

# Paulinian Post

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## Welcome Back to School!

Dear Paulinians,

Welcome back to school this year! We hope you enjoyed a relaxing break. This year brings exciting opportunities for learning, with engaging lessons and activities planned by our teachers, from hands-on science experiments to creative art projects.

As we settle in, remember that upcoming assessments are approaching. It is a great time to focus on study habits and support our students. We are also looking forward to our annual school picnic later this month for a day of fun and friendship. Let us make this year memorable! We are so happy to see everyone back in the classroom.

Happy October!

Warm regards,  
SPPCS English Team



# 2024-2025 English Ambassador Team (EAT)

English Ambassadors are leaders dedicated to fostering an English-rich environment in the school by enhancing students' exposure to English through engaging and interactive activities. At the same time, they receive training in important skills such as leadership, presentation, and writing!



## **Introducing New Faces**

Let us give a warm welcome to the new English teachers joining our school community! These skilled educators bring valuable knowledge and fresh ideas to our classrooms. We are excited to have them on board and look forward to the positive impact they will make on our students!



I'm thrilled to join this vibrant learning community and to embark on this journey with each of you. Together, we'll explore the beauty of language and the stories it can tell. I look forward to an amazing year filled with growth, creativity, and lots of learning!

Ms Emily Yuen

Hi, everyone! Since the start of the school year, your polite greetings, warm smile and eagerness to learn have brought me a great joy. I love travelling, photography and cooking. Come and chat with me if we meet in the playground or in the corridor!

Ms Amanda Leung



Hello everyone! My name is Miss Ale, and I'm excited to be your new teacher this year. I have a passion for English and I believe that learning should be both fun and engaging. Outside of teaching, I enjoy hiking and singing, and I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you better as we learn together!

Ms Alejandra Gonzales

# Embracing New Horizons: My Journey from the UK to Hong Kong

As a Native-speaking English Teacher who moved from the UK to Hong Kong, I wanted to share my experiences in this vibrant city. The transition has been filled with exciting adventures and valuable lessons that I never anticipated.

One of the standout highlights of living in Hong Kong is the stunning beaches. Whether it's a relaxing day at Repulse Bay, with its soft sands and clear waters, or an adventurous outing at Shek O, where I can enjoy surfing or hiking along the coast, the coastline offers a perfect escape from the bustling city. The hiking trails are equally impressive, with breathtaking views from Dragon's Back and Lantau Peak. Each trek reveals a new aspect of Hong Kong's natural beauty, making exploring these landscapes a refreshing change from my life in the UK.

The food scene here is nothing short of amazing! From the iconic dim sum to the beloved egg waffles, every meal is a delightful experience. The variety of cuisines available in Hong Kong reflects its rich cultural diversity, allowing me to enjoy everything from traditional Cantonese dishes to international flavors. Each dining experience feels like a culinary adventure, and I love discovering new restaurants and street food stalls.

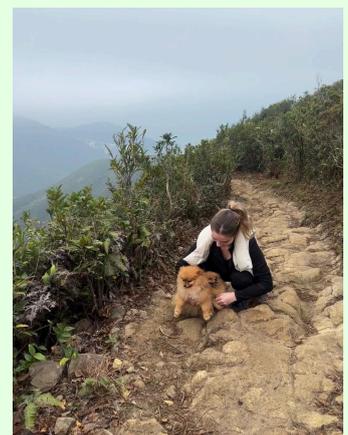


Of course, adapting to a new environment comes with its own set of challenges. The hot and humid weather can be overwhelming, especially during the summer months. Navigating the language barrier has its moments. Additionally, understanding local etiquette has required some adjustment. However, these difficulties are part of the journey and have pushed me to grow in new ways, teaching me resilience and adaptability.

Through this experience, I've come to appreciate the beauty of cultural exchange. We can all learn from different cultures, and each brings its own value and richness to our lives. Embracing these differences not only enriches our experiences but also broadens our perspectives, fostering a deeper understanding of the world around us.

As I continue my adventure in Hong Kong, I look forward to discovering more about this dynamic city and the lessons it has to offer. Each day brings new opportunities for growth, connection, and exploration, and I'm excited to see where this journey will lead me next!

Miss Marie



## **An Interview With Miss Ale**

Miss Ale has joined the English team this year as our new ELTA (all the way from Mexico!). SPPCS students had lots of questions to ask her and were very excited to learn about her culture. This exchange of ideas not only enriched their understanding but also sparked their curiosity. Keep up the curiosity, girls!

### ***What means the most to you? - Kloe Chan, 6D***

*For me, the most important things in life are family, freedom, and joy. Family provides love and support, freedom allows me to explore and grow, and joy is what makes every day brighter.*

### ***Why did you choose to move to Hong Kong? - Hannah Lo, 5A***

*I initially planned to study in Canada when I turned 20, but life took a different turn, and I found myself in Hong Kong. I quickly fell in love with the vibrant culture and energy of the city. After completing my studies in Mexico, I decided to return to Hong Kong to settle down, and I'm so glad I did!*

### ***You previously mentioned you like nature. Why? - Verena Yan, 6D***

*I love nature because it offers a chance to breathe in fresh air and truly enjoy the moment. Being surrounded by natural beauty helps me feel grounded and connected to the world around me.*

**What is your first impression of all the students at this school?**

**- Talia Tsang, 6C**

*My first impression of the students at SPPCS is very positive! You are all incredibly curious and talkative, which creates a lively atmosphere. Your friendliness and kindness really stand out, and I feel welcomed by your warm spirit.*

**What kind of music do you like? - Andrea Ki, 6B**

*I enjoy a variety of music, but I have a special fondness for Hawaiian music. The chilled beats create such a relaxed vibe. I also love soft rock, folk music, reggae, and jazz. Upbeat music is my favourite because it lifts my spirits and makes me want to dance!*

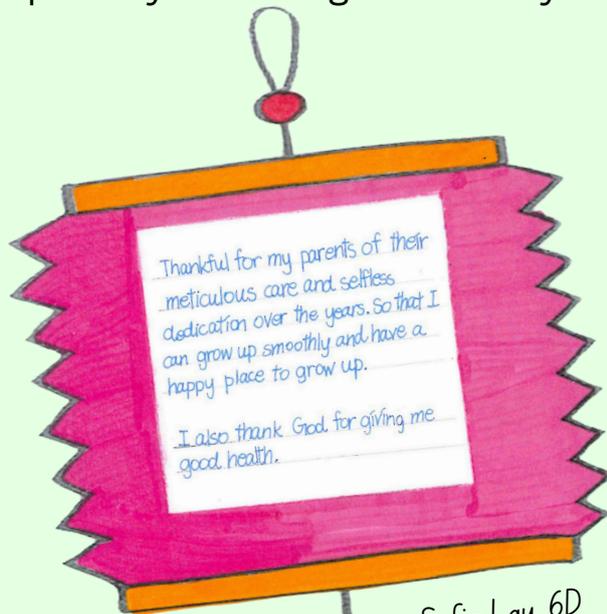
**How will you encourage students to speak English? - Lettie Ng, 6A**

*As a teacher, I believe it's essential to hear my students' ideas and interests. I aim to create a relaxed environment where we can engage in natural conversations. By speaking with students outside of lesson time, I hope to encourage them to express themselves in English more freely and comfortably.*

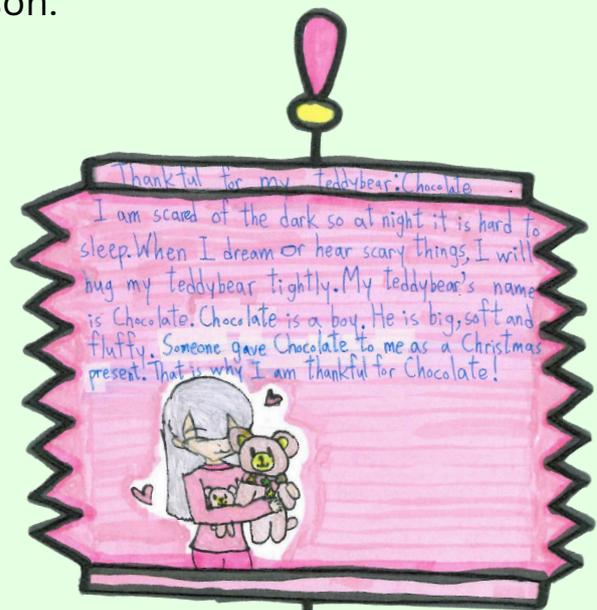


# Lanterns of Thanks

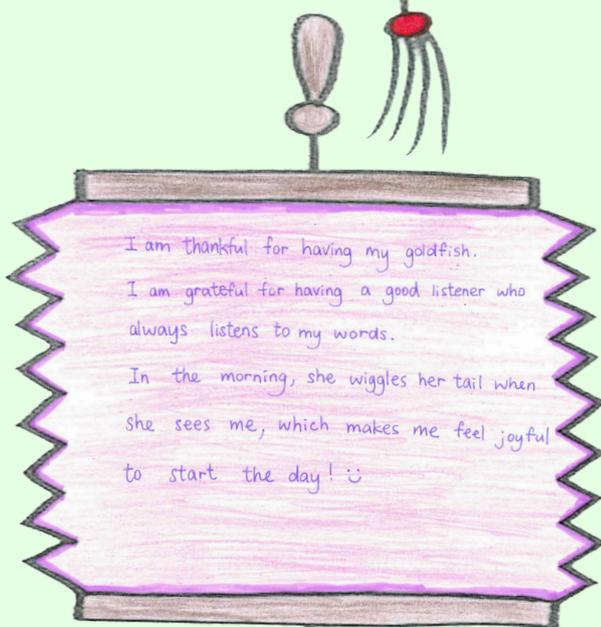
As part of the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations, Primary Four to Primary Six students reflected on what they are thankful for and shared their thoughts on a traditional Chinese lantern. We all have much to be thankful for, and it is important to remember this, especially on during the holiday season.



Sofia Lau, 6D



Hailey Fung, 6D



Bianca Cheng, 6B



Cheng Ching Yin, 4D

## Book Recommendations

Some recent books that fellow Paulinians have read and enjoyed. Don't forget to check out the school library English section!

*Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape,*  
Dermot O'Leary

I recommend this book to students because it is very interesting. It is about 2 cats named Silver and Toto who go exploring London. Soon they meet a snake. Can you guess what will happen?

Yui Lau, 5D

*The Longest Whale Song,* Jaqueline Wilson

Ella's mum is in a coma. Her stepdad tries everything to wake her up but nothing seems to work. What do you think Ella will do to save Mum? Will she ever see her again?

I highly recommend this book to P.4-P.5 students. I think they will laugh out loud like hyenas.

Leanna Sam, 5A

*Matilda,* Roald Dahl

I chose this book to recommend because I think it's very funny and teaches people that being different isn't a bad thing. I think this book is suitable for P.3-P.4 students. The story is about a clever girl called Matilda who has strange parents and is sent to a school that has a rude principal. Matilda finds out she has special powers. What will she do with them?

Santorini Lai, 5C

*The Boy in the Dress,* David Walliams

Dennis makes a new friend, Lisa, who encourages him to wear dresses and be himself. Dennis later gets expelled from school.

I recommend this book for 8-12 yearolds. Bullying can be a problem for kids. The book tells us that it's okay to be different and that you should accept and embrace your uniqueness no matter what other people think of it.

Talia Tsang, 6C

# Inspiring people - Mother Teresa

## Jade Man, 5D

I would like to share a famous person who inspired me a lot: Mother Teresa. Known for her dedication to the poorest of the poor, Mother Teresa has been a beacon of compassion and humility. From an early age, she devoted herself to helping others, and her selfless dedication and unwavering commitment to humanity earned her global admiration. Her service in the slums of Calcutta, where she founded the Missionaries of Charity, established a legacy of love and care that transcends borders and cultures. Her work was not just about providing physical aid but also about offering dignity and hope to those who had been forgotten by society. Despite facing numerous challenges and criticisms, Mother Teresa remained steadfast in her mission, driven by her deep faith and an unshakeable belief in the power of small acts of kindness. Her life teaches us the profound impact one person can have on the world through empathy, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to helping others. Her quotes, like "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love," continue to inspire millions of people around the globe to lead lives of service and compassion. Mother Teresa's legacy is a powerful reminder that true greatness lies in our ability to love and serve others selflessly. After reading this passage, I hope you will remember Mother Teresa's spirit and start helping people through small actions.



# A Day With My Idol

## Alexa Liu, 6C

Dear Gabby,

How have you been? It's been a while since you moved to Australia.

I just had the time of my life! I went to Los Angeles, America, last week to join a singing competition and won it! I was overjoyed because, for first place, I got to meet my idol—Taylor Swift. You know I've always dreamt of meeting her one day, right?

I woke up at the hotel, put on my favourite dress, and saw Taylor and her driver picking me up. I was thrilled to see her, and we went to a 5-star restaurant to enjoy our breakfast. It was definitely delicious, and Taylor told me that she wrote her first song when she was 13 and loves singing and playing the guitar. At the age of twenty, she had a concert, but she faced a lot of criticism from haters saying her voice was bad. However, Taylor didn't give up and wrote more songs. She really inspired me to follow my passion.

After breakfast, we went to a stadium where she is performing next week. It was huge, full of decorations, with rainbow lighting. Taylor taught me how to face stage fright and gave me more singing skills to achieve a perfect tune. She is really a daring singer because she can perform in front of thousands of people! We had a light meal backstage and then headed to the next place.

We went to a hospital for sick kids. We played with them and met a girl named Dorothy. She has Down syndrome and enjoys singing too. It was her birthday that day, so we sang a birthday song with her. Taylor is such a helpful and kind person; I should learn from her!

Time flew by, and it was time for me to catch my flight back to Hong Kong. Taylor and I went to the airport together, and she said goodbye to me. I will miss her so much, and I will absolutely cherish this memorable moment. From her, I learned that I should never give up and always help people in need. Gabby, who is your idol and what do you learn from him/her? Write back soon! I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Alexa



## Calling for Submissions

Dear Paulinians,

The SPPCS school newsletter is a wonderful opportunity to share your creativity and showcase the amazing things happening in our school community.

Ideas for submission:

- Creative Writing: Poems, short stories or letters
- Opinion pieces
- Book reviews
- Travel experiences
- Classroom Highlights: Fun projects or activities from your class

To submit, please email your work to [annmarie@sppcs.edu.hk](mailto:annmarie@sppcs.edu.hk) anytime. Remember to include your full name and class so that I can find you at school for comments or editing.

Let your creativity shine! I can't wait to see your fantastic work and share it with our school community.

Thank you for your contributions!

Best,  
Miss Marie  
Editor-in-Chief, Paulinian Post





