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# Express Yourself...

Welcome to the latest issue of S.T.F.A. Lee Kam Primary School's Expressions magazine. We hope you enjoy reading these pieces of creative writing by P.4, P.5 and P.6 students in the Young Writers activity.

Read about greedy witches, door adventures, magical funny characters, local reviews, and much more! Enjoy!

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# Disaster Days Inspired by Judith Viorst's Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

# A Terrible, Rotten, Dreadful Day

By Devon Lee (4C)

At seven o'clock, I woke up. It was the start of my bad day. First, I went to brush my teeth. "Oh no!" My toothbrush was broken by my brother, so I couldn't brush my teeth. Then, at half past seven, I went to the school bus stop, but the school bus was gone. When I arrived, the bus was going away. I waited half an hour for another one, but then I took a taxi. I went to school by taxi, but it was \$100 because it was far away. It was a terrible, rotten, dreadful day.

At twelve o'clock, it was lunchtime. "Oh no!" I forgot to bring my lunch box. I asked my classmate to give me some food, but he charged me \$50. It was a terrible, rotten, dreadful day.

Then I went back home, but there

was a traffic jam! My friend and I were in the bus and stuck on the road. I got home at five. It was a terrible, rotten, dreadful day.



After dinner, we watched TV, but there was only cooking programmes on. I hate those, so I went to play some computer games. But my computer was out of order. I went to play some phone games, but my phone was lost. It was a terrible, rotten, dreadful day.

## Very Bad, Not Good, Awful Day

By Cherie Chan (4D)

Today was a very bad, not good, awful day. This morning, my alarm didn't ring, so I was late for school. When I ate

my breakfast at school, there was nothing in my box. I thought it would have an egg and a sausage, but it wasn't there because my mom forgot to put it in. It was a very bad, not good, awful day.

During recess, I didn't have anything to eat because my mum didn't put snacks in my lunch because she had no time. She always needs to do the housework. Other students had snacks, like chips and candy. I felt hungry and even hungrier when I looked at their food. It was a very bad, not good, awful day.

During lunch time, it was Sushi Day at school. So we at sushi in the classroom, but the other classmates ate all of the sushi, so I only had one. It wasn't fair because they had so much, and I only had one. I was hungry because I just had one sushi, but the teacher had a lot of sushi. After this, we played basketball during recess, and the ball hit my head. It was painful. What a very bad, not good, awful day!

When I went home, I had dinner, but I just had a bowl of rice and a piece of broccoli. My sister had five bowls of rice and ten pieces of broccoli. That wasn't

fair. I asked for more rice and broccoli, but there was none left because my family ate all the food. It was really a very bad, not good, awful day.

I wanted to take a bath because I played basketball at school, and I was sweaty and dirty. But when I went to take a bath, my sister said it was time



to sleep, so I couldn't take a bath. I had to listen to my sister because my mom had gone to the supermarket. It was a very bad, not good, awful day.

At last, when I went to sleep, there was a cockroach in my bed. Ugh! I said, "I hate cockroaches!" I tried to step on it, but it ran away to the toilet. It was a very bad, not good, awful day. I hope tomorrow is better.



#### Fiona Goes to School

By Fiona Leung (6B)

One morning, Fiona got out of her bed. She went to the toilet and washed her face. "The doorbell is ringing!" said Grandma. Then, Fiona opened the door and saw JoJo.

"Good morning, can I come in?" said JoJo.

"Of course," Fiona responded.

Fiona gave JoJo a cup of orange juice.

"Thank you," said JoJo.

After Fiona ate breakfast, JoJo asked, "Are you ready to go to school?"

"Yes, of course!" Fiona shoulted.

When they were walking down the street, JoJo asked, "Where is your

school bag? You only brought your body out!"

"Sorry JoJo, I forgot to bring my school bag out," said Fiona. They went back to Fiona's home again and got her school bag. "Okay, JoJo, we can go now!" said Fiona.

When they went out the door, Fiona shouted, "Oh no! I forgot to brush my teeth."

"Okay, I will wait for you. Brush your teeth quickly, please!" responded JoJo. A few minutes later, Fiona went out and said, "We can go to school now. I'm ready."

Fiona and JoJo finally got to school. At lunch time, everyone brought a lunch box to the canteen. "Oh no! I cannot find my lunch box. I'm sure I put it into the bag already!" Fiona cried.

"Don't cry, Fiona. I can share my lunch with you," said JoJo.

"Really?"

"Of course," JoJo responded.

"But..." said Fiona.

"What??" said JoJo.

"I forgot to bring the maths book. Can you share with me?" asked Fiona.

"Okay..." said JoJo.

Fiona went home with JoJo. When they opened the door, they shouted. They saw Fiona's lunch box on the table. Then Fiona's grandma said, "You forgot to bring the lunch to school."

"You are so forgetful! Don't forget anything again," said JoJo. Sometimes



JoJo didn't like it when Fiona forgot things. It was troublesome to go back and find things. But JoJo liked Fiona, and they were best friends anyway.

#### Fiona Goes to the Beach

#### By Sammi Lam (6B)

Last Sunday, Forgetful Fiona was getting ready to go to the beach to swim. She was going to go with Chloe. They would meet in the shopping centre. They planned to meet at two o'clock. Chloe called Fiona on the phone.

"Fiona, what things will you bring?" Chloe asked.

"I am packing my bag now. I will bring some drinks and food," Fiona replied.

"See you soon! Bye!" she said and Chloe hung up the telephone.

Later, they met in the shopping centre and started to walk to the beach. When they were at the beach, Chloe said to Fiona, "Let me see what food you have brought."

"Don't worry! You will be surprised!" Then, Fiona sighed. When she opened her bag, she couldn't find her food or her lunchbox. "Oh no! I forgot it!" she shouted.

"That's fine. There is a fast food shop near the beach," Chloe said.

Fiona didn't have her favourite lunch box, and she dreamed of the sausages and fish balls she had packed and didn't want the fast food. She didn't have lunch, so she lied down in the sun while Chloe went for a swim. After 30 minutes, Chloe shouted to Fiona, "Why are you so brown? Did you use sunscreen?"

"Whoops! I forgot it. Oh no! My skin!"

Fiona felt sad because she didn't get to eat her lunch, and now she had brown skin. She wanted to go back home, but she didn't want to walk, so she took a taxi. When she got out of the taxi, she looked for her purse to pay, but she couldn't find it. She was frightened, so she called Chloe. "Help! Chloe, I lost my purse," she cried. Chloe went back to the beach to find it, but she didn't see it. She asked the lifeguard to help, and he used

the megaphone to ask the pupils on the beach. Luckily, someone found it and gave it back.

Chloe called Fiona quickly, "I found it! I am coming to your home, so wait for me there."

Fiona cried out happily and said, "Thank you, Chloe! You are my lucky charm." Then they paid for the taxi, and Chloe was ready to go back home.

"You are so forgetful," Chloe said.

"Yes, I am forgetful Fiona!" she said smiling.

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### Letters to the Hong Kong Zoo!

By Robbie Cheung (4E), Owen Chan (5E) and Eric Tsui (4C)

April 14th, 2012

Dear Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens,

Hi, my name is Robbie Cheung. I live in Tuen Mun. I write this letter to you because I would like to suggest a new animal for your zoo. It is called a fist. I hope you will like this new animal.

It looks like a cat and a fish. It has a fish body and fish scales, but it has fur and a cat's head. It eats seaweed and sand, and it drinks water. It normally lives in the South China Sea, Victoria Ocean or Tuen Mun River. It can swim, say "meow" and play hide-and-seek. It can also play with a ball and can dance in the water. It changes its own colours too. It is tiny. It is yellow, red, blue and black. It also likes to smile!

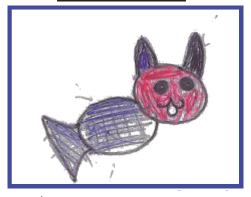
First of all, maybe the zoo has a cat or a fish now, but a fist is not in the zoo now. A fist is neither a cat nor a fish. A fist is a special animal of its own.

People would be interested in this animal because it is unbelievable, and it is fantastic. Why is it unbelievable and fantastic? Because this animal has a cat head and a fish body! When it jumps out of the water, it will say "meow" three to four times. I think people will feel surprised, and they will think it is great to have a fist in the world. They will get a camera and take pictures when they see this animal. They will tell their friends and family. Also, your zoo will become more popular.

I really hope you will put this animal in your zoo. If you put the fist in your zoo, please reply to my letter.

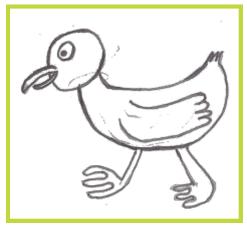
Best Wishes, Robbie Cheung

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#### Durrot



#### Moncat



April 14th, 2012

Dear Zookeeper,

Hello! My name is Owen. I'm ten years old, and I'm in Primary 5. I would like to suggest a new animal for the zoo because there are only usual animals in the zoo now. I would like to add a durrot.

A durrot is an unusual animal. It lives on farms and eats worms. It has a duck's tail and duck's webbed feet, but a parrot's face, parrot's beak and parrot's feathers. It can fly and shout like a duck, but it also talks like a parrot. It copies what people say when they are speaking.

First of all, a durrot is neither a parrot nor a duck, so your zoo needs to add this unusual animal. It may attract a lot of people to come and see it. I think people would be interested in it because they have never seen a durrot and it will be more beautiful than parrots. It has more beautiful colors.

When people see them, they will feel very excited. They will take a lot of photos, and they will want to touch them. They may see their photos after they visit the zoo, and they will put their photos on their computers.

I hope you will think about my suggestion. Thank you!

Sincerely, Owen

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Dear Mrs. Noisy,

Hello. I am Eric. I would like to suggest a different animal for the zoo. It is funnyand interesting. This animal is not easily found in the world. It is good for the zoo.

This animal is called a Moncat. It looks like a cat and a monkey. It has a monkey's ears and a cat's mouth. It has a monkey body with long legs and a long tail. It also eats a lot of bananas and a lot of fish. It lives in a forest and can run, jump high, climb trees and swim. It is very special because it can run faster than a leopard!

People would be interested in this animal because it is funny and is the world's fastest animal. It can run 1000 km per hour. The people will feel surprised and will think happy thoughts when they see this animal. When they see this animal, they will take a photo with it. They will buy a Moncat doll after they visit the zoo.

I hope my animal can make your zoo happy.

Sincerely, Eric Tsui



### Happy Grandma

By Matthew Chan (5B)

Gigi was a famous baker. She loved baking bread and cakes. One day, she went to her grandmother's house to visit. She saw her grandmother was very old. She had white hair and yellow skin. So Gigi decided to make some special elixir for her grandmother because she didn't like her grandmother to be an old old woman and wanted to help.

Gigi started making the medicine. First, she added half a bottle of shampoo because she wanted her grandmother's hair to become clean. Then, she took turns to add red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple and gold powder colours for her grandmother's hair to become colourful. Next, she put one box of washing powder into the mixer too. It was for her



grandmother's skin to become white again. After that, she mixed it and put it into a big bowl and boiled it. At last, she got out the mixture and put it in a

small bowl. She gave the mixture to her grandmother and gave it to her to drink.

Grandmother looked at the mixture and asked Gigi, "Is this mixture safe?"

"Maybe! I don't know," answered

Gigi.

"I will try it because you worked hard to make it," said Grandmother.

Then, Grandmother tried it. Five minutes later, Grandmother's hair started falling out and she looked ugly. Two minutes after that, new hair grew in. The new hair was colourful, but her skin was still yellow. Although Grandmother looked a little crazy, she was happy that Gigi loved her so much. She hugged her and gave her a kiss. Grandmother did not want to try to look normal again. She lived happily with Gigi, and Gigi didn't worry about her

grandmother anymore. She only wanted her to be happy and Grandmother didn't care how she looked.



### **Beauty Potion**

By Isabella Sin (5D)

Victoria
was an old
woman. She
was very old.
Her age was
198. She was a
pharmacist,
and she



worked in a company called Beautiful. The company sold beauty products like powders and beauty water. Victoria wanted to make people beautiful because she thought she was ugly. She wanted to make something different, something quick like magic. She hoped it

would only take one day to make people beautiful.

She prepared many ingredients, like a tube of toothpaste, one bottle of shampoo, a tube of body lotion, one tube of rose water and one bottle of washing powder. She mixed it together in a pot and left it for nine weeks. The medicine needed nine weeks to change to jelly. Finally, she put it in the fridge for about one hour so it would be ready to eat.

The next day, an old woman came into the Beautiful Company shot. The old woman was even older than Victoria, so she thought she should sell her the medicine. She started by saying, "Hello! I am a seller from this company. What is your name?"

"Oh! Hello, nice to meet you. My name is Mrs. Brown," Mrs. Brown answered.

"I want to tell you about this medicine. It is free. You can try it! It will make you younger," Victoria said.

Mrs. Brown went home and tried it. She drank it even though it tasted bad. Unluckily, the next day she was older than before she drank it. When she woke up, she went to the bathroom to brush her teeth, and she saw her face in the mirror. She had even more white hair and her teeth were browner.

She felt strange because Victoria said it would make her younger and now she was older than before. She got angry and went to the company to find Victoria. When she got there, she shouted and cried loudly. "Where is the sale's lady Victoria? Come out here!"

"What is the matter, Mrs Brown? Hey, hello! Did you drink my medicine? You look older..." Victoria came out and asked.

"I did drink it, but why I am older than before?" said Mrs Brown. "I will never come to your bad company again!"

Victoria felt sorry about her medicine,

so she thought she needed to make a new one. After one week, she made a new medicine, and she went to Mrs. Brown's home. Mrs. Brown was angry to see her again, but Victoria still gave the new medicine to her, but Mrs. Brown didn't want to try it again. Victoria was upset about that, but suddenly she thought of a good idea. She made the medicine into soup. She added some new ingredients, like one tube of salt, sugar, lavender water and coloured paints. This was better because the salt and sugar were for taste and the paint was to make her hair black and her teeth white. She used rose water before, so she tried a different flower now. Then, she went to Mrs. Brown's home again.

Mrs. Brown saw her again. Victoria said, "This soup is the sorry soup. I made this soup for you and hope you won't be angry."

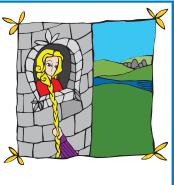
Finally, Mrs. Brown drank it, and the next day, she became a young girl!

#### Dad's Hair

By Ryan Cheung (4C)

Leo was a young man. He was twenty years old. He was a baker. He worked in a cake shop. He had to make cakes there, but he wanted to help his dad grow more hair. His dad was tall and thin, but his hair was too short and nobody liked that.

One day, he decided to make soup to help his dad grow hair. First, Leo put some hair in some water. Then, he added a Rapunzel book and a Rapunzel picture. He also added some bamboo because it is long. Next, he mixed them all together and cooked it. Finally, the soup was ready to drink! He gave it to his dad and then...





### **Egg Painter**

By Yuki Chan (4E)

Springlings are normal children. They help to make eggs, paint eggs and other things for Easter. On Easter Island, everyone must be a Springling at one time in their lives, and every child will become a Springling when he or she is ten years old.

Yesterday, Sandy turned ten. On that day, a bunny went to Sandy's home and told her she was a Springling now. She learned many things in the Springling lessons. Every Springling has a different job, but Sandy's

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boss already told her what she needed to do. She would be an egg painter.

The next morning, Sandy painted many pictures at home to get ready for work. She was happy and excited. She

thought being a Springling egg painter was a good job. She hoped all the day she would be lucky and not do anything wrong. She went to the office early, and she went there by bus.

Sandy thought that this job would be fun and happy because everyone inside the office was smiling. After she went in, she reported to her boss the Easter Rabbit. Her boss said, "You can start your work now." So she started her work. Sandy loved to eat eggs. When she painted the first egg, she then ate the egg! Then, she took another egg and painted again. This time, she didn't eat the egg, but the egg fell on the floor!

Other Springlings laughed at her. She felt embarrassed. Her face turned red, and she ran away. After that, Sandy tried to hold the egg more carefully. She also ate a cake so she would not feel hungry and would not eat the eggs. At the end, she finished her job painting the eggs, and everyone was happy. They smiled at each other.

### **Funny Faces**

By Jeff Hong (4E)

Easter Island has many Springlings. There was one popular Springling named Boying. He was popular because Mr. Easter Bunny liked him. He was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2000. He was ten now, and he needed to work for Mr. Bunny. He was excited before his first work day. He bought some paint for that morning.

On this first working day morning, he hoped his boss would like him. He went to work on foot because his work place was opposite his house. He went to work, and he was happy because he saw all the

Springlings had friendly faces. The first thing he had to do was to report to his boss. He went to the biggest Springling's office and was told he would work with Girling. Girling's job was to cut the wood. She cut some wood, and she took a rest when Boying was still working. His job was painting eggs, and he wanted to pick up an egg, but he accidentally took a piece of wood. He didn't know he had taken the wrong thing. He painted the wood and took the wood to the biggest Springling. He said, "These are my Easter Eggs. I painted them, very fast!" The biggest Springling had an angry face. "What are these?" he yelled and took Boying to Mr. Easter Bunny's office.

Boying was scared, but Boying kept clam. He made a funny face to Mr. Easter Bunny. Mr. Easter Bunny thought he was very funny. He wanted Boying to be his adopted son because he thought Boying was funny and he enjoyed him very much.



Boying accepted immediately, so he didn't need to work anymore. He could have a big house and a luxurious life from that time onward.

### Chocolate

By Tiffany Leung (6C)

Springlings have different jobs, like putting chocolate into the bag or colouring paper bags. Springlings look strange with small heads, big ears and small mouths but big bodies. One Springling was named Chocolate because she liked eating chocolate. She could eat many things! She was friendly and kind but very careless.

One day, she turned ten years old,

and she received a letter. The Easter Bunny told her it was time to be a Springling, and her job was to cut paper for Easter baskets. She felt happy to do this job because she had never done this before. She bought some scissors and glue, and she was ready to go to work. She took the bus at the bus stop in the morning. She knew where to go because it was in the letter she received. She wore a badge that was the Easter office badge, which she received from the head office. This made her feel smart. After an hour's journey on the bus, she saw the building of her office. She was shocked when she saw the building because it was so tall and so big. She thought that she might be punished by the boss because she was late to work. She went to the fourth floor, Room A, where she worked.

She started to cut the paper. She cut and cut. Cut and cut and cut until suddenly, "Ouch!" Her middle finger was cut by the scissors. She was hurt! She cried loudly, and all the other Springlings

came to see what happened. They helped Chocolate to fix her finger. They used tape to tape her finger, and Chocolate felt happy. She smiled. Additionally, she



worked very hard after that and worked slowly to protect her safety. The boss said, "Although Chocolate works slowly, she can make things well and beautiful! I think she is the best person in the office!" Now, Chocolate is very happy to work at this office.

