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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.5 and P.6 students in the Young Writers activity.

Read about famous elves, giants, animal companies, strange students, and much more! Enjoy!

# The Most Famous Elf

Everyone knows the most famous reindeer, but what about Santa's other helpers?

# Tall Tommy Elf By Winnie Hung

It all started six years ago. A human male fell in love with an elf. One year later, they had a baby called Tommy. When Tommy was a newborn, he was already taller than his mother. But his father and mother were not scared and surprised because they knew that they had come from different worlds.

They lived happily, except Tommy. Since he was too tall, his friends didn't want to stay near him. They even thought he was a monster. Tommy's school life was boring and

sad, but his home life was wonderful. His father and mother didn't mind how strange they were. They loved each other. When Tommy's short mother couldn't take something from a high place, he helped her. He wanted to be a basketball player, so he always forgot to make toys and played basketball instead. The Elf boss always punished him.

Tommy wanted to be friends with the other elves. He helped them. When the short elves couldn't take something from the top of the cupboard, Tommy helped them take it down. But the elves were still saying bad things about him and didn't care about him.

When Tommy worked, he became tired easily, because he needed to make a lot of toys every day. He liked to play basketball, but no one else knew how to play basketball. Also, they were not tall enough to play it, so no one played with Tommy.

The Elf boss even said, "Don't let Tommy play basketball! He needs to do more and more work. How strange this elf is!" Then, the elves carried Tommy back to his seat and he had to make toys again. They also locked his basketball in the locker. Tommy cried sadly. He made the toys with tears. The toys he made were bad and the other elves needed to make them again. The boss was angry. He thought Tommy was wasting time. He always punished him. The elves didn't like Tommy anymore.

"Ho! Ho!" said Santa Claus happily. He asked, "Are the presents for the children ready?"

The elves said clearly, "Yes, of course."

Suddenly, there was a short earthquake. The elves fell down and the toys they made fell down too. Luckily, no one was hurt and their toys did not break, but the ladders to the toy baskets did.

The toy baskets were on top of the cupboard. The baskets were connected to the sleigh by a slide, and that was the only way to send the toys to Santa. It was not easy for the short elves to put the presents in the baskets and they needed to spend lots of time to put

them up there.

Santa Claus needed to give presents to the children now because it was already Christmas Eve. They didn't have



much time to send the presents to the children. What should they do?

Tommy said loudly, "I can put them back within ten minutes." He threw them like a basketball. He threw them one by one and never threw any to the wrong place. The toys were just thrown into the basket accurately. In just one minute, the toys were all in the baskets and safe.

Finally, Santa Claus could send the presents to the children on time. If there was no Tommy, Santa Claus couldn't have sent out the presents on time.

All the elves were proud of Tommy. They said to Tommy nicely, "Thank you! Can you teach us how to play basketball?"

Tommy said happily, "Of course!"

The short elves wanted to be tall too. They made toys with Tommy happily together and they played basketball skillfully later. They became very good friends.

## Hungry the Elf By Henry Ho

Once upon a time, there was an elf called Hungry. He had a very, very big mouth and a very big stomach. He was good at eating. He could eat more than 200 bowls of noodles. His problem was that he was always hungry, so he always had no money, because he used all his money to buy food. When he did not have money to buy food, he started eating garbage, too. *(continued on p.4)* 

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At home, his mother and his dad said to him, "What's the matter with you? Your mouth is too big. Go back to your room quickly. We don't want to see you. You are so ugly." Hungry ran to his room, and thought about how to change his mouth to be much smaller.

One hour later, he thought of an idea. He used a clothespin to pull his mouth together and make it smaller. Then he went to the workshop to work. Suddenly his clothespin broke and dropped on the floor. The other elves saw his big mouth. They went out of the workshop and shouted, "A crocodile!" No one was left, so Hungry hid in the corner and started to cry.

Before Christmas, many children threw their old toys into the landfill. The landfill had a lot of rubbish and it was smelly. All the people who lived next to it were smelly too. When Santa Claus's deer passed by, they suddenly fainted. Santa felt very surprised. He thought and thought about how to get rid of the smelly rubbish. Finally, he remembered Hungry's big mouth, and he called him to eat it all up.

Hungry ate all the garbage. It took him only 12 hours to finish 212 kg of garbage. All the people were happy, and Santa's deer could pass by without fainting. The people held a party to celebrate the event. All the people called Hungry, "Hero!"

# The Sporty Elves By Caron Lo

A long time ago, there was a boy and a girl elf. Their names were Grain and Yanty. They did not know each other. Grain's hobbies were playing basketball and football. He always had a basketball with him. Yanty's hobbies were swimming and high jump.

One day, Santa Claus brought Grain to his factory and needed Grain to make some special toys. Because it was Grain's first time to make toys, Santa let Grain sleep first. The second day, Grain thought of a special toy. Its name was "Love forever". This toy had a boy and a girl facing each other and they could talk to each other.

Santa said Grain was good. He wanted him to go to the second floor to make that toy. Grain went down. Yanty was in the lift going to the first floor. Then, the lift suddenly stopped and there was no light. Grain had a torch and he turned it on. Yanty said it was so lucky, but

she was also scared.

Grain was brave and said to Yanty, "I will save you and help you get out of the lift." Grain used his basketball and threw it at the door. The door opened and they were on the third floor.

Suddenly, two aliens came and took Santa back to their home because they wanted toys. The aliens wanted many toys because they planned to make them come alive, and use them to attack the Earth. Grain and Yanty wanted to save Santa, so they set off on a journey. They found the aliens' home and fought the aliens. Grain threw his basketball at the first alien and Yanty jumped high, like in high jump, to sit on the second alien. Finally, they saved Santa.

After that, Grain and Yanty really fell in love. Grain and Yanty got married and Grain told Yanty his dream was to be a basketball player. After two years, they had two babies. One was called Tony and one was called Bowie. They were very good at sports. Santa was very happy.

# A Guide to Giants

Read about giants' lives, their medical troubles and stories from their owners



## Homework Cruncher By Sunny Wong

Homework Cruncher likes to eat the homework in the teacher's hand. He is 50 metres tall. He weighs 500 kg. There are many spots on his face. His body is fat like an elephant. He smells like a panda, but his smell is worse. His skin is smooth.

He hates homework because he thinks homework is boring and he wants children to be happy. He is friendly to other giants, so the other giants like him very much. He likes playing games with them, like skipping, stone-paper-scissors, and card games. These games are very interesting. They feel happy every time they play.

#### Owner Story about Homework Cruncher

Once upon a time, I lived in the U.S. I was 25 years old. I was an astronaut. One day, I flew to a new planet, and I was caught by giants. Luckily, the giants thought I was kind and they let me run away. Also, they gave me a giant, Homework Cruncher. I took him back to Earth and kept him in my house. But he was too big, so I needed to buy a new house. The house was about

100,000,000,000,000 m<sup>3</sup>, but it cost about 1000 million dollars, so I started to think of something to make the giant smaller.

I called my best friends to come. They were scared by the giant because they had never seen an animal this big. They all ran away quickly and they did not come again. They even turned off their mobile phones.

Suddenly, I remembered that I had not given the giant a name, so I gave him the name, Carly. But 1 week later, I found that there were a lot of problems with feeding a giant. For example, the giant had to eat lots. It cost a lot of money. Next, this giant would eat homework. He would eat all of my son's homework, and my son could not tell the teacher the truth. He always felt angry with me, so I called the police, the scientists and the firemen to come take the giant away. I was very sad about this. I cried for 20 days!

# Paper Snatcher By Viann Lau

She is 418 metres tall. She weighs 520 kg. She is thin and her face is sharp. She smells like a rose. She is 15 years old. She has a soft voice and smooth skin. She is known for eating paper. She eats 70 papers per minute. She finds the paper when she goes out into Giant Land.

She lives in Marathon in a very, very, very big cave. Her room is XXXXXXXXXXXXX size. Her bed is also XXXXXXXXXXXX size.

She likes swimming and swims very fast. She likes to eat paper, like newspaper, cards, or anything else. Besides that, she is a helpful giant.

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### Owner Story about Paper Snatcher, Kary

My giant is called Kary. I got her when I was having a barbecue on the beach. I dug a big hole and found her sleeping in a box. I've owned her for 15 years. I was very amazed by her when I first found her. She did many good things and bad things.

One time, I took her to have lunch, and because she was careless, she stepped on people's cars! Then she took those cars for her friend, Kelvin. Kelvin's owner is Dickson. Kelvin is 15 years old, like Kary. They knew each other when they were children. They always play together. She is Kelvin's best friend. Kelvin likes eating cars because he thinks that cars are delicious.

The people who owned the cars felt very angry and they wanted to punish Kary. Kary felt sorry because the people were crying. She quickly told her friend Kelvin not to eat the cars. Kelvin did not eat the cars and she gave the cars back to the people.

But Kary does some good things too, such as helping me to do housework and eating waste paper, so that I don't have to throw the paper away.

# The Dragon Rider By Howard Lau

The Dragon Rider is 20 metres tall. His hair is black and his voice is very loud.



When he was a child, his father gave him a dragon. He likes riding the dragon to fly to places he has not been to because he likes to meet new friends. He likes to eat noodles, beef, and vegetables, and he likes to drink juice, tea, and chocolate milk. He is very friendly and polite.

#### Medical Troubles of a Rider Giant



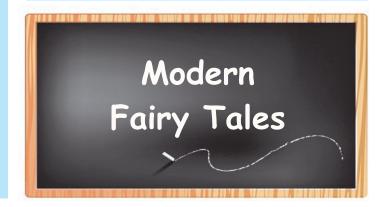
run more than 200 km/h.

The giant gets Rider Flu because the giant is always riding on animals. The giant gets this flu if the giant's animals run too fast when the giant is on it. If the giant is a Rider, this giant gets this flu when the animals

To get better, the giant should find a dragon named "The Dragon King Of The World" and ask him to get some King Grass for the giant. Then, the giant should use the King Grass to wash his face one time. One week later, the giant will get better. If the giant has Rider Flu, he will not eat anything, and he will have a fever.

#### Dragon Flu

The giant gets Dragon Flu if the giant rides on a sick dragon or if he always rides on a dragon. To get better, the giant should find a dragon named "The Dragon That Can Blow Fire With Its Wings", and then kill this dragon and take this dragon meat back home. Finally, the giant should eat the meat quickly and take a warm shower quickly too. If the giant has Dragon Flu, he will not drink anything and will have a runny nose.



## The Three Giraffes

## By Bobo Leung



Once upon a time, there was a big forest in Africa. There were three giraffes in the forest. They had a mother. The mother said, "Three lovely sons, I am very old. I am going to die, so you must take care of each other. Do you remember your father? Before he died, he said you must not always fight each other because

you are my lovely sons ..." When their mother finished the talk, their mother passed away quietly. They were sad.

One day, when they woke up, they went outside to find food for their breakfast. When they opened the door, they were surprised because they saw a big, tall tree in front of their house. They were excited. They wanted to build a big house near the tree because it was more convenient to eat leaves.

The oldest brother went outside and picked up a lot of wood to build his house. He built and built. He built his house for almost three hours. After he finished building his house, he felt tired and hungry. He thought of an idea, "Let me eat the leaves. But when I eat the leaves, my brothers will see me and they will fight with me. What shall I do? I am hungry. Ah, no one will see me because I built a big house and my big green door will cover the tree. The house can hide me and protect me from fighting with my brothers. Ha, ha!" Then, he ate the leaves that were on the tree. He ate 4/7 of this tree. He was full. No one knew he had eaten the leaves.

The second brother went to the market and bought 5 hundred gold bullions. They were shiny. He used his gold bullions to build a new house. He built and built. He built his house for almost five hours. After he finished building his home, he felt tired and thirsty. He also thought of an idea, "Let me eat the leaves. But when I eat the leaves, my brothers will see me and they will fight with me. What shall I do? I am thirsty. Leaves can help me collect water. Ah, no one will see me because I built a big house. My big green door will cover the tree. The house can hide me and protect me from fighting with my brothers. Ha, ha!" Then, he ate the leaves that were on the tree. He ate 2/7 of this tree. He was full too. No one knew he had eaten the leaves.

The younger brother was a builder. He was clever. He went to the hardware shop and bought a lot of bricks. They were thick and hard. He used the bricks to build a new house. He built and built. He built his house for almost twelve hours because the bricks were heavy! After he finished building his home, he felt tired, hungry and thirsty. He also thought of an idea, "Let me eat the leaves. But when I eat the leaves, my brother will see me and they will fight with me. What shall I do? I am hungry and thirsty. My big green door will cover the tree. Leaves are good for our health. Ah, no one will see me because I built a strong, big house, and the house can hide me and protect me from fighting with my brothers. Ha, ha!" Then he ate the leaves that were in the tree. He ate 1/7 of the tree. He was full. No one knew he was eating the leaves.

At night, the three giraffes wanted to have dinner together. The oldest giraffe (continued on p. 8)

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wanted to have some leaves that were on the old, tall tree. The other giraffes agreed. They went outside happily. When they left the house, they were angry because the tree didn't have any leaves left. So, they fought with each other.

The oldest brother asked, "Who ate our dinner?"

The two little brothers replied, "I don't know. I have not eaten any leaves that were on the tree!" They fought again. They were injured.

Suddenly, it started to rain and the wind blew hard. It was like a typhoon. It was dangerous. The three giraffes ran quickly and went back to their houses immediately. The old, tall tree couldn't bear it, so it fell down. The oldest brother's house broke at that moment. The oldest brother ran to the second brother's home awkwardly, but the tree trunk rooted out and pushed the second brother's house. The gold bullions got knocked down too. Then the oldest brother and the second brother ran. They went to the youngest brother's home and it was safe. Abruptly, there was a thunderstorm. Luckily, the house was not harmed. From then on, they lived in the brick house happily.

# The Monkey and the Shoemaker By Liam Li



Once upon a time, in an old town, there was a small shoe shop. The shoemaker's shoes were old fashioned, so no one bought them. One night, the shoemaker said to his wife, "I put the thread on the table. I will sew tomorrow." Then, they went to sleep.



The next morning, the shoemaker was very surprised because he saw a pair of beautiful shoes. The shoemaker sold the shoes and a wealthy man bought them. They received two hundred dollars.

At night, the shoemaker put the thread on the table again. He and his wife hid behind the stairs. When it was midnight, a monkey climbed into the shop. It sat on the table and began to sew. When it was morning, the monkey finished its work and jumped out of the shop. The two sellers thought for a moment. They wanted to repay the intelligent monkey. So, they put five bananas and a piece of paper on the table. The paper said, "These are yours. Thank you."

When it was midnight, the monkey climbed into the shop as usual. It saw the bananas and paper. It did its work until sunrise and it ran away with the bananas happily. From then on, the shoemaker put bananas on the table every sunset and the monkey sewed every night. The shoemaker became wealthy and the monkey became his loyal pet.

## Cinderella By Cherry Chan

Once upon a time, there was a girl called Cinderella. She and her family were poor. Although she was poor, she was happy because she had many friends to play with her. When she grew up, her friends always invited her to parties and Cinderella made more friends.

One night, her friends invited her to go to a party at the beach and it started at half past nine. When she went into the party, she saw a handsome boy. He was taking food from the buffet. She wanted to make friends with him, but he walked so fast, so she missed the chance to make friends.

Luckily, she saw him at the beach at

the party. So, she ran to the handsome boy and wanted to talk with him. Cinderella wanted to ask him if she could make friends with him, but he ran away at midnight and he forgot his bag. The bag was triangle-shaped. It also had an Eiffel Tower on it. She found it on the beach at the party. She put the bag in her handbag. She would take it out when she found the handsome boy.

Cinderella wanted to find the handsome boy because she fell in love with him. She wanted to give the bag to the boy. When she went to a market in the water village, she found a boy who was similar to the handsome boy in the party.

Then, she asked the boy to put on the bag and asked him if he went to the party, but the boy said he didn't go to any party. Also, he was not exactly like the handsome boy who was in the party. The size of their mouths and their voices were different.

After that, Cinderella thought she could find the boy one day. So, she looked for him everywhere until she was seventy. She went to Ms. Josephine Nelson's Garden to find the handsome boy, but she didn't find the handsome boy there. She looked everywhere in the big city, but still she could not find him.

At last, she wanted to look for him one more time when she was much older. So, she went to a forest and looked for him. She felt tired and decided to fall asleep under the tree. Finally, she never woke up again.

# Strange Student: Suey By Kelly Wong

Suey was an 11-year-old girl. She was good at running, but when anyone talked to her, she ran away very fast and very far. She had dark brown hair and her eyes were green.

# Cindy Candy the Witch

By Helen Wong



Cindy Candy is an ugly and fat witch, Who likes Stitch.

She wishes for a spell to make her beautiful, She even asks people for a magic bowl, Finally, she finds a spell in a mirror, She needs a pig that is fat like her!

She also needs a pot of earth and all of her hair,

So she thinks that is not so fair.

Three hours she waits,

To wait she hates.

Then "be-li-be-li-eat bread!"

Her potion slowly turns red.

She drinks all of the potion,

Her cat kicks over her body lotion,

And it spills everywhere,

Even on her teddy bear!

An hour, two hours, three hours later,

She looks like a monster!

"Aaah!" She turns very thin,

She has very brown skin!

She grows black fur all around her body,

She looks like a black bear in a tree.

She doesn't believe she is Cindy Candy!

She cries so much her tears make a sea! At last she dies,

Some witches see her flying in the sky.

She was 134 cm tall and 20 kg. But something special about her was that she liked toy bears.

One day, at recess time, Suey ran in the playground. She wanted to run for 50 rounds. The headmaster saw that and said, "So great! Suey, you can go to a competition."

Suey heard and ran away quickly. She didn't say anything either. She ran far, far (continued on p. 10)

## **OLSGSC (Office Lady Spider Super Gorilla Company)**

By Peggy Chan and Winnie Hung

#### **About us**

Hi, we are the Office Lady Spider Gorilla Super Company (OLSGSC). Office Lady Spider and Helper Gorilla are our workers. They are helpful, hardworking and take their jobs seriously. Let's introduce them.

Office Lady Spider is a beautiful spider. She listens to phone calls carefully. She does projects by using a computer. You know, she can do many things at the same time. She can serve 16 customers at once. She can do a lot of things at the same time because she has eight hands. She also shoots out spider webs to stick papers together. She helps our company a lot.

Helper Gorilla is a strong and tall lady. She has many muscles. She can move heavy things and take the things from the very high places. She can send cargo within five minutes. She works quickly.

They have good cooperation. Sometimes, they do the job together. Spider makes the spider webs for customers to stick things on the wall even if they are different sizes. Gorilla helps customers to put things into the spider webs.

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"Spider, Gorilla, we are super!"

#### (Suey, continued from p.9)

away, and no one could catch her. The headmaster did not know that Suey was always like that, so he was very angry. He didn't like people not being polite. He had to punish Suey. The headmaster used strong glue to stick Suey's feet on the ground. She could not run for three days.

Suey's class teacher, Miss Lee, wanted to help Suey, so she went to Suey's home. She wore a bear costume and when Suey opened the door, she said, "Hello! How are you?"

Normally, Suey wanted to run, but when she saw the bear costume, Suey was very happy. She said, "So cute!" She touched Miss Lee's head and said, "So soft! I like you!" Miss Lee thought this was a good idea. She told everyone to wear a bear costume so Suey wouldn't run.

Another day, they all wore bear costumes and had a 'bear party'. Everything had toy bears on it, like bear balloons, a bear cake, and bear plates. They also gave Suey many toy bear gifts, like a pencil case, a light, a rubbish bin, a mirror, and even bear toothpaste. Suey saw the bear gifts and her face changed. She became excited and happy.

She shouted loudly, "Cute! Very cute!" They all felt surprised.

They said, "We are giving them to you."

She said, "I like them. Thank you! I like you guys!"

They felt Suey was a lovely girl too. They became good friends. They told the headmaster to change the uniform to look like a bear, and they decorated the school with bears.

Suey helped the school to win many running medals. She helped the school to become more popular. Everyone said she was a good girl and the headmaster said she was a good girl too. They wanted Suey to be happy, but every time Suey won a medal, she would ask them to give her a toy bear. If they didn't give her one, she would not say anything. So every time, they had to give her a toy bear. They became poorer and poorer.

## Postcards from Owlly

## By Sabrina Wong and Winnie Hung



16th April, 2011

Dear Wife and Egg,

How are you? How is my egg? Sorry! I left home suddenly because I want to find a bigger place for us to live.

Today, I went to Hong Kong (a big city). I saw a lot of cars and people. The air is not fresh and the price of tree holes is expensive. There aren't many trees, so we will not have a lot of neighbours if we live here. I think it will not be a good place for us to live.

Love,

Owlly

Small Hole

5th Floor

15th Tree

Darkwood



17th April, 2011

Dear Wife (and Baby),

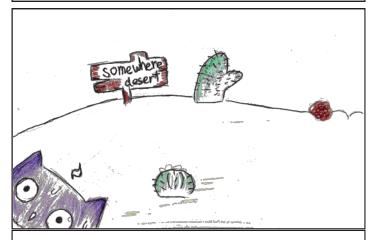
How are you? I have heard that you have already had my baby. Oh! I really want to come back and see how my baby looks.

Today, I went to the rainforest. Oh my god! How humid it is! Here, it always rains and the trees are so wet. I'm sure that you and our baby will not like this kind of place. And you know, although there are many foods, it's quite dangerous. I miss home!

Love,

Owlly





18th April, 2011

Dear, dear Wife and Baby,

Are you fine in our home sweet home? I have arrived at a desert somewhere. It is too dry and too 'nothing'. No trees, no rivers and even no creatures. I have to say, we will have no chance to stay alive here. No food, no trees, no water and no sun cream.

I am turning into a roast owl. I smell nasty too. I have to leave now!

Love,

Owlly





19th April, 2011

Dear lovely Wife and Baby,

Hi, dear. I went to a place that is quiet, has many foods and is full of trees. It is just what I imagined, but the many crows, people and snow are making me mad. The crows stole my food, people keep waking me up, and snow is covering my whole body. Pum! I really hate the snow...

So, how is the baby? Have you named him or her? Is it a boy or a girl?

Love,

Owlly

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Small Hole

5th Floor

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Darkwood

