



# St. Patrick's School Shamrock

Primary 5

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## From Editors

Dear Children,

Hi! Summer vacation is coming! Next year will be your last year in a primary school! Don't forget to pay attention in lessons, especially English! Now, let's share some of your writing here!

Love,

Miss Fiona Tsang  
Miss Amanda Lau  
Miss Katherine Yip

Miss Peony Kwan  
Mr Ryan Chung



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## Let's Read

### The Endangered Hippopotamus

By Leung Ting Fu Scott 5D (8)

#### Introduction

Hippopotamuses are mammals. People call them Hippos. Hippos are one of the most aggressive animals in the world. They have a bad temper.

#### Appearance

Hippos have strong grey skin and a big mouth. They have four short legs. Their eyes and ears are near the top of their head. They have sharp teeth that can reach 20 inches in length. Their body length is 4 metres and their weight can get up to 8000 pounds!

#### Habitat

They live in rivers and lakes in Africa. They live in groups of about 10 to 30 animals.

#### Diet

Hippos are herbivores so they only eat plants. They eat short grass, fruit and corn. But sometimes, they eat small animals.

#### Behaviour

Hippos can stay under water for 5 minutes. They need to stay in the water for 16 hours a day to keep cool. They make loud noise when they fight with each other.

#### Interesting Facts

Hippos' closest relatives are whales and dolphins. Hippos live up to 45 years. In Greek, 'hippopotamus' means 'river' and 'horse'.

#### Threats

Hippos are endangered. People hunt them for their meat and teeth. If people continue to hunt hippos, they will become extinct.





Students should have less homework

By Kung Cheuk Yin Jack 5C (9)

Students have too much homework. In my opinion, students should have less homework.

First, if students have too much homework, they will not have enough time to play with family and friends, so they will feel sad and unhappy.

Next, if students have too much homework, they will not have enough time to sleep or take a rest. They will be tired. Therefore, they cannot concentrate in lessons. Then, they do not know how to do homework and they cannot submit their homework on time.

Finally, if students have too much homework, they will not have time to do exercise so they will get sick easily. Too much stress will make students sick too.

In conclusion, I recommend that students should have less homework.

A Letter to Editor

By Chan Kam Tung Miki 5B (3)

Dear Editor,

People go to the library every day and some act badly. I think there are ways we can make the library a better and safer place to go.

When people don't return books on time, others can't borrow them. I suggest that people should return books on time, so everyone can borrow the books.

When people eat and drink in the library, it will make the books dirty. I recommend people should eat and drink in appropriate places such as restaurants.

When people run and play in the library, it will knock down others. I recommend people to play safely in appropriate places, for example, the park.

I think everybody should be considerate so we can make the library a better place.



Yours faithfully,  
Miki

My Thanks to Mum

By Chan Chin Ue Karena 5A (2)

Mum, you are a candle in the dark,  
Beautiful and hardworking,  
You always guide my way,  
With you, I am never afraid.

When I was nine years old,  
I couldn't cook.  
Mum, it's you who taught me how to  
make delicious food.  
Thank you, Mum.  
You are such a patient person.





A Scary Day

By Chow Tak Hei Calvin 5D (4)

Yesterday afternoon, typhoon signal No.3 was issued by the Hong Kong Observatory when Uncle Ben came to our house and gave Dad some coupons. He said that the coupon was for a Japanese restaurant in Tsim Sha Tsui. He recommended trying it because the food there was delicious. Dad took us to the restaurant in the evening on the same day.

When we arrived at the restaurant, we found that we could see Victoria Harbour through the windows. The weather was still fine with only a few clouds. Dad ordered a lot of food such as tempura, udon, sushi and a lot more. We were excited at that time.

Suddenly, the weather changed. There was heavy rain and we could hear thunder and saw lightning. I was frightened at the moment. Shortly afterwards, a waiter came to our table and told us that typhoon signal No. 8 was hoisted five minutes ago. The wind blew strongly and the windows made loud noise. It was terrible. The waiter said, "You need to leave right now otherwise you need to stay here! I need to go home now and the restaurant is closing soon." By then, water started to rush into the restaurant. The rain splashed onto the windows and the sky roared like a lion. We left the restaurant immediately.

When we reached the street, the rain and wind was so strong that we almost couldn't keep our eyes opened. Suddenly, Mum screamed loudly. A tree fell near her. She couldn't say anything! Luckily, we got on a taxi in time. We got home safely after the horrible experience.

After this experience, we learnt that we should check the weather report and stay at home when there was extreme weather.



A Thank You Letter to the Happy Prince

By Chen Ho Ming Kobe 5C (1)

Dear Happy Prince,

I am the young man! I want to write a letter to say 'thank you' to you.

In the past, I was very poor. I did not have any money to buy enough food, so I was always hungry. Also, I lived in the dirty garret. There was no fire in the grate so I was very cold. I lived in the garret sadly.

Fortunately, you gave me a sapphire. I sold it and bought some food, some clothes and a new house.

In the future, I will help other poor people. I will give them some food and clothes.

Thank you again for your help!

Yours,  
The Young Man





A Letter to Happy Prince

By Zheng Yi Men Marie 5B(21)

Dear Happy Prince,

I am the little girl. I want to write a letter to say thank you to you.

In the past, I was poor and cold. One day, when I was selling matches, the matches fell in the gutter. I felt very cold and I had no shoes or stockings. At that time, my head was bare. I felt upset and sad.



Thank you for your sapphire. I felt great when I saw it on my hand in my palm. I sold it for money. I have money now. I use the money from selling the sapphire to buy some bread. Now, I no longer feel hungry.

Thank you for your help! I promise I will live well.

Love,  
The little girl

A Letter to the Editor

By Lo Nim Cho Ross 5A(13)

Dear Editor,

Many people like to go to the parks but some behave badly. I think there are ways we can make playing in the park safer.

When the dog poops in the park, it disturbs others because it is smelly. So, I suggest that people should pick their dog poo and throw it into the trash can.

When people throw the trash badly in the park, it makes the park dirty. So, I recommend that they should set up more rubbish bins in the park.

When people pick up flowers selfishly, it makes the park ugly. So, I suggest that they should put up more signs to remind people.

I think everybody should be considerate, so we can enjoy the time in the park.

Yours faithfully,  
Ross Lo



Let's learn and write!

**Write with your pencils.  
Learn by your hearts.  
Yours will be special  
To gain higher marks!**



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