



Principal's News

11 December 2009

Diary Dates

12/12/09
**ESF Football
Tournament**

14/12/09
Y1-3 Class Parties

15/12/09
Y4-6 Class Parties

15/12/09
**Santa Assembly
(for students)**

16/12/09
**CWBS Carol Concert
6:30-7:30pm**

18/12/09
**Non-Uniform day
End of term
12:00pm**

4/01/10
Start of Term

8/1/10
**Whole School
Assembly
(Students only)**

13/01/10
Y5/6 Sports Day

15/01/10
Y1/2 Sports Day

15/01/10
Y5/6 Assembly

20/01/10
Y3/4 Sports Day

The End of a Very Busy Term

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of the term so quickly. It seems like only yesterday that we started the term with our fresh group of year one children and some new staff members. The term certainly has been a busy one which is evident by the declining energy of the children and the increase in sickness as we head into Winter.

All students have been working hard in class and are now coming to the end of either their second or third units of inquiry. Teachers have continued to develop their own inquiry teaching skills this term, particularly in mathematics, and have commented on how well the children's inquiry skills have developed.

The term has had many highlights with camps for years 4,5 and 6 students, performances for all year 2 classes, a very smooth settling in for our year 1 students and year 3 students showing us all how to maintain a healthy lifestyle!

We of course finished the term with an amazing Fair and have our traditional Carols Concert next Wednesday evening (6:30pm-7:30m) where I look forward to seeing many parents and students.

Term 2 promises to be just as busy and just as exciting with Sports days for all students, some wonderful units of inquiry for all year levels and of course our Chinese New Year Celebrations.

Santa Assembly - 8.30am Tuesday 15th December

We are looking forward to each of our children bringing a gift to present to Santa at our assembly. The gifts will be sent to an orphanage in Hong Kong. Please label your gift for a boy or girl, and the age it is suitable for. We are unable to invite parents to this assembly owing to limited space, but thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

I wish all families a very safe and enjoyable break over our Christmas holiday period and look forward to seeing you all in the school next term.

Children leaving Hong Kong early

A reminder that whilst we understand the desire for parents to take their children out of school early to return home for holidays we encourage all children to stay in school for the entire school period. As a result we do not prepare work for children who leave school early to take with them.

Classes will continue right up until the last day of term and resume on 4th January so it is important that children are in school and do not miss key learning opportunities.

Happy holidays!

David 费大卫



The many benefits of learning Mandarin:

Over the coming weeks we will provide you with some information which explains why we here at Clearwater Bay School strongly support learning Mandarin (or any other language). To start with, here are some interesting quotes from various sources:

"Through learning language we learn about culture. Through learning culture we learn respect for others. Through learning respect for others we can hope for peace." Anonymous

"If you do not know a foreign language, you know nothing about your own." (Translation from German: "Wer Fremde Sprachen nicht kennt, weiss nichts von seiner eigenen.") Goethe

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language that goes to his heart." Nelson Mandela

Respect the
individuality of all
people

Life-long Inquirers

Value and engage
the community

Charity

"Please bring any old stamps from Christmas cards you receive you can put them in the stamp box in the office. I am collecting them for the RNIB to help people who are blind." Rose Duckworth 4W

"Both Justin (4W) and me used all our tokens that was earned from the Splash! fair to buy toys for the sick children who stay at the Queen Elizabeth hospital during x-mas."

Natalie Tang 4BH



ESF Lion Soccer Club

Tom-Eric Mullikas (4G) and Jack Gross (4G) from Clearwater Bay School played in the Under 9s HKCFL tournament at KGV on Saturday, 28th November and did very well only losing one match from 12. Well done boys!

Matthew Leem (5M) from Clearwater Bay School played in the HKCFA tournament at KGV School on Saturday, 5th December 2009 for ESF Lions U10s who won all four of their matches without conceding any goals. Well played Matthew!



*"Left untended,
knowledge and skill, like all
assets, depreciate in value-
surprisingly quickly"*

David Maister

Surfing

Louie Preshner (6H) entered the HK National Surfing Championships held at Tai Long Wan Beach, Sai Kung Country Park. He was the youngest competitor trying to surf 7 foot waves. Louie did well but didn't manage to get through to the next round of the competition but will be back next year after more experience.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
 圣 诞 快 乐! 新 年 快 乐!
 shèng dàn kuài lè xīn nián kuài lè

Assembly Awards

Knowledgeable

Eugenia Sum (1C)
 Claudia Harrison (1D)
 Elliot Shrimpton (1D)
 Emeli-Kei Brewerton (1J)
 India Cranwell (1J)
 Quinn Ng (1E)
 Harry Smith (1E)
 Angelina Storey (1E)

Caring

Conor Devenish (1C)
 Fiona Kenny (1D)

Communicator

Elinor Bradbury (4Y)
 Garry Tooher (1C)
 Josh Zobrist (1J)

HOUSE POINTS – Week ending: 11Dec 2009

| | Dilong | Yinglong | Shenlong | Jiaolong |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Year 1 | 46 | 46 | 37 | 34 |
| Year 2 | 20 | 16 | 15 | 11 |
| Year 3 | 38 | 55 | 27 | 7 |
| Year 4 | 25 | 27 | 23 | 13 |
| Year 5 | 93 | 52 | 54 | 56 |
| Year 6 | 54 | 38 | 55 | 35 |
| This week | 276 | 234 | 211 | 156 |
| Whole School running total | 2841 | 3022 | 2918 | 2840 |

Please meet a few more of our Student Councilors:



Stacey Wong 3C

Hello everybody! My name is Stacey and I am 7 years old. I am happy to be at Student Council meetings.



Helen Cook 4BH

My name is Helen and I am 8 years old. I have one sister in year 2 and I have one sister in year 7. My hobby is gymnastics.



Jefferson Wang 5G

I am 9 years old. My brothers and I are a set of triplets. My hobbies are soccer, basketball and video games.



Kiki Skinner 6H

My name is Kiki, I am 10 years old I have one older brother, I have 12 cats and I like cats a lot. My hobbies are maths and drawing.

School Carpark

A reminder that the school carpark can only be used by parents who are in the school between 9:00am and 1:00pm and after 3:00pm. All cars must be removed from the carpark at 1:00pm to allow for buses to collect children after school. We still have some parents using the carpark as a public carparking space whilst they leave the school premises which creates problems for our buses and in turn puts the safety of all children at risk. *Please respect the safety of our students and make sure your car is removed from the carpark by 1:00pm.*

School Drop Off

Parents using the drop off service in the morning are requested to ensure that their children are ready to exit the car on their own once the vehicle has stopped and is in the drop off zone (yellow markings will appear after the holidays). If you need to hop out of the car yourself to assist your child we encourage you to park at the University and walk your child safely to school rather than hold up the traffic in the morning.

PTA News

Two important things are happening on 16th DECEMBER

Staff Appreciation Lunch – This is our way of letting the teachers, educational assistants and office staff know how much we value their hard work and commitment to our children. We provide a home cooked buffet for them to enjoy. If you would like to help by making a home made treat please call and let Lindsay and Jo in the PTA know on 2358-3286.

Evening Carol Concert - Raising funds for Operation Santa Clause

Every year after the carol concert the PTA offer a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie to the adults and for the children we provide a cup of hot chocolate and a shortbread. It has become a tradition that we use this opportunity to support Operation Santa Clause by having donation boxes to hand. Please note that the police will monitor the traffic throughout the evening to ease traffic congestion.

If we don't see you at the carol concert then we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy a fun filled festive holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2010!

After school activities – Spring Term

| Name | Contact | Tel | email |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Anastassia's Art House | Ms Ruth Cheng | 2719 5533 | arthouse.hk@gmail.com |
| Craft Box | Ms Simone Duckworth | 9014 3262 | simone@craftbox.asia |
| Disco Divas | Ms Rachel Blackmore | 9770 7413 | rachael@funhousehk.com |
| ESF Sports & Mandarin | Ms Candy Leung | 2711 1280 | sports@esf.org.hk |
| Cityscape Dance | Ms Meg Martin | 9775 8895 | cityscapedance@yahoo.com |
| Chito Ryu Karate | Mr Heyton Tze | 9151 2707 | karate@chitoryu.hk |
| World All Style Martial Association | Mr Yip | 9833 8386 | wamakfyip@yahoo.com |
| Enopi | Ms Lee Ann Kwan | 9672 4840 | leeann.kwan@gmail.com |
| TLC Global Holding | Mr Geoff Blaik | 2606 0100 | tlcglobal@netvigator.com |
| Union of Languages | Ms Crystal Kwong | 3426 9123 | ckwong@uol-hk.com |
| Student Success | Mr Mark Mahoney / Ms Rosie Robinson | 2335 5631/ 9365 6441 | mmahoney@netvigator.com |
| Imran Cricket Academy | Imran | 9745 2700 | imran@imranacademy.com |



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