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New Faces in the Tak Nga Family!

5D (04) Cheung Nip Tung (Agnes) and 5D (26) Wong Hiu Ying (Cassie)

Our school has been blessed with the arrival of new staff members during this new school year. Read on for our interviews with a few of our new teaching staff!

Ms. Li Lee Mei May

Ms. May Li is a new Mathematics teacher for S2-4 classes and also one of the teachers involved in S2 Project Learning. Additionally, she is a member of the Environmental Education Committee and Student Guidance Committee. Inspired by her teachers during her own school days, Ms. Li wants to make her own contribution to the education sector. She believes that education is a process of improvement, and the potential she observed in various ways from her secondary school teachers led her to become a teacher.

She is impressed by the polite and responsible nature of Tak Nga students. Their attentiveness in class has left a lasting impression on her. She believes that most students are self-motivated to achieve good results and maintain harmonious relationships with others. Ms. Li wants to encourage students to actively ask questions and have confidence in themselves.



Mr. Chui Wai Hung Edmund

Mr. Edmund Chui is our new Ethics and Religious Education teacher. He aspired to become a teacher from a young age, and now his dream has come true. Additionally, he was inspired by several excellent teachers during his primary and secondary school years who showed him what makes a good teacher. He still vividly remembers how much they cared for their students.

His hope for Tak Nga students is that they can build their confidence and develop various skills, such as their communication and critical thinking skills, through participating in different activities and clubs. He likewise shows care for our students' wellbeing, and he believes that practicing mindfulness can help alleviate some of their daily pressure. Therefore, if students have the opportunity to practice mindful breathing in Ethics or Religious Education lessons, he encourages them to actively participate because it may make them feel better.



Ms. Lam Pui Ting Tina

An alumna of Tak Nga herself, Ms. Tina Lam has been adapting to her new role in the school as our new English Language Teaching Assistant. Ms. Lam fondly remembers her own teachers in Tak Nga as being very nice and helpful. Attracted by the warmth of the Tak Nga family, Ms. Lam decided to join this welcoming community again as a member of the teaching staff. Being a teaching assistant allows her to gain valuable teaching experience which will be beneficial to her career in education. She has noticed examples of our hardworking students striving to do their best in all aspects of their school life. The politeness displayed by the students at the school has also amazed her.

Since courage is crucial for students to accomplish anything, she encourages students to not give up and to always try their best to achieve their goals. She likewise wants to emphasize that students should not hesitate to seek help from teachers when they face difficulties in their studies, as there is nothing to be ashamed of in getting help when needed.



Mr. Wong Chun Fung Keith

Mr. Keith Wong is our new BAES teacher. During his earlier years, he had little interest in learning. However, as he progressed into senior form he gradually found satisfaction in studying, especially in studying BAES. He therefore wants to share his experience through teaching and help his students discover their potential, develop various interests, and explore the world. He also hopes to provide guidance and support throughout the students' growth.

His hope for Tak Nga students is to establish a strong teacher-student relationship that motivates students, offers encouragement and fosters a positive learning attitude. He wants students to be responsible, kind, and polite through everyday classroom interactions. His message to students is: "Believe in yourself, aim high, forge ahead, and stay determined! (P.S. BAES is fun :)"



We also warmly welcome to the Tak Nga family Ms. Chak Ka Ling Nicole (English Language and PE), Ms. Chan Hiu Tung Sally (Music, HE), Ms. Ng Kwan Wai Nadia (NCS Chinese), Ms. So Yi Fong Fion (Mathematics, STEAM) and Mr. Chan Tsz Wing John (ICT, IS, STEAM)!

New Clubs, New Opportunities and New Experiences

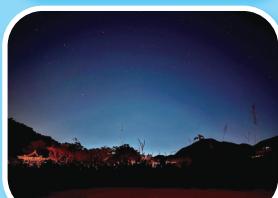
3D (08) Dilisa Gurung and 3D (17) Rai Danesha Dekhim

We are delighted to have 3 brand new extracurricular clubs for students to enjoy and to explore their interests with this year.

The Astronomical & Meteorological Society

The Astronomical & Meteorological Society is led by Mr. Yu Kam Fung and Ms. Lai Shuk Yi. This society is designed for students who are interested in exploring Physics and Geography through the wonders of nature, such as stargazing and atmospheric exploration. Some of the amazing upcoming activities include a stargazing camp, hiking activities, and field studies to provide students with firsthand experiences of the wonders of nature.

Additionally, they plan to arrange visits to various astronomical or meteorological organizations, such as the Hong Kong Observatory and the Hong Kong Space Museum. There will also be a variety of competitions related to astronomical or meteorological topics. If you are eager to explore the world of astronomy and meteorology, come and join this exciting journey with The Astronomical & Meteorological Society.



The Humanities Club

The Humanities Club is led by Ms. Yau So Fan and Ms. Ng Ying Ying. The club aims to foster a deeper understanding of human nature and participates in a variety of activities, such as captivating historic city tours, thought-provoking movie discussions, and enlightening nature expeditions. Students will have the opportunity to participate in discussions on the latest social issues and developments in our society. Students can acquire critical thinking skills and cultivate positive values in life through their involvement. The club hopes to provide a platform for like-minded individuals to connect and broaden their horizons. It also aims to deepen students' appreciation for humanities.



The Entrepreneurship Society

The Entrepreneurship Society, led by Mr. Choi Ho Yin and Mr. Wong Chun Fung, is the perfect club for those interested in economics and business. The club focuses on the importance of creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the business world. It serves as a platform for students who are interested in starting their own businesses or pursuing a career in a business-related field.

The society organizes fantastic activities that help students develop leadership skills and become servant leaders with a mindset that embraces creativity, problem-solving, and risk-taking. If you are interested in joining, you can stay updated on their activities through their Instagram account (@entrepreneurship.society.tnss).



Nova, A Light of Hope

5C (17) Lau Tsz Yiu (Yoyo)

Nova, our newly elected Students' Association for the 2023-2024 school year, have dedicated themselves to serving our schoolmates and teachers this year. Now that they have been successfully elected, what plans and goals do they have to enhance our school lives?

"Nova means to be innovative and maintain an optimistic attitude," explains Nova's Chairperson, Jadyn Ho from Class 5D. "We understand the importance of serving our schoolmates passionately and appropriately. We promise to support their interests and advocate for their rights in the future."

With full-day school and exciting school events returning in full swing, students can finally experience a more fulfilling school year compared to the previous few years. As a result, Nova is determined to enliven our school lives with a variety of activities for our schoolmates to enjoy. Jadyn also mentioned that as the pandemic situation has stabilized, they hope to carefully plan new events with fewer limitations and strive for further expansion and improvement for our schoolmates. They assure students that they will not let their fellow schoolmates down and sincerely hope to provide them with a precious and meaningful school year through their services.

Let us congratulate them on their election results and wish them the best, hoping that their plans run smoothly. May Nova illuminate the darkness and ignite our spirits.



Sunshine Generation - Shining brightly for new students!

5D (27) Wong Wing Lam (Jiana) and 5D (31) Yeung Kiera

Sunshine Generation is a student organization composed of 50 passionate, caring, and creative "Big Sisters" from S3-5. Supervised by the school social worker, Ms. Jessica Chong, the organization aims to provide social and academic support to help S1 students adapt to secondary school life more quickly. Additionally, they strive to strengthen the peer bonding between S1 students and the Big Sisters through various activities. Throughout the past year, they have organized numerous events such as spelling bees, Shine Time, and a pizza party.

5C (27) Rianna Yeung, the chairperson of the Sunshine Generation, said, "For me, the aim of Sunshine activities is to help S1 girls to develop a sense of belonging in this unfamiliar secondary school life, and to strengthen the peer bonding between S1 students and the Big Sisters through activities. I understand that starting a new secondary school can be nerve-wracking and challenging for them. Therefore, we organize different activities to facilitate them in meeting new friends."

The Sunshine Big Sisters work hard and plan each event wholeheartedly. Through these processes, the Sunshine Big Sisters also benefit, as Rianna explains: "Leading the activities has taught me the importance of communication. It has helped me develop strong communication skills to effectively convey ideas from Big Sisters and my expectations to our team. This includes listening to S1 students and offering them advice."

Rianna shared words of encouragement to S1 students: "Just because it's hard doesn't mean it's impossible. You can do this!" Not only S1 students, but all of us will face obstacles in our daily lives. Let's have the courage to overcome them and have a fabulous year!



Swimming Gala 2023-24: Advice from a Gold Medal Winner

3D (04) Cheung Hei Yi (Hailey), 3D (11) Lu Hei Nga (Angela) and 2C (11) Hui Tsang Ngan (Tammy)

The Swimming Gala was held on 12th October 2023 at Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool. The event was a fantastic success, with superb feats of athletics coupled with exciting showcases of teamwork both in and out of the pool by competitors, cheering teams and student helpers.

One of the standout competitors of the day was Class 3A student Bu Wing Yin Katrina, whose incredible performance earned her several gold medals over the course of the event. Katrina shared her experience of the event and her achievements: "I believe that success is not solely the result of talent, but rather the culmination of countless laps, strokes, and breaths. When I received the gold medals, I felt touched and happy. However, amidst the cheers, there was also a sense of humility. The success of a champion is not accidental; it is the outcome of my daily training. Daily practice has become an integral part of my life that cannot be ignored, requiring continuous and targeted training."

"Typically, despite my busy schedule, I train four to five days a week, dedicating two hours each day. After school, I head to the swimming pool and return home around 7 or 8 o'clock to review my homework. I believe that learning to embrace failure is inevitable, as setbacks and failures are an inherent part of any pursuit. I see them as opportunities to grow, learn from each experience, and use them as fuel to propel myself forward. However, one must not forget to appreciate the journey. Cherishing the friendships formed, the lessons learned, and the joy experienced in the water is vital."



Four Cheers for our House Captains!

3D (04) Cheung Hei Yi (Hailey), 3D (11) Lu Hei Nga (Angela) and 4C (07) Fung Hoi Nga (Daisy)

Outside of the swimming pool, an equally fierce competition was raging: the House Cheering Teams were battling it out to encourage their competitors the loudest with coordination and energy. We invited this year's House Captains to share their experiences during this major inter-house event.

White House: 5D (14) LEUNG TIN YUI (TIANA)

One of the most memorable aspects of leading the cheerleading team is witnessing the unwavering determination of each team member as they strove for the championship and delivered an unforgettable performance. It was truly remarkable to witness the transformation from strangers to a cohesive and passionate team, showcasing our collective spirit to the audience. Personally, I feel fulfilled leading the cheerleading team, even though we didn't win the competition. What matters most is the journey we went on together. It taught me the importance of staying strong and supporting each other through both wins and losses.

Regardless of the result, I'm proud of our team's hard work and the positive attitude we showed throughout the competition. Being a leader of our team has helped me build my leadership skills and taught me valuable lessons about teamwork, motivation, and how to fuel the team's spirit and resilience to overcome challenges. These skills will help me in the upcoming activities to improve and lead our House to success.



White House Cheering Team

Yellow House: 5C (25) TONG WAI LING (ANGELA)

Leading a team that exudes a strong sense of unity and team spirit is a memorable experience. It gives me a sense of belonging to a community where every member works harmoniously towards a common goal. It's a valuable memory that I cherish. As the leader of the house, I feel a mix of excitement and nervousness, knowing that the success of our performance partly depends on my shoulders. However, I also feel a deep sense of pride and fulfilment in being entrusted with such an important role. It's an opportunity for personal development as I continuously strive to improve my leadership skills.

Being entrusted with the task of coordinating and guiding the team instils a strong sense of purpose in me. It motivates me to continually enhance my leadership abilities and strive for excellence in every aspect of my captain role. Moreover, the chance to create a positive and inclusive environment, where team spirit and unity thrive, is immensely rewarding.



Yellow House Cheering Team

Green House: 5D (24) SIU HOI CHING (STEPHY)

I am very grateful that the Swimming Gala was held smoothly as it is a significant event that brings the entire school community together. Not only can I witness impressive swimming performances, but I can also enjoy the cheering team's performance. In my opinion, the most satisfying aspect was the process of preparing for the event with my House Committee. We brainstormed the theme, designed and produced the clothes, and purchased the fabrics together.

I was worried that we wouldn't have enough time, but luckily, I had great committee members who helped me prepare for the swimming gala, allowing us to have enough practice time after the preparations.



Green House Cheering Team

Red House: 5D (13) LEUNG NGA MAN (ERICA)

There is no doubt that the incredible energy and spirit that our committees and members brought was the most memorable aspect of the event. I feel extremely proud and elated that our cheering team won the overall championship. It's a testament to the hard work of every member and committee. Winning the championship not only brings a sense of accomplishment, but it also motivates us to perform well in the upcoming Sports Day.

Leading the cheering team has been an unforgettable experience. We not only needed to design slogans, but we also had to teach our cheering routines to around 40 members. However, there is no doubt that I could accomplish this with such a supportive and responsible team of committee members, especially the Cheering Leader and former Cheering Leader who each assisted me during practice. Our cheering team required our time, effort, and responsibility, but it also provided a special opportunity to create memories and cherish friendships.



Red House Cheering Team

Rewarding Study Tours in 2023

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

South Korea Study Tour

The Korea Study Tour took place from 24th June to 28th June earlier this year. Korea is renowned for its rich culture and art, so when the students learned about this tour, they eagerly joined, anticipating joyous moments and learning experiences.

The tour members learned the acronym "K.O.R.E.A.", which stands for "knowledge, opportunity, recreation, everyday life, and action", and which perfectly encapsulates the experiences the students had during the tour. They visited various places, such as the Bukchon Hanok Village, a residential area featuring restored traditional Korean houses, providing tourists with a glimpse into Korea's past. The students explored the village while dressed in traditional Korean costumes, creating an incredible sight.

Another notable visit was to the Korean Broadcasting System (KBS), where they had the opportunity to meet a weather forecast anchor and observe the use of props for televised presentations. This not only exposed them to the broadcasting industry but also introduced a potential career option for their future consideration. Through this trip, the students gained valuable experiences and skills, broadening their horizons and seizing a priceless opportunity for learning.



Singapore Study Tour

Our second Study Tour saw a group of S3-5 schoolmates travelling to sunny, tropical Singapore. From 27th June to 2nd July, they visited various landmarks, such as Merlion Park and Suntec City. One of the students who joined the tour, Yoyo Lau from class 5C, mentioned, "Among all the destinations, the Science Centre of Singapore was the most memorable to me. The intriguing and interactive displays allowed us to learn more about different scientific facts, and on another level of the centre we even had the opportunity to make chocolate. We had a lot of fun!"

In addition to creating wonderful memories in Singapore, our schoolmates learned the meaning behind the acronym "S.I.N.G.A.P.O.R.E.", which stands for "self-reliance, innovation, novelty, greenery, ambition, preservation, optimism, relevance, and energy". The schoolmates found the tour to be eye-opening, providing many opportunities for students to interact and socialize with each other in an exciting location.



S5 CSD Mainland Study Tour

Another exciting opportunity for students to travel came in the form of the S5 Citizenship and Social Development (CSD) Mainland Study Tour, which took place from 3rd July to 4th July 2023. Over the course of these two days, S5 students delved into the history, culture, and artistic creativity of Macao and Zhuhai, which helped them develop a deeper understanding of the Mainland.

During the tour, they visited the Macau Museum, where they learned about trade and religion in Macau, as well as traditional culture, folk art, urban development, and the unique characteristics of Macau. Additionally, they had the chance to explore the Zhuhai Grand Theatre, a remarkable architectural masterpiece shaped like one large and one small seashell. The theatre is renowned not only for its distinctive design but also for the astonishing art showcased within its walls, including music and drama. The students were amazed by the creativity and modern beauty of the building, finding inspiration in its artistic elements.

The CSD Mainland Study Tour afforded S5 students a profound and comprehensive understanding of Mainland culture, history, and art. They found the knowledge they acquired during the study tour to be inspiring and insightful, and hope for further opportunities to explore and learn in future.



STEM x AI Programme

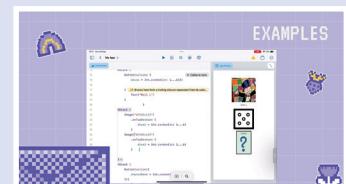
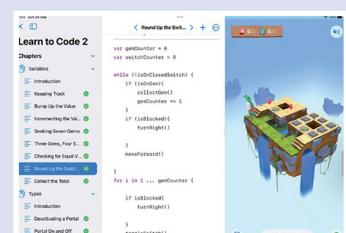
5D (05) Hermosa Alexia Faith Alibio and 5D (22) Pradhan Samantha Simran

Over the summer holidays, a STEM x AI course was held at the City University of Hong Kong, where our fellow schoolmates had the opportunity to learn a plethora of new skills and gain knowledge.

The program consisted of three phases: Phase 1 lasted from November 2022 to May 2023, during which the participants learned the fundamentals of coding; Phase 2 took place from July 2023 to August 2023, where they were taught to code various applications. Examples included coding a Monopoly game, a date planner, an introduction platform called 'About Me', and many more. Phase 3 will be conducted from October 2023 to May 2024, making the program last for approximately two years in total.

Kelly Hui, a participant from class 4D, shared her experience: "The coding process requires careful verification of the correctness of your code and problem-solving if errors occur." This experience helped her develop patience and think creatively to find different solutions. Another participant, Nichole Sze from 4D, mentioned that it enhanced the participants' collaboration and problem-solving skills.

Overall, this informative and educational program continues to provide participants with opportunities to enhance their coding skills, learn the value of patience and teamwork, and foster innovative thinking.



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Exhibitions of English Talent

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

As the 2022-23 school year came to a close, a number of exciting English events were held to showcase students' English ability. **The English Club Cooking Competition** returned on 16th June 2023 following popular demand. Eight teams of students and teachers competed in an exciting contest of creativity and cooking skill. Our three teacher-judges enjoyed sampling tantalising dishes as each team described their dishes and cooking methods in English. Amidst fierce competition, the overall champions were Team 5's 4B02 Jovie Chan, 4B06 Anson Choi, 4B Cody Yu and Ms. Bonnie Leung for their intricate and impressive Totoro-themed lunchbox dish. Congratulations to all participants and especially the winners!



The Speaker Contestants

The final English event of the year was an exciting new English competition: **The Speaker**, styled after the RTHK competition of the same name. Nine students ranging from S3 to S5 took turns delivering moving and thought-provoking one-minute presentations about a selection of famous sayings of wisdom. Students and staff were treated to impassioned and entertaining speeches from the roster of highly talented students, and in the end 5D student Stephanie Ma was crowned the Champion. "My greatest takeaway from this experience is that I learned how to compose a concise speech, since I only had a minute to deliver it," remarked Stephanie. "I would strongly recommend this competition to my schoolmates. Not only does it provide an opportunity to practice speaking skills, but it also offers a chance to enjoy being on stage. It was an amazing opportunity for me to challenge myself."

Another contestant, 5B's Sally Lo, echoed this sentiment: "This contest caught my attention with its fantastic opportunity to showcase my English-speaking skills to everyone. Presenting on stage may seem nerve-wracking and scary, but it's an opportunity for personal growth and to discover our own potential." The success of this new activity showcasing excellent English oratory ensures that students and staff can look forward to the event being held again later in this school year.

Olympic Spirit in the Jockey Club "Flying High" Sports Programme

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

An exciting sports initiative took place during the first term of this school year: The Jockey Club "Flying High" Sports Programme. Conducted by Olympic Spirit sports staff during PE lessons, the programme showcased various sports and athletic activities to students with the aim of fostering a love of external sports participation, as well as encouraging students to prioritize their health and engage in more exercise.

One student who was inspired by the activity was Afia Leung from class 3C: "The Flying High programme was an exciting change from regular PE lessons because of the variety of games and activities for everyone to participate in. During these special lessons, I learned about the importance of team spirit and how to collaborate effectively with my teammates." Another student, Salina Gurung from 4C, wholeheartedly agreed: "In our regular PE lessons, students would usually play individual sports like basketball, badminton, or volleyball. However, during the sports activity, we formed 5-6 teams, each consisting of 4 members. This new dynamic brought us closer as friends and classmates, enhancing our bond."



Furthermore, she outlined some tips on how students can maintain an exercise habit, such as finding sports and activities that genuinely interest students and learning to push themselves forward instead of giving up. Ms. Wong also emphasized the importance of working with partners to make exercise more enjoyable and less solitary.

Lastly, Ms. Wong expressed her joy and happiness about working with students through this opportunity to come to our school and promote the activity. She hopes that through this experience, students can learn to socialize better with others and become better sportspeople with an Olympian mindset.

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