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A foreword from our Principal

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

This year we have received guests from different parts of the world; at the same time, our students and our teachers have reached out to different parts of the world. In these events, English is naturally the language we use to communicate with one another. When learning a language, the more you use it, the faster you can master it; the more we interact with others, the more chance we have to use the language.

So here we are, with this newsletter, the product of the hard work of our editorial team. After reading, you may like to be one of the team members, airing your views. Why not, besides having your opinions heard, the more you use it, the better you will be.

“Learning a foreign language can increase the size of your brain.” This is what Swedish scientists discovered when they used brain scans to monitor what happens when someone learns a second language.

I hope you will gain a lot from the reading.

The Principal

Miss Sit Fung Ming



Letter from our Editors

Dear Readers,

We, Henry and Bryan from class 6C, are the editors of the LMC STAR Journal.

We are thrilled to present our 2016-2017 issue of the LMC STAR.

In this issue you will find articles on topics like movies, adventures, history and myths. There are also some fun games (a word-search, a crossword puzzle and a quiz). Lastly, there are some fun facts to learn.

We hope this work inspires your own creativity.

Henry & Bryan



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LMC Profiles



Henry

I am the editor of this magazine. I wrote several science fiction articles for the magazine. I have been a writer for 'Journalists' for two whole years and I've learnt a lot. My nicknames are 'Henry Potter' or 'Hungry'. I prefer 'Henry Potter'. Hope you enjoy it.



Bryan Au Yeung

My name is Bryan and I am from class 6C. I am also the editor of the LMC STAR Journal. I love writing because I found that it is interesting and rewarding. I hope this work can inspire you own creativity.



Tracy

I am Chow Yu Ching, Tracy. I come from 6B. I've been a writer for the LMC Star for two years. I love writing because it is fun and interesting but it can also be challenging because it is difficult to find a topic.



Emily

Hi! I am Emily. I have been a member of the LMC Star Journal for two years. I like to sharing movie reviews and book reviews with you. I joined the LMC Star Journal because I like writing reviews and sharing fun things. I think it can also help me improve my English writing skills and I really recommend you to join too!



Katrina

I am Katrina. This was my first year with the LMC Star. I enjoy the lighter side of journalism and like to write on topics like cooking and riddles.



SCHOOL Carnival

By Bryan Au

The theme of the school carnival was character strengths. We ate delicious food, played exciting games and watched amazing shows.

The school had a character strengths

COSTUME

competition !



The school skipping team performed their *tricks* .

THE SCHOOL KUNG FU TEAM PERFORMED THEIR KUNG FU WITH FLAGS.



SWIMMING GALA

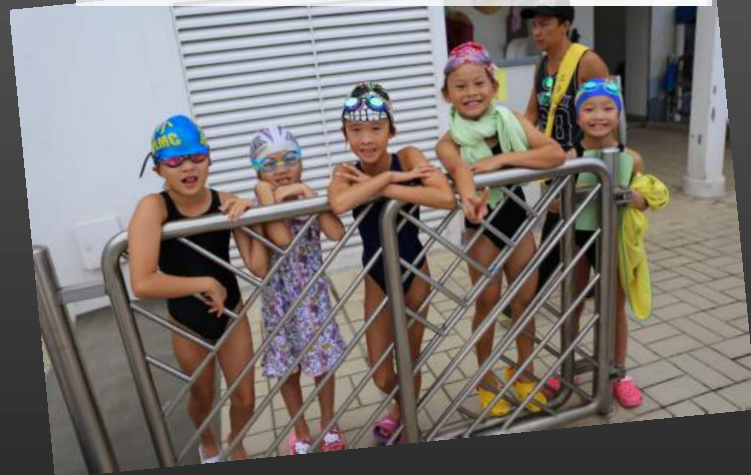
The Swimming Gala was held in October 2016. We went to Ma On Shan Swimming Pool and everybody had lots of fun cheering and swimming!



Congratulations to the **winners** of the race!



Thumbs up to the swimmers!



By Bryan Au

GOLD MEDALIST MR. HEINRICH POPOW

By Bryan Au

Heinrich Popow raced with three students. What an honour!



Heinrich Popow was at BSTWLMC in March. He gave an inspiring talk on sports. He was a gold medalist in the Paralympics in 2012.



Two students remove Heinrich Popow's artificial leg.



He gave a talk to a selection of our student athletes.



GOLD MEDALIST MR. HEINRICH POPOW 2



Heinrich Popow was interviewed by Felix from 5E.



Heinrich Popow did warm-ups with two students.

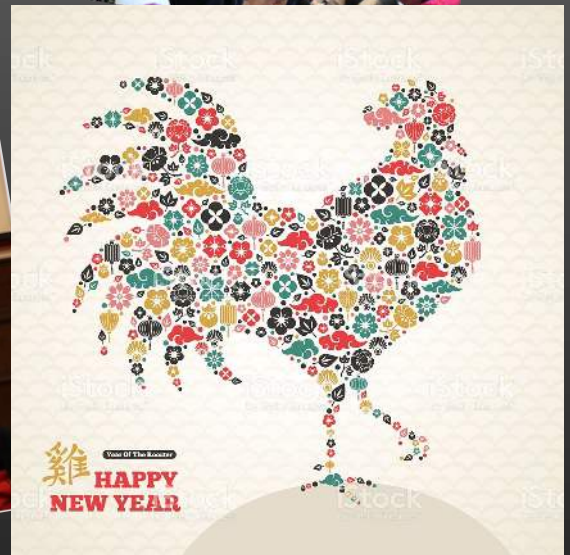
A thank you for coming to our school! You're an inspiration to us all!



Chinese New Year Party



We had a blast during the Chinese New Year party and we enjoyed the activity and the shows at school!



Can't wait 'till next year's Chinese New Year Party!!



Stories from our writers

TRACY AND JOANNA GO TO SPACE

BY TRACY CHING

Tracy and Joanna had been to space for a year. They wanted to know more about the stars, black holes, the solar system and space in general. During their year in space they explored Mars and the Moon.

First, they landed on the Moon to pick up some rocks for examination. They had to live there for three months. During their stay on the moon, they played and ate all day long. They forgot to do the special experiment, yet they finished all the food and water in three days!

After they had used all of their supplies they had to go to Jupiter to find some water. When they arrived, they both changed into swimming suits and jumped in the water to get water. Aliens were hiding in the water while they were going deep under water. The aliens had two eyes, a slimy body and one leg. When Tracy and Joanna saw the aliens, they rushed to their spaceship and left Jupiter.

Then, they travelled to Mars. There were no aliens but their rocket broke down so they tried to make a new one in only ten minutes. After that they went to the space station to ask the astronauts to fix it.

“I am so hungry!” Tracy yelled. “Me too,” Joanna said “Let’s go to Mars to enjoy the food and water,” Tracy exclaimed.

So, they went to Mars and lived there. They lived happily ever after on Mars.



DINOSAURS

Bryan Au

Do you believe dinosaurs existed? There is evidence to prove that they existed and evidence that they may still exist!

THE BIBLE

According to the Bible, God asked Noah to build an ark. He requested Noah to bring all species of animals with him. Birds, crocodiles and a few others survived the mass extinction event in the Cretaceous period and they could be sub-species of dinosaurs. According to a mathematician's calculation, the ark could accommodate over 75000 pairs of animals (one male and one female). Sub-species of dinosaurs may have gone on the ark, survived and breed offspring.

THE NILE MOSAIC OF PALESTRINA

The Nile Mosaic of Palestrina is a floor mosaic depicting the Nile in its passage in Ethiopia to the Mediterranean. The floor mosaic drew the life of the people who lived near the Nile. There are mysterious creatures in the painting. Have a closer look. The creature looks like a dinosaur. Historians suggested that the creature is an Ouranosaur.



A STRANGE BIRD? OR A DINOSAUR?

At a US military base in Cuba, a soldier in the navy spotted a strange bird when he was on duty. He drew a diagram of the strange bird. Scientists suggested that the strange bird was a pterodactyl.



MONKELE- MBEMBE

Mokele – Mbembe is a legendary water-dwelling creature of Congo River basin folklore, sometimes described as a living creature, sometimes as a spirit. There were lots of reports of sightings in the past two hundred years. Locals reported sightings of the creature again and again! Scientists and explorers had doubts. The locals explained that they were attacked by the Monkele-Mbembe and had injuries to prove it.

PROFILE

Name: Monkele-Mbembe

Location: River Basin, Congo

Colour: Reddish Brown

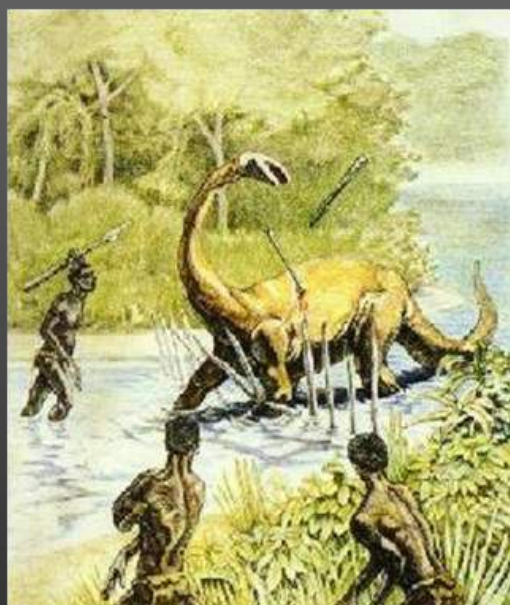
Size: Not calculated / Very huge

Eating habits: herbivore

Living Habits: in water

Abilities: Can attack enemies

Suggested creature: Brontosaurus / unknown



LOCH NESS MONSTER

It is a mysterious, scary lake monster but the sightings are not stable.

PROFILE

Name: Loch Nes Monster

Location: Scottish Highlands, UK

First sighting: Year 565 / 1802 / 1933

Last sighting: September 2016

Living Habit: in water / in caves

Eating Habit: unknown / To be confirmed

Suggested creature: Plesiosaur



There have been sightings, mysterious creatures, doubts in historical records. Our ancestors have drawn various paintings and mysterious animals were in them. After induction, evidence shows that dinosaurs still exist.

Think, do dinosaurs still exist?



NATURE'S CORNER

By Henry Lam

Welcome to Nature's Corner. Read on to learn terrible facts about carnivore plants and savage animals. Answer the questions in the 'Quixotic Quizzes' on page 19, and check your answers. See if you can answer them all correctly.

Vicious Plants

The 'Bark' side of the force

Did you know that plants have a fearsomely horrible side? The 'Bark' side of the force. The bark of a tree is 99% **dead** cells. And its three outer parts: phloem, cambium and xylem protect the wood inside. Phloem carries food from the leaves to the roots. Every year, the cambium makes a new layer of phloem and a new layer of xylem. The old phloem turns into bark and the old xylem turns into a ring of wood, so you can tell a tree's age by counting its rings.



Deadly Sweethearts



Let us introduce a quixotic-minded plant that uses its 'pretty' face to get food. How?

The bug-eating Australian plant is called the **pink petticoat plant** because it looks like a **tiny pink petticoat**. You may think it is very beautiful but it traps unwary insects that crawl inside. Then it eats them **alive**.

Frustrating Fungi

There are different kinds of fungi. Mushrooms are eatable fungi. Toadstools are fungi that are uneatable and they are probably **poisonous**. The most poisonous is the Death Cap which is white in colour. It is NOT wise to pick up fungi in the wild. They may be more poisonous than bee stings.



Fungi spread by making tiny spores that are blobs made of single cells. Spores go EVERYWHERE. The spores are **tough** and they can survive in **boiling water**, **freezing weather**, floating in the vast sea and floating in the air as high as a jet airliner.



Quixotic Quizzes

By Henry Lam

Questions (If you get one right, one point will be given. Also, do not read the bottom part while answering.)

- Is Xylem the outer part of the bark?
- Is the Death Cup poisonous? If yes, is it the deadliest fungi found?
- Are Xylem, Cambium and Phloem the parts of the bark?"
- When you see a fungus which is white in colour, should you pick it up and eat it?
- Name one bug-eating plant besides the Australian Pink Petticoat Plant.

If you got;

5 points, you are a talented reader and you remembered well.

--You are excellent and brilliant!

3-4 points, you are a plain student.

2 points or lower, better luck next time!! :)

ANSWERS
A: Yes.
B: Both yes.
C: No, only xylem and phloem are.
D: No, it may kill you.
E: A Venus Flytrap



SAVAGE ANIMALS

By Henry Lam

You like animals, don't you? In this chapter we will introduce some horribly terrifying creatures that creep in the darkness, bite their prey with humongous teeth and gobble up fish in the deep mucky swamps.



Dreadfully Dangerous **SHARKS**

You love sharks, but did you know that sharks are usually more than three metres long?

The Tiger shark is a six-metre-long fish which swims in warm oceans where people like to swim. It is quite deadly but it usually eats fish instead of bony people.

The Bull shark is not as long as the Tiger shark but it is as dangerous as the Tiger shark. The brutal shark **chomps** any human it finds in the river.

Are you spiky?

You will not touch snakes when you read this passage, so be calm. My favourite snake is the **SPITTING COBRA**. It can locate your eyes and spit out poisonous **VENOM**. It can blind you if it hits. Its poison can't hurt your skin so don't worry if the cobra is not accurate.

Another interesting snake that I like is the Sea Snake! Sea snakes can gulp a spiny fish and force the spikes out through their own bodies. It is remarkable, isn't it? Also, the sea snake is one of the most poisonous snakes though they rarely bite people.



Harmful **Piranhas**

The **Red-bellied Piranha** are famous for lurking in the South American rivers and like to munch on a toe or two. The fish can **strip animals to their bones** in a few minutes, so don't bring it home to make friends with your pet goldfish. **(Definitely Not)**



Unsuccessful Discovery

By Henry Lam

PART ONE

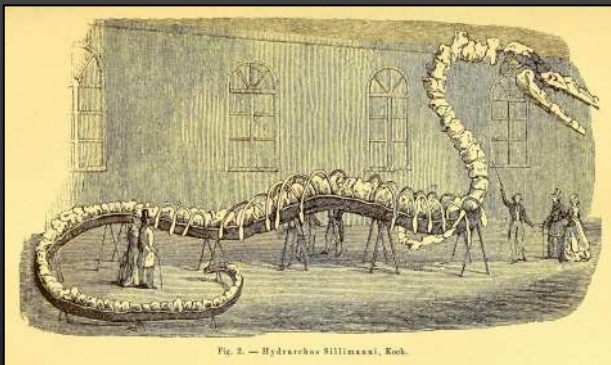
One stormy night, thunder boomed and lightning zigzagged down. It was raining cats and dogs. The gale-like wind made the palm trees bend down so far that the leaves touched the muddy ground. The unknown scientist, Dr. Quixotic was working in his home on Potter Drive. He was working on an essay about the new dinosaur that he had just found in the forest near his home. It was a broken skeleton with unknown bones covering the forest ground. It had been destroyed since he found it.



“I can’t find any supporting evidence for this ancient fossil!” exclaimed Dr. Quixotic, in frustration about his work. He patted on the computer and sighed. His photos, taken in the forest, showed the broken bits but could not support his discovery. It was a gloomy night, Dr. Quixotic tried to calm down and fell asleep on his comfortable bed.

The next day, he set off to the forest to gather more evidence. But the clearing of the enormous fossil was totally gone! He stared at the mud blankly and glanced a bit of white tip sticking out of the mud. He glared at it more closely and found that the fossil was only sunk during the heavy rain the night

before. Dr. Quixotic dug out the bones one by one, carefully not to break them. Hours later, the skeleton took shape. It was a terrifically shocking scene—a tremendously humongous fossil of an oversized, overgrown dinosaur.



PART ONE CONTINUED



Soon, the hard-working scientist finished digging out the enormous sculpture made a million or even a billion years ago. He took some photos and marked down some important notes and went home, whistling dreamily, thinking that he would become the most famous scientist ever.

Suddenly, an evil-looking person showed up. The professor who rejected Dr. Quixotic's discovery of the old fossil.

"Hi, Quixotic, how do you do?" greeted Prof. Elite Grossman. "Your discovery is ruined."

"You destroyed it before I discovered the fossil!" yelled Dr. Quixotic, red-faced.

"Umm, of course, it was already fake when my team made it," answered Prof. Elite Grossman. "In 1998, I represented the 'Dragon Council'. We made this unreal figure out of ivory. I destroyed it incompletely, and now you found it."

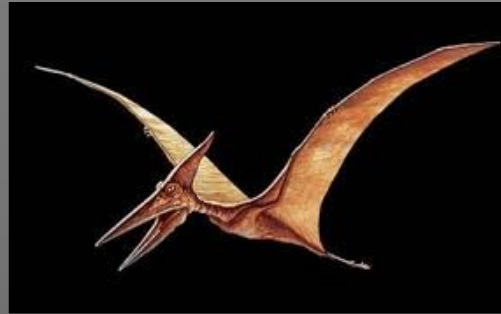
"That explains it," Dr. Quixotic sighed depressingly. "So, my discovery was a total lie."

"Yes, I suppose," said Prof. Elite Grossman. He left the clearing and Dr. Quixotic staring at the blank scenery of rotten bones made of ivory.



PART TWO

One night later, Dr. Quixotic was writing an essay about ancient dinosaurs. He felt bored and fed up. He hit the table so hard that his pens shook. Dr. Quixotic glared at something so weird, like a gigantic bird with a hooked horn flying in the dark sky. He squinted hard and lowered his lamp. A pterodactyl was fluttering!

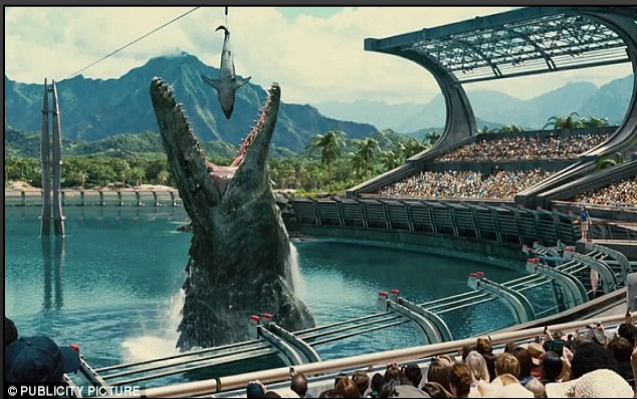


Dr. Quixotic hurried downstairs and looked for the dinosaur. Prehistoric creatures always fascinated him, especially living ones that are moving. The dinosaur was still flying in the sky. He took a photo with his camera and threw a capture net as it flew by. The dinosaur was flying low so he could catch it flawlessly. The creature was a beautiful pterodactyl with a horn on top of its sharp head.

“How perfect you are, Peter,” Dr. Quixotic even made a name for the new dinosaur!

He carried it all the way to his home and gave it a great shower in his backyard pool. The dinosaur creaked and bolted around the pool. Metallic pieces flew around. Dr. Quixotic was fed up again, it was a mechanical dinosaur made of metal! That was why the creature was extremely heavy.

What an unsuccessful discovery!



THE SECRET GARDEN

By Emily Cheung



The Secret Garden is a novel written by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

This book is about a selfish girl named Mary who was born in India. Her parents left Mary at home with servants.

Tragically, a deadly disease called cholera spread through her house. Her parents died as well as the servants in her

house, so she had to live with her uncle in England.

Throughout the story, Mary learns how to help people around her and care for them. The highlight of the story is when she finds a locked garden in the house. To find out what happens, you should definitely read this book.

I liked this book because it's a children's classic book, but it also helps you learn about different peoples' lives. It also makes you think about your own life too!



A NEW RIDE IN HONG KONG

By Bryan Au



The Hong Kong Disneyland has just opened a new ride. It started service on the 11 January, 2017 in Disneyland. It is called the new 'Iron Man Experience'. A lot of people are thrilled about it.

Iron Man Experience is a 3D motion simulator ride in Tomorrowland at Hong Kong Disneyland. It is the first attraction to be based on a Marvel concept.

The 'Iron Man Experience' project is estimated to have a cost of 100 million dollars. The ride will be in a new area named Stark Expo next to the Buzz Lightyear Astro Blasters. The whole area contains a shop, Iron Man Tech Showcase (Mini Museum) and the ride.



About the ride

In this 3-D Simulation Ride, Tony invites the visitors aboard the Iron Wing for a tour of Hong Kong, including the newly constructed Stark Tower. However, Hydra launches an attack on the city, forcing Tony Stark to fight the menace alongside the Iron Wing.

This brand new ride can attract a lot of visitors to come to Hong Kong Disneyland. It is a breakthrough that Hong Kong Disneyland started to create Marvel attractions. This will be a success and it can keep Hong Kong's economy growing.





ZOOTOPIA MOVIE REVIEW

By Emily Cheung

Zootopia was one of 2016's most popular movies. It was released by Walt Disney Pictures and directed by Bryon Howard and Rich Moore.

The movie is about a bunny called Judy and a fox called Nick. Judy is a normal bunny who was born in a town called Bunnyburrow. She follows her childhood dream of becoming the first bunny police officer in Zootopia. She was the police academy valedictorian but is assigned for parking duty.



On her first day, she is hustled by a fox named Nick. The story comes to a climax when some animals are hit by a serum pellet meant to kill other animals. But luckily, Nick and Judy are secretly on the case to save their fellow animal friends.

My feelings about Zootopia: I felt taken aback with this movie because there were many twists.

There were many funny scenes. The funniest scene was when Nick tricked Judy into a bank where only sloths worked! It was definitely worth the watch!



LMC Star Journals Word Search

By Emily Cheung

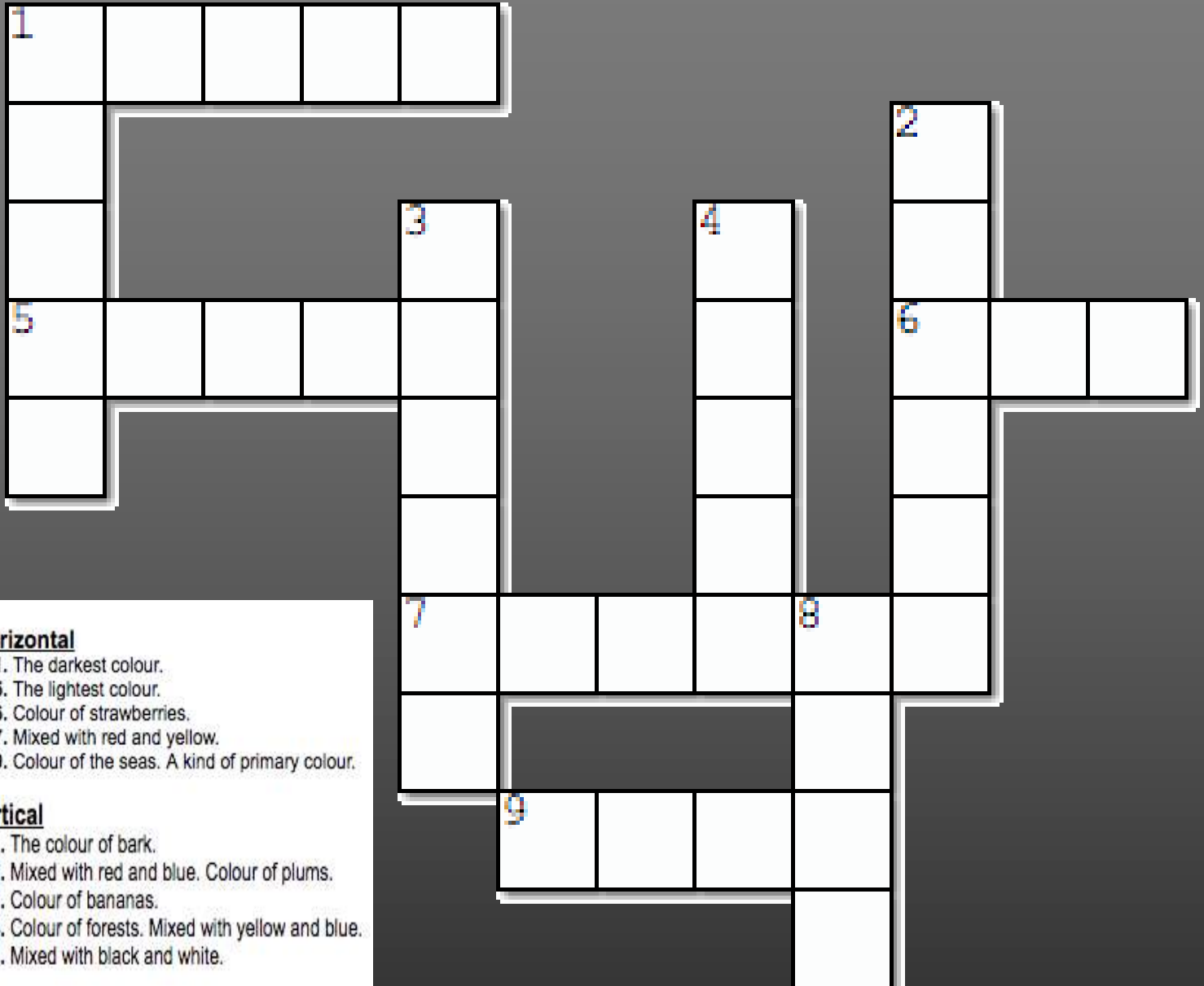
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**CAN YOU SOLVE THIS CROSSWORD PUZZLE?
TIME YOURSELF! HOW LONG DID IT TAKE?**

By Henry Lam



Horizontal

1. The darkest colour.
5. The lightest colour.
6. Colour of strawberries.
7. Mixed with red and yellow.
9. Colour of the seas. A kind of primary colour.

Vertical

1. The colour of bark.
2. Mixed with red and blue. Colour of plums.
3. Colour of bananas.
4. Colour of forests. Mixed with yellow and blue.
8. Mixed with black and white.



Fun Riddles!

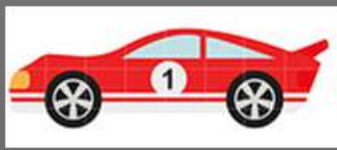
By Bryan Au

1. What flies without wings?



2. Which vehicle is spelled the same forwards and backwards?

Hint:



3. Which city in America is $\frac{3}{7}$ chicken, $\frac{2}{3}$ cat and $\frac{2}{4}$ goat?



4. John bets Tom \$100 that he can guess the score of the football game before the game. Tom agrees, but loses the bet. Why did Tom lose the bet?



5. What has a head, is brown and has no legs?



Shining Stars



Hong Kong Crossword Club Inter-School Scrabble Challenge
Gold Cup 2nd Runner-up



Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association
Inter-School Scrabble Championship 1st Runner-up



Shatin Inter-School Scrabble Competition Champion



Choral Speaking P4-P6 Girls Champion



Choral Speaking P4-P6 Boys Champion

Classroom Vocabulary Competition
1st Runner-up (P6 Group)
2nd Runner-up (P4 Group)

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss