

DGJS

The Hong Kong Budding Poets (English) Award 2010/2011

We are very much in awe of the great achievements of the girls in this year's Hong Kong Budding Poets (English) Award 2010/2011, organized by the Education Bureau, Gifted Education Section. In the Primary section, out of 20 awards, our school got nine, including the Champion, First and Third Runner-up, Poet of the School, and the Best Improviser of the Year. They all went through the stages of an interview and an improvised writing session.

Congratulations! Let's savour some of our budding poets' work!

Champion



My Wacky Wild Dream Zoe Tan 6A - Champion

Mother kissed me good night,
While she turned off the light.
She put down my favourite storybook, *The Wacky Wild*,
And as I dropped off to sleep, I saw that her lovely face smiled.

I opened my eyes and saw,
An enormous orange paw,
Hanging from a twisted, trampled tree which shook.
I thought to myself, "Is this reality, or am I in a book?"

This is the Wacky Wild,
Where Eccentric Elephants' dung is plied
Where Loony Lions roar,
And Voracious Vultures soar.

This is where Tough Trouts plunge and dive,
In the raging, rampant rapids where it's hard to survive.
Listen to the Hideous Hyenas cackle and laugh,
As they mischievously block our path.

Multi-coloured Monkeys swing and shriek and howl,
Above Rowdy Rabbits whose droppings smell foul.
Obnoxious Oxen snort and snore,
Sleeping noisily while I explore.

Abnormal Albatrosses glide and swoop,
Flying round in an irregular hoop.
Stinky Skunks smell like rotten eggs,
Lying in burrows like Pathetic Pigs.

Barbarous Bears stalk their unfortunate prey,
To keep their ever-rising numbers at bay.
Dainty Dolphins spin and leap,
Never clumsily landing in a heap.

Finicky Frogs pick at their food,
Cowardly Chameleons change colour when they're rude.
Jittery Jellyfish sting and undulate,
Scolding the Ephyrae for being late.

Greedy Grizzlies snarl and growl,
Patrolling the areas they often prowl.
Unique Urial chew up the grass,
Staring down on us as we pass.

Ignorant Iguanas scramble and crawl,
Scarcely noticing us at all.
Kindly Kangaroos secretly mate,
Doing things that I honestly hate.

Zany Zebras prance and hop,
Whinnying at us nonstop.
Naughty Numbats sniff and inhale,
Looking for the "anteater's ale".

Quarrelsome Quails chirp and peep,
Causing me to wake from my slumber deep.
I realize, with melancholy,
That it was all a fantasy.

Poet of the School



Food – A Blessing or a Curse? Avala Ngan 5A - Poet of the School

Why is God so unfair?
Some plates are full, but some are bare.
Some sob for more, some cry for less,
A crazy world, a total mess.

Lands giving birth to food mountains,
Barren lands deprived of vitamins.
Endowed with technology and peace,
Cursed by war, famine and disease.

American burgers and apple pies,
Freshly baked croissants and crunchy fries.
Fully stocked shelves in shops and stores,
Such easy access, no one adores.

Grumbling stomachs and shivering bone,
Begging for a morsel, hearing them groan.
Contaminated water, giving diarrhoea.
A depressed nation, living in fear.

Is God really that unfair?
The simple solution is to share.
Give the surpluses to the poor,
The tip of an iceberg, we can do more.



Jane Tung 5C - First Runner-up



Tse Yan Tung 6A - Third Runner-up



Stephanie Fong 5C - Best Improviser of the Year

An Interview with Professor Yam

As part of their research project, our team of Budding Scientists, Jae Lamb, Celeste Wu (Pr.5) Christine Chan and Ching Hou Yee (Pr.6), had the honour to meet with a member of our DGS alumnae. In March 2011, Professor Vivian Yam was recently awarded with the L'Oreal UNESCO For Women in Science Award for her research in chemistry. The girls found some real inspiration from the interview on the career of a scientist.

During our interview with Professor Yam, we asked her what qualities a good scientist should have.

She thinks that a good scientist should have determination, because scientists often encounter failures. We shouldn't give up so easily, because a successful experiment requires a lot of time and energy. She said,

“No matter what you do, you have to face obstacles;
instead, determination is more important.
Do what you think is right,
because scientists will always be criticized by reviewers.”

She has also told us that devotion is very important too, because when you become a scientist, you will have to sacrifice a lot of your spare time to conduct experiments. We have to believe in ourselves, and work to confirm our beliefs. She told us that being positive and open-minded are character traits that can help us in our work. She also added that we have to tolerate frustration and be optimistic.

We were most amazed by her sense of humility because although she has been recognised internationally, she reminded us that winning is not the end of the journey. Instead, it empowers us to continue striving for our goal.



Jae Lamb, Celeste Wu, Professor Yam, Ching Hou Yee, Christine Chan

<<菁英賽後感>>

這一年，我有幸能夠代表學校參加「中國語文菁英計畫」。當老師通知我時，我既緊張又興奮，躍躍欲試。可是，參加這個比賽，名副其實是「過五關，斬六將」：首先我們要在校內進行一個小測驗，選出三位同學出賽。後來學校獲得通知，我能進入決賽。當時我很興奮，不過在興奮過後，我的壓力也好像突然增加了，我又要密鑼緊鼓，準備決賽了。

在決賽那天，我得知了一個令我很驚訝的消息：決賽者要在一小時裡寫出兩篇文章，這和一般一個半小時內寫出一篇文章大大不同。我一邊手裡直冒冷汗，一邊擔心自己寫得不好，好不容易才捱過去。

不久，我接獲通知已被選錄進入總決賽，當時我覺得這個消息實在太匪夷所思了，久久不敢相信。要有收穫當然要付出：自我獲得通知以後，老師每天都和我練習，在家裡，媽媽和姐姐也每晚都給我資料溫習，以準備總決賽。

另外，我和同學亦需要在一分鐘內就中國文化演出一個創意劇，競逐創意演繹競賽大獎。大家絞盡腦汁，想了又想，最後寫成了一篇RAP，用類似數白欖的方式介紹中國的名著。在寫完的一刻，我們一起高聲歡呼，一遍又一遍的讀著那篇稿，再加上生動有趣的動作，就大功告成了。

總決賽那天，我坐在台上感到很震撼，我真不敢相信自己走到這一步！可能因為這是我第一次參加大型比賽，心情比較緊張，比賽時腦海裡竟然一片空白，完全不能發揮！雖然心裡很亂，不過也要放下一切，準備創意演繹競賽。

在頒獎的時候，我除了得到「菁英銀獎」外，還意外地得了「二人對話及即席演講比賽季軍」。而我和同學更獲得「創意演繹競賽冠軍」！當時我實在是喜出望外，興奮不已。



我很感謝在比賽期間幫助我的老師和同學，她們實在是我得獎的原因。老師們從初賽開始便每天也抽時間訓練我，陪我一起面對這個比賽；有些和我一起出席創意演繹競賽的同學下午還需趕去合唱團比賽，可是仍堅持和我一起參加比賽。無論是老師、同學或家人，在這比賽中也是功不可沒的。我很希望能在這裡再一次感謝她們。

參加這個比賽實在令我獲益良多。它令我知道自己的不足，還贏了一次寶貴的經驗，成為了我人生最珍貴的一部分，一個永遠不褪色的回憶……

小六信 趙樂欣



我校團隊勇奪「創意演繹競賽」金獎



創意演繹競賽進行中：有五千年歷史嘅中國，出咗好多震撼人心嘅著作……

Parents' Day Art Exhibition: A beautiful world starts with you...

To heighten students' awareness of environmental protection, the Art Department this year has organized an exhibition on Parents' Day focusing on the theme "All About Paper". Papers, like newspapers and magazines, are often abandoned in recycling boxes once they have outlived their usefulness; however, at this exhibition, these forsaken newspapers and magazines were given a chance to speak for themselves as they were reworked by our primary students to form visually striking, three-dimensional works of art. Some of these paper craft works include newspaper baskets, magazine handbags as well as papier-mâché animal sculptures. Using both imagination and creativity, we, educators, have the power to guide students and future generations to save the earth by exposing them to endless possibilities of reusing forlorn materials.



Aren't
they real?



DGJS at the 63rd Hong Kong Schools Music Festival

In the 63rd HK Schools Music Festival, DGJS achieved very good results. Not only did all our three choirs win 1st places, all of them were also selected as the best choirs in their own sections. Moreover, our Senior Choir was also selected to be “The Most Outstanding Primary School Choir of the Year in the Urban Area”. Both our Percussion Bands also won high acclaim. Details are shown below:

Senior Choir	<i>The Most Outstanding Primary School Choir of the Year in the Urban Area</i>	
	<i>The Best Primary School Senior Choir in the Urban Area</i>	
	<i>Singing in Chinese</i>	1st
	<i>Singing in Foreign Language</i>	1st
Intermediate Choir	<i>The Best Primary School Intermediate Choir in the Urban Area</i>	
	<i>Singing in Chinese</i>	1st
	<i>Singing in Foreign Language</i>	1st
Junior Choir	<i>The Best Primary School Junior Choir in the Urban Area</i>	
	<i>Singing in Chinese</i>	1st
	<i>Singing in Foreign Language</i>	2nd
Percussion Band Age 13 or under		2nd
Percussion Band Age 9 or under		3rd



Diocesan Girls' Junior School ~ Intermediate Choir (2010-11)



Junior Percussion Band



Diocesan Girls' Junior School ~ Junior Choir (2010-11)



Diocesan Girls' Junior School ~ Senior Choir (2010-11)



Diocesan Girls' Junior School ~ Senior Percussion Band (2010-11)

Sports Achievements 2010-2011

Kowloon West Area Inter-School Swimming Gala

Girls A Grade	Champion
Girls B Grade	Champion

Kowloon West Area Inter-School Athletics Competition

Girls A Grade	Second
Girls B Grade	Fourth

Kowloon West Area Inter-School Volleyball Competition

Girls Section	Third
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Kowloon West Area Inter-School Table Tennis Competition

Girls A Grade	Champion
Girls B Grade	Champion

Hong Kong Island and Kowloon Primary School Table Tennis Competition

Girls A Grade	Champion
Girls B Grade	Champion

Hang Sang All Schools Table Tennis Competition

Champion

Kowloon West Area Inter-School Basketball Competition

Girls Section	Second
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Kowloon West Area Inter-School Badminton Competition

Girls Section	Champion
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Kowloon West Area Inter-School Swimming Gala

Girls A Grade	Champion
Girls B Grade	Champion



Swimming Team 2010-2011



Badminton Team 2010-2011

For the year 2010-2011, our school was awarded the Gold Prize for the best achievement in sports and a special cup for being the sole winner of the Gold Prize for 22 years running.



Athletics Team 2010-2011



Table Tennis Team

香港學界體育聯會九龍西區小學分會 及 康樂及文化事務署 合辦
九龍西區小學校際乒乓球比賽



Volleyball Team 2010-2011



Basketball Team 2010-2011

Farewell to Tseung Kwan O

As the whole school is targeting to move back to the new premises on no.1 Jordan Road this summer to start the 2011-12 school year in September, students have reflected on their stay in Tseung Kwan O over the past two years. As a tribute to the humble temporary school premise nestled in an environment of green hills and fresh air, students have written heart-felt words to show their deep appreciation for this place. Students have not only learnt to adapt to their new environment over the years, but have grown to love it. It is a place where they've become wiser with knowledge, shared laughter and tears with friends and teachers, and learnt the virtues of patience and adaptability through the school re-development project. Every classroom, stairway, nook and cranny in this temporary premise houses special memories for the students of DGJS, and will forever hold a special place in their hearts.

Ko Tin Yin 1A

I love this school at Tseung Kwan O. The covered playground is very big and our classrooms are very big too!

Valerie Yip 1B

I like the curtains in the music room. It's very pretty!

Valerie Luk (21) 1C

I love all the plants and insects in this school because they are very beautiful. I also love the people who live near this school because they say "Hi" to me when I'm on the schoolbus.

Gabrielle Luk 2A

FAREWELL TO TKO TEMPORARY SCHOOL PREMISES

Tall, rectangular building painted in off-white

Streaked horizontally with powdery-blue

Equipped with a variety of

Unique facilities

Nothing but the best

Giving the gift of knowledge

Knowing it has impacted me deeply

With wonderful experiences

A once in a lifetime opportunity

Never-ending fond memories

Oh how I cherish you!

Jamie Lam 2B

Our school has a very nice campus. There is enough sunshine for us to enjoy. I especially like the basketball court and the hall. We have a lot of fun there! I will miss this place very much because it is my very first campus since primary one.

Tiffany Ng 2C

It is my honour to begin my study at DGJS when the school is in the temporary Tseung Kwan O campus. Every morning on my way to school I can admire the beautiful scenery in the neighbourhood. The trees nearby give us fresh air and energy to continue our study when we are tired. We also get a good view of the lush green hill from our school. I feel peaceful every time I look at it.

Ching Hou Sze 3A

When I moved to this hotel school, I did not like it, as there was no field. However, the fresh air and the mountains surrounding me make me feel good. Besides, walking up the stairs to my classroom has made me stronger. See you, hotel school, I will not forget you.

Gloria Au 3B

I like this campus because teachers use chalk instead of markers. Even though the covered playground doesn't have any slides, swings...I still like it because there are more benches for us to eat, play the recorder...and, the lockers in the classrooms are quite different from the old campus and I like them.





Gily Yu 3C

Oh! How lovely is this school with long corridors and classrooms buzzing with laughter! I will never forget how I snuck behind the hall just to hear the beautiful voices of our choir, or sank into the big beanbags in the library lost in a good story.

I will cherish my good memories in Tseung Kwan O forever!

Maia Chiu 4A

It has been a pleasure staying on this campus. In this school, my favourite spot is the bench outside my classroom, where I have lunch every day with my good friends. It is very peaceful there and it is fun to watch the students playing together.

Yoyo Li 4B

Among all the beautiful things in our Tseung Kwan O campus, what I will miss most when we move back to 1 Jordan Road is the Cotton Wood Tree.

It keeps watch over us every day without fail, without ever trying to get noticed.

You have touched me deeply.

Jasmine Chan 4C

Dear TKO Campus,

Although I can't wait to get back to the Jordan Road campus, I'll miss my "daily sport", walking up and down the stairs. Sometimes, when I arrive on the sixth floor, I still want to walk up. Luckily, there's a warning sign saying "Out of Bounds".

Nikki Leung 5A

Days have flown by. I have already studied in the Tseung Kwan O hotel school for two and a half years. I just love the covered playground because it is always teeming with primary ones every lunch. They laugh and run cheerfully and make it such a joyful scene. Although it is sad leaving the school here, I look forward to the renovated new school campus in Jordan.

Sarah Tsoi 5B

Tseung Kwan O has magnificent scenery with lofty trees and is an utterly suitable place for a school to be built. There is more fresh air and the campus allows us to learn more about nature.

Many of us complain about the numerous flights of stairs, but I do not agree. Not only does it provide us with an opportunity to exercise, but it also teaches us a lesson: pack your school bag carefully and wisely!

Even though I will miss the beauty of the Tseung Kwan O campus, I really look forward to attending the new school in Jordan.

Charlotte Yung 5C

Our temporary school campus reflects a real and charming side of Hong Kong! Friendly neighbors include old ladies who initiate conversations with us, and happy, carefree children playing on the podium. They make me feel welcomed in this warm community. This miniature of Hong Kong life will be an integral part of my DGJS life forever.

Emily Ma 6A

The new school campus in Tseung Kwan O is a great place and a good learning environment, nice and clean classrooms, the basketball court, capacious corridors.

We will leave here soon, and I will never forget the happy times spent here: having lunch and chatting along the corridors, reading in the library with friends, being a backstage helper during concerts.

Candice Chow 6B

I remember moaning about the stairs that seemed to go on and on and wishing that I could go back to Jordan when I first set foot in the Tseung Kwan O hotel school campus. Now my "wish" has come true but I also feel a bit sorry to go. I will never forget my two and a half years here.

Sheung Wing Chun 6C

I think that the TKO school campus is quite well-furnished and is better than my expectations. It is not as spacious as the Jordan Road campus, doesn't have as many plants, and the traffic is not as convenient, but as long as the teachers, my classmates and I are together, everywhere will seem to be the same.