

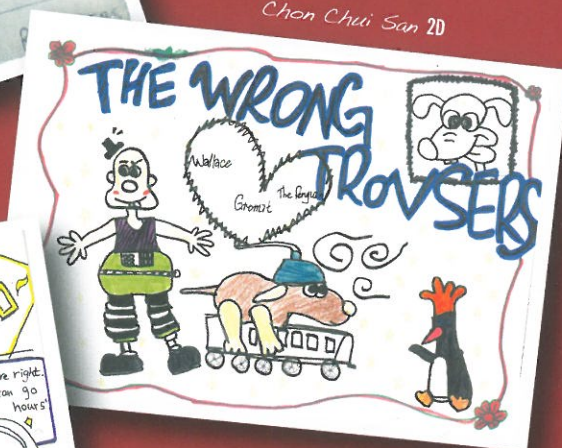
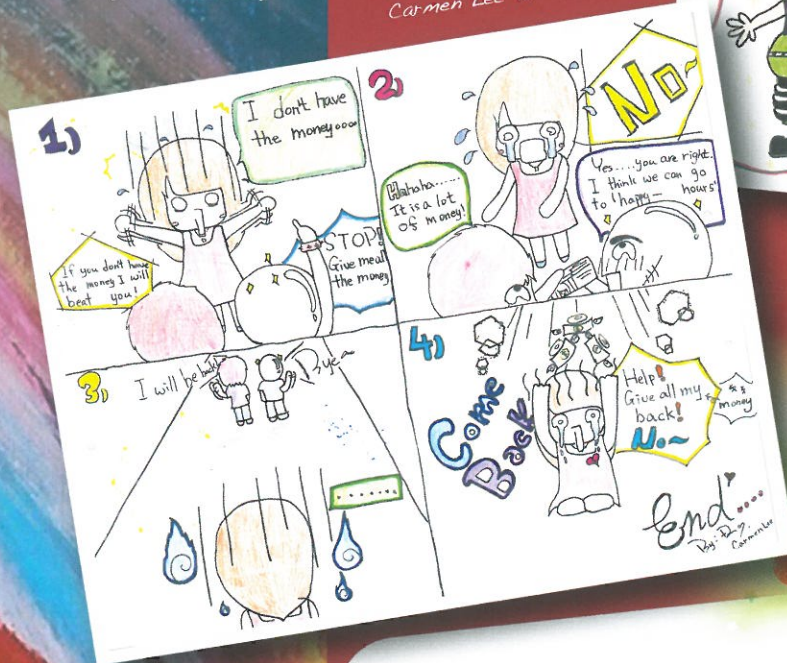
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## COMICS STRIPS & POEMS



Carmen Lee 4B



### Bill's Life

Bill has a big bear and a beautiful bull.  
Bill likes to eat bread and butter.  
Bill rides on a bike.  
Bill likes balloons and bike.

Edwin Kong Yin Tat 51C

### What Bill does and likes

Bill's big, brown beetle lives in a beautiful bottle  
Bill likes to ride on a bike  
Bill likes to eat bread and butter  
Bill hits balloons with his beetle on his bike.

Kevin Tsoi Sheung Man S.1C



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## BOOK REPORTS



### The Talking Tree

The short story "The Talking Tree" took place in a forest in Malaysia. The main characters included Zain, Ali and Abu.

One day, Ali and Abu met a talking tree on their way back from school. The tree told them that if they did not follow his instruction to give him food every day, he would punish them. They were very frightened. In order to avoid any punishment, they gave food to him every day. However, it was later found that the tree could not talk at all. It was only a trick that was given by their classmate, Zain. He hid inside a hollow tree every day in order to get food from Ali and Abu. He could also show his authority through letting Ali and Abu obey him. However, his mischief was finally disclosed. Ali and Abu were very angry.

From this short story, I notice that we must not play tricks on others as they will make the victims feel uncomfortable and upset. In fact, we can say that the action of Zain is a kind of bullying. Of course, this is an unacceptable behaviour. If this happens among schoolmates, it will lead to the breaking up of a friendship. We must respect every person. Hence, we must not seek for our own desire and neglect the feelings of others.

Phoebe Kwok S.3A

### Love That Dog

I have never known that reading a book can be as much fun as solving riddles! Sharon Creech is the author of the novel "Love That Dog". She combines two genres- poem and diary into her novel. Thus, her writing is very unique.

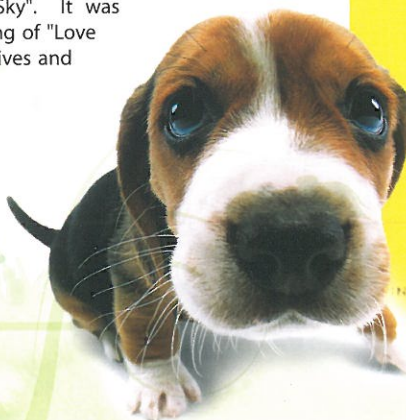
What's more, she hides a deep secret in her book, "Love That Dog" because if you look between the lines closely, you can reveal the secret. "Love That Dog" is a unique and outstanding book. For example, the writer deliberately skips the punctuation Jack's diary so it feels like that Jack is talking directly to us readers.

It is also interesting to readers because Jack had described his dog, how he got the dog and the conversation between the two of them. His love for the dog is unmistakable. It was sad that the dog died in the end. Jack wrote a poem about Sky, Sky is his friend and his dog.

At the end of Jack's diary entitled "My Dog Sky". It was heartbreaking to read, and I think the true meaning of "Love That Dog" tells us to savor every moment in our lives and cherish your loved ones.

Besides, I appreciate how the author challenges the existing format and creates his own style of writing. Therefore, I think this is the best book I have ever read!

Liang Lau S.2B



SHARON CREECH

WINNER OF THE NEWBERY MEDAL FOR *WALK TWO MOONS*

LOVE  
THAT  
DOG

a novel



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## FILM REVIEWS

### Black Swan

Black Swan is a horror film about a ballet dancer, Nina, who was aggressive and innocent, who gradually became insane before finally coming to her final end. This film is full of suspense and sound effects which make the audiences' hair stand on end.

The story begins in a dance troupe, in which, Nina has the leading role of White Swan in the dance performance, Swan Lake. She wants to be perfect, so she always practises hard. Also, the producer has given her a lot of pressure. At the same time, the rumour spreads among the dance troupe that the producer is having an affair with her. Moreover, her overprotective mother always treats her like a little girl, which she was Nina then lack privacy. She even has to lock the door to prevent her mum from intruding her rest.

These things lead to her lunacy and she suffers from hallucinations, such as bleeding on her back and acts of murder.

The best part is towards the end of the film. In the scene, when the performance is about to start, Nina suddenly kills Lily, a ballet dancer who plays Black Swan because she thinks Lily wants to replace her. To cover her crime, she performs as Lily on stage. When she plays her part as White Swan, she finds herself full of blood. Why is it? It's all about her imagination. In fact, she hurts herself when she sees the image of Black Swan projected in her appearance. I think Nina's sacrifice is far more than she can handle.

This film is intriguing and keeps you guessing until the end. You should see this film!



Au Nga Ting S.5E



### America's Next Top Model

Have you ever watched a popular TV show "America's Next Top Model"? We all know that it is a big competition which will select 14 girls. Professional photographers will then take photographs of them while they are posing. They must be diligent and have a passion for modelling. If not, they will be out.

I like the model who is called Nicole Fox. She was selected as one of the finalists to compete in the thirteenth cycle of America's Next Top Model; a cycle which was especially created for petite models who are 5'7 or under.

Nicole needed to overcome many difficulties. She was asked to take photos with wild animals like tigers and horses. I think that she was very tough, so she set a good example for students to learn how to be tough and overcome difficulties.

I used to be as shy as Nicole Fox and I don't have good communication skills. Also Nicole was unwilling to talk to others. After the competition, she learnt how to get along with others. By watching this TV show, I have benefited a lot from the TV programme. For instance, I know how to be tough, and have developed some presentation and communication skills. These skills are very important for us to do the job because these are life skills which pave the way for a bright future.

Yeung Chit Lung S.5D



## SOCIAL ISSUES



### Money Management

Nowadays, many people really do not know how to manage their finances. This is especially true of teenagers as many are becoming materialistic and tend to spend their pocket money on brand name products. Some students also have borrowing habits and have their own credit cards to buy things whenever they want. It is also extremely worrying that many teenagers have never thought about whether the purchase is really necessary. Therefore, they may get into heavy debt easily. This phenomenon has aroused the public's attention and some people suggest that secondary schools should offer financial management courses for their students to help them manage their finance in a better way. In my opinion, I largely agree with this issue.

Do you know why so many teenagers like spending their pocket money on buying brand name products? It is because they are usually influenced by their friends. Teenagers are afraid that their friends will laugh at them if they do not have any brand name products. Another reason is that some teenagers lack self-confidence. As a result, they believe that having brand name products can make them look cool and seek others' attention. Apart from these reasons, some believe that buying brand name products can make them feel happier. Nevertheless, their attitude towards the values in life is totally wrong. Although buying brand name products can make them feel happier, it is just a kind of temporary happiness and it will not last long.

When teenagers are addicted to buying brand name products, it imposes a number of adverse effects. For one thing, once teenagers are addicted to buying brand name products, they will easily lose their self-control and buy trendy brand name products recklessly even if they do not have enough money. Then, they will start using credit cards or borrowing money from their parents or friends for shopping. Worse still, in order to buy brand name products to redeem their feelings of emptiness and satisfy their materialistic needs, some teenagers may try to earn money by committing crimes, such as selling pirated CDs or through compensated dating. Furthermore, brand name products are extremely expensive so those who are addicted to brand name products may get into heavy debts easily.

As mentioned above, it is vital for secondary schools to offer financial management courses for their students to help them manage the finances in a better way. It can teach students the importance of financial planning on cash budgeting and can also make them understand that buying brand name products is not the best way to get spiritual contentment. Through attending the financial management courses, teachers can teach students how to spend money properly; and help them develop good spending and borrowing habits; and let them remember that "if you can't afford it, don't buy it".

To conclude, in order to prevent students from buying too many brand name products, schools need to know the root of the problem first. Then if the courses are well-prepared and well-supported by teachers, they are beneficial for teenagers' long term development. They may acquire the skills of money management for achieving their goals. They may also understand the proverb of "No pain, no gain".

Mannie Wong S. 6A

### Voluntary work

Poor elderly people and primary schoolchildren newly arrived from the mainland always need help from society. We should be concerned about them more and also offer them a helping hand. Poor elderly people may find difficulties in handling their health problems as we all know that when we become elderly, we may encounter different sicknesses, such as lung cancer and diabetes. As for primary schoolchildren who are newly arrived from the mainland, they also need help from us. Some of the students may find it hard to learn English well, even sometimes, they may find that some naughty classmates always laugh at them as their Cantonese pronunciation is not good enough. Now, our school has decided to take part in a voluntary work project for the above reasons. I would choose to help those primary school children who are newly arrived from the mainland. When I was a primary school student, one day the teacher told us there will be a new classmate joining our class. She was a little girl, who was called Xiaohua, and she just arrived in Hong Kong from the mainland two weeks ago. When she first came to the classroom, she was so shy and just found a chair to sit down at the corner. Three days had passed, she still had not made any friends. Everyone looked at her in an unusual way. Someone even stared at her. She was alone and felt depressed. The first-term exams were overed, she got zero mark in the English exam. Other classmates always laughed at her as her pronunciation in Cantonese was very bad. She was unhappy and thought that no one could help her. Oh! A poor little girl!

That was my own experience and the girl was so poor as she was isolated by her classmates and was always laughed at by them. Therefore, I would choose to help those primary school children who are newly arrived in Hong Kong and protect them, give more support to them and do not let them get hurt again.

At the same time, someone may argue: why don't we choose to help the poor elderly, they also need our support. However, the government has already done a lot to help the elderly. For instance, the social security allowance scheme, which provides a monthly pension to Hong Kong's elderly and some health care vouchers, which is given to the elderly and subsidizes their use of private healthcare service. Thus, I do not choose to help the elderly because the new comers from the mainland really need our help immediately.

All in all, I personally think that we should care more about the primary school children who have just come to Hong Kong during the last few months. This is because they are always isolated by others and they felt depressed after they came to Hong Kong. In addition, they have lots of difficulties in communicating with others in English or Cantonese. They are so lonely and therefore I want to help them. On the other hand, I am not saying that we oppose others to help the elderly. I also believe that the elderly need the support. Sadly, we can only choose one side to help and actually, the government has not done anything to support those children who came to Hong Kong from mainland. Those new comers really need our help and therefore we have to take prompt action.

Chan Sui Man S.7A



### Should we restore and preserve the historical buildings?

No doubt, Hong Kong has done much to build its reputation as a modern, cosmopolitan city, but it has not put as much effort into preserving or restoring its historical sites and interesting backstreets. Some think that it is important to restore the historical buildings and backstreets of areas such as Wan Chai and Sheung Wan in order to preserve an important part of Hong Kong's past. So, should we restore or preserve these kinds of buildings and backstreets? I would like to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of this suggestion, and lastly give my own opinion.

The first advantage of restoring and preserving the historical buildings and backstreets is that, since Hong Kong was a colony in the past, preserving the historical buildings can make our next generation know more about Hong Kong's past. They can go to Wan Chai and see the historical buildings, rather than just looking at the historical pictures in their books or just seeing the models of the buildings in the History Museum or the Cultural Museum. After going to Wan Chai, it would enhance their cultural knowledge and impress them. Apart from this, maybe it would also make them find it interesting to learn more about Hong Kong's past.

The second advantage is that, since one of the main income resources in Hong Kong is tourism, restoring and preserving the historical backstreets can attract more tourists to come to Hong Kong. For instance, the Hoi Mei Street in Sheung Wan, where sells the dried seafood, is a well-known attraction in Hong Kong. It is believed that if the Government is willing to promote more about this attraction, it would increase the tourists' interest to go there because it is common knowledge that before Hong Kong was developed into a modern city and a factory city, it was a small fishing village. Therefore, tourists can taste the dried seafood or realize more about the culture of Hong Kong by buying the dried seafood at the Hoi Mei Street in Sheung Wan. As a result, not only will Hong Kong become more and more famous, it also increases the income of Hong Kong. It also shows the other-side of Hong Kong to tourists and tells them that Hong Kong is not only a modern city.

The third advantage is that, most Hong Kong people care a lot about the collective memories. For example, Hong Kong people organized a variety of campaigns in order to preserve The Star Ferry Pier in Central. It was a pity that the Government decided to demolish the pier eventually and most Hong Kong people were discontented about the decision as they thought that the Government demolished their collective memories. One more example is Wan Lee Street in Central. The Government intended to demolish Wing Lee Street but gave up this idea due to a film- *Echoes Of The Rainbow*. The film talked about Hong Kong's culture, which recalled the collective memories of Hong Kong. Most Hong Kong people disagree to demolish Wing Lee Street and this time they succeed in preserving the backstreets. Hence, it can see that Hong Kong people extremely care about the collective memories.

Even though there are a lot of benefits with this suggestion, the disadvantages cannot be ignored.

The first disadvantage of restoring and preserving the historical buildings and backstreets is that, as Hong Kong is a modern and cosmopolitan city, preserving the historical buildings and backstreets would have a bad effect on the development of Hong Kong, the financial position of Hong Kong would be shaken,

The second disadvantage is that, Hong Kong is a very small island which does not have enough land to build more buildings for 7,000,000 people to live. Thus, restoring and preserving the historical buildings and backstreets not only affects the development of Hong Kong but it also makes the environmental problem more serious as the Government needs to fill the sea so as to make more land to build more buildings for people to live. As a result, our Victoria Harbour would become the Victoria River and it would not attract tourists to visit Hong Kong anymore since Victoria Harbour is an extremely important attraction in Hong Kong.

Preserving and restoring the historical buildings and backstreets of areas has both benefits and drawbacks. In my opinion, it is worth preserving the historical buildings and backstreets. I do believe that nothing is more important than our precious collective memories. Money can make Hong Kong become a modern city, but it would not create memories. Moreover, it is believed that Hong Kong can become a cosmopolitan city despite preserving and restoring the historical buildings and backstreets because if you compare Hong Kong with Macau, Macau is not a modern city, but it can be a famous and popular city since it has a reputation for preserving its historical heritage. Therefore, Hong Kong can also be a modern and historical city. Can't it?



## STORY WRITING

### A baby in my house

My aunt came home from hospital last week. She brought home a newborn baby! The baby is very small and she has a special smell. She sleeps a lot. Her name is Ruby but everyone calls her "BB".

My cousin takes care of her baby all the time. She is always busy with the baby – feeding her, changing her diapers, burping her, carrying her and putting her to sleep. I sometimes hate Ruby because she cries all the time. She cries loudly especially at night. I can't sleep well and so I feel very sleepy during lessons. A baby can bring a lot of trouble!

Although she can sometimes bring me a lot of trouble, Ruby is a very lovely baby. She laughs when I make faces at her. I think she likes me too. She tries to talk to me but she can only say "goo goo" at the moment. My mum says I'm a good cousin. I can't wait for BB to grow up because I want to play with her immediately. I guess it's not so bad that she is now in our family. I think it is cheerful to have a baby in my house.

Ung Hau Wa S.1A



### Who played this prank?

In the far end of the street was a little house. Maggie and her sister, Mandy lived in that little house. Mandy was a police officer. She was twenty-six years old. She was a year older than her sister. Mandy was adventurous and brave. Also, she paid attention to small details, so she was a great police officer.

On a stormy and rainy night in March, while the clock was striking eight, Mandy and Maggie were sleeping. Suddenly, Mandy heard a strange sound from the bathroom. She was very scared.

"Maggie, can you hear the strange sound from the bathroom?" said Mandy.

"No. Don't worry." Maggie replied.

A moment later, the phone rang. Mandy picked up the phone and she heard a low voice saying, "If you don't leave the house, you will die!" Mandy shuddered and felt puzzled. She wanted to know who called her and said such a thing.

"Maggie. Let's leave the house quickly. Someone wants to kill me." said Mandy.

"Are you sure? Ok then, let's go." said Maggie.

Two days later, Mandy was safe and sound, yet she wondered who played that practical joke. Maybe no one. Maybe a ghost. Who knows?

Cindy Tsoi Wing Sze S.2A



### My favourite shopping centre

My favourite shopping centre is APM in Kwun Tong.

There are many shops in APM, such as clothes shops, supermarkets, chemists, department stores and so on.

Sometimes, I go there with my friends. We usually hang out in the department stores or clothes shops. My favourite shops in APM are the department stores and the supermarkets because we can buy many daily necessities and food.

I like going to APM because I can buy many gifts for friends. Last Saturday, Zoe, K, Candy and I went to APM in Kwun Tong. We went there by MTR and arrived at ten O'clock.

When we arrived, first, we went to a restaurant to eat. Then, we went to the department stores to buy gifts. Finally, we left APM at four O'clock.

I am very happy, I hope I can go there again.

Kelly Chan Hiu Ching S2B



## AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE



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Last year, on the Ching Ming Festival, we visited my grandfather's grave. It was very impressive because I met some special friends.

One day, we went to the graveyard. We walked along some rough paths before we arrived. We brought a roast pig, two chickens and ducks, some eggs, biscuits and juice. We also bought some fireworks. All children were fond of shooting fireworks.

After we completed the ceremony, we enjoyed the food together. Children played with fireworks. Meanwhile, I found that there were some poor children standing in front of my grandfather's graveyard. It seemed that they wanted to get some food from us. I talked to them and they told me that they did not have enough food to eat. They wanted to take some food home, so we gave some food to them. When my brother and I played fireworks, I found that they were so jealous of what we did. Thus, I invited them to play with us together. After that, we played games too. They were so nice. Finally, we left. On the way, I saw them pick up some cartons. I know they wanted to collect those cartons for sale so that they could have some pocket money.

In this short trip, I have learnt that we should not discriminate whether people are rich or poor.

*Szeto So Wing S2E*

### Love grows when you start giving

As the saying goes, 'More blessed to give than to receive.' Before the summer holiday last year, I went to Hunan with my teacher and classmates for a 6-day volunteer trip. The goal of this activity was to help 200 local residents who are poor and who have contracted Cataracts. I helped the Cataract patients during the doctors' consultation.

As the locals have been exposed to the sun for a long time without protecting their eyes, they gradually suffered from Cataracts. Unfortunately, they didn't receive much proper treatment because they only have low income to maintain their basic living.

During the service, I found Yongshun full of love and care despite the hardship in life. Most of the parents have brought their children from remote villages to our clinic. They wore thin clothes. Some were even disabled. A great mother stayed with her daughter for days, even skipping meals and sleep. I also met a very young girl who lives with her grandmother with Cataracts. Since her parents had passed away, she had no opportunity to study, but she wished to accompany her grandmother until her eyesight was restored. After I noticed them, I informed the organizers about them. At last, they donated them five hundred yuan and lunch boxes. I was very touched, and I remember they were crying with joyful tears.

After another patient had completed his eye surgery, the first thing he said to me was, 'I wasn't able to see for more than a decade, and now it's great to see the light eventually.' Not only did my efforts help them restore their eyesight, but I could also be happier.

I believe that there is no big deal despite travelling on a 7-hour mountain ride. Hard work is paid off when I can help the poor and the Cataract patients. In short, it's worthwhile for me to do a little charity work. That's why I'm determined to be a volunteer for life.

*Tai Hing Wa S5E*





## CHAMPION'S WORKS

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### Let's translate our dream into reality

Everyone has his or her own dream. However, how many people can translate their dreams into reality?

Becoming a professional doctor is my biggest dream. When I was small, I used to play an interesting game with my siblings. In the game, I was a doctor; my sister was a nurse and my brothers were my patients. We were engaged in such a meaningful activity all day long.

Deep inside my heart, doctors have a sense of commitment and responsibility. They are impartial and respectable. They dedicate their whole life to curing patients. They are brave and selfless. This is why I want to become a doctor in the future.

Since I want to achieve my goal, I have been struggling and striving for it. With perseverance and diligence, I believe that I can make it one day!

*Stella Wong Lai Ping S.4B*



### Let's save our planet

When I was a little girl, I always asked my parents, "What is our world?" My parents replied that our world was a beautiful place with the blue sky, green trees, clear water and fresh air. But now, our planet is not a beautiful place anymore as many human activities are harmful to the nature. This leads to serious pollution problems such as air pollution, noise pollution and water pollution.

There is no denying that the government should bear the great responsibility for the environmental problems. However, the government officials pass the buck instead of trying to tackle the problems. If we ignore the importance of environmental protection and keep destroying the environment, our planet will become worse. In a bid to save our world, we should do the following things as soon as possible.

First, we should reduce domestic waste. Before we throw the rubbish, we should sort out the rubbish into different recycling bins. Second, we can save some trees by different ways. For instance, we should use our own lunchboxes instead of paper plates at lunchtime. Also, we should develop the habit of writing on both sides of paper. Third, we should save energy, when we leave a room, we should turn off all the lights, fans and air-conditioners.

Everything is in our own hands. We should make great efforts to alleviate the pollution problems before things get out of hand!

*Anna Lau Mung Yee S.4B*