



Bethel High School Parent Newsletter

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Chinese and Putonghua Department

With the sponsorship of the Alice Lan & Vera Shen Education Fund, the 10th Putonghua Competition of Yuen Long & Tuen Mun District Primary School Students was organised on 14/3/2015. We invited experts in the field to be adjudicators. There were many contestants whose Putonghua levels have kept improving all the time. Contestants obtained excellent results. The School Information Day was also held on the same day. Exhibitions and game booths were set up so that contestants were able to experience the learning atmosphere of our school.

Liberal Studies Department

1. We invited an official from the Registration and Electoral Office to give a talk about the election system in Hong Kong so that students can learn more about the political issues in Hong Kong.
2. In collaboration with the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Association we recycled peach blossom trees as fertilizer after the Lunar New Year. The event was reported on a programme of TVB, "Scoop", as well as the Apple Daily.
3. The Liberal Studies Department and Career Guidance Team collaborated to organise a Hair Styling Workshop to visit a salon in Causeway Bay so that students can have more understanding about different life skills.

Visual Arts Department

We held a Graduate Exhibition for S.6 students showing their art work of the past three years from 10/2/2015 to 13/2/2015 so that other students can share their interest in production.

Religious Affairs Committee

1. We held an Inter-class Hymn Singing Competition on 2/2/2015 and 4/2/2015 so that students sang their praise and thanks to the Lord as well as established a sense of belonging to the class. Each form was presented a Best Performance Award. The winners were 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A. All the winning classes took part in the Hymn Singing Concert to sing their praise to the Lord on 13/2/2015.
2. We held the Easter Service on 26/3/2015. Sisters from Tsun Lei Church, Bethel Mission of China led the worship and hymn singing. After the worship, Dr. Quentin Washispack of the New Life Church came from the USA and gave a sermon. Some students also shared to let other students know about the work of God. In summer, we are going to hold an English gospel day camp with the New Life Church from the USA. Friends from America will hold different English activities for students. The camp is free of charge. Students are cordially invited to join. The details will be announced later.

Career Guidance Team

1. We held an Information Technology career talk for 4A and 5A students on 29/1/2015 to introduce the career perspective of that industry so that students could have more understanding and interest towards the IT industry.
2. We held a further studies and career perspective exhibition on the Parents' Day on 8/2/2015. We met some parents and answered their enquiries about further studies and career planning of their child.
3. We invited a senior station officer from the Fire Services Department to introduce the entry requirements, interviews and work of firemen/firewomen and ambulancemen / ambulancewomen to S.6 students on 13/2/2015.
4. We invited a speaker from the Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited to introduce the Aircraft Maintenance Craftsman Trainee Programme and its career path to S.6 students on 26/2/2015.
5. We organised a mock release of results for S.6 students on 5/3/2015. Students had to find their further study and career opportunities in different game booths based on the mock DSE results they received so that students can experience different choices of further studies and careers after the release of HKDSE results.
6. We invited some serving interpreters and new reporters to give a talk to 2B and 3B students on 12/3/2015 to share about their work and encourage students to read more so that students could enrich their vocabulary and take advantage of proficiency in multiple languages of the ethnic minorities.
7. We arranged 41 students from 5B and 5C to visit the Career Sparkle Centre of St. James' Settlement on 13/3/2015. Students learned more about the working environment of different careers through the Career Simulation Game so that they can prepare for their future career.
8. We arranged 10 students from 5A to take part in the VTC International Day 2015 of the Vocational Training Council on 19/3/2015. Students participated in a course talk, visited the Haking Wong campus, enjoyed the dancing and singing performance of the NCS students and visited the game booths set up by organisations which promote racial harmony.
9. We arranged 4A students to visit the Customs and Excise Training School on 24/3/2015 so that students can learn more about the training and job nature of Customs and Excise officers.
10. We helped S.6 students to enrol in the 2015/16 Full time Bachelor Degree, Higher Diploma and Diploma in Vocational Education programmes of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) in mid March. We also nominated some S.6 students to participate in the School Principal's Nominations for Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) courses.
11. We arranged S.4 students to participate in the APL taster programmes organised by the EDB in mid March so that students can learn more about the course content, venue, learning facilities, etc. APL courses enabled students to understand vocational theories through application and practice. The courses also developed the attitude of active learning and the generic skills of students.

Healthy Campus Development Team

1. The Leadership Training Camp was finished on 31/1/2015. The “Future Leader Scheme” will come to phrase three – Shadowing. Students who completed the Future Leader course should choose one position of the student leaders and become that leader's shadow. The matching has been completed. In March to May, Future Leaders will learn and experience how to take up that position. They will equip themselves for that position in future.
2. In order to encourage students to appreciate and respect nature as well as to promote students' interest of planting, we have organised the One Person, One Flower Scheme. This year the plant was Lemmon's Marigold. 90 students took part in the planting workshop and took the seedling to their home to plant. Students with seedlings can participate in the flower appreciation event in June to show their outcome of planting and compete for the Flowery Award.
3. The theme of Inter-class Board Design Competition in the second term is “Love • Harmony” which is to promote the school culture of respect, caring and tolerance. The results of the competition are as follows:

Junior Forms

Champion 3B 1st Runner-up 3A 2nd Runner-up 3C

Senior Forms

Champion 4A 1st Runner-up 5B 2nd Runner-up 5A

Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities Team

1. We took part in the Schools Dance Festival. The Modern Dance Team obtained the Commended Award and the Oriental Dance Team obtained the Highly Commended Award.
2. We organised the S.6 Farewell Assembly so that S.6 students can show their gratitude to school.
3. We co-organised a Professional Cosmetic Workshop with the Career Guidance Team and took students to the Hong Kong Coliseum to have a field visit so that students can have more understanding about different life skills.

Public Relations Team

1. We took part in the Chinese New Year Funfair of the Yuen Long District Arts Committee to serve the residents in Yuen Long on 28/2/2015.
2. We participated in the Chinese New Year Fairview Park Lakeside Healthy Walk organised by the office of Yau Tai Tai District Councillor. Students performed Jazz dance for Fairview Park residents.
3. We visited Kam Tin Mung Yeung Public School on 27/3/2015 to introduce the vision of our school.

Staff Development Team

In order to develop the spiritual lives of teachers and students, all teachers took part in the 21st Education Seminar of Tuen Mun and Yuen Long District Christian Secondary Schools on 20/3/2015.

The topic of the seminar this year was “Restore? Silence?”. The seminar began with a revival sermon given by the senior pastor of Tsim Sha Tsui Swatow Christian Church, Pastor Lau Yan Tak. After that, the principal of ECF Saint Too Canaan College, Dr. Li Pak Hung, Stephen, gave a talk with the title “Your Companion”. His talk mentioned both academic papers and his practical experience in the education field. It ended with the last book of Pastor John Stott, “The Radical Disciple: Some Neglected Aspects of Our Calling”, to remind teachers about their values.

Community Youth Club

The “Year of the Goat Celebration for the Elderly and the Young” was held on 7/3/2015 (Sat) at our school. Around 100 elderly people from the Pok Oi Hospital Mrs. Wong Tung Yuen District Elderly Community Centre and the Yuen Long Town Hall Mr. Chan Ying Tseung Memorial Neighbourhood Elderly Centre took part in the event. The slogan of the event was “Be respectful, tolerant and responsible. Build up a harmonious and caring community.” 200 teachers and students from Bethel High School, Buddhist Wing Yan School, Buddhist Chan Wing Kan Memorial School, Shap Pat Heung Rural Committee Kung Yik She Primary School, Ho Ming Primary School (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen), Yuen Long Public Secondary School and Shun Tak Fraternal Association Yung Yau College spent a half day with the elderly. We provided activities such as some aerobic exercises, mass games, craft workshops, a Chinese medicine talk, a vegetarian lunch, a lucky draw and different performances so that the elderly can relax and students can show their love and respect to the elderly.