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A trip around Hong Kong (Stay Home, Stay Safe)

Due to the restrictions under COVID-19, we all have not been able to travel. A lot of us miss the days when we fly to Japan or Thailand during holidays. We missed the food and the shopping time. We missed the theme parks and wandering around streets. Instead of travelling and spending days in quarantine (which is quite difficult to book a hotel for indeed), it is definitely better to explore our own hometown and find new places to travel in Hong Kong.



We interviewed some of our teachers to know how they spent their holidays during the pandemic. They spoke about their favourite travel destinations and the places in Hong Kong that they love to visit. Their insights might be helpful in planning your next holiday!

'Staycations in Hong Kong are a great substitute to travelling overseas.'

(by Aiden Tang, Brendan Tam & Daniel Lee)



A staycation in one of the hotels in Hong Kong

Mr Hui misses travelling like most of us. He shared about his most memorable trip to his favourite destination – Korea.

‘I loved Korean food the most. You can pick seafood before it is cooked, so it is really special,’ he mentioned. ‘We can’t go travelling overseas now but we can just book ourselves a staycation! Staying in a hotel in Hong Kong works as a substitute for travelling overseas. You can enjoy the buffet, work out at the gym, go for swimming and play card games with your family or friends in the hotel room. Leaving our home for a day or two recharges us and boosts our energy!’

'Going hiking is another great way to have fun.'

Talking about recommending us some places to visit in Hong Kong, Mr Hui was excited. ‘You can indeed go hiking on Lamma Island or Lantau Island. There should be some special places where you haven’t been to. You can do some healthy exercise on the outlying islands and the view is excellent!’ After travel restrictions are lifted, Mr Hui would like to visit Taiwan since the cost is not expensive. It can be a short trip or a weekend trip. He has missed the food there. What Mr Hui has in his mind is always

FOOD!

'Disneyland is the best place to visit in Hong Kong.'

(by Celine Hui, Kris Law & Zoe Cheung)



Colosseum in Rome, Italy

‘Italy is one of my favourite countries. I like the food and the historical tourist attractions there. I visited the Colosseum in Rome and it was stunning!’ Ms Wong shared with us her most memorable trip overseas. She also shared her silly incident with us. ‘I once thought I lost my passport and I was so worried! After searching everywhere for an hour, do you know where I found it? I found it under my pillow in the hotel room!’

How about travelling in Hong Kong? Some of you may have known her answer already. She said, ‘I love going to Disneyland and I have an annual pass. After getting an annual pass, it is a waste not to go there often! Sham Shui Po is another place that I go frequently. *(What a surprise!)* There is a street where lots of toys are sold. There are traditional old toys and modern ones. Both are sold at a great value. You can find many treasures!’ she added.

After travel restrictions are lifted, Ms Wong wants to travel to Japan to enjoy the yummy sushi and the hot springs. She would like to view cherry blossoms as well, although it may not be possible as she may not have a holiday then. Visiting shrines, shopping, taking pictures, wearing a kimono... She has a long list!

'Let's explore new places for hiking in Hong Kong!'

(by Angus Ho, Nick Chan & Hanson Law)

Due to the pandemic, many people who like travelling are stuck in Hong Kong, just like Ms Zhu. She has been to many places but her favourite place is Sanya. Sanya is in the southern part of China. 'Actually, I visited Sanya a few years ago. There is a tropical rainforest and some beautiful beaches. It was also the place I first experienced scuba diving. I loved the experience of seeing sea animals in the clear water! Having sea animals swimming around you is just incredible!' she said excitedly.

During the pandemic, Ms Zhu had to stop travelling around. She began to fall in love with hiking. 'I recommend going to Sai Kung and spend a whole day hiking there. The view is wonderful when you are up on a hill. The air is refreshing and I can simply leave all my worries and stress behind. Every day, we are living in a crowded town. Cars, buildings and people are everywhere and sometimes it could be suffocating. Going hiking allows us to get closer to the nature. There are in fact so many places to explore in Hong Kong. I should go to more spots for hiking during the pandemic. Many people haven't been to a lot of places in Hong Kong. We can often find a new place to hike. Of course, safety comes first. We have to ensure the place that we are going are suitable for our level!' she said.



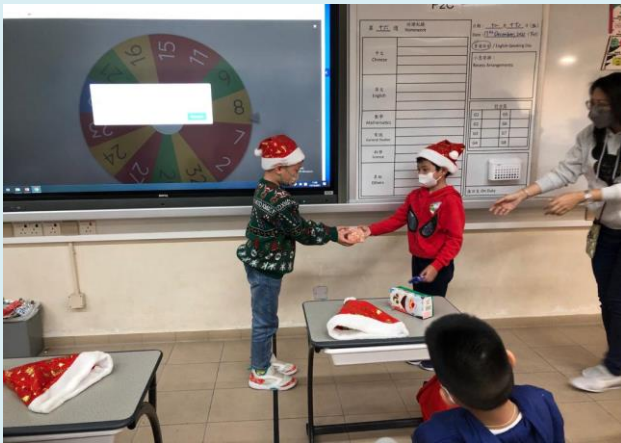
Northern Lights, Norway

After travel restrictions are lifted, Ms Zhu wants to go to Norway in Europe. 'I really want to see the Northern lights!' she exclaimed.

English Day at Christmas

Christmas celebrations this year were special. Students watched the movie *Home Alone* in class followed by English games and exchanging gifts amongst them.

The English games we played in the class were full of fun. The first game was called Charades. Students were divided into groups. A student got a word and he or she had to act in front of his or her classmates. The classmates had to guess the word to score. Some words were easy to act but for some words, students had to be really creative in order to think of different ways to communicate the word to the rest of the class. The scores were being calculated and we were all eyeing the first prize.



The second game was Words Solitaire. Students needed to give as many words as they could think of based on a letter or category. It was fun when the timer for 1 minute was set and they all started blurting out words. We were amazed at our students' skills of remembering so many words and saying them.

After the games, students shared the goodies with their friends. Towards the end of the day, they exchanged gifts with one another. Students had to spin a wheel of numbers to see who would come and get their gift. They introduced their gift by describing it to the class. They gave their heartfelt blessings as well. It was a fun and fair way to exchange gifts while using English at the same time. Both teachers and students look forward to celebrating more festivals together!

Our teachers

We have all been curious to know about our teacher's personal daily life. Hence, we went ahead and interviewed a few teachers about their hobbies, passions and family life. We also asked them their reasons for choosing to become a teacher. Our teachers have shared some really sweet anecdotes and motivated us to be more like them. We interviewed Mr Chung, Mr Zhu and Ms Radhika to find out more about them.

'Having a few close friends is way better than having a lot of friends.'

(by Aiden Tang, Brendan Tam & Daniel Lee)



Mr Chung lives with his parents and his two pet cats. He has several hobbies. He likes collecting toy cars and Transformers figures. He even showed us his favourite toy car and his favourite figure at the interview.

Mr Chung has always loved learning English. When he started teaching, he fell in love with this job. He found the job satisfying and he enjoys talking to children. When he was young, he dreamed of being a pilot or a race car driver indeed. If he wouldn't have become a teacher, he would have been flying us to different countries or vrooming on tracks! We might be able to see him holding a trophy up on TV!

Before COVID-19, Mr Chung and his family loved travelling to different places. They have been to Japan together four times. Now, with the money and the time, the family just meet up for dinner at different restaurants.

Mr Chung shared, ‘Having a few close friends is way better than having a lot of friends that you are not close with.’ He has a few good friends who attend Sunday mass with him at the church. They usually hang out or have lunch together. He sometimes plays badminton with his friends too.

‘If I were not a teacher, I would have become a basketball player.’

(by Celine Hui, Kris Law & Zoe Cheung)



Mr Zhu belongs to a family of teachers. His father and his grandfather were both teachers and they left a big impact on him. That is why he chose to pursue his career in teaching. He enjoys teaching and guiding young learners.

Mr Zhu loves playing basketball. If he were not a teacher, he would have become a basketball player. He said, ‘Playing basketball is great fun! I played basketball with my friends in my hometown – Fujian. Due to COVID-19, I haven’t been back and met my family face-to-face for a long time. When we meet, we enjoy having meals together. I really miss the food and my family.’

Fujian is close to Taiwan, so Mr Zhu travelled to Taiwan frequently in the past. He has many friends. He loves playing basketball with his friends or going hiking when they are free. Hiking is really a popular hobby among our teachers!

'I really love interacting with students.'

(by Angus Ho, Nick Chan & Zoe Cheung)

Ms Radhika was our NET when we were in lower primary. She taught us phonics skills and had story-telling sessions with us. This year, she has become our English teacher and she teaches us Science. Why was there a change?

Ms Radhika has a teenage son and she loves having conversations with him. She has been inspired by children's ideas and their innocent words. When she was a NET, she only met students twice a week. She would love to establish stronger relationships with students. She loves interacting with students and having in-depth discussions with them. So, she took up the role of English teacher and Science teacher. Although working on homework sometimes can be devastating, it is also another way to understand students. She has been able to learn about students' progress from their homework and the improvements they have made together were fascinating. She has found students in Hon Wah have many brilliant ideas and she loves to share creative ideas with them.



Ms Radhika loves travelling to different places. She has been to Seychelles before the pandemic started. It is one of the smallest countries in the world situated near Madagascar. When she was small, she wanted to become an ice-cream taster who gets paid for tasting different flavours of ice-cream. In her free time, she loves watching movies with her family. She has many friends and she loves going hiking with them. She also loves inviting them to her house for dinner as she loves cooking.

The Annual Musical

The title of the annual musical this year is *Show My True Colours*. It is about a talent hunt competition. Six main characters have various talents and are trying to shine on stage. They are divided into two teams and have to compete with each other. They have to show their talents to others while having to deal with some personal setbacks. They are also under pressure of performing and they end up doubting their abilities. Fortunately, in the end they shine and give delightful performances.



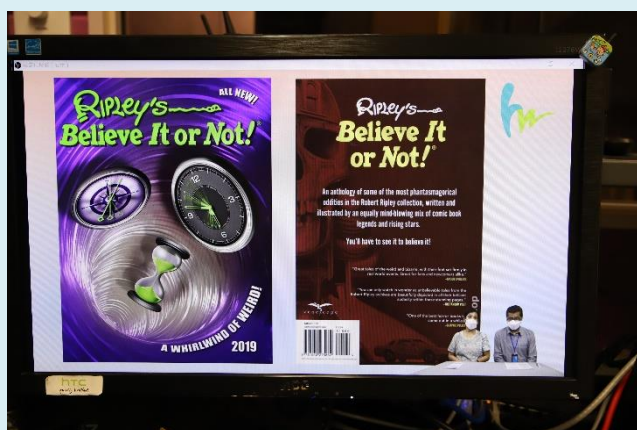
Show My True Colours has taught us that we should not hide our true colours because we feel shy. We should express our feelings with dance, music, drama, drawings or any other means. It has also taught us that hard work always leads to success. Winners fight against all odds and keep enhancing their skills to perform brilliantly.



Students enjoyed singing the beautiful songs in this musical. Having to sing, dance and act together as a team was a great experience. Although a lot of lessons were carried out on Zoom, students worked hard together to produce great scenes. It was fantastic!

Campus TV

This year, we have had a variety of topics on Campus TV. The fun part was that students got to choose and suggest topics for the episodes. Ms Mor and Mr Jeetu prepared according to students' suggestions. Some students suggested brilliant topics. Rather than simply listening to our NETs' sharing, students could also share their special topics with the rest of the school. We all enjoyed the episodes and students found the sharing particularly interesting as the topics were from their peers.



Mr Jeetu and Ms Mor did research on the topics. For instance, students wanted our NETs to talk about video games. Ms Mor and Mr Jeetu spoke about some of the favourite games like Minecraft and Roblox. They also suggested video games that might be good for children like Wordle and Active Arcade. Another interesting topic covered was about Artificial Intelligence, i.e. robots. They spoke about Siri, Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant who follow our commands and finish tasks.

The most hilarious episode was when Ms Mor and Mr Jeetu suggested students reading some really funny books. The book titles were so amazingly funny: *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*, *Cinderboy*, *Shampoozle* and *Mr Stink*... Students were surprised to know that these titles were real books. They also shared their thoughts with our NETs whenever they have classes after Campus TV. Some of them read the books suggested and shared with schoolmates as well.

Word Search Puzzle

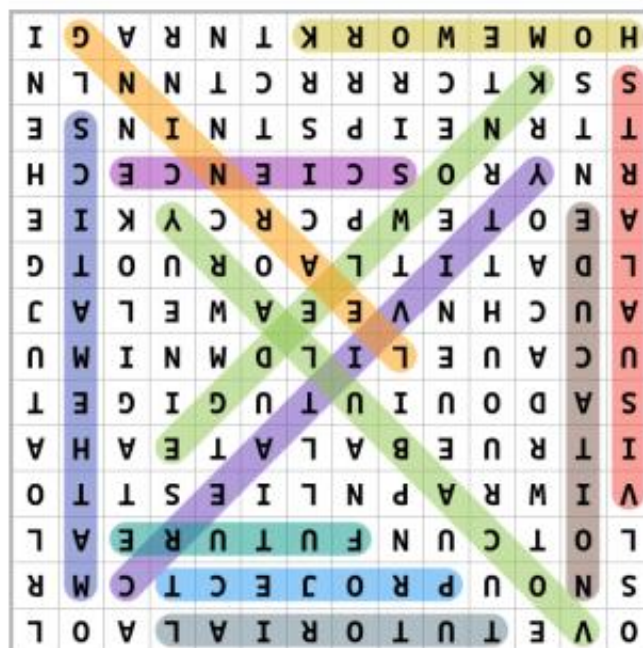
Are you able to look for all the words related to the topic? The words can be in any direction!

Teachers

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EDUCATION
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VOCABULARY

Answers to Word Search Puzzle



The Hon Wah NET Team



Ms Mor and Mr Jeetu

Our Team



Front row (from the left): Law Wai Hin (4C), Hui Celine (4C), Cheung Hei Tung (4A)

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