



# Tak Nga Secondary School

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### Life-Wide Learning Experiences Across Hong Kong and Macau

5B (15) Lo Ying Tung (Sally) and 5D (23) Singh Harmanpreet Kaur (Riya)

Our school's Life-Wide Learning Day was held from January 4<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>, during which our students and staff members participated in a variety of valuable and enlightening activities. S1 students took part in the "Adventure Activity" at the FHL Adventure Education Centre in Sheung Shui. They engaged in a range of enjoyable outdoor and indoor activities, including rock climbing, rope climbing, and various teamwork exercises. Hanna from 1C shared, "It was a very memorable experience. Although some activities were challenging, they were fun overall."

S2 students visited Sha Tau Kok, where they first explored Kang Yung Study Hall, one of Hong Kong's declared monuments. They learned about its history and architectural design. The hall has served as an ancient study space that attracted numerous scholars. In the afternoon, they had a barbecue with their class teachers and made Chinese tea cakes.

S3 students went on a study tour to Macau. They visited St. Lawrence Church, admiring its stunning and magnificent design. They also explored the Macau Museum of Art, which housed aesthetic historical art pieces reflecting people's reverence for music and art. Additionally, they

strolled along Rua do Cunha, a pedestrian street showcasing unique architecture blending Western and Chinese cultures. Agnes Cho from 3D expressed, "The combination of cultures looked amazing, and the decorations perfectly matched the theme of the place. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to broaden my horizons and learn more about the city, its culture, and development."



Meanwhile, the senior forms engaged in a series of enriching activities during the Life-wide Learning Days. Form 4 students embarked on a fulfilling overnight camp in Sai Kung. The camp not only strengthened their bonds with classmates but also fostered teamwork and survival skills as they cooked and shared dinner together. One student mentioned, "It was really fun as we played games that improved our communication skills."

While S4 students enjoyed their overnight camp, S5 and S6 students had an exciting day at theme parks. Form 5 students visited Ocean Park, while S6 students went to Disneyland. It was a truly memorable day for them as they made cherished memories with friends and forged stronger bonds. Undoubtedly, everyone gained valuable knowledge and created wonderful memories to cherish from their Life-wide Learning Days.



# S6 Dodgeball Game - Putting Teamwork to the Test

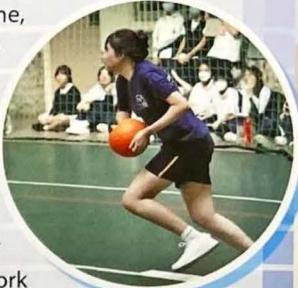


## 5C (17) Lau Tsz Yiu (Yoyo) and 5D (05) Hermosa Alexia Faith Salibio

The S6 Dodgeball game was successfully held after school on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023, showcasing the team spirit of the S6 students. Having spent the past few years of their secondary school life together, it is evident that the representatives from each class were giving their all to compete for points. Meanwhile, their classmates on the sidelines cheered loudly, filling the venue with high energy and excitement. The game concluded with Class 6C emerging as the victors.

Hussain Zaara from Class 6D, one of the participants in this year's game, expressed, "It was highly competitive and exciting because you never really know who's going to win until the very end." She also mentioned that in the last round, 6C and 6D were neck and neck, and although 6C ultimately won, the experience was still incredibly memorable for her.

In summary, the S6 Dodgeball Game was conducted smoothly, providing an intense yet remarkable match that will remain a lasting memory for the participating students. It allowed them to create core memories of their final year, and the teachers demonstrated strong sportsmanship and teamwork with the students.



## Heartfelt Farewells and Best Wishes to our S6 Students!

### 3D (17) Rai Danesha Dekhim and 4C (07) Fung Hoi Nga (Daisy)

This year's S6 Farewell Ceremony was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 in our school hall. The ceremony marked a special time for the S6 students and their class teachers. During the event, videos created by each S6 class were played, expressing gratitude to their helpful and supportive teachers who provided advice for the DSE exams. Each S6 class also showcased their graduation videos, which were touching and allowed reflection on their senior form school life. Many of our students have already begun studying for their DSE exams, and we wish them the best of luck!



### Reflections from S6 Schoolmates:

#### 6C (09) Ho Lok Yew (Chloe)

During the ceremony, we received numerous blessings from our teachers and schoolmates. It dawned on me that my secondary school life had come to an end, yet I still couldn't fully grasp the reality. I felt a tinge of sadness knowing that I will no longer have lessons together with my classmates at Tak Nga, and I will miss the moments we shared here.

#### 6D (15) Hussain Zaara

One thing I particularly enjoyed were the gifts prepared by the Students Association this year, especially the galaxy-themed ball with lights. It was a creative choice that looked incredibly beautiful. However, the most memorable aspect for me was the screening of our class videos. Each video truly captured our characters and personalities, and I believe that moment will forever symbolize our farewell ceremony.



# Festive Joy at the Christmas Celebration



## 3D (08) Dilisa Gurung and 3D (17) Rai Danesha Dekhim

Christmas is the jolliest time of the year when friends and family come together to celebrate! Last year's celebration party was an absolute blast, leaving a great memory for all students. The stage lit up with wondrous performances as our talented students and teachers sang and danced to delight the audience. Their great efforts made this year's Christmas party an unforgettable experience! There was also an extra sprinkle of excitement with a lucky draw. Our students had the chance to win some cool prizes, like trendy accessories, pretty stationary, and delicious candies.

To make our Christmas celebration even more magical and exciting, we had two special guests that joined us. The first one was the famous Hong Kong Youtuber, "Yika", whose performance filled the air with excited cheers, spreading the holiday spirit to everyone there. The second special guest was the performer named "Maria", who sang the most beautiful song which touched our hearts. It was an honour to have them at our school as they made the party that much more special for the students.

Here are some comments from attendees and the SA Chairperson about the special event.

### 4C Bishika Gurung

The Christmas party was unforgettable! We first went to the hall to attend the Christmas performances organized by the SA, it was so much fun! Each house did a short performance where they sang, danced and gave out candies. Next, the most exciting part was the lucky draw. Everyone's ears opened to make sure they heard who won which prizes. It was definitely very intense but overall, it was really fun and full of excitement.

### 5D Jayden Ho, Chairperson of the SA

All the performances were absolutely fantastic, exceeding my expectations. The Nova (Student Association) members, dance groups, and teachers all delivered outstanding performances. It brought us immense joy to have organized such a monumental and immensely successful event for our fellow schoolmates. My favourite moment was when I performed on-stage with the incredibly talented Miss Chak, whose captivating singing voice left a lasting impression. It was my first time collaborating with a teacher and singing on-stage, and the experience was truly amazing. Miss Chak not only taught me invaluable singing techniques for hitting the right pitch, but also provided me with a wonderful singing experience that I may never have again.



We hope the best for the next Christmas celebration at our school and hope it will be filled with even more joy and excitement than ever!

## An Invaluable Entrepreneurial Experience

### 4C (07) Fung Hoi Nga (Daisy) and 5B (15) Lo Ying Tung (Sally)

From 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, the Entrepreneurship Society organized an entrepreneurship and business activity—a market fair in Tai Tong. The market was run by CrazyMaple, a team consisting of five 3D students who sold keychains and omamori with a red maple leaf theme. The team members designed the products themselves, and the omamori were produced using the laser-cutting machine provided by the STEAM force.

During this activity, students gained valuable experiences in entrepreneurship and business, including marketing and sales, production and design, logistics, and more. "This was a truly meaningful experience. Learning about marketing skills and experiencing it with my classmates was an invaluable opportunity," said Rosalie Cheung from 3D. Hailey Yeung, another participant from 3D, expressed, "This was definitely an amazing experience. Despite the limited time for product production, it was a huge success in the end. I learned a lot about the marketing process."

Mr. Benny Choi, one of the teachers in charge of the activity, was delighted by the students' performance. "Throughout the activity, from designing the products to selling them at the market, I witnessed their courage in facing risks and uncertainty. They overcame numerous challenges and improved their products with their courage, diligence, and pursuit of excellence. They demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit and a proactive attitude in problem-solving, taking responsibility for the risks involved. It is truly inspiring to see students show personal growth and unleash their potential through this activity."



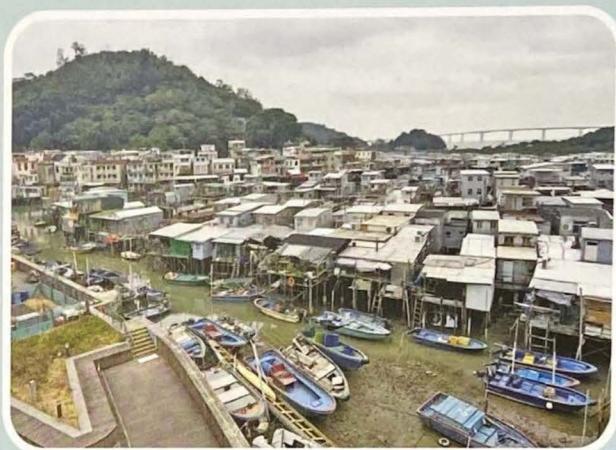
# Sightseeing in Tai O

**5D (23) Singh Harmanpreet Kaur (Riya) and 3B (28) Xue Haoqing (Mira)**

On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023, a group of S1-5 students embarked on a journey to Tai O arranged by the Humanities Society. The trip began with the visit to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, a small Catholic church. While appreciating the chapel's architecture, the students noted that the lying Jesus statue, located in the entrance of the church, was very elegant. Furthermore, the view from the top of the church was amazing because from there they could see the whole of Tai O.

The second spot on the trip was the Sun Ki Bridge, which was a moveable bridge built by the Tai O residents in June 1976. Our schoolmates enjoyed the breeze while traversing the bridge. One of the schoolmates, Carissa Zeng from 3D, commented that the bridge was really captivating since moveable bridges are a rarity in Hong Kong, and that the bridge makes crossing to the market much easier. After having an amazing time at the bridge, our schoolmates visited a Tai O resident's house. Talking with him, our schoolmates learnt about the fishes in Tai O and the resident's story of residing in the village.

Over the course of the day trip, our schoolmates had a great time in Tai O and learnt a lot about the Tai O culture and history. Through this experience, they could acquire communication skills and knowledge related to the village.



## Winter Starlight

**By 5D (05) Hermosa Alexia Faith Salibio and 5D (22) Pradhan Samantha Simran**

To appreciate the serene winter night sky in Hong Kong, the annual overnight Winter Stargazing Camp was held in Sai Kung last December by the school's Astronomical and Meteorological Society. With the absence of the city's light pollution at the Bradbury Camp, we were able to appreciate the mesmerising night sky filled with celestial bodies such as Jupiter, star clusters, and constellations such as the Polaris, Orion, the Pleiades, and many more.

After arriving at the destination, we got to explore the venue and have a look at our accommodation. We learned about the star map wheel, which helps us navigate and identify the constellations. At dinnertime, all the students and teachers had a barbecue together. Then, we finally got to try our hand at using telescopes of various magnifications to see stars that were further away.

Cynthia Man from 5D, the chairperson of the club, shared her experience: "It's nearly impossible to spot even a single star in the urban area. However, at the campsite and with the help of telescopes, our eyes were treated to the breathtaking stars, which definitely surpasses what the naked eye can see."

It was certainly a surreal experience. Not only did students have the opportunity to stargaze in the countryside, but they also learned to use the star map wheel and had an overview of the mythology behind the stars they saw, such as the myth behind the constellation Medusa.

All in all, the stargazing camp was a memorable experience, stimulating the students' interest in astronomy and space, as well as allowing them to marvel at the natural beauty of our universe.



# Exemplary Sportsmanship of Tak Nga Girls



## 5D (04) Cheung Nip Tung (Agnes) and 5D (27) Wong Wing Lam Jiana

Our annual sports day was successfully held on the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February in the Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground. All of our Tak Nga girls had been preparing for these two days for weeks. All four school houses made appealing cheering clothes and prepared various cheering chants for the cheering competition.

On the first day of the annual sports day, we interviewed one of the athletes, Tracy Wu, who participated in the high jump event: "I have been practicing for this event for two weeks already, I hope I can do my best later!" We also interviewed Jade Law, one of the athletes from A grade 1500m event, who said, "Although last year I came in last place in this event, I'm still taking part in it this year and will try to make improvements to go beyond myself." Both interviewees demonstrate our students' positive attitude toward various competitions and their will to give their best effort.

Furthermore, we interviewed some of the students in the spectator stands who were watching different athletes competing in the events. One of the students, Cynthia from Yellow House, said, "I am sitting here to support my house's cheering team, I also brought some throat lozenges for cheering team members and house committee members. I wish them all the best!" Some students on the spectator stand even cheered for their friends who were participating in the event, as students always encourage comradeship and sportsmanship among participants.

This year the champion of the Cheering Competition is Yellow House. The Captain of Yellow House, Angela Tong, shared her feelings about winning the champion award: "The journey to victory was not easy, but I am really proud of being part of Yellow House and I am very grateful that I can have all my house members achieve this goal with me. Thanks for all the support from my teachers and schoolmates."

In conclusion, school sports day is a cherished and unforgettable experience that brings together students, teachers, and parents in a celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and personal growth. It offers a vibrant atmosphere where students can showcase their skills, develop important life lessons, and create lasting memories. From the cheers of the crowd to the exhilaration of competition, sports day embodies the spirit of camaraderie, resilience, and sportsmanship. It serves as a reminder of the power of physical activity, healthy competition, and the bonds formed through shared experiences. School sports day is an event that continues to inspire and shape the lives of students, leaving an indelible mark on their educational journey.



## Cherishing Christmas Joy through Performing Arts



## 5D (26) Wong Hiu Ying (Cassie) and 5D (31) Yeung Kiera

The Charity Christmas Performing Arts was held successfully by the English Club last December. This competition aims to provide a chance for students to explore their hidden talents in content creation, as well as to cherish the Christmas season by having fun while shooting their videos. Moreover, team spirit can be enhanced as different members have to cooperate with each other and discuss their ideas for their productions.

Seven teams joined this year's competition. All competitors raised donations in aid of the Hong Kong charity Operation Santa Claus. This year, not only Christmas carol videos but also short films were welcomed. This allowed more students to showcase their creativity, and a

great variety of videos were entered into the competition. For instance, Group 1 with students from Class 2A shot a music video while Group 4's members from Classes 2A, 2B and 2C produced a short film.

"This is our third year participating in this competition," said the 5D students from Group 7. "We really enjoy this competition as it helps enhance our class spirit. Also, it is a great opportunity for us to celebrate Christmas as well as raising funds for a good cause. We definitely created some great memories."

All students who viewed the performances and voted for the Audience Awards thoroughly enjoyed the festive creativity on display. In the end, Team 1 from Class 2A were awarded 1st Place by the judges for their wonderful Christmas music video. Class 5D's festive whole-class music video entry received multiple Audience Awards, sharing one with a dramatic Christmas movie trailer produced by creative students from Class 3C. Congratulations to all the winners! Let's look forward to the activities that will be held by the English Club throughout the rest of this school year and beyond.

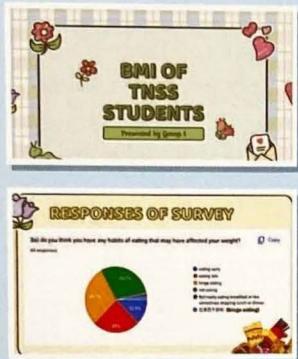


# Exciting New Collaborations - Student Sharing about S2 Project Learning 2023-24

3D (04) Cheung Hei Yi (Hailey) and 3D (11) Iu Hei Nga (Angela)

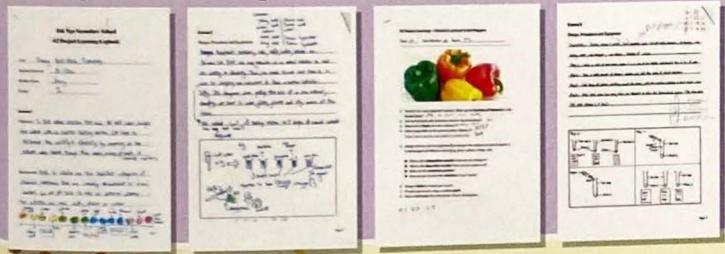
## 2B (11) Ho Ga Yan Grace

My topic for S2 Project Learning is 'BMI of TNSS students'. From Project Learning, I have been able to connect with, and better understand, my teammates more as we had to work as a group to complete this project. Throughout this project, I was able to strengthen my leadership skills since I had to take responsibility when we encountered mistakes in our project. Furthermore, I had to lead our group to work as a team. Although we faced difficulties when disagreements arose in our communications, we overcame these by discussing the best result for our project in a calm and composed way, which lead to a resolution. I would recommend Project Learning to other schoolmates as it is a good way to strengthen friendships and bonds. Not to mention, you may learn some new knowledge on the topics you work on for the project learning course!



## 2B (16) Lam Hei Man (Cloris)

My topic for Project Learning is "natural acid-alkali indicators". Throughout this project, I have learned about the significance of teamwork. Moreover, I've learned how to manage collaboration skills. I would recommend Project Learning to other schoolmates as they will receive new knowledge and it is exciting to discover and educate ourselves.



## 2B (15) Kwok Kwan Kiu Chloe

Throughout this project, I've learned to improve my cooperation, management, and social skills. Moreover, I have mastered the skill to search for useful information to support my group's presentation.

I would recommend Project Learning to other schoolmates since you get to present knowledge you've learned from different subjects. In my opinion, project learning is a way to get to know more about ourselves, as well as to improve our knowledge and communication skills. Through this learning activity, we utilise our comprehension skills to explain our perspectives towards the new topic we are exploring for the first time.



## 2B (03) Chao Shun Hei Isis

The topic of my project is about the BMI of TNSS students, which is aimed to promote a healthy lifestyle. I have learned a lot during this project learning. For instance, we should have a balanced diet in order to help us develop good eating habits. However, I found that the most challenging aspect is to have good communication skills with my group mates as we have had different opinions of how to proceed when doing the project. Luckily, we tackled the problem by listening to each other patiently.

Based on the above reasons, I would recommend Project Learning to our schoolmates since it is a good chance for others to improve their communication and interpersonal skills, as well as broaden their horizons through absorbing extra knowledge.

## Memorable STEM Experiences in 2023-24

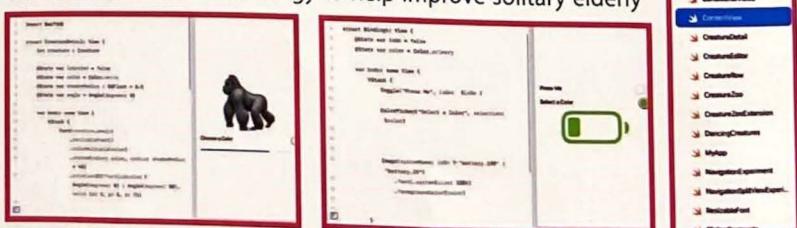
### 3B (28) Xue Haoqing (Mira)

Several stem activities were held during this school year's second term, and many of our schoolmates have shared their experience with us of the memorable activities they joined!

The first activity our students joined was the STEMxAI Basics course organised by the City University of Hong Kong. The event was held from October 2023 to April 2024, with 10 lessons in total. Our schoolmates learned conditional view, Creature Detail and how to use an app called Playgrounds. One of the participants, Zoe Chen from 3D, shared her experience from the STEM course: "When I first started learning on the course, I found it complicated. However, the more I studied, the more I started to understand how to write a program and how it works. Furthermore, I garnered some basic programming skills that give me ideas on how the information we fill in on forms work. Apart from that, I learned that we should not be afraid of challenges but should embrace them."

In addition to this activity, a group of S2-3 students attended a competition called "Little Safflower Community STEM Scholars Award" from October 2023 to March 2024. The competition aims to use innovation and technology to help improve solitary elderly people's quality of life. Furthermore, the awarded teams must work to apply their devices for elderly service which is very meaningful.

It is hoped that further meaningful STEM activities like these can be held for students to broaden their horizons and earn experience in utilising STEM and gain fantastic opportunities in technological innovation.



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