



The Friendship Issue.



Though miles may lie between us
we are never far apart,
for friendship doesn't count miles
It's measured by heart.

Hard times don't last forever
but true friendships do...I'll
always be there for anything
you need...Even if it's just
someone to listen.

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What is friendship?

A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked.— *Bernard Meltzer*.

A friend is one who knows us, but loves us anyway.—
Fr. Jerome Cummings

Hold a true friend with both your hands. — Nigerian Proverb

The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend.— *Abraham Lincoln*

A friend is one who believes in you when you have ceased to believe in yourself.
—Anonymous

*Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.
Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.
Just walk beside me and be my friend.*
— *Albert Camus*

*Good friends are like stars.
You don't always see them, but
you know they're always there.*
—*Anonymous*

It is a sweet thing, friendship, a dear balm
A happy and auspicious bird of calm
— Shelley

To Gain and Maintain Friendships

Tsang Hui Ming, Candy 7A

These days, many people find making friends easier than maintaining friendships. This is definitely true. We can 'unfriend' someone by pressing a button while many of us do not know how to treasure friendships in reality. In my opinion, one of the biggest difficulties is that it is hard for us to take advice from others, especially from friends who are the same age. That makes us feel inferior and we doubt whether we have the same ability as they do. Irrespective of how naïve it seems to be, this feeling always troubles us and can even keep us distant from our friends. Fortunately, it doesn't have to be this way.

One important thing we have to remind ourselves is not to think too much. Try to think as an onlooker and put faith in our friends. Why do our friends disagree with our ideas and always comment on our work? Because everyone has a different perspective and we should not blame them for having their own ideas. Besides, commenting on our work does not necessarily mean that they

want to pick on us. Try to think about everything more simply, because this is how a friendship should be.

Self confidence is equally vital in maintaining a healthy relationship with our friends. Yes it may be true that in some aspects we are not as outstanding as our friends, but please bear in mind that no one is perfect. As an old saying goes, 'All things in their being are good for something'. You may have trouble with mathematics but you could be a gifted athlete! Everyone has different talents and there is no such thing as 'inferior' among friends. We need not and should never be jealous of our friends.

Keeping a healthy relationship with friends is not an easy task. But with our minds open and with faith in our friends, it is possible to have friendships that last forever.

"We can 'unfriend' someone by pressing a button."

"There is no such thing as 'inferior' among friends."

Groups of friends at KYC.



Greeting Distant Friends

Yin Lian Zhu, Charlotte 7A

How do you connect with your distant friends? Do you use Facebook, or call them, or do you write letters?

I, perhaps quite differently from others, prefer the last one- writing letters.

Writing letters has long been a method for people to keep in touch with friends. It was once the only form and thus a fundamental way for the dissemination of information. For many people, writing letters may be outdated, but such an 'old-fashioned' way of communicating has its good points. Words in letters are the true hand written thoughts from our friends. Not only can they give you a

warm feeling, they can even show you how your friends were feeling at that time: their mood. If the words tend to be hasty, your friend might have been worried when they wrote the letter. It is really true that you can perceive your friends' feeling through letters.

This is why I like receiving and writing letters. It is so exciting to read my friends' letters, especially those with special drawings that show their real feelings. I connect with my friends in another city through writing letters.

Undeniably, we cannot easily write letters to friends with whom we don't have a close relationship. Under these circumstances, writing emails is a more convenient means. Nowadays the most popular way to connect with our friends may be associated with Facebook. This global means of communication allows me to just click my friend's icon and chat with him or her immediately, or to leave a message on his or her wall.

Yes, it is true that writing letters is time-consuming. But, one thing is for sure, there is great excitement and happiness in reading the letters. At least, it is warmer than reading words on a screen.

I Will Remember

by Joshua Fung, 6D

**Wondering where my homeroom is,
Wondering if my choice was right,
Wondering with what I will be greeted,
A hail of curse or love?**

**Greeted by care,
Greeted by cheers,
Greeted by love that ne'er fades**

**My teacher, Ms Lam,
Always wears her sun-glasses
Cuz we, 6D, are too bright!**

**The last fall,
The last picnic,
Here, we are a lovely family.**

**For I will remember,
The last November,
Like a fly in the amber,
As solid as timber.**

S6 students enjoy an OLE day.





'Friendship' on Facebook

Li Chun Ching, Jack 7A

In the past, when you missed your friends, you would call them, or send them a message or drop in where they live. But now, with the advent of Facebook, you can find out what they were doing just a minute ago. What was once considered intimate can now be shared among millions with a keystroke.

In the virtual world of Facebook, the spatial barrier is no longer significant. Not only can we make use of it to maintain friendships, but also to build new friendships at an unimaginable speed as long as you are willing to click 'accept'. According to research conducted by Facebook and the Università degli Studi di Milano in Italy, on average, only 4.47

attention from others within their social circles. However, having their attention may not be equal to experiencing a real friendship.

Among all those friends or common friends on Facebook, how many of them are really your true friends? According to a research from Australia, on average, Australians who have around 145 friends on the Internet only have 14 true friends in reality. Although undoubtedly Facebook provides us with many opportunities to make new friends, it doesn't mean that it gives you real friendship. As in the world of Facebook,

world in Facebook. We should bear in mind that to maintain a good friendship is not just to type "happy birthday" on your friends' walls, when Facebook has reminded you.

So, as the definition of 'friends' becomes broader and broader with the younger generation, the notion that Facebook can bring more friendships, after all, varies with different people and it also depends on whether we can strike a delicate balance between convenience and sincerity. I hope you can do that, my friend!

people are needed to connect two complete strangers. It means that probably your friend is another friend's friend. Besides, your social network can now spread among all walks of life and even across the globe. One of my classmates has made friends with a Turk on Facebook, although they have never met before.

In fact, as single-child families and dual-working parents become more common, as well as materialism and a sense of estrangement between people in modern society, one's social life is particularly valued by the younger generation. Facebook gives youngsters a sense of recognition and much

people can be identified as friends before becoming your real friends. If you have many friends on Facebook, it may just indicate that you are less selective when clicking "accept".

Moreover, in the past, at least we would call or send a message to our friends, or choose a wonderful date to meet each other in order to maintain a good friendship. But now, as we are seemingly getting closer, a sense of convenience prevails and we may be more reluctant to spend our time being an earnest friend. Your friendship may thus run contrary to your idealized

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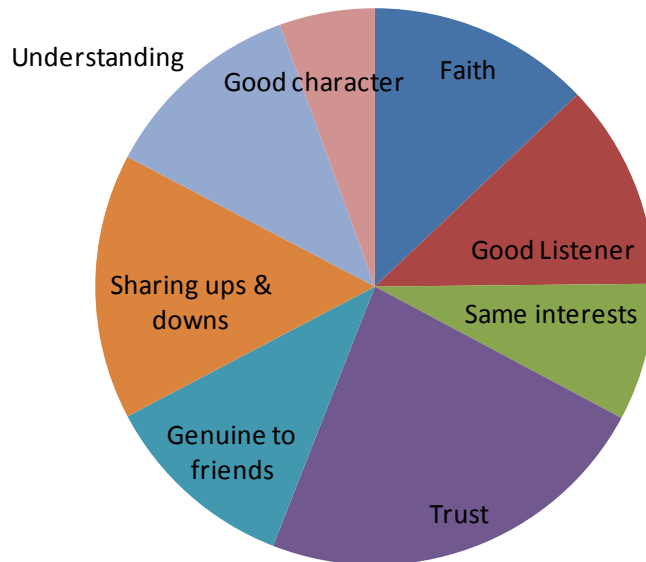
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Facebook

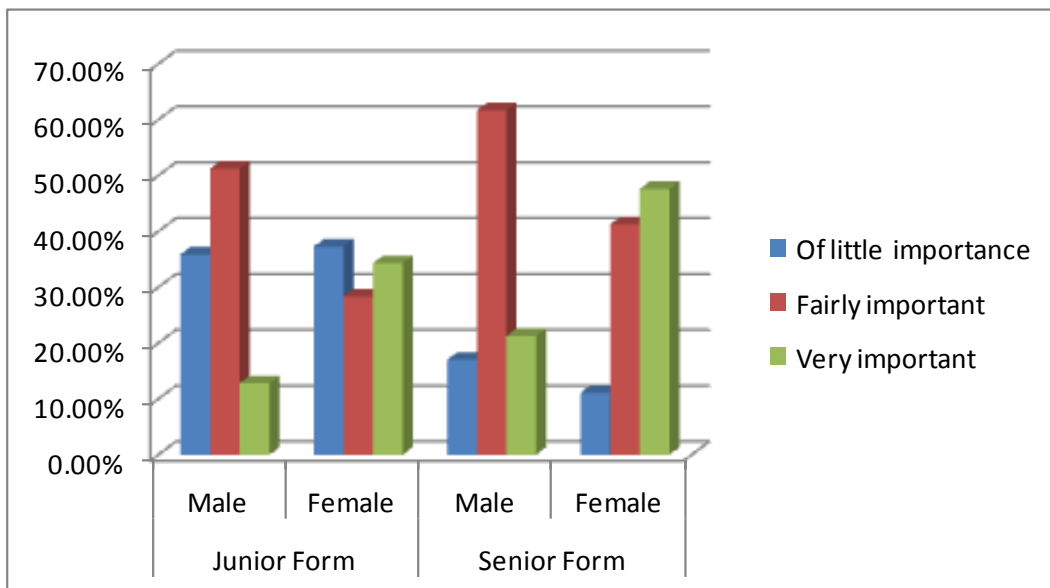
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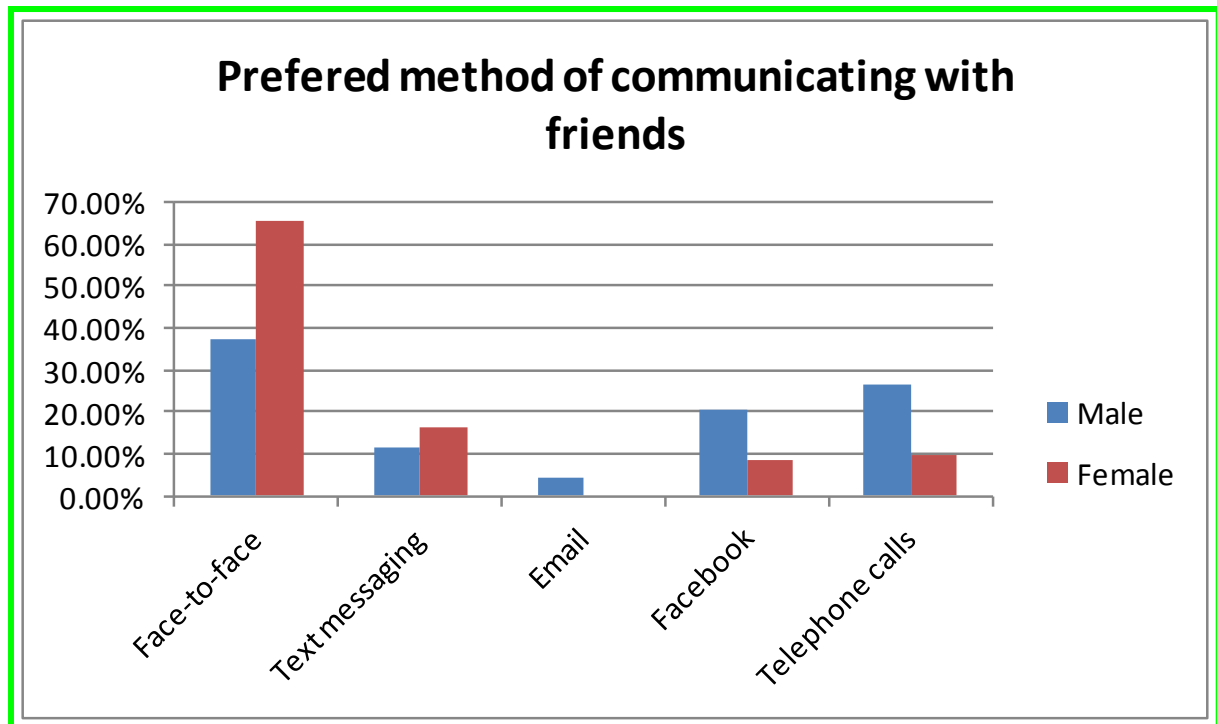
Chan Kin Cheung, Skary 5A

Most important quality of a good friend



How important is it to you what your friends think of you?





We wanted to know how KYC students felt about friendships, so this survey was conducted with a range of students from across the year groups. We asked questions about friendship: what students value in their friends, whether the way students are perceived is important to them and how students like to keep in touch with their friends.

Clearly, trust is the most valued quality of a friend, along with having people to share our lives with. Interestingly, having the same interests as another person is not as important which indicates that people are happy to embrace the differences among friends.

In this day and age, where digital media plays a much bigger role in our lives, it is heartening to learn that most students prefer to communicate face-to-face with their friends. Facebook hasn't taken over ... yet.

Bullying– Is there something we can do about it?

Cheng Man Kit, Kenneth 7B

It is not uncommon to see some bullying cases caught on tape and exposed on the internet every year. The seriousness of bullying in schools cannot be neglected, as the impact of bullying on victims is not only physical, but more importantly, psychological.

One of the obvious reasons why some students have become bullies is that they lack confidence and want to gain power by dominating others. Once they have started bullying, it might become an addiction for them subsequently. They might do something even more harmful to the victims in an attempt to satisfy their limitless arrogance. The solution to this problem is to teach

students the right ways to boost their confidence. Teachers and parents can lead youngsters to find interests from which they can gain life experience, and learn how to make achievements through these activities. It is good for them to be engaged in a positive interest which can boost their confidence rather than being involved in bullying. Sports and arts are good choices as they are about achieving goals in one's life.

The second reason why students get involved in bullying is that the youngsters are easily affected by the media. They mostly have an immature mind and some even like to imitate what they have seen through the media, without thinking

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whether it is good for them to do. Some teenagers love playing violent computer games. They may simply think they are cool and want to do something they did in the virtual world. Parents should monitor what their children are playing, reading and watching. Then they should tell them that those things in the media are unreal

and they cannot repeat the actions they see as they can harm others. Real actions have real consequences. Therefore, the teenagers can have a realistic and mature mind not to hurt somebody by following bad behaviors.

The last reason is that once there is a bully in a school, he or she would usually try to impress his or her friends, or coerce some students who look ‘weak’ to join him or her. The bully’s friends often accept his or her idea as they do not want to

lose their friendship. The ‘weak’ students usually follow him or her as they are scared that they will be punished if they do not. To deal with this phenomenon, the students around the bully can do more rather than enduring speechlessly at school. They should not fear the bullies they have encountered, but rather report them to teachers, in order to seek help and to keep the bullying from becoming more serious.

The problem of bullying in schools is not only a matter between the bullies and the victims. Teachers, parents and the students around the bullies can also take action in order to alleviate the situation.

As citizens of Hong Kong it is our responsibility to develop a peaceful school life for all students across the city. We can do it together!



Curb School Violence Hand in Hand

Chan Che Chun, Charles 7B

School violence has become an important issue. In some schools, students are being beaten up or bullied by others. Although they are in predicament, the victims are too afraid to seek help. How can this situation be tolerated?

The influence of school violence can be disastrous. Victims may suffer from psychological problems. As for the bullies, they may be charged with assault and their future could be ruined. Therefore, school violence has serious effects on both the victims

and the bullies. It is necessary to take prompt action to deter this phenomenon.

One of the ways to ease the problem is to give parental guidance to children, as one of the culprits of school violence is the long exposure to violent video games. The wrong message that violence is the only way to deal with problems is conveyed to students. As a result, parental guidance is necessary. Parents should spend more time with their children, to inculcate in them the proper message that violence

“One of the culprits of violence is the long exposure to violent video games.”

is an inadequate way to solve problems. With sufficient parental guidance, the improper values in students can be rectified.

Besides taking preventive measures, some corrective measures should be implemented to help the victims. Teachers and social workers in school play an important role in helping students. Recognising abnormal behavior in students, teachers and social workers can pay more attention to those students and give

them a helping hand. Otherwise, the emotional pain of the victims will worsen.

To conclude, we should not procrastinate in implementing some corrective and preventive measures to alleviate the situation. With the concerted efforts of parents and schools, it is possible that school violence can be reduced significantly.

“... we should not procrastinate in implementing some corrective and preventative measures...”



Reality TV: Is it reality? Does it matter?

Chan Yau Tsz, Helen 7B

“They believe the shows are under the control of the directors in order to make them more attractive.”

Reality TV shows are now popular in Hong Kong, especially for teenagers. This has caused lots of concerns about the negative influence on teenagers brought by these TV programmes. In my opinion, it is absolutely unnecessary to be concerned.

Some people claim that reality TV shows are actually not so ‘real’. They believe that the shows are under the control of the directors in order to make them more attractive. Thus

there are always lots of arguments and evil actions in the shows. They are afraid that the TV shows will bring teenagers some misconceptions about relationships between people and the truth about society.

I agree that there may be some ‘man-made’ plots, however, the design of the plots are based on real society. The directors are clever; they will try every effort to make the shows as real as possible, otherwise the audience will easily notice it. Take the

show called ‘America’s Next Top Model’ as an example. You can find lots of arguments in every episode of this show. Some girls try to ostracise other contestants by saying bad things about them. Some girls show their selfishness unconsciously and other girls are too arrogant and are thus criticized by the judges. In fact, these things are not rare in our real life. Hence, watching reality TV shows provides us with the opportunity to learn more about human behavior. We can be reminded that there are people

with different personalities and it is necessary for us to learn how to get on well with various people in order to reduce arguments. We can also reflect on whether we are behaving badly by comparing ourselves with the participants of the shows.

To conclude, teenagers can benefit from reality TV shows if they can watch them with the right purpose.

**America's Next
Top Model**

Big Brother



Reality TV: Is it good or bad?

Lai Hoi Fung, Timothy 7B

Presently, reality TV shows have won popularity among youngsters, despite the polarized views on them.

Since the first reality TV show, *Big Brother*, was successfully broadcast in The Netherlands in September 1999, more and more TV stations imitated and adopted its core concept, thus making these programmes trendy and attractive. Hong Kong followed suit when *The Voice*, a locally produced reality TV show involving a tough singing competition, attained the highest audience

rate in a very short period of time.

Reality TV shows, to a certain extent, have larger potential to achieve higher ratings because of their various forms such as competitions of singing, playing magic, dancing, etc. These can be seen in *American Idol* and *So You Think You Can Dance*; they attract audiences as people love listening to beautiful songs and watching energetic body movements. Besides this, the interaction which allows, for instance, the audience to vote for the winners, certainly makes

*So You
Think You
Can Dance*

reality TV shows more pleasurable.

Unfortunately, these shows can also engage in negative conduct to achieve a higher audience rate. Some TV stations may choose to make the participants suffer appallingly, say, through eating red chili, kissing live fish or the like. The participation in such activities, of both participants and the audience, imparts such maniac values on credulous young watchers that this kind of suffering can be repeated in their daily life.

So long as reality TV shows are,

by nature, entertaining, their positive effects are predominant. At least they encourage talented people to go on stage and perform as they have always aspired to. Mag Lam is a good example of how reality TV shows are golden opportunities for those talented to surface from underground.

Reality TV shows are a new innovation. Undoubtedly, they have brought positive and negative impacts to our society. Yet, I believe these programmes are giving insight to the TV industry and the audiences who enjoy them.

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The Voice

*American
Idol*

English Activity Day

Chan Tsz Chung, Tonki 5A



I'm so glad that our first English Activity Day was held successfully on 17th of November. All the participants enjoyed the activities and should have gained a lot.

For me, I really enjoyed the day. It was not only a chance for me to learn more English, but also a great opportunity to appreciate the talents' of our schoolmates. All the performances were wonderful with fantastic singing. Singing on a stage in front of an audience is not as easy as we can imagine you need a great deal of courage!

Furthermore, I was so surprised when I listened

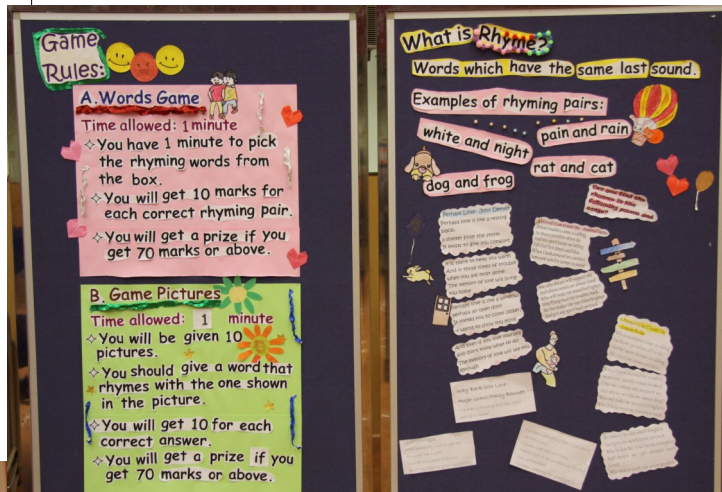
to the song *Perhaps Love* as it was the song I had sung in my primary school with my friends. I realized that time has flown by swiftly, I haven't had contact with them for several years. And, I always ask myself: are they fine? Actually, building a friendship isn't effortless and it is much more difficult to maintain a friendship forever. So, what we need to do is to treasure our friends. They are always the angels supporting us.

The first English Activity Day ended in a festive atmosphere and I'm really looking forward to the next one!



Students and teachers enjoy the first English Activity Day.





Film review–You Are the Apple of My Eye

Lai Wing Sze, Cherie 7A

Director, Screenwriter:
Giddens

Cast: Michellen Chen, Ko Chan-Tung

Recently, a trend of "Those Years" has influenced many youngsters, including me. "Those Years", in fact, is the theme song of a famous film -You Are the Apple of My Eye. It is a Taiwanese movie which explores young love and friendship. It has been

popular and is well-known throughout many places, including Hong Kong and Malaysia. This plot is based on the real experience and school life of the director, Giddens. It explores the cherished friendships and love between Ko Ching- Tung and his friends, such as, Shen Chia Yi, Tsao Kuo- Sheng and Hsu Bo- Chun, during his teenage years.

It is a dramatic, touching

*"It's a dramatic ,
touching and
youthful comedy."*

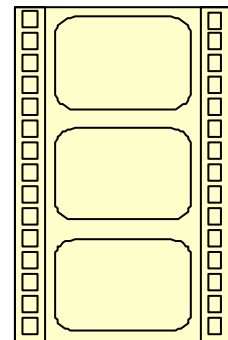
and youthful comedy. It helps audiences re-live sweet memories during their life of studying, such as playing ball games during recess, gossiping with girls and studying with classmates after school. After watching this film, I understand that friendship is very important. We should cherish and love our classmates, treat them with trust and

respect. The most impressive scene in my mind is the graduation of Ko and Shen. It implies the end of the treasured high school life, but it also means turning over a new leaf for everyone. This scene reminds me to treasure the remaining time at KYC, to get along with my classmates. As a form seven student, I think my classmates are not only my friends, but

You Are
the Apple
of My Eye

also my partners who stay with me to battle the HKALE. They are the 'apples of my eye'.

I recommend this child-like movie- You are the Apple of My Eye to all of you. It will make you laugh, smile and bring tears to your eyes. :)





Film review–Three Idiots

Leung Ka Yan, Carmen 6E

Under my dear friend's persuasive recommendation, I carried a curious mood and stepped into the cinema to watch the film 'Three Idiots'. Three hours flew by with laughter and tears. The film explores attitudes, dreams and life; it's an educational movie.

Rancho is the character who is always positive and faces difficulties by patting his chest and saying "All Izz Well". Farhan Qureshi is studying engineering at university, after giving up his dream of being a wild-life photographer. He turned down the opportunity to follow a famous photographer into the wild and do what he loves. The third friend, Raju Rastogi, is forced to leave the univer-

sity instead of betraying his friend. He suffers the consequences alone.

Maybe you would describe them as '3 idiots', indeed, our society judges them as idiots, because these days people focus on problems but forget their positive attitude; these days people focus on livelihood and material wealth rather than their dreams; these days people are absorbed in their own life and forget about relationships.

I strongly recommend this movie to you guys. Through this fantastic movie, you may have a different view on those 'idiots' around you. It reminds me of a well known saying- 'Don't judge a book by its cover'.

*Three
Idiots*

"Three hours flew by with laughter and tears."

Book review– Holes

Cheng Yuk Fung, Grace 5E

The story of Holes revolves around how the main character Stanley was wrongfully convicted of stealing and sent to 'Camp Green Lake'. At this camp, the Warden, and her two assistants, Mr. Sir and Dr. Pendanski command the campmates to dig hole after hole after hole. Later, Stanley realises why the warden wants them to dig holes, because a treasure had been buried in the dried lake decades ago. Stanley and his closest friend at the camp, Zero, decide to flee into the desert. Due to the arid conditions, they are forced to return to the camp. Finally, they discover the buried treasure, but what happens next? Well, that's for you to find out!

The novel focuses on the relationship between Stanley and Zero. During their escape into the desert, they rely on each other and take care of each other. Especially when Stanley is sick and he can't walk far, Zero doesn't abandon him. Despite the tough situation, they don't argue! The friendship between Stanley and Zero is strong and long lasting. While reading the story, I suddenly thought of a saying 'A friend in need is a friend indeed'. I hope I can meet a friend that I will have forever.

"... they discover the buried treasure, but what happens next?"

Holes

Shining Friends

By Fiona Fung

Little faith brightens a rainy day
Life is difficult; you can't go away
Don't hide yourselves in the corner
You have my place to stay

Sorrow is gonna say goodbye
Opens up you'll see the happy sunshine
Keep going on with your dream
Chasing tomorrow's sunrise
The spirit can never die

Sun will shine, my friend
Won't let you cry, my dear
Seeing you shed a tear
Make my world disappear
You'll never be alone in darkness

See my smile, my friend
We are with you, holding hands
You have got to believe, you are my destiny
We're meant to be your friends
That's what a friend should be

Song Review– Shining Friends

Law Hui Man, Pamela 4E

This song is about friendship. Friends will always accompany us. When your friends have good or funny experiences they will always share with you. Although you might feel depressed or you are undergoing a difficult situation, friends will not leave you

alone and they will keep supporting you. Therefore, I think everyone should treasure their friendships because friends are an extremely important part of our life.

Games Corner

So Tsz Yan, TY 5B
Wan Wai Yi, Nickole 5D
Pau Chung Yue, Julia 5B

Mottoes of friendship

Instructions: Fill in the blanks and figure out what each motto is. The first letter is given as a clue.

1. A friend in n_ _ _ is a friend
i_ _ _ _.

Hint: When a friend is in trouble another friend is willing to help.

2. Friendship- one s_ _ _ in two
b_ _ _ _ _.

Hint: A friend who is in the same boat as me.

3. Friendship multiplies j_ _ _ and
divides g_ _ _ _.

Hint: Having friends makes life easier and more enjoyable.

4. The b_ _ _ m_ _ _ _ _ is an old friend.

Hint: Your old friends will tell you the truth of what kind of person you are.

5. Friendship is l_ _ _ with
u_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.

Hint: I know my friends and they know me.

Riddles: Riddles are puzzles using words. Can you work out the answers?

1. What keys won't open doors?
2. What goes up but never comes down?
3. Twelve girls were standing under a large umbrella. Why didn't any of them get wet?
4. Why do birds fly south for winter?
5. What has no skin or bones, yet has four fingers and a thumb?
6. What belongs to you but is used more by other people?



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Word search puzzle

Instructions: Find the words and circle them.

Genuine, kind, strong, stable, cheerful, honest.

G	T	T	H	Y	C	E	J	G
E	K	I	N	D	D	H	C	V
N	S	T	A	B	L	E	A	R
U	T	A	I	J	E	D	B	J
I	R	B	H	D	E	E	S	D
N	O	D	G	O	F	A	G	K
E	N	D	F	B	N	C	E	S
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KYC Sports Day 2011



The student and parent relay race.



Answers– Mottoes of friendship

1. A friend in need is a friend indeed.
2. Friendship— one soul in two bodies.
3. Friendship multiplies joys and divides grief.
4. The best mirror is an old friend.
5. Friendship is love with understanding.

Answers– Riddles

1. monkey, donkey, turkey
2. Your age
3. It wasn't raining
4. It's too far to walk
5. A glove
6. Your name