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### 6A Tang Tsz Lam, Emily *The Fantastic Chocolate Land*



Are you a chocoholic? Have you ever dreamed about a place where you could enjoy endless supplies of chocolate and the latest invented sweets? If you are, Wonka's Chocolate Factory is a place you should visit.

The factory existed in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Written by Roald Dahl, it is one of my favourite novels.

One day, Mr Willy Wonka, the owner of a mysterious chocolate factory, decided to invite five children to visit it in order to choose one of them to be his heir. To win the opportunity, children worldwide had to find one of the five golden tickets hidden in five randomly selected Wonka chocolate bars out of the millions of them. People started to shop for every Wonka bar they could find, crazily searching for the golden tickets.

My favourite part of the book is where the five children visited the chocolate factory. They kept seeing strange things and encountered a lot of difficulties. Charlie Bucket, the main character, was one of them. However, unlike the other kids, he did not eat or touch anything out of greed so, in the end, he was the only one who did not get into trouble. Recognising Charlie's qualities, Mr Willy Wonka invited Charlie to move in and



take care of his factory. However, Charlie's family were not allowed to join him. After hearing that, Charlie decided to stay with his family and turned down his invitation.

After reading this book, I learned that I must not be greedy because greed can get you into trouble. Charlie was not greedy so he won the game. That is the story's moral and the valuable lesson I learned.



## 5B Pang Regis Wonka, the Movie



Have you ever read Roald Dahl's book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*? More than one movie has been adapted from it, and one of them came out not too long ago. It is called *Wonka*.

*Wonka* is a 2023 musical fantasy comedy film directed by Paul King. It is also a prequel to the 1971 masterpiece *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. *Wonka* focuses on the origin story behind the wacky chocolatier who attempted to make his way in the world to become the most renowned chocolate maker.

Throughout the film, *Wonka* faced many ups and downs as an aspiring candy maker. He met a group of friends who all were forced to work in a launderette. Among them is a young girl named Noodle, who followed him on his quest to fulfil his dream. They encountered a famous evil chocolatier trio who wanted Willy to leave town, fearing that everyone would consume Willy's chocolate instead of theirs. The trio consisted of Slugworth, Ficklegruber and Prodnose. The whole police force was also on the trio's side, helping them in this evil scheme to force Willy out of town or even kill him with a bomb in case he refused to leave.

But that did not stop *Wonka* from chasing his dream. So, one day Willy and his friends sneaked out of the launderette and rented a shop. Everything in it was made of delicious, creamy chocolate and sticky, sweet candy or fluffy, messy cotton candy! It was going very well; people were all eager to have a bite of Willy Wonka's sweets. But that was when they found out that the evil, famous, wealthy chocolatier trio had poisoned their sweets the night before!



After that horrible incident, the evil chocolatiers offered Willy enough money to free his friends from working in the launderette on the condition that Willy would have to leave the town. Willy took the deal, hopelessly giving up on his dream. He sat on the ferry deck, leaving the town where he was ever so close to reaching his dream. He was crying on the deck when he met his arch nemesis: an Oompa-Loompa that stole his chocolate. They had a conversation and Willy found out that there was a bomb on the seat of the captain who was now nowhere to be found! He immediately jumped off the ferry in fear and swam back to town.

In the end, Willy and his good friend Noodle were about to get killed by the trio who tried to drown them in a sea of chocolate. Just when the chocolate reached the top of the tank, Willy and Noodle saw a small figure: it was the Oompa-Loompa! He came to rescue them. After that, the group of friends confronted the evil chocolatiers. They watched the beautiful scene of people dancing around a chocolate fountain while Slugworth, Ficklegruber and Prodnose suspended mid-air after eating Willy's special Hoverchocs that could make people float. Willy realised his dreams with the help of his fantastic friends.

Overall, *Wonka* is the perfect film because of its simplicity and the way it establishes the backstory of such an iconic character. It is a film you must see if you love the book!



## 6A Lam Ka Yi Sophie A Wonderful Book



Wonder, written by R. J. Palacio, is a book I want to recommend to you. The story is about a ten-year-old boy called August who was born with a disease that made his face look abnormal. Being a homeschooled student throughout his ten years of life, his parents eventually decided to send him to a regular middle school where he encountered and overcame many difficulties.

At school, he was bullied by his fellow schoolmates because of his peculiar appearance, and yet he still developed friendships with the other peers. My favourite part of the story is the ending of this book when August received the Henry Ward Beecher Award for his kindness and ability to overcome obstacles and the whole school cheered for him. I was deeply moved by this part as August became confident enough to stand in front of hundreds of people and was seen as a hero by his classmates. Seeing that August had been uncomfortable at school and did not want to face his schoolmates and the bullies because of his facial abnormality at the beginning, it is very delightful to see his journey as he finally overcame the difficulties and accepted his own appearance.



There are two takeaways from the book that I find thought-provoking. First, we should not be afraid of differences. Everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses. These differences are what make each of us special. We should learn to appreciate everyone's differences and be confident in ourselves. Second, we should not judge a book by its cover. The inner side of a person is always more important than how he or she looks. We should respect others and learn about their personalities instead of judging them by their appearance.

In conclusion, it is impossible for us to expect everyone in the world to be nice and kind, but we can definitely try to take the first step proactively. Be kind, be respectful. Bit by bit, we are making the world a better place.







## 5B Chen Siquan Having Fun with Science



Science is the careful study of structures and behaviours in the physical world. We can also use it for entertainment. Today, let me introduce two fun experiments you can try at home.

For the first experiment, prepare a bottle of cola, a string, a cutter and two bags of Mentos. Then, pass the string through some Mentos and use the cutter to make a small hole on the lid of the cola bottle. Then, submerge the string of Mentos into the cola. Put the lid back as fast as possible. Step back as the Cola will erupt strongly into the air! This experiment is called the Cola and Mentos Eruption.

What's the science? The countless small pores on the surface of the Mentos have a catalytic effect with the soda, releasing the carbon dioxide in it. This causes the rapid eruption of a large amount of foam.

For the second experiment, you need to prepare a balloon, an orange and a small paring knife. First, peel the orange using the paring knife. Then, squeeze the juice in the orange peel on the balloon. You will see how quickly the balloon pops.

What's the science? There is a substance called limonene in orange peel. When it encounters the rubber surface, it will dissolve the rubber and cause the balloon to pop.

I hope you like these two experiments and will try them at home!



## 5A Chan Kin Pui A Silly Bunny



Once upon a time, there was a silly bunny named Darren who lived on a meadow. Darren loved to eat fresh carrots and yummy Easter eggs.

On Easter morning, Darren searched for some delicious Easter eggs for his lunch. A naughty puppy called Gary wanted to make fun of Darren. He found a big oval rock. He wanted to make the rock look like an Easter egg so he painted on it. Then he placed it on a bridge. After a while, Darren walked on the bridge and saw the lovely Easter egg. He thought he had found a tasty dessert. He was as happy as a singing bird.

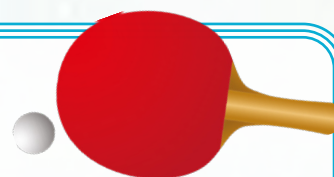
When Darren took a big bite of the fake egg, he cried, 'Ouch! It is not an egg.' Then he examined the 'egg' in confusion. On no! He discovered it was just a dark, flavourless rock.

At the same time, Gary jumped out of the grass and laughed loudly, "Haha! Silly bunny! It was my prank!" Darren realised that he had been fooled by the playful puppy. He felt hurt and cried. The sound of weeping attracted the attention of the other animals. They all scolded Gary for fooling Darren. From that day on, Darren thought twice before doing anything.





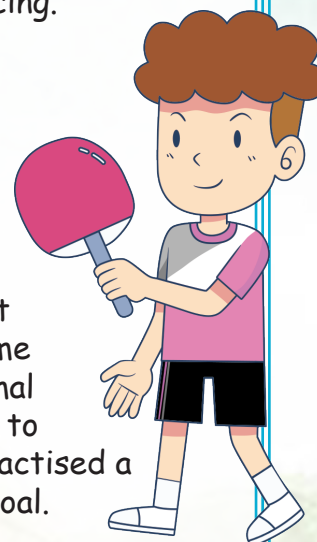
## 5B Chan Wai Lun Playing Table Tennis



Everyone has talents such as singing, dancing or playing a musical instrument. I have a talent too. It's a ball game. The ball is small and round, and you need a bat to hit it. What is it? It's table tennis! I want to play it anytime. It's fun and interesting for me!

Six years ago, when I went to Grandpa's house, there was a table to play table tennis. Grandpa was a good table tennis player and he asked me, 'Do you want to try playing table tennis? It's fun!' I said yes and then he started to teach me how to play. Although it was hard to learn, I got the knack of it in the end. My heart was dancing.

Back home, I started to learn more and more about this game on the Internet. It is not complicated so I got familiar with the rules easily. As I played table tennis, I became familiar with the technique and thought I may have the potential to become a good player. The next time I met my grandpa, I shouted, 'I have excellent table tennis skills now! I'm going to challenge you!' After I finished the sentence, I took a bat and stood by the table. Grandpa served the ball at me. It moved to me so fast that I could not catch it. I was defeated in a few consecutive rounds. I was upset. At the same time, Grandpa walked towards me and said, 'Don't worry. Losing is just a normal thing in life.' I felt better after hearing this. I set a goal for myself: I want to be the best table tennis player in the world! In the last few years, I have practised a lot. Practice makes perfect and I feel I am getting closer and closer to my goal.



Recently, I entered a table tennis competition. I had practised a lot before so I played well. I felt worried but I did a very good job. I cheered loudly, 'Woo-hoo! I did it!' I cheered happily with Mum; we were so excited!

Now I know I have a talent. It's table tennis. Everyone has one. What is your talent?

## 6A Wu Cheuk Man

### *The Bookish Atmosphere of the Manor - Jane Eyre*

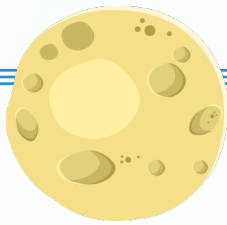


Jane Eyre is a novel written by Charlotte Bronte. It's generally acclaimed for its strong, independent female protagonist and its exploration of social class, gender roles and morality. The novel narrates the life of Jane Eyre, an orphaned girl who was faced with numerous challenges and hardships.

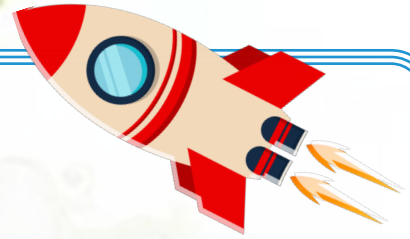
My favourite part of this book is Jane Eyre and Helen's life at school. They were both roommates and each other's best friends. Even if they did not get nice treats in school, they backed each other up.

When I finished reading, I was already attracted by the plot. Whether it's the Chinese language that expresses every trace of Jane Eyre's life as a child, or the original English version that is well-known, I am immersed in the fragrance of the book. I believe I will excavate more riveting books and enjoy the book world much more in the future.





## 5A Lee Ka Wai Enigmatic Venus



Once upon a time, the world witnessed an extraordinary event involving the greatest cosmonaut in the world, who embarked on a daring journey to Venus in a specially designed spacecraft. However, this mission took an unexpected turn, leading to a baffling incident that left everyone astounded.

On a sunny day, the brave astronaut named Milo boarded the shuttle bound for Venus, the hottest planet in our solar system. Initially, everything appeared to be normal without any noticeable peculiarities. Yet, as time passed, an eerie change occurred—the sun's vibrant glow transformed into an uncanny shade of purple. Unfortunately, this subtle alteration went unnoticed by the crew.

As the spacecraft took off, people from all around the world watched in awe as it ventured into the vastness of our solar system. The journey proceeded smoothly, and the shuttle landed on Venus without any complications. Overjoyed by his remarkable feat, Milo waved enthusiastically at the camera upon stepping onto the planet's surface.



However, the joyous moment was short-lived. Suddenly, the ground beneath Milo's feet began to tremble violently—an earthquake had struck! In the midst of the chaos, an enigmatic halo materialized seemingly out of thin air. This mysterious aura possessed a magnetic force, attracting rocks, creatures, and even Milo himself into its radiant vortex.

Three days later, the shuttle safely returned to Earth, carrying with it an air of puzzlement and intrigue. Explorers and scientists tirelessly searched for clues to unravel the mysteries surrounding this perplexing incident. However, their relentless efforts yielded no concrete answers, leaving them bewildered and ultimately forcing them to give up.

To this day, the "Venus disappearance case" remains shrouded in secrecy, adding to the enigmatic allure of this celestial body. The incident has become a captivating tale, forever etching the Mystery of Venus in our minds.





## 6A Chan Yat Hin, 6B Ho Chun Leung Jay

### An Interview with Mr Ashton



Mr Ashton was a substitute English teacher for our school. He is half Australian and half Dutch as he was born in the Netherlands. We decided to do a Q&A with him.

**Q: What are your first impressions of Bishop Walsh Primary school?**

**A:** I think this is a wonderful school. I've worked at other schools, but none of them has been Christian. Here, everything seems well

handled, everyone's very friendly, there are morning prayers, and everyone seems to be on their best behaviour and wants to impress one another.

**Fun fact:** Mr Ashton is a Christian.

**Q: What was your most memorable experience as a teacher?**

**A:** I've been working for quite a long time. Some students ask some very interesting questions. My most memorable experiences are usually outdoor events related to games such as tag, football, or even athletic track where the parents can meet the teachers.

**Q: What is your favourite Hong Kong food and how are they different from those in the Netherlands?**

**A:** I'd say in all of Hong Kong, I really like dumplings and Yum Cha a lot, but it's taking me a while to get used to Yum Cha in the morning because I'm used to eating a different type of food in the morning. In the Netherlands, we do have a lot of Chinese food because of those individuals who have migrated from Indonesia and happen to be Chinese descendants as well, so they do have Chinese foods that taste very similar to the ones in China. But compared to the local food there, there are quite a lot of differences. I love Hong Kong food and I think it is great.

It was a great experience for both of us to interview Mr Ashton. We hope to see him again sometime.







## 5A Ng Cheuk Ki You Have to Try this Delicious Cake



On my mum's birthday, I decided to bake a cake and give her a surprise. When I thought of this idea, I was delighted! I didn't know how to bake a cake so I opened my mother's cooking book and found the perfect recipe. I'm going to share it with you here.

To make the cake's mixture, prepare the following ingredients in a big bowl. Start with one cup of white sugar. Add half a cup of butter. After that, we need two teaspoons of vanilla and two big eggs. Keep mixing. Then, we need one and a half cups of flour, two teaspoons of baking powder and half a cup of milk. Mix until all the ingredients are combined.

Now, it's time to bake the mixture in a pre-heated oven at 175 degrees Celsius for thirty to forty minutes until the top springs back when you touch it. Remove the cake from the oven and cool it down properly.



I followed the steps and baked the cake successfully. When my mum came back home from her office, she saw the cake I baked for her. She was overjoyed!

## 5A Liu Tsz Sin Riddles



1. What is yours but mostly used by others?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. I grow down as I grow up. What am I?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What kind of room has no doors or windows?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. You need to break me to use me. What am I?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Which month of the year has 28 days?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Answer:  
1. Your name  
2. A goose. Goose feathers are called down.  
3. A mushroom  
4. An egg  
5. All of them

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