



Welcome Note

Happy New Year! Welcome to the Year of the Rooster! Some of your classmates have put together a fabulous English newsletter this year with articles, puzzles, DIY, creative stories and revision tips to help you conquer those tricky exams! We hope you enjoy reading our articles and we wish you a prosperous and joyful 2017. In the words of the brilliant Dr Seuss, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."



How do you come to school?

By Chung Ki Ki, Vincy, Wong Tsz Lam, Alvina and Law Hei Yu, Hilda

We wanted to find out about different modes of transport around our school. So, we decided to ask our classmates about how they come to school. We conducted a survey of 70 students and we asked them this question:

How students come to school		
By school bus	16	
By bus	6	
By minibus	2	
By taxi	1	
On foot	21	
By car	7	
By MTR	17	

"How do you come to school?"

Our results: We found out that most students come to school on foot (21). Only one student comes to school in a taxi. This survey shows that our classmates are quite healthy because lots of them walk to school every day.



Our favourite places

A little bookshop, your Grandma's garden, an exciting theme park... Where is your favourite place in the whole, wide world? We wrote about some of our favourite places for you to read. Some are far away, some are right on our doorstep and others are tucked away in the depths of our imagination. Read on and find out!

My favourite place in the whole wide world is the toy shop in the Lok Fu Bazaar. From the outside, you can see hundreds and hundreds of toys like cars, buses, water guns and a lot more. But the most special time is when it's the lantern festival, then the whole place is filled with beautiful lanterns.



The instant you step into the shop, it's as if you're in a completely different world. All of a sudden, it's like you shrink. There are so many toys there that it makes you feel a bit dizzy. In one corner, you can see an enormous wall with infinite model cars, drones and many other things. But my favourite place in the store is the small room in the corner where I can play my favourite card game, Battle Spirits. I play with many different people and sometimes I make new friends and rivals.

By Pratik Whorra (5A)



My favourite place is my Grandma's house. It is in London. Her house has a kitchen, three bedrooms, two living rooms with two sofas and a big garden, where she grows tomatoes. I like the garden best.

I can do whatever I like at Grandma's house, such as eating snacks, watching TV, cooking in the kitchen and of course, sleeping!

Why do I like this place? I like Grandma's home because it is very comfortable and cosy. When I stay there, I feel warm and happy. I like it very much.

By Wong Tsz Lam, Alvina (5A)



My favourite place in the whole world is inside my comics. It's a very different world and you can do anything you want to do there. The place is not real and so you cannot describe it easily. Of course, it is fiction. But don't worry!

In that world, you can go anywhere you want and you don't need planes or trains or buses to get there. You can draw your characters doing anything such as doing their homework, travelling into space and many other activities! You can draw animals, people, or even things that do not exist in the real world.

The reason why I love this place is because you can find true happiness there. Although it is fiction, you can still learn something new through your comics. We must all do something special in our lives, otherwise our lives will become very boring. You must find a way to see true happiness.

By Feng Ying Xuan, Jenny (6A)

My favourite place is the Tung Chung Bus Terminal. The terminal is built in a traditional steel way, with concrete roads and brick pedestrian walkways. It's located next to Tung Chung MTR station and below the Citygate Shopping Centre. It is not air-conditioned, so it is hot and stuffy.

Although the terminal smells of bus diesel oil and is surrounded by hot air from the engines and air-vents of the buses, I love the terminal because I am a bus lover and there are so many buses to spot there, for example ATR, ATENU and AVBE. Usually, I pass the terminal on weekdays, so I seldom take photos. Sometimes the buses make unpleasant sounds (like the sound "tsssss" from letting off air and releasing air valves) and they give off smelly gases that catch my attention.

Normally, I don't take buses from the terminal, but when we return to Hong Kong after a long trip, we take buses back home and we stop at the terminal. I have watched the buses come and go since I was small, so I have seen a lot of them! What an amazing terminal!

By Chau Tat Yan, Daniel (6A)

*How about you? Where is your favourite place in the world?
Why do you like it there?*



Saying our farewells: An interview with Mr Chan

By Wong Tsz Lam, Alvina and Chung Ki Ki, Vincy

We know that Mr Chan is leaving this school soon. So, we wanted to ask him some questions about his time at Bishop Walsh.

1. What are you planning to do after you leave this school?

Mr Chan: Most of all, I want to relax and enjoy myself in my retirement. Termination of my career path is just like turning a new page in a book. A book which has no specific themes or goals but simply harmony, delight and freedom.

2. How many years have you been teaching here?

Mr Chan: I have been teaching here for 27 years.

3. What is your best memory from your time at Bishop Walsh Primary School?

Mr Chan: I have always focused myself on my students. There have been students who have needed particular help because they have emotional or psychological problems. It has been a great challenge for me to face these problems, to build relationships with these students, and to bring them closer to the right path.



Every September, when I see new children arrive, they seem so green and cute. Sometimes, the little ones grab my hand and call me "goh goh" or "uncle". At other times, the upper form students call me "daddy" or "grandpa". I am touched because in the blink of an eye, we have become so close. Yet, I also realize that time flies very fast.

4. What will you miss the most?

Mr Chan: I will miss all of my students of course! People often cherish and look back on their glorious past, yet I decide to step forward and live for an enjoyable tomorrow.

Thank you Mr Chan for giving up your time to answer our questions. We will miss you at Bishop Walsh and we wish you all the best on your journey!



Revision Tips!

By Wong Pui Ka, Olga and Lau Yuen Ching, Annie



Why are we writing this article? We are writing this article because we think that some students may not know how to revise effectively for their exams. So, we are going to give you some tips. Listen up!

Tip 1: When you study, you need a **quiet place**, so that you can pay attention to your work without being distracted by other noises. We suggest that you go to the library to do your revision.

Tip 2: To revise, some of you will simply copy out the textbook, but we are telling you, this is not the best method for studying. Try to rewrite the notes in **your own words**. We suggest that you only jot down the most important things.

Tip 3: Do **extra exercises** to practise using your mind and try working out the answers by yourself.

Tip 4: You should revise **a little bit every day**, after doing your homework. Don't wait until the exam period to start your revision. This is too late and you might not remember all the important facts of the term.

Tip 5: If you have any questions, you should **ask the teacher** so that he/she can clarify everything that you have learnt in your lessons.

Tip 6: **Read your notes** aloud to yourself, and speak loudly! This helps some people remember the most important points.

Tip 7: You can use **skimming** to read passages of text. (Skimming means reading very fast to find the main ideas in a text). This will help you remember the main ideas of the paragraph or article, and it will help you revise more efficiently.

Tip 8: When you are in the exam, **read the questions carefully** first. After that, you can read quickly through the paragraph to find the answer you are looking for.



We hope our tips are helpful. Good luck!

A Pokémon Friendship

By Wong Pui Ka, Olga and Lau Yuen Ching, Annie

Pokémon Go is a very popular game at the moment. Many people all around the world are playing this game and getting to know the Pokémon characters. So, we decided to write our own story about some of your favourite Pokémon friends. Let's share our story with you now!



Pikachu is seven years old. He is a student at Pokémon Primary School.

One day, Pikachu woke up late. Oh no! He ran to school as fast as he could, but he was still 5 minutes late. The class teacher, Mr. Dragonite, was angry. But Mr Dragonite can be a nice teacher, too. He said, 'Pikachu, this is your last chance. If you are late again tomorrow, I will punish you.' After that, Mr. Dragonite asked each of the students to introduce themselves. One classmate stood up and said, 'Hello everyone! My name is Jigglypuff, nice to meet you all!' Next, it was Pikachu's turn, but he felt very shy. 'Hello.....I am... Pikachu... Nice to... meet you..' After his introduction, Ponyta stood up, confidently. Ponyta seemed very happy and outgoing. 'Hello! My name is Ponyta. I am a pony! I can't wait to make friends with all of you!' All the students cheered happily.



One month later

Hooray! It was time for Pokémon Go school picnic day at last! All the Pokémon students were going to the Pokémon Countryside to share food with their friends and teachers. All of them were excited. They arrived in the park and started playing, but no one wanted to play with Pikachu. Pikachu felt very lonely and upset. He had nothing to do and was just sitting on the grass, miserably.



Just then, a friendly classmate called Squirtle came up to Pikachu and asked, 'Do you want to play with us?' Pikachu was so relieved. 'Sure!' he said. They played many different games together and eventually they became good friends. Other classmates started joining in too, Eevee, Charmander and Growlithe. All of sudden, a nasty stranger appeared with a Pokeball, he wanted to catch Pikachu. Some of Pikachu's friends were afraid and ran away quickly. The others such as Charmander, Growlithe and Lapras came to rescue Pikachu. They used their various skills to rescue him. All the little Pokémon worked together to save Pikachu from the terrifying stranger. They each used their own special skill to scare him away. After the day's dramatic events, the Pokémon all became good friends. Pikachu is not lonely now!

Everyone, friendship is important. You need to care about your friends. When you are sad, your friends will help you smile, and make you laugh. Remember, the friends you make in Primary School can end up being your best friends for the rest of your life. You have to treasure your friendships!

THE HISTORY OF THE VIKINGS



By Pratik Whorra

Vikings first existed in the late eighth century, but they gradually changed over time. They slowly grew and expanded throughout the eleventh century.



The Vikings populated most of Northern, Central and Eastern Europe. They went across Europe and killed a lot of people. Many people think of them as barbaric and savage people, but in fact they are not as barbaric as you once thought. All the killing was just to help provide food for their families and make sure they had food on their tables: for example, during the "Invasion of France", the Vikings were starving and all the food was being taken by France. So, you see the Vikings were not that savage after all, they were simply hungry!

If you want to find out more about the Vikings, check out this link to the website BBC Bitesize. You can read all about life as a Viking and watch some interesting videos, too.

<https://goo.gl/qiUAE0>



How Things Work

How Buses Work

By Chau Tat Yan, Daniel and Kong Yau Him, Mike

Have you ever wondered about how buses work? Now we will explain exactly how a bus works. Here, we have used Alexander Dennis's ENVIRO500 as an example. Let's begin...



CityBus ENVIRO500

The ENVIRO500 requires a Euro5 engine (using normal gas) to turn its 2 back axles, which are fitted with wheels at each end. To steer the bus, an axle with one wheel at each end is fixed to the steering wheel in the driver's compartment.

Recently, there has been a "major model change" (M.M.C. for short) and a hybrid version has been released. Although the hybrid version is more environmentally-friendly, it breaks down 7.5 times more easily than the original version.

Here are some photos of the two different models...

References: www.alexander-dennis.com/

KMB ENVIRO500 hybrid



A Deep Adventure into the Workings of Smartphones

By Pratik Whorra

A phone is usually only thought of as an object that we use to communicate with other people. We send text messages, play games, listen to music, surf the internet and many other things. But have you ever thought about what is going on underneath that magical black screen? How exactly does a phone work?



Well, there are in fact many sensors just underneath the screen. When you touch the screen, the sensors receive electrical signals. These electrical signals are then directed to the motherboard (the brain of the phone). The motherboard controls the whole phone. Pretty clever, huh?! Thank you for reading my article.



A creative story - Mysterious Cookies

By Chan Choi Yu, Jennifer



Something very strange happened to me recently. A few months ago, I woke up and I found a cookie on my bedroom floor. I scratched my head and wondered where it had come from. I thought it was a mistake, maybe my Mum had dropped it. Anyway, I ate the cookie. The next day, I found another cookie next to my bed. And the following day, another... This continued for two months.

One day, the cookie had a note attached to it. The note said, "You have been eating our cookies every day for two months now. Very good. This was our test for you. Now you can join the "Big Stomach Competition." This is a famous competition, held every year in Cookieland. Whoever eats the most cookies will be crowned the winner. The champion will be awarded his/her very own cookie shop! Please come to Cookieland and join the competition. Kind regards, The Cookie King."

I couldn't believe it! What a good prize! I was so excited about entering the competition and I really hoped that I could win. On the day of the competition, I went to Cookieland with my parents. I was very excited. When the competition started, I ate as many cookies as I could. I ate 200 in total! It was unbelievable and I felt so full! I still can't believe I did this! In the end, I won the competition, I was very pleased. The Cookie King gave me a trophy and a medal. He even gave me a cookie shop, as he'd promised. I worked in my cookie shop every day and have earned a lot of money since then. What an amazing experience!



DIY planner: plan your day and your life!

By Wong Man Wai, Cassidy and Chan Choi Yu, Jennifer

Hello everybody! We are going to teach you guys how to make a planner. You can use your planner to keep track of your activities. Also, it is very easy to make.

Let's go!

Materials you will need:

- Some A4 size paper
- Some wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Some ribbon
- A pencil
- A needle and thread
- Some decorations (e.g. pretty tape, stickers etc.)
- A label



Steps:

1. Cut the A4 size paper to the size you want. (You will need at least 6-7 pieces of paper because you need to fold them together to make the pages).
2. Cut the wrapping paper a little bit bigger than the A4 size paper.
3. When you have decided on the size, you need to wrap the wrapping paper all the way around the A4 size paper.
4. Use a needle and thread to fix the paper together in the centre.
5. Decorate the outside of your planner using decorations, stickers and tape.
6. Stick your label on the front of your notebook using the glue and write 'Planner'.
7. Draw each month's schedule like this on the inside pages of your planner.



You have finished!

Now everybody can plan their daily activities easily!



English Fun and Games

By Chan Yat Chung, Max

If you want to improve your English and have fun at the same time, you can play the following games below. They are very enjoyable and you can play them online for free. Don't worry about how to play. I will give you instructions beside the links. This is a fun way to improve your English!

Here are 3 games that I recommend:

1. **FAST English**
(Recommended for Primary 1-3)

<https://goo.gl/T1xlZp>

How to play: To start, click on slow (if you are a beginner). It is a vocabulary game. You need to listen to the word first and then click on the matching picture. After you have mastered the slow mode, try the fast mode for a more difficult game.



2. **Hang Man**
(Recommended for Primary 3-6)

<https://goo.gl/mcyle6>

How to play: First, click start. Next you have to select a topic. After you have chosen a topic, click on a random letter. If you guess a wrong letter, the computer will start drawing a man. So you need to be alert and guess correctly!

3. **Phrase Making**
(Recommended for Primary 2-4)

<https://goo.gl/Gr02tT>

How to play: This game will help you practice making sentences in English. Start on the slow mode to begin with. Look at the picture and make a sentence by clicking on the words in the correct order. If it is too hard, click on the H button on the right. This will give you a hint.



Good luck playing the games!
Have fun! =)

Yummy Dim Sum

By Wong Hei Chit



Do you like to eat dim sum? My article "Yummy Dim Sum" will tell you about one of the best dim sum restaurants in Hong Kong. My favourite type of dim sum is pork buns.

One Dim Sum

One Dim Sum restaurant is located in Prince Edward. It opens at 11am and it closes at 10pm.

I went there with my mum one afternoon. I think the dim sum is very delicious, but it is quite expensive compared to other dim sum restaurants in Hong Kong.

Here are some reviews from other people which I found on the TripAdvisor website:

"The food is yummy, but we needed to wait for a long time."

"Amazing, authentic food in the heart of HK! We loved this place and will definitely be going back!"



Picnic Day in 2017



Sports Day in 2017

Save Our Sharks!



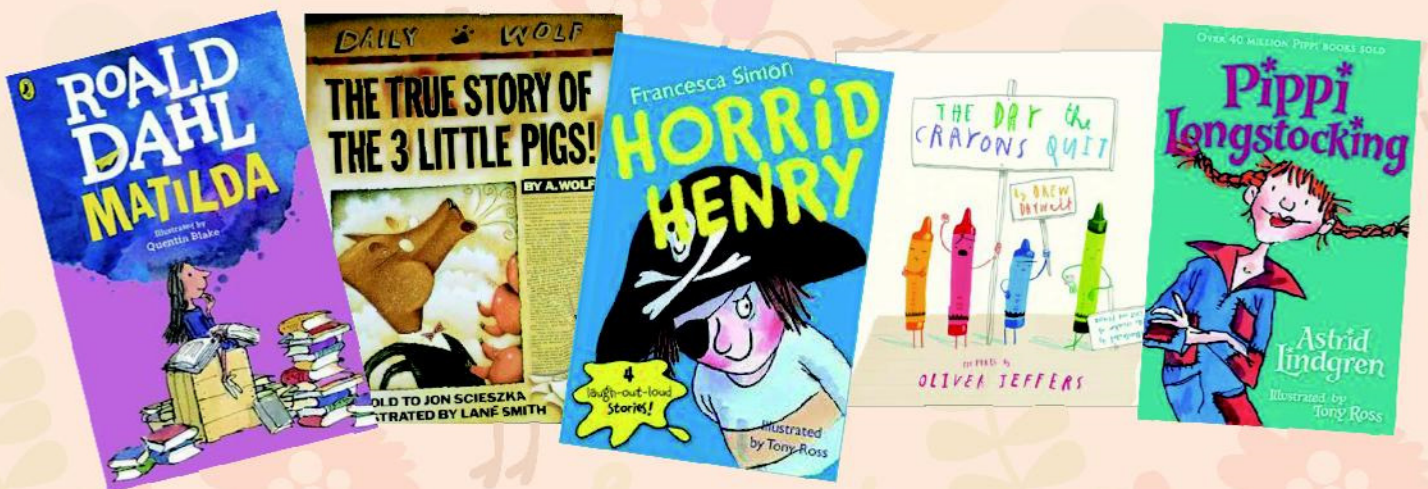
By Tse Cheuk Hang, Jayven



Many people in Hong Kong like to eat shark fin soup. However, shark finning is a major problem that kills many sharks. Shark finning is when fishermen catch the sharks, cut their fins off and then throw the shark back into the ocean. Sharks cannot live without their fins, because they cannot keep their balance and they are unable to swim. They also cannot breathe, so they drown. In 2011, 73 million sharks were caught and killed for their fins. Sharks are also very important to ocean life. They keep other animals strong and keep the ocean clean. We cannot wait until all the sharks are dead. Please tell others about the problem of shark finning and don't eat shark fin soup.

What should you read next?

Not sure what to read next? Here are a few fantastic books that we recommend! We hope you enjoy them. Remember, keep reading!



1. Matilda, by Roald Dahl
2. The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, by Jon Scieszka
3. Horrid Henry, by Francesca Simon
4. The Day the Crayons Quit, by Drew Daywalt
5. Pippi Longstocking, by Astrid Lindgren



Jokes

By Wong Hei Zit, Raphael

Q1: What is the best type of ship?



Friendship!

Q2: What do you call a deer with no eyes?



I have no
eyedeer!
(idea)

Q3: What do you call a Pokémon with a cold?



Pik-achoo!

Q4: Why doesn't the herb go to work?

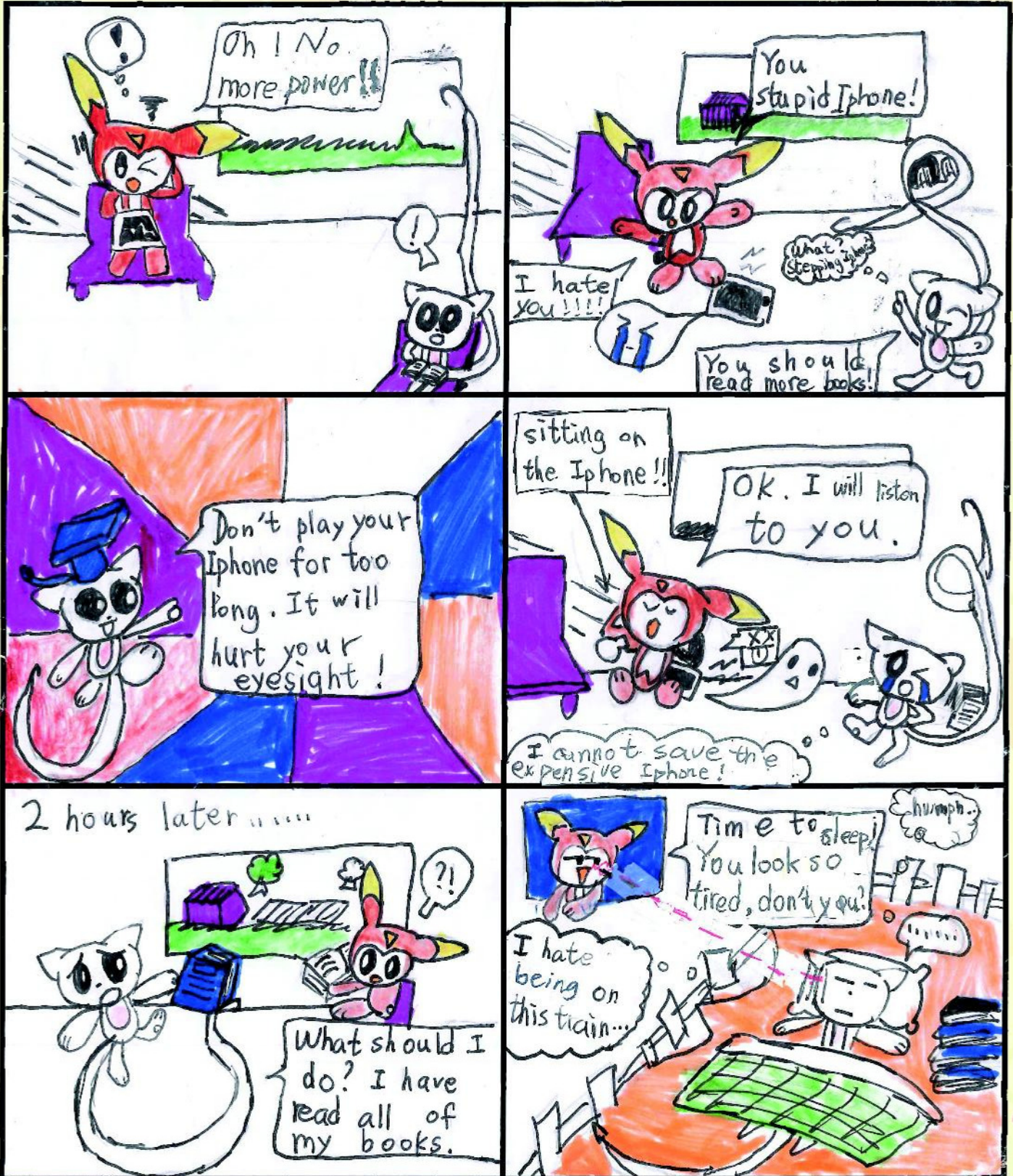


He thinks it's too
thyme consuming!
(time)

Mika's adventure

Come and join Mika and his friend Katz on their trip! They are on their way to Beijing, but Mika is bored on the train. What will he do? Let's read and find out!

Hello!





Transport Word Search

By Wong Hei Zit, Raphael



There are some transport words hidden inside this box. Can you find them all?

J X Z K J Z B S M F O Y E V K
 O Z L E E G S P Q J V L I P W
 A C X F U W H O E B M E B S M
 D Y R B N N I E S A N N T R T
 N P F P B K P H O R Y U O T M
 N O S U S U Z T D A J I I L Y
 A C A A E W S A D C M J K K L
 I B L G Z P R S H Z V B E I T
 R T N A P O N T R A I N I Y G
 R I J E C G E I Y D A S X K J
 O C Q K Y E L X T L R M U Z E
 Z Q E F Y A N A P M Z E J D Z
 S T N Z W Z L T R A S F Q D X
 Y M A B H V Y N C R Y T Y X K
 G T H O W G F U H T R G L E J

car

plane

train

taxi

bus

ship

rocket

bike

tram



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