



## Chinese New Year

By Crystal Wan (5A) and Jessica To (5B)

**C**hinese New Year was from January 23rd to January 25th. During Chinese New Year, people did a lot of things in Hong Kong, like eating sweets, eating chocolate, giving and receiving red envelopes, and wearing special clothes. These are all old traditions in Hong Kong.

Chinese New Year is a very important event in Hong Kong. At this time, many people always visit their families and ask them to give red envelopes. They always wear Chinese clothes when they visit their families. People can also go watch the lion dance around the city. It is funny and interesting. Many people like this very much.



On Chinese New Year, people will also go to special places like the Wishing Tree. It is near the Tin Hau Temple in Fong Ma Po Village. People go to this place to make wishes under the tree or in the temple. They want their wishes to come true, so on Chinese New Year they always go to this special place. This tree is very old, so

now they changed it to a plastic tree to keep the old tree safe. Every year, there are many different people making wishes under the tree. Some wish for good health, and the students make wishes that their exam results will be good.

Many schools also celebrate! They have a Chinese Day now when students can wear Chinese clothes to school. Lee Kam Primary School also had this special day, and the students felt happy.

We asked some teachers what they did for Chinese New Year. We interviewed Miss Lo and NET teacher, Ms Karen Chan.

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## Students Dress Up on Special Clothes Day!

By Tiffany Leung (6C) and Ting Lai (4B)

**O**n the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2012, some students dressed up in special Chinese clothes. Some of the teachers dressed up too!



The teachers and students were beautiful and handsome. Although they wore special clothes, the lessons were as usual. The patterns on the clothes were Chinese, like dragons and flowers with many colours. At night, they ate a pot of food at the school. Each table had one pot. The food was yummy and delicious, and many students liked it very much.



Parents and children enjoy a feast together.

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# Special Green Edition

## Preparing for Beijing

By Viann Lau (6C) and Audrey Chan (6D)

In April, thirty-six students will take a school trip to Beijing to learn about how to protect the environment. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of January and the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, the thirty-six students were preparing to go to Beijing by learning how to become green. What is being green? Why are students learning how to become green?

The Earth is sick. There is global warming and the icebergs are melting. Some animals are endangered, like the white dolphin and panda. Learning to become green means making the Earth better, and Lee Kam students want to help!



Students make the solar windmill move.



Students are making solar windmills in the art room.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, some nurses, like Ms Tong, from Hong Kong Kids Company, came to our school to tell us how to become green. She told us about other kinds of energy recycling and how to make a solar wind mill. The most interesting activity of the two days was to make a solar wind car! **Winnie in 6C said, "I felt amazed because I could make a solar windmill move."**

## The End of the Earth?

Rapheal Sin (5B) and Kimberley Tam (6D)

It is 2012 already, and many people say this year is the end of the Earth, but is the end of the Earth prediction real? Will it happen? Nobody knows. Some people say the end of the Earth will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, 2012. When it is the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, they say there will be earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and tidal waves. Some people said the magnetic poles will suddenly change so that the north becomes south, and the south becomes north.



We interviewed some students at Lee Kam Primary School. **Kiki in 6D said, "I think the end of the world will happen because humans always do something to hurt the Earth." We also interviewed some parents who said, "We don't believe that the end of the earth will happen because we read a book that said it won't happen for another fifty million years!"**

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## Interviews with Lee Kam Teachers!

Reporter Crystal: Did you get more than 50 red envelopes?

Miss Lo: Yes, I got more than 50 red envelopes. I got 65 red envelopes!

Reporter Crystal: Did you wear special clothes during Chinese New Year?

Ms. Karen Chan: Yes, I wore special clothes to school to take photos with the 5A children on Chinese New Year.



## School Exams

By Steven Tang (6D) and Sam Wong (6D)

**O**n the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, it was our school's exams. The first day was the most important because it was the Chinese exam. It was a listening and writing exam. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, there was an English exam. It also had listening and writing. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January were the Maths and General Studies exams.



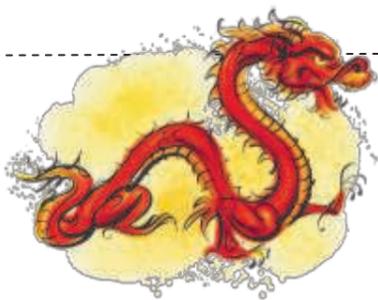
**Before the exams, Kiki Po in 6D said, "I will do my best on my exams."**

**Crystal Li in 6D said, "I feel scared because I am worried about whether the exam is hard or easy." The exams really showed how smart students are because they were hard. The students are relieved they are over for now, but the next ones are in March. We hope the students will do their best.**

## Kowloon (九龍) Myths

By Henry Tsang (4C)

In Hong Kong, there is a place called "**Kowloon**". **How did it** get its name? Why is it called Kowloon? My grandpa told me, and it is a short story!



Once upon a time, there was a hill. Near the hill, there was a town. Because the hill looked like nine dragons, all the people called the town and the hill Kowloon!

By Kimberly Tam (6D)

One day, the king dreamed there were ten dragons living in the mountains. The next day, the king went to that mountain to find ten dragons, but he only found nine, so he thought he was unlucky. After that, the king was sad every day. One month later, the king died. Now we call those mountains Kowloon.

## ★ Teachers' Corner ★

*The Teachers' Corner brings you interviews and articles on your favourite Lee Kam teachers. Who would you like to hear about next? Write to [leekamnews@gmail.com](mailto:leekamnews@gmail.com) to share your ideas!*

### NET Teacher Ms. Karen Chan

By Fiona Fung (5C) and Tiffany Leung (6C)

**M**s. Karen Chan has worked in Lee Kam Primary School since the 1st of September, 2011. She teaches P4 to P6 NET lessons. She also teaches the English Drama class. She is the director of our show.



Ms. Karen always has a happy face. She likes to smile and sometimes she acts crazy. She will put her hair down in front of her face like a ghost to make the children laugh and cheer them up. The students think that she is very funny. Dick in P6D said, "**Ms. Karen is the greatest teacher I've ever seen!**"

*Interview with Ms. Karen*

Q: Why have you come to Hong Kong to teach us?

A: I came to Hong Kong to learn more about Chinese culture and to learn about where my parents came from.

Q: Did you teach before? If yes, where?

A: Yes, in a primary school and a drama theatre in Canada.

Q: What do you think about Lee Kam Primary School?

A: It is a beautiful school. The teachers and students are kind and wonderful!

Q: Do you know how to speak Chinese?

A: Only some words. You should teach me!

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# Lee Kam Carnival

By Henry Tsang (4C) and Yoyo Wong (4C)

**O**n the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, there was a school carnival because this is the first year of the Lee Kam Primary School. The carnival started at 9:00am.



Parents and children are playing games during the carnival.

There were many teachers and parents. They visited the canteen, the playground and the classrooms. The school had a lucky draw, and there were many prizes. All of the student helpers went to the school at 8:00am, and the student helpers left the school at 1:10pm. The students wore PE uniforms, but some of the student helpers needed to wear school uniforms. Students wearing school uniforms needed to talk to the parents, and the others wearing PE uniforms needed to help with the lucky draw.

Parents could not go up past the second floor because there are many classrooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors, but each classroom needed 1-2 helpers. If all the classrooms were open, then there would need to be many helpers!

The students played exciting games and played happily. There was some food to buy, like dim sum. The dim sum was all \$6. It was a fun day. Although one student helper, Kelly, was tired, she was happy.

## Interview with Ms. Karen Cont...

Q: How old are you?

A: 795 years old.

Q: Is Hong Kong better than Canada or Canada better than Hong Kong?

A: The transportation in Hong Kong is much more **convenient, but Canada's weather is much better.** And I miss Canada very much because my family and friends are there. Also, there is a lot of snow in Canada, which I really miss.

Q: Which countries have you gone to before?

A: I have been to Japan, U.K, France, Belgium, Canada, USA, Hong Kong, Mexico and the Philippines.

# Valentine's Day!

By Carmen Or (5A) and Jessica To (5B)

**T**What happens on the 14th of February? Valentine's Day! On that day, girls give gifts, like chocolate, to those they love. Let's teach you how to make Valentine's Day chocolate.



When we make the chocolate, we need to use: one piece of chocolate, a chocolate mold and hot water with a pot.

### Instructions:

First, put the chocolate into a pot with hot water. Next, waiting for 5 to 10 minutes. Then, topple the chocolate into the chocolate mold. Finally, put the chocolate into the ice box to wait for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, the chocolate is ready to eat. Enjoy!

# More Kowloon Myths

By Sam Wong (6D)

Once upon a time, there were nine dragons in an area in Hong Kong. One day, the nine dragons flew to the sky. They wanted to eat the people. They blew fire to kill the people and ate them. Everyone was scared. The people all ran to safe places.

**Suddenly, a man ran out and shouted, "I will kill you nine dragons!"**

**"You are wrong! No one in the world can kill us!" said the nine dragons. Although the nine dragons were scared, the man was not.** He knew how to kill them. He took a big bottle containing a lot of water. He took many arrows too. He put the arrows into the water, so the arrows were wet because he knew the dragons were afraid of the water. He used the arrows to shoot the nine dragons. This hurt the dragons, and they ran away immediately. After that, the dragons did not come again. Now, the people call this area Kowloon!

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