring you sweetness and joy.

I'm literally obsessed with this shopping centre so I will surely visit it again next month because it's Mother's Day. I hope I will remember to buy a present for my mum because my memory is short like a goldfish. It wouldn't even take a second for me to forget it. Besides, I will try the Taiwanese food as well as the Japanese food there. However, the prices of both goods and food are lower than those in other places. Anyway, the better the quality, the higher the price, isn't it?

I hope you are interested in visiting the shopping centre with me. I hope I get to see you soon too.

Looking forward to hearing your reply!

Love,
Jessica



My good neighbour

Danny Chau Ho Lung, 3A

My neighbor is a very cute girl. Her name is Sakura. She is 15 years old. She has been my neighbour for 2 years. She studies in a famous secondary school in Kwun Tong.

Why do I think that she is cute? She is 153 cm tall and is very slim. She has big eyes, a small nose and a tiny mouth. She is from Japan. She weighs about 51kg.

In these 2 years, many things happened in my life. Originally, we never talked with each other because we did not know each other. One day, I accidentally hurt myself while I was exercising. Then, Sakura saw me and asked,

'Are you alright?' Then I kept on playing. She said, 'You are bleeding!' Sakura suddenly shouted, 'Stay here! I will help you.' I was surprised to see that she was not that cool, but very kind and helpful. As she is Japanese, her etiquette is very good. As time goes on, my family and Sakura's family became good friends. We learned more about Japanese cultures and we had much more communication between the two families.

Now, both of us focus on study. So we don't have much time to play together. But I hope that our friendship can last forever!

The Girl Next Door

Shehzadi Kanwal, 3A

"I hate you too. Okay!" was the sentence we used to yell at each other when we were young and totally immature. I remember I always argued over silly and absurd things with Sawayra, my neighbour and my cousin. Such hilarious days they were.

Today, my neighbour, Sawayra, is 16 years old and she is still studying to become a teacher. We have been neighbour for over 16 years. We were born in the same year and in the same house. We weren't only neighbour, but we were best friends too.

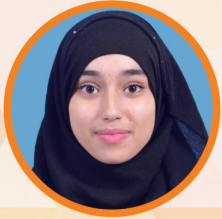
I still remember her gorgeous face. She has big black eyes, long black hair, fair complexion, a winsome smile and a tall figure. I used to make fun of her for being chubby, but she never took it to her heart or scolded me. That's what I love about her beautiful soul and kind heart. She has 4 sisters, 2 stepsisters and 2 stepbrothers. But they all get

along very well and care about one another.

Sawayra is strong, kind, funny and loyal. She has gone through so many things in life and yet she is always seeing the good in every situation. She treats everyone with nothing, but kindness and genuine smiles and that's one of the reasons why everyone likes her. I still recall the times when we used to play hide and seek and hopscotch and somehow we would end up fighting aggressively.

It used to be so fun living next to such an awesome person. But we drifted apart when we moved to Hong Kong, but her support is always with me, encouraging me to do the best. No matter how far we are from each other, I will never forget the girl next door.





Being an actress in Hong Kong

SADIA-BIBI, 4A

The best part of my job

Every bit of my job is a new experience and a new thing to me. I can work with people from different walks of life like my favourite celebrities and some well-known directors. I also enjoy every moment with my die-hard fans who always support me. Apart from it, after gaining more recognition, I am now able to earn more and so the living standard of my family has greatly increased.

The biggest challenge I have ever faced in my job

I have faced quite a few challenges as an ethnic minority in the film industry. The biggest of them all is going through racism and discrimination which greatly hurt my self-esteem. Being stereotyped, it is believed that an ethnic minority girl could never gain fame. Some producers ceased my acting opportunities in local films because of my race. Instead of getting mad and furious, I decided to prove my abilities to them and it turned out a total success due to my endeavor.

The most memorable moment

I finally overcame all my challenges and won the Best Actress Award. The most unforgettable moment is when I walked on stage receiving my award, it was so incredible that an ethnic minority girl could obtain a honorable award in the local film industry. I always cheer up myself by remembering that moment. It drives me to do better in future.

Never give up

Hard work is the most important ingredient in the recipe of success. You cannot gain fame overnight since not everyone is that fortunate. Instead, your courage and insistence do help you walk bit by bit towards the path of success. So it is always true to say: Never give up! At least, I will not regret for not giving myself a go.



Being an actress in Hong Kong

SALEEM NARMEEN, 4A

The best part of my job

Being an actress in Hong Kong, I experience a lot of things that normal people cannot experience and that is what I call 'the best part of my job'. In 2005, I was very lucky that I had a chance to co-operate with a famous actress, Sammi Cheng in the film 'Love On A Diet'. Since I was green in front of the media, she taught me lots of things. I could also have lots of chances to meet and work with other famous local artists such as Andy Lau, Jacky Chan and Joey Yung. I think that is really the best part of my job.

The biggest challenge I have ever faced in my job

You may think that it must be easy to become a famous actress in Hong Kong, right? In fact, it is not as easy as you think! I wasn't famous at all. When I was first working in a film, the other actors turned their noses up at my performance. I could not sleep well every night. Owing to my weaknesses, I worked around the clock and acted even day-in day-out in order to have more practices. Gradually, I picked up the acting skills and got more and more recognitions from the audiences. It seems I am now addicted to my movie life.

The most memorable moment

I got lots of memorable moments since I started my acting career. I have been dedicated to the stage for more than 10 years. In 2003, I got my first award from Television Broadcast Award. Once it was announced: The Best Actress belongs to ... Nicole. S. I was so nervous but excited after I had heard my name. I was also moved by the applauses from the audiences at that time. This is definitely the most memorable moment to me.

My future dream

Becoming one of the superstars in Hollywood is my dream. My aim is not to work with other international artists or make big money, instead I would like to make use of my fame to help people in need. As you know, girls like those living in Pakistan are being discriminated by the society, so I hope to build a girls college to let them receive more education and do something to help stop the society from serious discrimination. I wish it could come true in future.



A Worthy Experience

ASIF KAINAAT, 5A

My name is Kainaat and I am from class 5A. I feel privileged to express my opinions and to talk about the experience I got after joining the wonderful, summer programme organized by my school called the 'Low-income Workers'. This programme went viral during the school days, and fortunately I grabbed the opportunity and was selected.

First of all, why did I join this programme? Well, definitely because I have never experienced the life of the grass-root people. Adding to that, I believe that the teenagers of this modern era are the 'flower of greenhouse'. They get what they want without actually striving for. Not only that, by joining this programme, I got to meet a lot of new friends and gained respect. I had options to choose, whether I would like to be a fast-food maker or a street cleaner. Without thinking for a second, I chose the post of the fast-food maker. Simply, because I can get to eat during the hour break and can serve many different kinds of people at a time.

Moreover, being a fast-food maker is not a piece of cake. At the start of the month, I thought I would just have to take orders, be a waitress to serve people and then to pick up the empty trays. However, I was totally mistaken. Not only I had to do the above-mentioned jobs, also I was responsible in washing the dishes, drying up the dishes, cutting the vegetables, making further orders and many more! It was really hard for me at the

beginning but after some time, I could manage it. In fact, my work at the fast food restaurant was one of the outstanding ones.

Apart from this, the most unforgettable experience that I encountered was that, once there were only a few workers, and I was responsible for cutting vegetables. The manager kept on putting pressure on me. During that moment I accidentally chopped my finger. My finger started to bleed so heavily that I used the whole box of tissue. Not only that, I started to feel dizzy and turned pale. The manager then took me to the hospital and took good care of me. Even though he was the cause of my injury, he still took good care of me.

What I learnt from this programme is that, we should never underestimate the demands of the society and the world. The competition is really keen and it's increasing rapidly day by day. To make a change, we should work hard to achieve our goals. That is the only way to improve our living. Nothing is impossible. You should always say, It is possible. Try to learn things from every person and from everything. You never know who can change your entire life. Therefore, I would like to take this precious opportunity to make every student realise that the harder you study, the more you gain, and the more you can change.



My Summer Job Experience

NG KA WAI, Gaven, 5D

I have taken part in a programme of workplace experience in the summer holiday. I took part in the programme because of a few things. The first one was I wanted to know the experience of the life of a low-income worker. Moreover, I wanted to understand the life of the grass-root level. I knew the young people of the present era lack social experience. The last one is I have heard that some young people are 'flower of greenhouse' and I do not want to be one of them. From this programme, I have learned we should work hard to change our life and to make a better Hong Kong.

In this programme, I have worked for 7 days and I worked 12 hours every day. I worked in the KFC as a fast-food maker in Mong Kok. I made the same food every day, just fried chicken. I needed to make what customers ordered in a short time and I needed to guarantee the quality.

In the beginning, I felt bored and tired because my knowledge did not help me to do well in this job. Besides, I was not a cook. Sometimes, the boiling oil splashed on my arms. I was hurt. I was satisfied that I took up this job. I felt challenged because I have never tried this kind of low-paying job before. This job is boring, low-paying and useless for my knowledge but I still learnt something through this experience. I need to study hard and get higher academic qualifications to improve my living. Besides this, I hope I not only can change my living quality but also change the living standard of the people at grass-root level. I hope the government could do more to help people who have a low-paying job and help them leave the grass-root level, to create a better Hong Kong and a happier Hong Kong.



Why Honduras is my favourite holiday destination

As an editor of lonely planet magazine I have travelled extensively ranging from places like Singapore to Greece. However, among all of the places I have visited, Honduras is one of the places that has left a long-lasting impression in my mind.

Honduras is one of the most urban and fascinating places to visit as it has different sight-seeing spots ranging from various classic-old historical sites to spectacular mountains and beaches. It has the world's most exotic beaches for outdoor activities such as diving.

My most memorable experience there

I have visited the island called Cayos Cachiuos where you can experience the natural beauty of Honduras without the hustle of city. Hiking on the trails linked with beaches is one of my unforgettable experiences of all, as I have climbed up to one of the most popular mountains to the lighthouse while enjoying the panoramic view of the entire country along the path.

Another memorable experience was visiting the Honduras Bay Island. Roatan, which has popular tourist attractions with a

wide variety of activities such as diving and snorkeling, I enjoyed snorkeling to the fullest because I was in contact with the sea world, where I felt like a free bird. The water was as clear as glass. My adventure to Honduras was wonderful!

Benefits of travelling

Travelling has a special importance to students. Many of the things we have learnt from textbooks can be practically understood, but travelling to different places can open up our minds.

Travelling provides relaxation to enjoy stress-free time with yourself. It gives you a chance to understand yourself better throughout the journey. After travelling to Honduras, it has healed many of my mental and physical problems. Besides, travelling gives us a chance to cope with different situations. For instance, I was bemused on reading a map and could not reach the destination on time. But after reading the map for several times, I think I have mastered the skills. This reflects that travelling also teaches us the basic skills in life which we could not learn from textbooks.

My journey to Honduras was wonderful and I am planning my next trip to Bali in the coming year. We should travel more to explore more.



Why Honduras is my favourite holiday destination

As an editor at Enjoy Travel, I have travelled to many places around the world. However, of all the places I have visited, Taiwan is my favourite holiday destination. The main reason is that I was studying in the Taiwan University. Every time I go to Taiwan, it is like going back home. Also, Taiwan's location is near Hong Kong. You only spend one hour to go to Taiwan by airplane. So I can have more time to enjoy my holiday there.

My most memorable experience there

There are many night markets in Taiwan, but the most memorable one for me is the Shida night Market. It is near my university so my first night market experience was there. I remember at that time, I was very excited. There are many different kinds of shops such as dessert, barbecue, game store and different food stalls. Every person there is very friendly. I was impressed by their warm hospitality. They like to introduce Taiwan and chat with tourists. So I feel comfortable there. Also, I have made a Taiwan friend there at my first visit to the night

market. We have kept contact till now so it is an unforgettable day for me.

About Taiwan culture

As we know, Taiwan has its own culture which is particular when compared to other countries. The first thing I would like to introduce is their languages. There are 70% of Taiwanese speaking in Taiwan Hokkien. There are differences with Mandarin which has a special accent. I think Taiwanese Hokkien is interesting and sounds friendly. If I have time, I would like to learn it too. Not only because of the language, but it is also the food culture. The taste of Taiwanese food is natural and the seasoning is not complicated. For sure that tourists going to Taiwan will eat some local food such as koah-pau, A-gei and Oyster vermicelli. Those food can be a feature of Taiwan and represent the Taiwanese food culture. Till here, do you think Taiwan is a good place to be a holiday destination? No matter your holiday is long or not, I think that you should be going there for once. I can assure that you will be attracted by their culture like me.

WONDERWORD

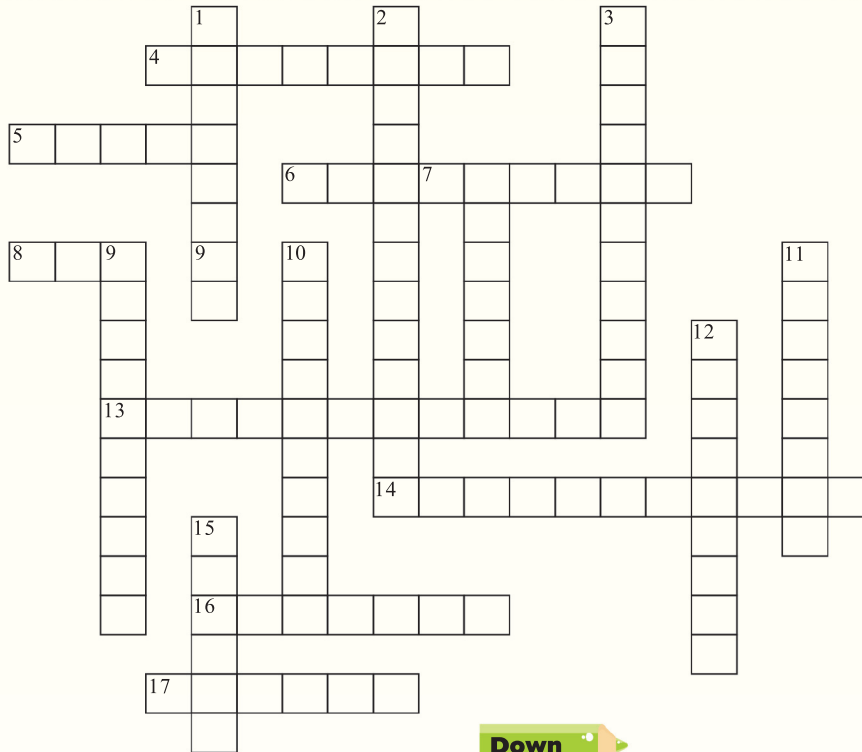
Dear YY3 students,

To take part, complete the crossword puzzles below and put it into the envelope posted outside Room 109 by December 22 (Thursday). Some awards will be given to you.

Pack your bags!

What are the holiday activities and things to take on holiday?

Unscramble the words and fit them in the puzzle below.



Across

- 4 Before your trip, you should pack all the things you need, like clothes, shoes and necessities, and put them into your _____.
- 5 Claudia likes all kinds of exciting games. When she goes to an amusement park, she spends most of her time going on _____.
- 6 If you go for outdoor activities, don't forget to bring _____ to protect yourself from the sun.
- 8 You need to take a _____ with you for direction, especially if it is your first time going there.
- 13 Sometimes, exploring _____ is very interesting as you may find something typical and unique in that place. (2 words)
- 14 If you enjoy going _____, you can visit interesting attractions like the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building.
- 16 Susan prefers visiting _____ because she likes the art exhibitions very much.
- 17 When you buy things in a foreign country, you can pay by _____ card if you don't have enough cash. However, there are some charges for the payment, like a charge of an extra 5%.

Down

- 1 It's very important to have your _____ and air ticket. Otherwise, you cannot go anywhere and just stay in Hong Kong!
- 2 Visitors usually take out their mobile phones for _____. Then, they will share them in their Facebook. (2 words)
- 3 People love going to Japan may be because of excitement, like visiting _____. Disneyland Resort is one of the popular parks. (2 words)
- 7 New York has many different restaurants to choose from so trying local _____ is a must while you're there.
- 9 You may want to buy a _____ before you go out to eat to make ordering your food a little easier.
- 10 In Paris, most tourists love going on _____ to enjoy the spectacular views along River Seine. (2 words)
- 11 My sister loves going _____ in Korea because the clothes are very fashionable and trendy there!
- 12 To help you remember your visit, people can think of buying _____ in the shops of the parks.
- 15 Don't forget to take a digital _____ to take lots of photos for your record of the trip.

Your information:

Name: _____ Class: _____ ()

Your voice

- What is your dream holiday destination? What are you planning to do or eat there?
- Do you have any unforgettable traveling experience? Describe your experience.

Well, you can with Expressions. Have your say and share with students in our school.

To take part, submit your essay (written or printed version) on either of the questions to your English teacher or put it into the envelope posted outside Room 109 by December 22 (Thursday).

The top five entries will be published in our next issue and big prizes are waiting for you!

WONDERWORD

COUNTRIES AND CITIES

All the words below appear in the grid, horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backwards. Find them and circle the words. Letters left over spell the WonderWord!

To take part, complete the mini-game and fax it to us at 21783636 or email to yy3mail@hktayy3.edu.hk by December 22 (Thursday). A fancy gift will be awarded to you.

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Your voice

Which of these countries and cities is your favourite place? Why? What can you do and eat there?

Well, you can with Expressions. Have your say and share with students around Hong Kong.

To take part, email your answer with your name, age and school, along with a nice, clear selfie (make sure it's not blurry), to yy3mail@hktayy3.edu.hk by December 22 (Thursday).

Be sure to include "Your voice" in the subject line. For any queries, please contact Miss Suen at 21783223.

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