



# Bishop Walsh Primary School



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### Welcome Note

Welcome to the summer issue of our English newsletter, the BWS Times! We've had great fun this term writing and editing articles, stories, jokes, fun facts and puzzles for you to enjoy! There's also an article about our fabulous Debating Team at BWS, which might inspire you to join next year! Take a look inside and we hope you find something fascinating to read. Happy holidays!

## Bye Bye Miss Batterham!

by Tang Hoi Ki, Heidi, Cheung Ching Chin, Emma and Law Mung Yiu, Monique



Hi, we are Heidi, Emma and Monique from Class 5A. Miss Batterham joined Bishop Walsh Primary School in September 2015. We are going to tell you a secret now... she is leaving Hong Kong and going back to England this summer to get married! This is wonderful news and we are very excited, but it means that Miss Batterham won't teach us anymore. Don't worry though, she will still come back to visit us! We will miss you, Miss Batterham! We prepared a few questions to ask Miss Batterham about her time in Hong Kong.

### 1) What's your best memory from BWS?

Looking back over the past four years at Bishop Walsh, it is impossible to choose just one memory to highlight. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you all in the PLPR lessons - my favourite lessons were the ones in which we made worm farms, baked cookies and created a role-play supermarket in the classroom! I also have some wonderful memories from all the fantastic events at Bishop Walsh - watching you all shine in your own special ways during Sports' Days, Talent shows and Drama performances. Chatting to you all and getting to know each of you individually has been a real highlight of my time at BWS.

### 2) What are your plans for the future?

When I return to England, I am going to teach in a Primary School near London. I'm really looking forward to being able to spend more time with my family and friends in the UK, although I will definitely miss all the yummy "char siu" in Hong Kong! I'm excited to be embarking on the next chapter of my life and I can't wait to see what life has in store for me.

### 3) What will you miss the most about BWS?

I once heard the expression, "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Although I'm sad to be leaving, I am so thankful for the memories we've created here together. I will miss the teachers and students at Bishop Walsh more than anything! Bishop Walsh really is like one big family - thank you all so much for welcoming me into your lives and letting me be a part of this incredible community. Bishop Walsh will always have a special place in my heart.



# Mr. Wong's Debate Team

By Chan Sze Hang, Sheryn, Shih Ho Yan, Ryan and Lee Chi Yat, Edward

Hello, everyone. We are part of the debate team at Bishop Walsh Primary School. We recently took part in a debate competition and made it to the grand final! We worked very hard to prepare for each stage of the competition and often met during recess or after school. Each time we had our little meetings, we always listened to Mr. Wong patiently. We jotted down notes about the topic and wrote down our points as fast as possible. We had to think about both sides of the debate carefully and then we prepared rebuttal cards in order to make counterarguments.



While we were debating, we tried our best to listen to what the opposition said. We found the correct rebuttal cards and then came out one by one to read out our part of the debate.



We won the semifinal on 15th April and were invited to join the grand final on 28th May. Unfortunately, we lost the final but it was an amazing experience and we really enjoyed it! Many thanks to Mr. Wong for all his hard work and help!

Here are some of our ideas about the topic "Is Hong Kong a good place to keep pet dogs?"  
This was our topic for the semifinal.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dogs are a good way to relieve stress. Studies show that interactions with animals can decrease stress. Reduced stress can also benefit physical health.</li><li>• People often say that Hong Kong doesn't have enough space for dogs. But perhaps we can just buy smaller dogs! That way we can keep them in our apartments!</li><li>• There are some nice places to walk dogs in Hong Kong. The Sham Shui Po pet garden has become very popular for dog-walking due to its excellent facilities. It even has doggie drinking fountains!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Firstly, Hong Kong people live in crowded apartments. The average home size is just 36.5 square meters according to the Hong Kong Housing Authority. Hong Kong people do not have enough time or space to look after their dogs!</li><li>• Moreover, Hong Kong lags behind other countries in its pet-friendly policies. For example, pets are not allowed to travel on public transport. In comparison, Japan and Taiwan allow pets to travel by train as long as they are in bags or carts.</li><li>• In addition, there are many abandoned animals in Hong Kong, which suggests pet dogs are not looked after properly. According to the AFCD, in 2018, 3880 stray dogs were found!</li></ul>

After we discussed this topic, we came to the conclusion that Hong Kong is not a good place for dogs. The laws are quite outdated and the city should update its facilities and policies to cater better for dogs. What do you think?



# Learning about Evolution (Q&A)

By Chan Sze Hang, Sheryn, Shih Ho Yan, Ryan and Lee Chi Yat, Edward

## 1. What is evolution?

Evolution is the process when living things change over a long period of time. Living things evolve or change very slightly from generation to generation in order to survive better. Many animals and plants have evolved over time by passing on helpful traits to the next generation, for example by growing thick fur, changing skin colour or growing claws.

## 2. Where did humans come from?

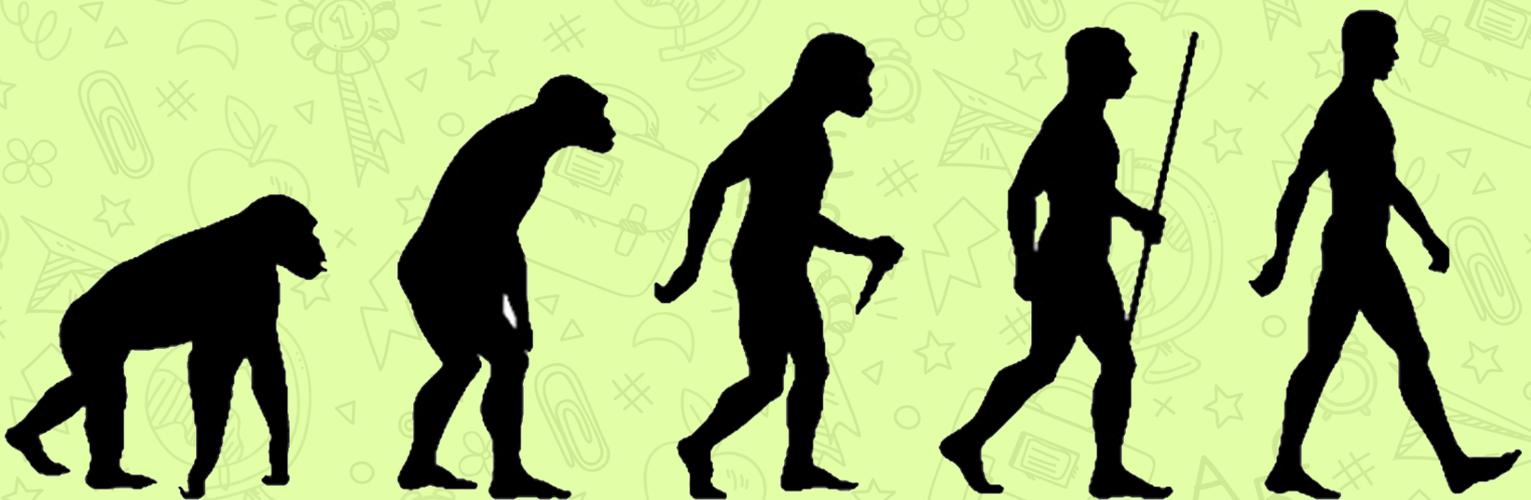
The mystery of why humans exist and where we came from has been discussed by people all over the world for many years. There are many theories about our existence. Charles Darwin found out that humans evolved from apes.

## 3. How long did it take for apes to become humans?

It took tens of millions of years for apes to turn into humans because evolution is a very slow process. One of the earliest traits which defined modern humans was the ability to walk on two legs instead of four. The first early humans who were able to walk on two legs lived about 4 million years ago.

We hope you learnt something new about evolution!

If you have more questions, go to the library or do some research to find out more about this fascinating topic!



# Amazing Animal Facts!

by Wong Long Ka, Kaka and Lau Yik Sen, Eason

We found some fascinating facts about animals which we wanted to share with you.

1. The heart of a shrimp is located in its head.



2. A cow can produce nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in its lifetime.



3. Ostriches can run faster than horses, and male ostriches can roar like lions.



4. Some snails can sleep for up to three years!



5. The fingerprints of a koala are so similar to human fingerprints that they are sometimes confused at crime scenes!



6. On average, there are 50,000 spiders per acre in outdoor grassy areas!



# No more teachers?!

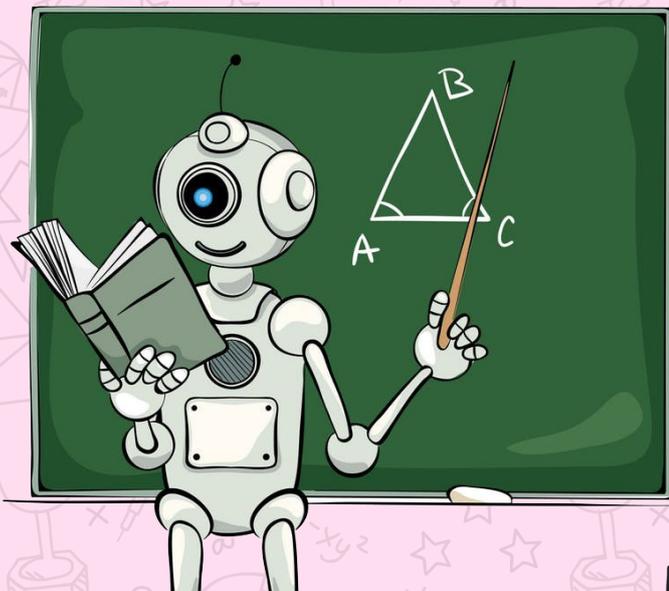
By O Ji Yan, Emma

It was a rather dull day and Ann and Tim Bailey were on the school bus, groaning and complaining about going to school. They both hated school; and they especially hated teachers. They said that teachers always nag them about their studies and give them huge piles of homework. Ann hated Mr. Johnson, their class teacher, while Tim hated Mrs. Storms, their Biology teacher.

"Teachers are so annoying!" the Bailey twins cried together.

As they got off the school bus, Ann greeted the teacher who was supposed to stand beside the front gate, but she did not get a reply. She was so focused on complaining about the teachers that she didn't notice. Tim felt strange as soon as he stepped into the classroom. Something felt weird and different and his classmates all looked bored.

Just then, Ann noticed that she hadn't heard the usual cheerful greeting from Mr. Johnson. She looked at Tim as they both glanced at the metal-like human standing where Mr. Johnson should be. It had cold, blue eyes, and was writing something on the board as fast as lightning. When the robot backed away, it stretched its arms out towards the words on the board, while the other classmates copied them down frantically. Not a second later, the robot rubbed the words off the board and continued the lesson.



"You must copy absolutely everything, or else..." it said in a dull voice.

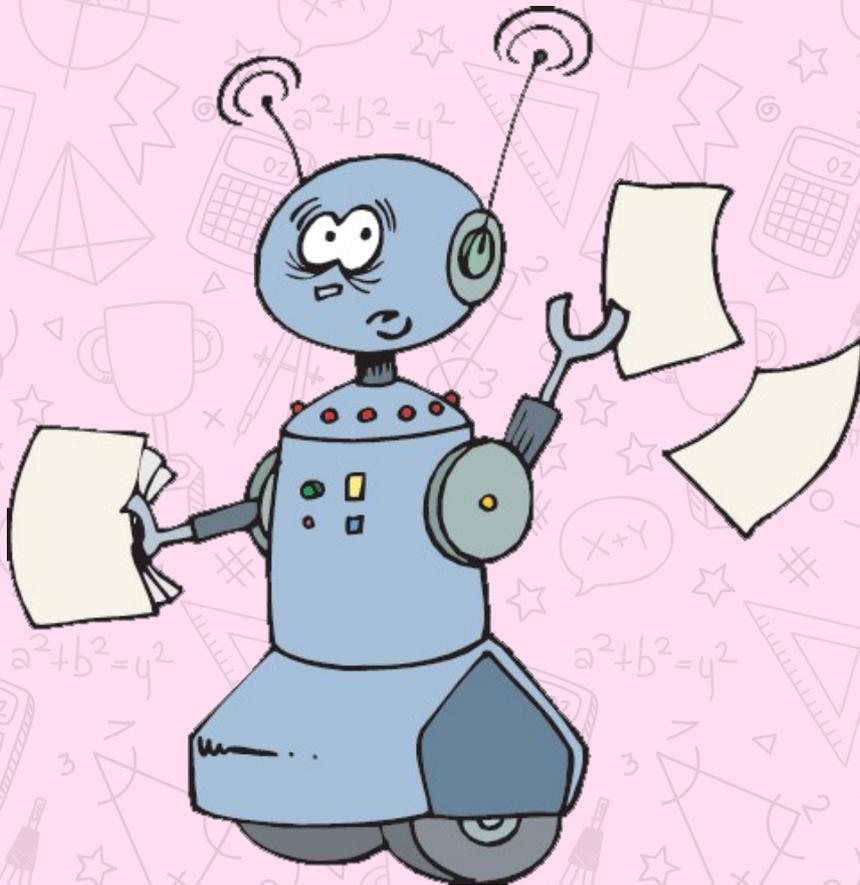
Tim and Ann were both in shock. They rushed away before the robot could see them. Bob, one of the students, tried to go with them, but metal bars surrounded him almost instantly.

The Bailey twins rushed to the Principal's office, but she had been replaced by a robot too! The robot who had been in the classroom earlier grabbed the twins, threw them into their seats and marched back to the board. If the students tried to escape, the robot would just snap its fingers and metal bars would surround them. Ann gasped in shock - unlike Mr. Johnson this robot didn't care about the students at all!

Ann shook uncomfortably in her seat, wondering if she was ever going to return home again. Tears started to stream down her face, and the robot flinched. Tim suddenly beamed in realization; robots hate water! He snatched his water bottle and opened the cap. He started to spray water at the robot teacher. Ann followed Tim's lead and did the same. The robot cried out as electric sparks started flying out from its body and it dropped to the ground. The students cheered as they ran out of the classroom and down the hallways.

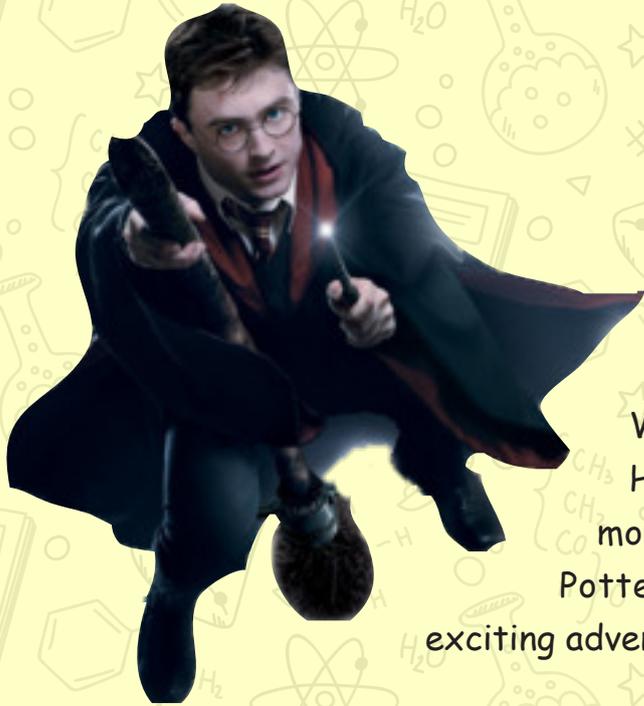
The teachers were later all found in the storage room, trembling and stuttering. They thanked the Bailey twins and Mr. Johnson declared he would still give homework because it was important for education.

"Robots can never replace the warm hearts teachers have for their students!" he cried. The twins nodded in agreement!



# Harry Potter

by Leung Tsz Ho, Elvis



Have you ever read Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling? I think it is interesting! Let me introduce it to you now! Harry Potter learns magic at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and Harry's friends are called Ron and Hermione. They are both friendly, but Hermione is more hard-working than Ron. There are seven Harry Potter movies! They are all waiting to take you on an exciting adventure!

When Harry was a baby, Voldemort killed Harry's parents, James and Lily Potter, but was mysteriously defeated after trying to kill Harry, which left a lightning-shaped scar on his forehead.



My favourite movie is Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. In this movie, Voldemort uses dark magic to separate his power into seven Horcruxes. So, Harry has to find all seven Horcruxes and destroy them in order to defeat Voldemort. Harry then discovers that he is actually one of the Horcruxes! He is frightened because this means that he must die too. Then, he goes to see Voldemort and ... I won't tell you the ending! You should read the books or watch the movies to find out what happens! However, Harry has something special which Voldemort will never have... true friendship. I think Harry Potter can win because he is protected by love and friendship, which Voldemort does not have.



# Funny Jokes

by Wong Long Ka, Kaka and Lau Yik Sen, Eason

1) Why is six afraid of seven?

7 8 9

Because seven ate nine!

3) Why did the student eat his homework?



Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake.

2) What is a ghost's favourite food?



Ice-Scream!

4) What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?



A coconut on vacation!

One day, a teacher asked her students,  
"Can you tell me the most common phrase  
used by students in the classroom?"  
Suddenly, a student got up and said  
"No, I can't!" The teacher said,  
"That's right!"



# Inspiring Stories - Nick Vujicic

by Chau Man Tak, Ruth

Hi! I am Ruth and I am going to tell you about a man called Nick Vujicic. I don't know if everyone knows him already, but for those who don't know him, he is an Australian Christian evangelist and motivational speaker.

Nick was born on the 4th December 1982 in Melbourne, Australia. He was supposed to be a normal boy, but unfortunately he was born with tetra-amelia which means he doesn't have any arms or legs. Vujicic has two very small and deformed feet attached to his body. He often calls his feet "Chicken Drumsticks" because of their odd shape. According to his book, his mother refused to see him or hold him when he was born, but eventually she accepted the situation and said that this must be "God's plan for their son". When Nick was about 6 years old, he wrote and illustrated his first book. The title was "The Unicorn With No Wings". Here is a shortened version of his story:

"Once there was a baby unicorn who had no wings. One day, a little boy came up to the unicorn and said, "What happened to your wings?" The unicorn answered, "I didn't grow wings, little boy." The little boy said, "I'll try and make you some plastic wings." It took him an hour to make the plastic wings for the unicorn. When the boy finished, he asked the unicorn if he could ride on her back, and the unicorn said yes. So they went for a run. Suddenly, the unicorn started to fly, and she shouted, "It worked! It worked!" The little boy said to the unicorn, "Congratulations, unicorn!" Afterwards, the little boy went back home. He told his mum, his two little sisters and his brother what had happened to the unicorn. The unicorn lived happily ever after. The End."

Despite being bullied, Nick thrived in his teenage and young adult years. After his mother showed him a newspaper article about a man dealing with a severe disability, he

started to give talks at his prayer group. However, he sometimes felt depressed. He thought that he could never go to school, never have fun, never find true love, and maybe never be able to hold his own children in his arms. At last, because of the prayer group, he graduated from University when he was 21 with a degree in accountancy and financial planning.

Eventually Nick became more optimistic about life. He wrote in his book, "Remember this: God has a truly great purpose for your life! Live without your limits! And you should be open to the possibility that today's handicap might be tomorrow's advantage."

This is the end of my sharing. I hope you have learnt to love yourself and let God do the rest.





# All About Space!

by Cheung Man Hin, Ryan



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Can you find any other words about Space hidden in the word search?

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# SUDOKU (MEDIUM HARD)

by Cheung Man Hin, Ryan

I made a Sudoku puzzle - can you solve it?

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