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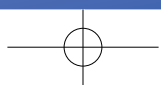
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# The FRCSS Voice



## Editorial

First we would like to say thanks to you because you are reading the result of our hard work. To celebrate our school's tenth anniversary, we, a group of junior form students, were honoured to take the responsibility for this special issue of the English newsletter. At the very beginning, we faced many problems because we did not know how things should be, but with the help of Mr Paul, Miss Fok and Miss Liu, we have, for the first time, finally produced our newsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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# A Career Guided by God



## Student Life

Our principal Mrs Li has had a life guided by the hand of God.

As a secondary student, Mrs Li had a colourful life full of music, debating competitions and involvement in Christian groups at her school. Although she didn't do very well in sports at school she still learned how to be a judge and help her teachers score various sports events.

## Becoming a Teacher

She became a teacher because, “God closed the doors to other careers”. Luckily for us she found that she really enjoyed teaching and the students in her care. She told us that a good teacher should know how to communicate, have good subject knowledge and have love and concern for students.

## Time Flies

The tenth anniversary celebrations have given Mrs Li cause to think about the history of the school and the wonderful things that have happened here. In a moment of reflection she recalled the day she first came to the school as if it were yesterday. She noted how time flies and the need to take all the opportunities that God gives us every day.

## Guidelines

Mrs Li laid out her vision of education, which had becoming a Christian at its centre.

“Christians live a fulfilling life and know what a person's aims in life should be,” she said. Education should include nurturing young people to help them develop confidence and it was important that they “learn how to learn.” She felt the difference between a good school and a bad school was the commitment of the people who worked there. When the students were interested in their studies, tried their best and were exposed to a wide variety of activities, then a school could be described as a good school, with a strong foundation for further development.

## The Future

According to Mrs Li the biggest issue facing young people is the ever-changing culture and the many influences young people are exposed to. The many temptations and competing value systems are things that concern her. This just highlights the need for young people to establish a good set of values in their own lives or they are always going to be faced with conflict and temptation. Mrs Li identified competition from other young people from all over the world as being another important issue that young people will have to face in the future.

To meet these challenges our principal offered the following advice - “Work hard. Do your academic work to the best of your ability and, above all, know God.”

## Changes in ten years

It's our school's tenth anniversary this year. Our school has changed a lot. Let's see some of the changes...



Our school was under construction 10 years ago.



Our school today.



To improve our school environment, running tracks were built in 2006.



Our morning assembly in 1999.  
We only had S.1 and S.4 students.



Our morning assembly today. We have many students and our playground has been renovated.





Our school hall is fully furnished today. Annual Speech Days and many other functions are held in the Ko Shun Hall.



Our tuck shop in the first year.



Many choices are available in our tuck shop today.



Can you guess where it is?



It is the area outside the school general office.

### Words from teachers who have been teaching in our school for 10 years:

The most unforgettable thing is sharing the gospel with students and when they finally believe in God. It is my greatest satisfaction to see a student become a Christian.

Mr Tse Chi Keung

When our school was established in 1999, some Form 4 students were a bit naughty. We had to spend more time on these students. Praise the Lord! Now our students are well-behaved and have a strong sense of belonging.

Miss Leung Fung Shan

## An Interview with our alumnus and teacher, Mr Lam

Mr Lam Pak Yan, our new Math teacher, studied in Ying Wa College from F.1 to F.5 and then studied in FRCSS from 2001 to 2002. After graduating from the university, he chose to teach in his former school. We are very glad to have been able to interview him.

**Cindy (C):** Can you tell us why you chose to teach at Fanling Rhenish Church Secondary School?

**Mr Lam (L):** The reason is very simple. I love this school very much so I chose to teach here.

**C:** What subject did you study at university? Why did you choose to study it?

**L:** I majored in Mathematics and minored in Humanities. I love Mathematics because it enables me to develop my logical thinking skills. Also, I love History so I studied Humanities.

**C:** Who was your favourite teacher at FRCSS? Which subject did he/she teach you?

**L:** He was Mr. Hau Shing Wa. He was my class teacher and he taught me Mathematics. I liked him because he was kind and took good care of me.

**C:** I see. Can you tell me your most memorable experience at this school?

**L:** Sure. My most memorable experience was the Thanksgiving Service in November, 2001. I enjoyed the atmosphere very much and I was touched by the Principal's words. Also, I had the chance to sing in front of the audience.

**C:** What are the differences between today's students and those of the past?

**L:** Students in the past respected their teachers very much. That's why I still treat Mr Hau as my teacher even though we are actually colleagues. But nowadays, students treat their teachers as friends and are willing to share their feelings and worries with them.

**C:** I see. Thanks for allowing us to interview you.

**L:** You're welcome.





## English Activities (2008-09)

In order to enhance our English levels, the English Department has launched a series of funful and interesting activities. Let's see what activities we have had.

|    | Date                 | Activity  |
|----|----------------------|---|
| 1. | All Fridays          | English Speaking Days                                       |
| 2. | Every Friday morning | 2-minute English  |
| 3. | Nov- Dec 2008        | Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival                           |
| 4. | 14 Oct - 26 Nov 2008 | Reading Trophy Competitions (S.1-7)                         |
| 5. | 4 Nov 2008           | Drama Show (S.1-3)<br>"The Legend of Mulan" by Chunky Onion |
| 6. | Dec 2008             | S.1 Drama Workshop - "Tom Sawyer"                           |
| 7. | Nov 2008             | S.6 Debating Workshop                                       |
| 8. | March 2009           | S.2 Drama Workshop - "Arabian Nights"                       |

These activities have not only built up our self-confidence, but they also provided us with more chances to apply English in our daily lives. Besides, these are good ways to improve our pronunciation, listening and reading skills.

Do you still remember this poster?



## Reading Trophy Competition (S.1-7)

In order to help improve our reading skills and foster our interest in reading, a Reading Trophy Competition was held for S.1-7 students. The competition was held on two days for each form. Each student had to read some passages and answer some comprehension questions. The classes which scored the highest marks could receive a trophy. The winning classes were F.1E, F.2E, F.3C, F.4B, F.5C and F.7A.



Look! This student is working very hard!



After completing the questions, students have to hand in their work to the student helpers!

## Drama Show (S.1-3)

The show was called "The Legend of Mulan". Many teachers and students enjoyed the show as it was very interesting. During the show, some of us were invited to act with the characters. A student from F.2 said, "This show is very good! I enjoyed it very much!" Another student from F.1 said, "The show is quite exciting. The characters are great!"



Our students enjoy the show very much!



The characters' performance is marvellous!



# Poems

## My Bio Poem

Lee Lok Tung

Musical, energetic, helpful

Daughter of Sarita.

Who loves karaoke, barbecues and going to the movies.

Who feels happy about the coming holiday.

Who gives care, love and time to his friends.

Who fears cockroaches, spiders and ghosts.

Who would like to see a gazelle.

Who dreams that everyone will be rich.

A student of Miss Yu.

Who needs friends, to sleep a lot and to exercise more!

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Lee Lok Tung S.2D

## Mother's Love

Kiss her softly when she is sad.

Listen to her problems.

Care for her when she is sick.

Help her quickly when she seeks help.

Touch her when she feels afraid.

Hug her when she feels chilly.

Yuen Lai Yan, Daisy S.3E

## Looking

I look at the beautiful blue sky

The white clouds were quickly moving by.

I looked into your hazel eyes

Your eyes were as cold as ice.

Wong Oi Ching, Tracy S.3C

# Letter of Advice

Cheung Suet Yi, Tobey S.3C

Dear Yuki,

I have just read a letter from your friend. Your friend knows you're smoking now. She is very worried about you. If you treasure your health and your friendship with her, please listen to my advice.

Do you know smoking is harmful? Many people die of smoking every year. At the very least it hurts our lungs and nose. I think you should stop smoking as quickly as you can. When you want to smoke, you should try to think about the bad effects of smoking. Then, you may not want to smoke. Also, you can try to smoke three cigarettes today but smoke two tomorrow, each day fewer than the day before. You should try hard. Don't lose control of yourself. You can beat the addiction to cigarettes.

If I were you, I wouldn't think smoking is cool. Smoking stains our fingers and teeth. Smoking will make you lose weight. Being too slim isn't good-looking. When you are as slim as a pen, no guys will think you are pretty. Being too slim isn't attractive. I know your PE teacher doesn't want you to play on the volleyball team anymore, right? It means you are so unhealthy that you can't play well! Smoking hurts you so much. I think you should talk to the social worker, your family and friends and seek help. They must be willing to help you quit smoking but you should listen to their advice, of course.

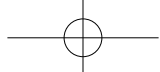
If you smoke because you have other problems, perhaps you can just ask your best friends to help you solve these problems. Don't smoke anymore. Also, I think you should do some research on the harmful effects of smoking. You will find you're hurting yourself and that's stupid.

We are concerned about you, Yuki. Try your hardest to stay away from people who are smoking. We are all supporting you. Don't give in to cigarettes.

Regards,

School Newspaper Committee

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# Argumentative Essay

## To admit or not?

Lee Cheuk Ling, Cherry S.6A

Have you ever thought about entering the university before finishing proper secondary schooling, or even starting your university life before your tenth birthday? In recent years, there have been more and more very young prodigies being admitted to the universities. The youngest one was just a nine-year-old boy. Such an admission policy has become a hot topic in Hong Kong.

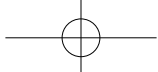
There are two dissenting voices on this issue in society. The people who support this policy think age should not be a barrier to the development of children. In their opinion, the young prodigies were tested and proved capable of skipping normal schooling and studying in the university. Thus, they are absolutely able to manage their lives on the campus. As the prodigies have talent, they should receive a higher level of education at universities where they can really develop their potential. Normal schooling will just restrict their growth and development.

Also, some parents of the prodigies welcome the early entrance to the university of their children. The advanced facilities and resources are very attractive to them. They believe their children can receive a high quality education at universities. Thus, they support the policy.

Despite the support of many people, there are still quite a number of people who oppose this admission policy. The prodigies are too young. It is hard for the opposers to believe a child, whose physical and mental development is still immature, can manage the complex level of knowledge at university. They think the prodigies cannot grow healthily at universities because they face a lot of pressure without enjoying their childhood. They can hardly find a friend on the campus since their peers are much more mature than them. Their social lives will be badly affected. Also, they are still too young to manage the complicated school life. For example, they can't take care of themselves since they are not independent enough. They can't grow normally at university because it is not a suitable place for children. Moreover, the public are worried about their abilities. For instance, a nineteen-year-old doctor, who graduates too early, will not gain the confidence of his patients.

From my point of view, the admission policy is not suitable for prodigies. Undoubtedly, academic development is very important. However, I think there is still something which is of vital importance to the prodigies, like a happy childhood and friendship. Entering a university will lead to abnormal development, at the cost of a happy life. Thus, I don't support the policy.





# RIDDLES (Answers are at the bottom of the page)



1. What happens twice in a week, and once in a year, but never in a day?
2. How many seconds are there in a year?
3. What kind of room has no windows or doors?
4. I have a face that can't see, and two hands that can't hold. What am I?
5. What thing can you catch but you can't throw?
6. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?
7. Which word in the English language becomes shorter when it is lengthened?
8. Take one out and scratch my head. I am now black but once was red.

# JOKES



## 1) The power of love

Wife : Do you keep my photo in your wallet all the time?  
Husband : Sure honey. When I have problems, I will look at your photo and the problems always seem to be gone.  
Wife : See? I am your miracle, right?  
Husband : Of course. When I look at you, I wonder what in the world could cause me more trouble!!

## 2) God and the man

A man visits God and says, "God, do you mind if I ask you a few questions?"  
God says, "No, ask me anything you like."  
So the man says, "God, you've been around for a very long time, so, for you, how long is a thousand years?"  
God replies, "For me, a thousand years is only five minutes."  
The man then says, "That's interesting God. And, for you, how much is a million dollars?"  
God replies, "For me, a million dollars is only five cents."  
The man says, "Really? Well then God, could you lend me five cents please?"  
God looks at the man, smiles, and says, "Of course my son. Just wait five minutes!"

Answers to riddles  
1. Letter "E" 2. 12 3. Mushroom 4. Clock  
5. A cold 6. Footprints 7. Short 8. Match



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