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Intercultural Day

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26th February is our English day. Usually, English teacher gives talk to us. However on that day, we invited some guests to our school. They are exchange students from different countries, including Thai from Belgium, Nico and Bastian from Germany, Allesia from Italy and also Lea from France. Of course, Andy from Netherlands in our school is one of them. They gave an attractive speech to us in the morning assembly. All of us could know more about the differences between Hong Kong and other countries. After that, the exchange students visited different classes. They introduced their cultures and had some interactive activities with some classes. Activities were also arranged during lunch time for us to chat and play with them. Let's see what they did!

Lea Thai Bastian Allesia Nico Andy





The exchange students were giving their speech!

Nico was sharing about himself!



The students were listening attentively to the exchange students!



Students were interacting with the exchange students in the hall!



ENGLISH AMBASSADORS' FEELINGS



2A Law Ka Kit

I definitely enjoyed the whole process. When I just met the exchange student from Germany, Nico, I really didn't know how to interact with him. I fell in confusion. What should I talk to him? That was my greatest fear. However, I overcame my fear and was no longer afraid of making mistakes in communication. Since then, I believed that my confidence of speaking English was boosted after the Intercultural Day. My interactional skills and communication skills which cannot be learnt from textbooks, have been obviously improved. I have asked Nico about his local culture in Germany such as beer festival and the local food. I learned a lot indeed.

Actually, there is a funny moment. During lunchtime, every exchange student purchased "tons" of KINDER CHOCOLATE. Incredibly, they all love eating chocolate and all of their countries are well-known in chocolate production. From Nico, I have learned to be optimistic and humorous. Those who have these qualities may be sociable and have many friends, their lives will be full of fun at all.

3D Sum Long Hin

I had a great day with the exchange students on the 26th February, which is the Intercultural Day. On that day, I had no lesson and I went to different classrooms with the exchange students to do sharing with schoolmates and had lunch with them at the tuck shop. I enjoyed the whole process very much.



There were some unforgettable moments I want to share with you. As you know, Nico is a handsome boy. When I went to the hall with him at lunchtime, I saw that many girls paid attention to him and asked for his signature on their paper. One of the students even asked for a hug! He told me that he was shocked because he had never thought of being popular in a school. When we said goodbye, he opened his arm and looked at me. I was confused because I didn't know what he meant. I took out my

hand and preferred to shake hands with him. At that time, he stopped me. I discovered that he wanted me to have a goodbye hug with him actually. I learnt that Germans have this kind of culture to show their respect and politeness. I won't be so silly next time if I have a chance again to chat with foreigners.

My confidence of speaking English has been boosted after the intercultural day. In my opinion, speaking English is very useful for our future. Hong Kong is an international city and there must be a lot of chances for us to use English. So, cherish the chances to communicate with foreigners. Try more! Use more!

4B Cheung Sheung Yu

I was glad to be the English Ambassador on the Intercultural Day. I enjoyed it a lot. It has been a lifelong lesson for me. Why? Let me tell you more about this.



The first thing we did on that day was to take them to visit our school campus. We were like tour guides introducing the spots of our school. I was quite shocked that they like reading books in the library. It is because their mother tongue is not English, they learn English through reading books and watching movies. It is worth learning from them, isn't it?

When talking about what I have learned, there is no doubt that my English has been improved. I think speaking and listening are the best ways to improve our English. Sometimes, we may be timid when speaking English or we will be embarrassed or afraid of making mistakes. However, no one will laugh at you. Mistakes are crucial no matter in learning English, other subjects or in our life. I had made many mistakes like wrong tenses, wrong pronunciation when I was talking to Thai. He never laughed at me, but helped me to correct it in a nice way so that I wouldn't blush. We could just feel free and took the initiative to talk with them. I am sure that they are willing to be friends with you.

On the whole, Intercultural Day is a meaningful activity. Students have got a chance to meet the exchange students, and have learnt more about the foreign countries. Also, their English speaking skills are improved and become more confident in using English. All of us are looking forward to the next Intercultural Day!

Last July, 5B Tony Lam and Mike Chang joined the Hong Kong Youth Ambassador Scheme and attended some workshops which trained their interpersonal skills to serve customers. Here is the conversation between two of them.

Tony: The most memorable time would definitely be the City Hunt. We ran all around Central and Western Hong Kong Island and traveled back and forth between the Victoria Harbour to build up our team spirit and familiarise ourselves with different districts in HK. What's more, we designed an activity and won the competition. In the activity, we set up some game stalls in Cheung Chak Shan College to teach students how to interact with visitors and promote hospitality. It was really fun.



Mike: Remember the LED white roses display in Light Rose Garden starting from Valentine's Day? I was one of the helpers. I talked to the tourists in either English or Putonghua, answering their questions, taking photos for them and showing them directions. Not only could I enjoy the breathtaking and romantic scene of white roses, but I could also get the chance of interacting with visitors from different countries in an authentic environment!

Apart from that unforgettable experience, I got another chance to participate in the Hong Kong Chinese New Year Parade. Usually, you only watch the parade on TV or the street, but I could know the details behind the scene. I got a chance to chat with international performers in different parade teams. Without a doubt, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Tony: So true! This YA scheme can definitely give us some authentic experiences in real life situations. We will no longer be afraid of speaking English publicly. In addition, interacting with visitors from different countries and understanding their cultures are other precious benefits. Undoubtedly, our global vision has been expanded.

After all, they really gained an unforgettable experience in different activities. If you want to be one of the Youth Ambassadors, you may sign up at <http://yas2.hkfyg.org.hk/onlineform/>. Let's join more activities to broaden your horizons!

City Hunt



Games in Cheung Chuk Shan College



Chinese New Year Parade

F.1 Public Speaking Competition

Henry: Before the competition, we did some preparation work and modification about the script. During the competition, we were very nervous. Suddenly, we found that we couldn't use too much acting in the speaking, so we cut some parts of that. After this competition, I feel more confident in presentation. I want to thank Miss Lau for choosing me to join this competition.



Smarco: In this competition, I felt very excited. There were a lot of audiences; also some teachers went to the hall to support their class. I thought that the competition was quite exciting because the performers performed very well. When they were performing, a photographer took a lot of beautiful photos. Finally, Class 1C won the champion. I hope that other classes will win the drama competition next time!



F.2 Scrabble Competition

Daphne Chan Nga Man (2C)

The winner of F2 scrabble competition is 2A and the first runner-up is 2D . Congratulations! All F.2 students enjoyed this competition very much. They also want to join this competition again next time!



Students were paying attention during the competition.

They are Class 2D – the first runner up!



F.3 Drama Competition

Wong Wai Lam (3D)

F.3 students performed William Shakespeare's famous story, *Romeo and Juliet* in the competition. Students enjoyed playing the acts a lot. Let's take a look at what the main characters *Romeo* and *Juliet* thought about the acts.

It's definitely my honor to act as Juliet in the show. I was really surprised when I was assigned to be Juliet in the show. At the beginning, I was frightened that I could not act well. But then I found that I can do lots of things, as long as I'm willing to step out of the comfort zone.

I'm glad that I can play the character as Romeo in the show. Before this competition, I've never had an experience in playing a main character in a drama. It was fun and meaningful.



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