

# Bishop Walsh BWS Times Primary School 2016-2017 Issue II

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## **Welcome Note**

Summer is on its way! Temperatures in Hong Kong are soaring, school has nearly come to an end and its time to enjoy the holidays! But what will you do with all your free time? Dive into the pages of our BWS Times to get some great inspiration! You'll find ideas about books to read, places to go, and articles and maths puzzles to keep you entertained and busy. Have fun and happy holidays

#### An Interview with Oscar

On the 12th May, 2017, we were very excited to welcome Miss Batterham's brother, Oscar, to Bishop Walsh Primary School. During the day, he helped the J2 students bake cookies, chatted to everyone during recess and even joined a J1 class where he pretended to be an enormous turnip! Ryan Cheung (4A) decided to ask Oscar some questions during recess to find out more about his life back home.

Ryan: Where are you from?

Oscar: I am from England, just like Miss Batterham, of course! Our parents live in Bath, but now I live and work in London.



Ryan: Why did you come to Hong Kong?

Oscar: I came to visit my sister! This is my first time in Asia, so I also wanted to come and experience the beautiful views and culture of Hong Kong.

Ryan: What will you do while you are here?

Oscar: This weekend I am going hiking in Sai Kung and I also want to go and watch a Cantonese Opera.

Ryan: What do you do for a job?

Oscar: I'm an actor.

Ryan: What will be your next role in a play?

In June, I am going to start rehearsing for my next performance. It is an old, Greek play and I will play the part of a Greek king.

Ryan: Thank you so much for answering my questions. Enjoy your time in HK!



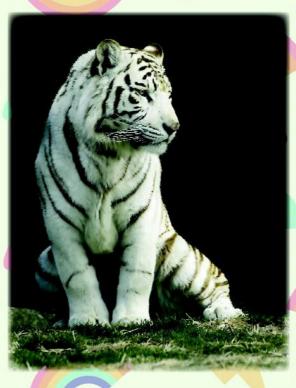
# Chinese White Dolphins and Chinese White Tigers

By Chan Choi Yu, Jennifer and Lau Yuen Ching, Annie

Hello everybody! Today we are going to tell you about two different endangered animals, Chinese white tigers and Chinese white dolphins.

The white tiger is one of the Four Symbols of the Chinese constellations. It is sometimes called the White Tiger of the West. White tigers eat an enormous amount of food! They need about 105kg of food per day to survive, that's about 15 ducks! But nowadays there are fewer than 2000 white tigers left in the world, because of humans. Humans hunt them and kill them for their bones, meat and fur. They want their bones to make medicines. They want their meat to eat and they want their fur to make fur coats and leather bags.





Humans have also destroyed the environment, which has led to the deaths of many white tigers. White tigers' habitats are in forests and grasslands. But humans are cutting down trees and making the grasslands into farmlands. Unless we protect the environment and look after the remaining white tigers, they will become completely extinct.

Secondly, we are going to talk about Chinese white dolphins. Chinese white dolphins are also endangered. They are black when they are born. Their colour gradually changes as they get older from black to pinkish grey with spots and finally to pinkish white. They live mainly in Southeast Asia and Australia. But, their habitats are being destroyed. Humans throw rubbish and chemicals into the rivers and the sea. As a result, many sea animals have died, including white dolphins. Dolphins are also trapped and killed for their meat by hunters with fishing nets. We have only 61 dolphins in Hong Kong.

We need to protect them if you don't want them to disappear from this world.

Let's be environmentally friendly and help these two endangered animals!



#### **Growing Your Own Alfalfa Sprouts!**

by Chau Tat Yan, Daniel

Nowadays, people are always talking about having a healthy lifestyle and eating well. Vegetables, such as tomatoes and lettuce, of course, are now playing a vital role in our healthy diets. Now I am going to teach you how to grow a simple vegetable, which you can grow in a small, dark environment - the ALFALFA SPROUT.

<u>Step 1:</u> Buy some alfalfa seeds and measure out one tablespoon of them. This should provide enough alfalfa sprouts for one or two meals.

Step 2: Wash and sort the seeds. Throw away any seeds that are broken or have a tinge.

<u>Step 3</u>: Place the alfalfa seeds in a clear glass jar.

Flat-sided jars work the best because you can lay them on their sides to allow better circulation of air.







Step 4: Cover the seeds with 2 inches (5.1 cm) of cold water and then cover the mouth of the jar with a cloth. Fasten the covering with a rubber band.

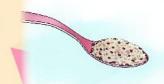
Step 5: Leave the alfalfa sprouts to soak in the jar for at least 12 hours. After 12 hours, drain the water through the cloth. Do not remove the rubber band! Just turn the jar upside down. The water will drain out, because it can flow through the cloth, but the seeds should stay inside the jar.

Step 6: Lie the jar on its side in a dark place. Make sure the seeds are spread out evenly across the bottom of the jar.

Step 7: Rinse the alfalfa sprouts with water and drain them again every 8-10 hours. Do this for three to four days, or until the seeds sprout to a length of 1.5 to 2 inches (3.8 to 5cm).

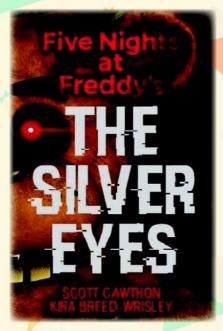
Step 8: Move the sprouts into the sunlight. Take the sprouts out of the jar and spread them in a thin layer on a big plate for about 15 minutes. Make sure they are in direct sunlight. This will activate important chemical reactions inside the sprouts that make the sprouts healthy. Wait for them to turn green. When the sprouts turn green, they are ready to eat! Store them in the fridge, for up to a week.

Reference website: wikihow (search: how to grow alfalfa sprouts)



# Book review – "Five Nights At Freddy's: The Silver Eyes"

By Wong Heir Zit, Raphael



My favourite book is "Five Nights at Freddy's" by Scott Cawthon. This book is very interesting and it took me one week to read. The main character is called Charlie and the story is set in a town called Hurricane.

One day, Charlie is having dinner with her friends, when someone mentions Freddy Fazbear's Pizzeria. Charlie's father used to own the pizzeria and it mysteriously shut down when she was a child because there was an incident. It is also a place full of memories for her, so Charlie and her friends decide to go and find it. At first, everything inside the pizzeria looks the same. However, the next time they visit, one of them mysteriously goes missing. All sorts of strange things start happening. You can read the story yourself to find out the truth behind these mysteries! This is my favourite book because it is a book about my favourite computer game "Five Nights at Freddy's".

I highly recommend this book if you have played the game before because you will understand it better and it will help improve your English. See if you can read all three hundred pages. There aren't even any pictures! Good luck!

### Playing the Violoncello

by Tse Cheuk Hang, Jayven

Many people have asked me recently "what is the violoncello?" So I am going to tell you all about it.

The violoncello, also called the cello, is an instrument from Italy. It is very big and heavy. You use a bow to play it, which is made from wood and horse tail. The cello is the second largest instrument in a family of instruments called Strings. The others are the violin, the viola and the double base.





I play the cello twice a week. I really enjoy playing it because I love the sound that it makes. I feel calm and relaxed when I am playing music. My idol is Yo-Yo Ma, because he is the best cellist in the world. When I grow up, I want to be a cellist, too. I want to be just like him.

## Nice views around the world

By Wong Man Wai, Cassidy and Wong Pui Ka, Olga

There are lots of beautiful views around the world. We are going to introduce two wonderful

places that we recommend visiting if you can!





This is Mount Fuji in Tokyo, Japan. We chose this place because it is pretty in every season. For example, the picture at the top is Mount Fuji in spring. In autumn, you can see autumn leaves. In winter, you can see trees covered with snow. The view is always changing so you will never get bored!

This is the Eiffel Tower which is in Paris, France. It is a very beautiful place. It is a famous attraction. If you are lucky enough to visit Paris, you must go and see it. In this photo, the Eiffel Tower is lit up with lights, so that it shines all night in a lovely gold colour.





How about you? Which places would you like to visit one day?

Put down your mobile phones, look around you and enjoy the views!





One of our BWS editors, Feng Ying Xuan Jenny, has written a story about kindness. Read it online by scanning this hyperlink!



# A trip to see 'Peter Pan'

By Chan Tan Yot, Daniel

On the 18th January, 2017, Miss Batterham, Miss Leung and 20 students from Bishop Walsh Primary School went to the Kowloon Bay PWC Business Centre in Kwun Tong to watch a theatre production of "Peter Pan," the boy whe never grows up.

The play was about the adventures of three children, Wendy, Michael and John, and their excitable namy. Peter Pan first meets the children in Hong Kong, when he flies through their bedroom window while playing Pokémon Go! At the same time, the children meet Tinkerbell, Peter Pan's best friend, who later sprinkles magic fairy dust on them so that they can fly to Neverland.



The children's nanny also goes with them. When they arrive in Neverland, they begin their adventures by staying in the Lost Boys' treehouse and fighting the wicked Captain Hook, who is absolutely terrified of the crocodile. They also manage to rescue Tiger Lily, who had been captured by Hook. In the meantime, while all of this fighting is going on, Nanny falls in love with a pirate called Smee!



In the end, Hook and his gang of nasty pirates are chased by the crocodile. Peter Pan promises to take the children and their Nanny for another adventure soon, while the children's parents agree to adopt some of the lost boys.

I loved the part when Tinkerbell sang a Let it Go parody and also when Nanny sang a rendition of Carly Rae Jepson's Call Me Maybe. Besides watching the show, there were many other activities on offer. Some students folded paper hats and others waited in line to get their faces painted. Their hand and face painting looked gorgeous! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.

I would definitely recommend students to participate in this workshop next year as it is a good way to improve your English and also have fun!















#### **Dramatic mathematics**

By Kong Yau Him, Mike and Feng Ying Xuan, Jenny

Why is maths important? Maths can help us improve different kinds of thinking skills and problem solving skills. Moreover, learning maths can help us solve some problems in our daily lives. Here are some maths puzzles for you to try and solve!

1) A kind teacher bought some ice-cream for her students. She spent \$540 in total, buying 30 ice-creams. The chocolate ice-creams cost \$20 each and the mango ones cost \$15. How many chocolate ice-creams and how many mango ice-creams did she buy?





2) A farmer has a pen full of chickens and rabbits. The total number of chickens and rabbits is 35. The total number of their feet is 94 (remember chickens have 2 feet and rabbits have 4!) How many chickens are there and how many rabbits are there in his pen?



Find the answer here!!



### All about... Disneyland!

#### What is there to do at Disneyland?

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

We can play, we can eat, we can ..... there are so many things to do there! First, we will talk about different activities at Disneyland.

Children between the ages of two and ten like going on the ride "It's a small world". You ride on a boat. While you are floating gently down the river, a song called "It's a small world after all" is playing in the background. But the most popular activity is riding the roller coasters. When you ride on them, you will cry 'Aaaah!' It is so fun and exciting. Everyone loves



the thrill! Then, at about eight o'clock, the fireworks will start. Many beautiful and colourful fireworks will shoot upwards and light up the sky.



How about the food? Well, every time we go to Disneyland, we always eat the hamburgers. Why? Because the hamburgers there are so delicious and cute. There are some lovely cartoon characters' faces printed on the hamburgers, such as Minnie and Mickey.

So you see, there are many things to do at Disneyland. Disneyland can bring us happiness and joy. Let's play there happily!

#### My favourite place in Hong Kong

by Law Hei Yu, Hilda



Disneyland is my favourite place in Hong Kong! Do you know why? It is because we can do so many fun things there, such as riding on the roller coasters and taking photos with famous cartoon characters. I love riding the roller coasters because I feel like I am flying! I also love the fireworks because they look so beautiful when they are on the dark sky. After a day at Disneyland, I always feel exhausted, but I am satisfied and happy. I love it very much!





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