

Book Sharing

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What is this story about?

Charlie Bucket's (the main character) adventure begins when he finds a Golden Ticket in a chocolate bar. He wins a chance to visit Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory with his grandpa. The other four winners and their families may also visit. Surprises and amazement come once they step into the different rooms in the factory. The kindness of Charlie finally brings him and his poor family a miracle!

Sharing

I read Charlie and the Chocolate factory merely by chance. Yet the story still impressed me a great deal. A few years ago, Mr Tim Burton and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. worked on the story and put it on the screen. The dramatic storyline and the fascinating pictures tempted me to read the original book which was written by Roald Dahl. I was totally astonished by the creativity of the writer.

A long time ago, someone told me that even when we get older and older, we still have to be young at heart. This book proves this fact. With Roald Dahl's creativity, everything comes alive. In the story, a rude boy can be sent into the television by using a novel device! Chocolates can be produced in different shapes and sizes like real plants. These marvellous 'scenes' best illustrate the power of creativity. Since reading this book, creativity has played a very important role in my life. It makes me feel that 'magic' can be found everywhere. It depends on how you view things. Creativity fills the air in my classroom too. Energy radiates through children's faces.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has set a very good precedent for me to read children's novels, especially those that are screened in theatres. With the visual help of the movies, it becomes easier for us to understand the stories. Little children can benefit too. They can overcome the challenges posed by unfamiliar vocabulary items in the books.

The language used in the story is beautiful. There are a lot of rhyming words and vivid expressions. All these drag me into the 'room of imagination'.

Being young at heart is not too difficult. Creativity is the best medicine!

An Insight from "Twister Trouble"

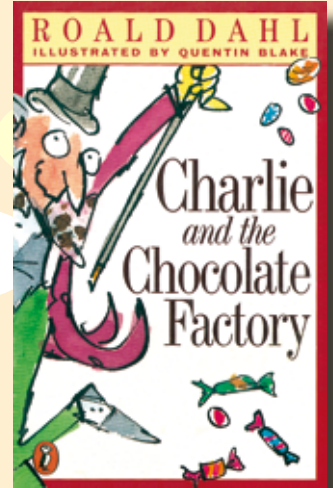
Hello! My name is Adrian Lin. I am studying in P.3A. When I was five years old, my parents told me that I was a piece of white paper in my mind. I needed to become a knowledgeable person to explore my fabulous life in the future. They drew my attention immediately.

I have read different kinds of books. They are Science, Animals, Nature, Weather of the Earth, Fairy Tales and History. My favourite books are Natural Disasters and Animals.

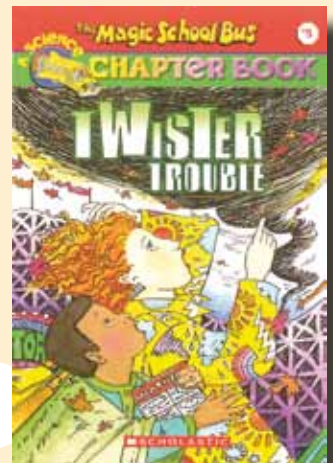
I have learnt that "Twister Trouble" usually come from special clouds, like Cumulus Cloud, Cirrus Cloud and Cumulonimbus Cloud. The most severe cloud is the Cumulonimbus Cloud because it creates thunder and lightning! I have also learnt about active volcanoes containing black smoke and red lava. The temperature is about 2000°C - 3000°C - that is super hot. When volcanoes erupt, there are huge black clouds, red lava and hot pebbles thrown into the atmosphere. The most active volcano is in Hawaii. Let me tell you some more about lightning and storms. It usually occurs in summer and it is created when cold icy clouds interchange with hot, fire clouds, which creates tiny electrons. As a result, lightning and storms will occur. When lightning occurs, you must stay in a safe place and don't use electrical appliances or stand under a tree!

I like animals too. On Earth, there are different kinds of animals like whales, dolphins, polar bears, butterflies, fishes, penguins and insects. My favourite animals are dolphins and zebras. They are very cute and lovely. Whales are the biggest mammals in the world. Some of the whales can swallow thousands of fishes when they open their mouths. Whales consume a lot of food daily.

I truly believe that reading can make us well equipped in the modern world. I would have no hesitation to keep this habit for the rest of my life. This is the story for my book sharing. You will have more fun if you can share your reading with more and more people.



3A Adrian Lin



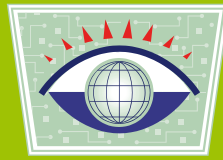
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Welcome to our fourth issue of Kowloon Tong School's Newsletter – The Vision (Vivid Inspirational Stimulating Intelligent Outstanding Newsletter). This year, students have been taking part in different activities which can widen their horizons. Also, they can learn about the culture of Hong Kong through outdoor visits and English room activities.

Singapore Trip

5A Clement Tsang

This is the photo that we took at Chek Lap Kok airport before we flew to Singapore. It embraces the purpose and the excitement of our trip. Some of the students are holding up the banner, which provided us with an enjoyable start to our trip.



6B Siu Yu Hang

On the third day, we went to the Singapore Underwater World. It was smaller than Ocean Park, but every bit as interesting. After visiting the aquarium, we fed the sharks. There were many kinds of sharks. It was an exciting and unforgettable experience.



6A Crystal Yu

What happened to Singapore during World War II? How could England occupy Singapore as one of its colonies? The colourful and informative board answered these questions, and grabbed our attention in enabling us to learn Singapore's past history.



5B Jenny Wong

We ate lunch in a Chinese restaurant! There were so many kinds of food on offer. They were all very tasty! We enjoyed it very much!



5D Vivian Ng

On the morning of 21st January, 2010, 28 KTS students were sitting in a classroom of Henry Park Primary School. We were having a Maths lesson and doing Maths with some Singapore students. Yoyo and I were working with two girls. We needed to discuss a question and give a presentation. After this lesson, I felt very happy and excited because I had learned many new things and made two new friends.



KTS Variety Show

6C Charlotte Chiu



It was my honour to be the MC of the KTS Variety Show. I needed to be confident to face the audience and I needed to be brave on the stage.



3C Jason Wong

I am so proud of being a member of the Junior Choir. I have learned the importance of team spirit and gained a lot of experience from the performance. I also feel happy in the choir. I think joining the Junior Choir is really meaningful for me.



4C Camellia Cheng



I was so happy that I could perform in the KTS Variety Show. I really like dancing from now on but still couldn't believe that I could dance on the stage. I was so happy about this and I hope I can perform on the stage more and more.



4D Jason Cheng

I think doing drama has made me become more confident to speak on stage. I hope I can participate next year, too.



6B Melody So



Performing on the stage is an honour. This is my last year in KTS and the last opportunity for me to perform in the KTS Variety Show. I treasured the chance. I am a member of the brass section in the orchestra. I have learned to carefully observe the conductor and play lovely melodies.



Talented Thinkers

To explore and enhance students' creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and leadership skills in reading and writing through various challenging tasks that require investigation, problem solving and decision making, banking on their linguistic competence or interests.

4A Dorothy Chiu

We are creating a new ending to the story, "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", and Alex is discussing the story plot with Miss Tong. I think his story is going to be a creative and interesting one!



4D Natalie Cheung

We have just been asked to write a letter to Baby Bear, so we are discussing the reactions and emotions of the characters in the story, "Goldilocks and the Three bears".



Create a new ending of the story from one's character perspective.

4C Matthew Suen

When I woke up, I saw the three bears standing angrily in front of the bed! I was so scared because my mother told me that bears were really weird, and they ate everything, including people.

There was only one thing that I could do at that time—RUN!!! But when I ran out of the house, I saw an enormous bear. It was Grandpa Bear! Grandpa Bear was even bigger and stronger than the three bears in the house. I was so frightened that I did not know what I could do. I ran as fast as I could. I ran into a store, and bought some porridge and a chair with my pocket money. I also bought a card, and I wrote on the card: "Sorry, Bears!"

Immediately, I ran back to the three bears' house and I gave the chair, some porridge, and the card to the four bears!

Luckily, they forgave me and we became friends!



Imagine that you are Goldilocks. You decided to write a letter to Baby Bear when you went home.

4C Chris Li

Dear Baby Bear,

How are you? I am Goldilocks, the girl who broke into your house last week. I am sorry about everything I did at your home. I was punished by my mother after I got home.

Eating your breakfast and breaking your chair have made me feel bad about myself. I hope you can forgive me, and be a friend of mine. If you become my friend, I think we can get on well with each other.

Please tell your parents that I feel sorry about what I have done to you. I will buy you a new chair with my pocket money.

I am working on a school project about bears, and I want to learn more about you and your family. What do you like eating? Do you eat people? Do you live in caves?

I am looking forward to receiving your letter.



Cheers,
Goldilocks

4D Terrence Kwok

Dear Baby Bear,

I am sorry that I ate your porridge and broke your chair last week. I didn't know that it was your house until you and your family came back. I hope you will forgive me. Maybe one day, I can go to your house and give you some honey that my mother makes!

I hope we can be friends. We could go ice-skating, cycling and shopping together. I could go to your house again, and play with you. You know, I have two electronic games and I could give you one as a present.

I have learnt a lesson. I will never go into your house again without your permission.

Please write to me soon.



Regards,
Goldilocks

4F King Suen

Dear Baby Bear,

How are you? I felt very sorry for you because I did something bad to you at your house yesterday – I went into your house without your permission, I broke the door of your house, I ate the hot porridge and I even broke your tiny chair!

I think I am very naughty. I should not have done that. Yesterday, when Father Bear and Mother Bear came back, I was so frightened that I ran away as fast as I could!

Sorry, Baby Bear. Can I be your friend? Can I buy you a new chair? Can I invite you to have breakfast with me every day?

Please reply.



Regards,
Goldilocks

Poetry Writing

5A Juliet Ho

To serve as a continuous learning programme for the Primary Four Pull-out Programme with the aims of further enhancing students' linguistic competence through various challenging tasks with special emphasis on poetry writing.



The students are discussing the answers with their partners. I think they enjoy this class. Look, how attentive they are? Mr. Sellers must be talking about something interesting.



Wow! Mr. Sellers is talking about Similes. I think almost everyone likes this class. I can see their smiling faces.

A Visit to an English Reading Carnival Kowloon Tong School (Secondary Section)

5C Jacky Tong



There were a lot of game booths. We enjoyed taking part in them.



We played with "The Magic Cups" in a laboratory. It was such an exciting game.



I was asked to spell a new vocabulary item in a reader. It was a challenging task.

Students' Work

My Family 1A Jessie Lau

This is my mother.
Her name is Grace.
She is a housewife.
She has a small nose and long hair.
She is thin and kind.
She cooks food for me every day.
She always takes me to have different lessons.
I like my mother very much.



Buying a Birthday Gift 2C Kristy Wu

Dear Yoyo,
Here is the birthday gift for Penny. It is a teddy bear. It costs thirty-four dollars and eighty cents. It is cute and it has a pink little ribbon on its neck. Penny can keep it on the bed. I chose it because I know you like teddy bears and your favourite colours are pink and brown.
I hope you like it too.



Love from,
Kristy

My Ideal Life 3B Hilbert Leung

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please make my dreams come true? I want to be the best football player in the world. I want to live with Ronaldo in the biggest house in the world. I hope I can play computer games and watch TV every day. I also want to play with David Beckham in the park. In my spare time, I want to play football in the park. On holidays, I want to go to space with Steven Gerrard. I also want to eat sushi, fried rice, hamburgers, jelly, sausages and noodles every day. I also want to play with lions and tigers, and sharks in the sea. I hope I can read books about snakes, dinosaurs and mice in the house. This is my ideal life.



Love,
Hilbert

A Study Tour 4A Alex Ip

I am going to Japan for my study tour. It will last for one month. It will start on 18th July, 2010 and will end on 18th August, 2010. I am looking forward to going there.

During weekdays, I will learn Japanese in a local school. I can make a lot of Japanese friends. I can improve my Japanese by communicating with them. I can also try different kinds of Japanese food.

During weekends, I can ride the Shinkansen from Tokyo to Osaka. I will have a hot spring in Osaka. I will also go shopping there. I will even go to an amusement park!

I should take my backpack, some money, my mobile phone and some Chinese and English books to read. I would like to recommend this study tour because I can learn more about Japanese culture. I can also eat a lot of Japanese food. I can even go sightseeing.



Helping Our World 5A Dickson Kwok

There are many disabled people who need our help and support. The most serious problem is that they are often discriminated against by others because of their disabilities. This always makes them feel angry and helpless.

Another problem is that there are not enough facilities for the disabled people. It is inconvenient for them to access public transport and public places. This is the reason why most of them are unwilling to go outside. In addition, it is hard for many of the disabled people to find jobs. There are not enough job opportunities for them. As a result, many of them are frustrated and depressed. All of these factors cause most of the disabled people to have few friends.

We should all try our best to help the disabled people in our society. The government should educate the public to accept them or even protect them by law from discrimination. The government should also improve facilities on public transport and in public places. More vocational training centres should be set up to improve the job opportunities for disabled people. People should join activities with the disabled people to share happiness. If we all help, we will have a more harmonious society, filled with warmth.



Poem Writing – Blue Whales 6A Ernest Kwan

Biggest animal—even bigger than any dinosaur!
 Live in small groups
 Unbelievably powerful
 Eat tiny organisms

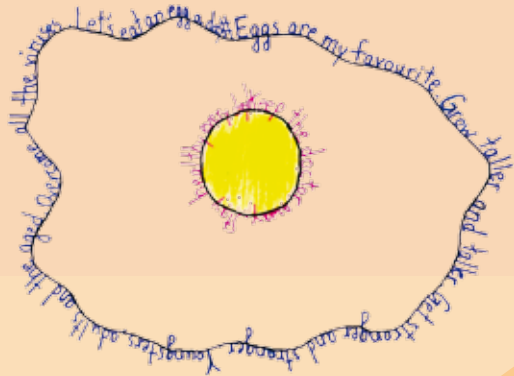


With speedy swimming ability
 Have become sparser and sparser
 Able to make a deafening call
 Leviathan of the world
 Extinct—if not protected
 Start saving them by not polluting the water—NOW!

A Shape Poem

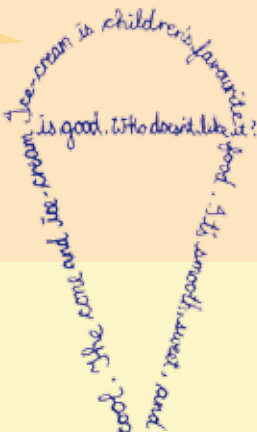
6A Andy Li

Eggs are my favourite.
 Grow taller and taller.
 Get stronger and stronger.
 Youngsters, adults and the aged.
 Overcome all the viruses.
 Let's eat an egg a day.
 Keep the doctor away.
 Stay healthy every day!!!



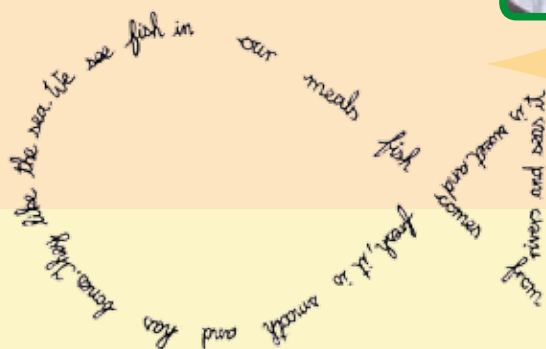
6C Andrea Lai

Ice-cream is children's favourite food.
 It's smooth, sweet, and cool.
 The cone and ice-cream is good.
 Who doesn't like it?



6C Anson Chow

We see fish in our meals.
 Fish comes from rivers and seas.
 It is sweet and fresh,
 it is smooth and has bones.
 They like the sea.



Award

Hong Kong Budding Poets (English) Award 2009 - 2010 Poet of the School (Primary Section)

6A Anna Li

Dream

Drift sleepily into the Kingdom of Dreams
In the misty night without sunbeam
The scenery there will make your eyes gleam
With twittering birds and a magical stream
But in grand hallways with lights too dim
Might hide creatures that make you scream!

Dream of yourself soaring with wings
To the high up heaven where an angel sings
Beside her sat some bee-like things
With out-stretched legs and jeweled rings
Together they chorused 'We're servants of kings
If you dare touch our rings, we'll give you strings!'

Waking suddenly you tremble with fright
Remembering at the instant the terrifying sight
Feeling exhausted, you hug a pillow tight
With good luck, your dreams will be bright.

Drift sleepily into the Kingdom of Dreams
In the misty night without sunbeam
For nightmares and sweet dreams are teams
The chances of getting them aren't slim
Now leave your worries, have a dream
The scenery in dreams will make your eyes gleam.



Essay Writing Competition (Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School)—First Runner-up

5A Kate Chiu

If I were an animal, I would like to be a big bird. If I were a big bird, I would look after all the animals, I would not let the cruel people kill them, I would protect them if I could.

If I were a big bird, I would make the world peaceful, no wars, no one dies in wars - nothing but peace. If the world became peaceful, everyone would be happy - no tears in their eyes, no fear in their heart, but just smiles on their faces, and nice days forever. So, I would not let people and animals have wars, and I would not let them get hurt, either.

If I were a big bird, I would fly to the beautiful sky with my soft wings and ask God to make good weather for animals and people. They find it so difficult to stay alive in the terrible weather—sometimes cold, sometimes hot. God is the kindest person in the world—it would help us if we prayed to him.

Finally, if I were a big bird, I would want the animals and people to know I love them forever. I would help them have the best life they could. If I were a big bird, I would be the best “mother” in the world and take care all of them forever, just like God.



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3D Karina Wong

I like “The Vicar of Nibbleswicke” the best. It is about a man who suffered from “dyslexia” when he was young. It affects a person’s reading and spelling. When he grew up, his problem was cured until he was appointed vicar of Nibbleswicke. He was too nervous to be a vicar and so he suffered from another disease - Back-to-front Dyslexia. This made the vicar always read the most important word backwards and made the sentence very funny, but he did not know. At last he was cured by a very special method, he needed to walk backwards while he was speaking.

I learnt that if some words were written backwards, the meaning would be very different. For example, the vicar wanted to say “God helps me”, but it became “Dog helps me” or he had turned “Each of you knits!” into “Each of you stink!”

