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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WITH FAITH AND HOPE IN GOD UNDER THE "NEW NORMAL"



The paradigm shift during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has created a new normal that has altered our lens when viewing our life of study, work, and relationships. In the words of our English Debating Team members, they underwent an ordeal full of "blood, sweat, tears and joy" to do preparations on zoom with unforeseeable changes. There is no going back to the old ways. We should adopt a growth mindset to accept the unimagined speed of changes in the new normal.

In view of the surging number of confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatalities in the city, I would like to appeal to Jubileans to get the vaccine, if you haven't already, to protect you and your family. We now have more students who have contracted COVID-19. Do send your regards to them and pray for their speedy recovery. We must also show our sincere gratitude to the frontline health care heroes.

The COVID-19 pandemic also reminds us that we are not always in control of things. Despite many blessings, there are also numerous setbacks and trials in our life journey that we are unable to manage. The best way to respond to hardships is to be more faithful to God. Let me share with you this very good website: <https://traditional-odb.org> to help get you connected to God, which has been recommended to me by a friend. Do share Jubileans' triumphant efforts amid COVID-19's trials and tribulations. I hope you have enjoyed reading this issue. Stay safe and healthy everyone!

***"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13.***



ONLINE SHARING WITH CAMBODIA

SOLAR ENERGY AND OUR SHARED FUTURE

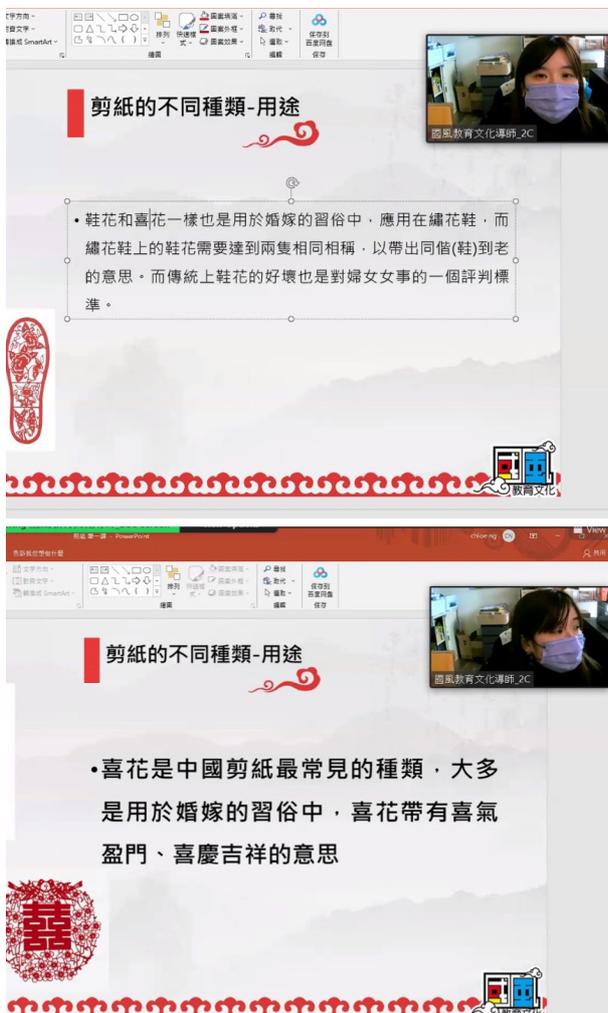
Our School collaborated with the Amity Foundation to build electrical facilities in a primary school in Yuthithor, Cambodia. This helped to provide the locals with electricity and enhance education development. On 6th December 2021, representatives from different parties joined a video call and shared the impact of solar power on life, culture and academics. Students of our school were engaged in the event and they have broadened their horizons and attended to the needs of the world. They have put the school motto 'I am not born for myself alone' into practice through taking part in the fund raising and social activities.



Chinese Week Activity - Traditional Paper Cutting Workshop

After indulging ourselves in the coziness of the Chinese New Year holiday, it is a great idea to learn Chinese paper-cutting, a popular decorative Chinese handicraft that creates a festive atmosphere. Despite the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic, the school introduced Jubileans to this intangible cultural heritage to brighten their day.

As a special activity of Chinese Week, the paper-cutting workshop exposed Jubileans to different aspects of Chinese arts and culture. Successfully held online on 23 February, the workshop enabled students of Form 1 to 5 to appreciate the beauty of traditional paper-cutting art, and experience it themselves by creating an adorable tiger cut-out to celebrate the Year of the Tiger!



At the beginning of the workshop, students were given an overview of Chinese paper-cutting which could be traced back to 420 AD, and continues to evolve. Besides history, students were also taught functions and different kinds of paper-cutting.

With the teacher's clear guidance, making a charming tiger pattern out of a red paper did not seem difficult at all. Students traced their design on folded paper, and then cut out the design carefully. During the workshop, Jubileans were excited to display their exquisite, decorative and unique tiger cut-outs.

After all, it was a treasurable experience for Jubileans to learn and embrace China's rich cultural heritage. There is no doubt that students will enjoy the rest of the Chinese Week.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 37TH SING TAO INTER-SCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION

Preliminary 1–Motion: Introduction of an Opt-out system of Organ Donation in Hong Kong brings more harm than good

Affirmative: Renaissance College Opposition: Bishop Hall Jubilee School

Result: 1:2

Best debater: Charity Lai Chi Ching

Best interrogative speaker: Simeon Suen Wan To

Preliminary 2–Motion: The HK Government should cancel quarantine exemption arrangement for crew members of aircraft

Affirmative: St. Paul's Secondary School Opposition: Bishop Hall Jubilee School

Result: 1:2

Best debater: Louis Ngan Shing Yan

Best interrogative speaker: Charity Lai Chi Ching

Preliminary 3–Motion: the HK government should provide free undergraduate education

Affirmative: Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary School of MFBM Opposition: Bishop Hall Jubilee School

Result: 0:3

Best Debater: Louis Ngan Shing Yan



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From debating face-to-face at school all day and night, to going back to the ordeal of debating on Zoom due to the worsening pandemic, our participation has undergone many changes, but our English Debating Team has only gotten more determined, breaking our record and entering the quarter-finals for the first time since 2017, competing with prestigious schools. It was like a dream come true for our onstage speakers. Congratulations to our English Debating Team!

We interviewed the debaters who represented our debating team in the Sing Tao Competition. The debaters shared that the training schedule was extremely tight as the motion was released a week before the competition. They needed to seize every second to make the most of their preparation. Before the motion had been released, they still had regular training, where they would watch debate competitions and learn from the debate strategies of different schools. They also had mock debates, which were organized by their coach using the Sing Tao Competition format, to familiarize debaters with the actual competition format and to get the debaters into shape for the competition.

***“Looking back at the Sing Tao Inter-School Debating Competition, I would say it was full of blood, sweat, tears and joy.”
Louis, one of the onstage speakers, said.***



Before the class suspension period, the debaters would go to school on the day the motion was announced and play a game after receiving the motion. They were given 5 minutes to write any words that popped up in their minds about the motion. After time was up, they would formulate a mind map for the topic based on what they had written, so as to give everyone structured ideas on what the topic was about. According to their coach, what the debate team usually did wrong was that once they got the motion, they would immediately start looking up every single word from the motion on Google. This was not a good method as debaters would only absorb information from the website rather than coming up with truly convincing ideas. With a mind map, the team could discuss their “bullet points” with the coaches. Amusingly, the members shared that all the bullet points did act like bullets which ‘kill’ their opponents’ arguments.



When the pandemic had not yet worsened, they not only had to stay at school from 3 pm to 7 pm on a normal school day, but they also had to come back to school from 10 am to 7 pm on weekends. The intensive training schedule was certainly daunting, but what made them fight until the end was the support from their coach, alumni coaches and teammates. Debaters sometimes even cried because they felt like they were not prepared enough. But with the jokes that the alumni coaches made, the bubble tea that they bought for debaters, and the chit chat after a long day of preparation, debaters know that they are not alone in the battle.

On the competition day, our debating team speakers saw how anxious the other teams were when practicing the speech. So it was shocking to them that their coach told them not to practice reading the script over and over again. What the coach told the debaters to do was meditation. She told the team to

“imagine there is a string on top of your head, pulling you up until you float”, and she said ‘what you have to do is breathe in, and breathe out.’” At first, the whole team was very confused as they thought they were supposed to make use of every last second to prepare. At the start, the speakers just rolled their eyes and felt that mediation was just a waste of time, but after 15 minutes of meditation, they felt like they put down all their burdens, going into the venue relaxed. From then on, every time when there was a competition, they would do a 15-minute meditation to relax themselves.

It is invigorating to know that our team has still kept its fire brightly lit, even when all training and competitions are moved online. I hope that the bond and collaboration between new entrants, experienced members and veterans remains strong, as our team continues to strive for excellence.



Once again, congratulations to our English Debating Team!



GOOD NEWS



Ms. B. K. Yau's baby
Baby's name: Dorothy
Date of birth: 15 June 2021



Ms. W. Y. Lee's baby
Baby's name: Lukas
Date of birth: 15 July 2021

