

Authentic Learning in Shi Wan Family

Shi Wan Family English Team

Shi Wan Family has many highly qualified English teachers. Their professional, caring, and knowledgeable methods help make our English department great. Each teacher is motivated to help our students achieve their goals and speak English confidently.

Among our English teachers, we have three energetic and professional NETs. With the help of our NETs, the English learning environment is greatly optimized and enriched. Various activities are provided throughout our campus, such as recess activities, English events and cultural learning activities. Our students can use English in a fun and interactive way through such authentic and meaningful situations.



Gifted Programmes

Choral Speaking

Students are able to develop and show their speaking skills in English by participating in choral speaking competition. Their fluency and intonations are obviously improved and enhanced with the help of our talented teachers. Students enjoy performing on the stage, sharing and learning from each other. In the 70th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival, we won the third place in the choral speaking and it was worthy of encouragement. Students are very proud of their achievements and success.



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Drama Training

Shi Wan Family is very proud of its drama programme. Each year, students from P.2 to P.5 practise drama skills every week. The skills help develop students' confidence and team work. What is more, they help enhance students' creativity and performance skills. The skills gained through this fun and creative activity are useful across the curriculum and involve students in their own learning.

While this does provide academic benefits, the drama performances also allow students to express themselves creatively. Since we have joined Hong Kong Drama Festival, students practise the play very hard. It provides a precious opportunity for them to reveal their abilities and diligence.

English Ambassador Training

In order to cultivate an English-rich learning environment in Shi Wan Family, two English Ambassador Teams (EAT) are set up this year.

Members of EAT have an integral role in facilitating and leading English language activities throughout the school. The team is being trained to lead a Buddy Reading Scheme with P1 students. The EAT members will read stories with small groups of P1 students after lunch. The scheme is designed to promote English reading culture within the school and develop the reading skills and vocabulary among students. Furthermore, the EAT members also cooperate with teachers to lead the Happy Recess Activities on Wednesdays. This allows the EAT members to develop their leadership skills as they demonstrate, explain and promote the activities to other students.



Various English Learning Activities

Multi-intelligence Lessons



During the course of the year, every class takes part in a series of four multi-intelligence lessons. These lessons, which are enjoyable and interactive, are finely designed by our NETs. They provide students with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they have learnt in their regular English lessons in a different context as they explore a range of different topics.



Multi-intelligence lessons are very interactive and often include games and multi-media. This range of activities allows students to engage with the subject matters on multiple levels and at a greater depth. Students greatly enjoy the multi-intelligence lessons because they are able to explore new and exciting topics through English.





Morning Storytelling

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, our NETs have storytelling for the students before school begins. It is held near our meditation room and is very popular with all ages.

The storytelling time is a great way for students to start their day at school. It allows them to be exposed to more English, listen to a fun story, and get ready to be engaged and focused in their classes later that day.

There is always a lot of participation from the listeners as well. This makes storytelling become a fun and interactive English experience. Many students like it so much.



Lunchtime Storytelling

Shi Wan Family has a strong reading culture and students are given many opportunities to cultivate their reading habits. Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, our NETs run storytelling after lunch in the English Fun Zones. This informal learning is interactive and it promotes students' reading skills through reading together. Students are encouraged to engage with the stories on an imaginative level. They can explore their own ideas about events in the story and the emotions of different characters. The books are carefully chosen for students of different levels to be as interesting and engaging as possible. The English Fun Zones are located on several different floors in order to encourage as many students as possible to join our storytelling time.





Winter Fun Fair

Our 2018 Winter Fun Fair was a great success! Students of all levels were able to come to the playground to have fun and use their English skills in seven different activities. These included puzzle races, bowling, and taking Christmas photos with their friends. Once students completed five activities, they were able to enter a lucky draw and win a present!

Our English Ambassador Teams did a wonderful job in helping to run the activities and guide their schoolmates. They worked very hard and were enthusiastic all day!



Happy Recess

Happy Recess is a great way to actively engage students with English learning outside of the classroom in a fun and interactive way. Every Wednesday, our NETs and English Ambassadors put on a range of games and activities in all three recesses for students to enjoy. There is even a chance to win prizes! The activities promote both writing and speaking skills as well as encouraging students' creativity. They can create decorations for the English Fun Board which allows them to express their artistic creativity and their writing skills. Students' speaking skills would be promoted through a number of games including tongue twisters, lucky wheel and memory games. Students enjoy the recess time very much.

English Experience Day

One of our largest and most exciting events of the year is our Experience Day. Each year we transform the school into a city where students can visit shops to buy things, see a doctor, even watch a movie in our Shi Wan Cinema.

This is a wonderful chance for students to practise their English skills in different situations and they can have lots of fun. Different activities provide our students with the opportunity to use their language skills in an authentic and useful way.

With the help of our wonderful English Ambassador Teams, our English teachers are able to make the Experience Day to be a fantastic and memorable experience!



Overseas Study Tour

Singapore Cultural Study Tour 2018

In 2018, a group of students and teachers visited Singapore on a cultural study tour and visited many Singapore landmarks. During their time there, our group was able to make the most of their time in the city and had a full schedule of wonderful activities.

These included the Gardens by the Bay, the winner of many international awards and one of the most recognized garden projects in the world. Students also visited the city's science museum and NEWater, an advanced water recycling centre. Between these two, the students were introduced to many new and exciting educational ideas presented in fun and interactive ways. Finally, our students spent time in two local schools to experience what education is like in Singapore. They were able to attend classes with Singaporean students, participate in group projects, and make many new friends during these visits.

The cultural study tour was a wonderful experience that will be kept in their mind.



Japan Cultural Study Tour 2018

Last year, a group of students had the opportunity to go on a historical and cultural study tour to Japan. A busy schedule allowed the students to explore an exciting range of places.

At Universal Studios, they were able to meet people from all over the world and interview them in English, and it helps develop their confidence in communicating in English. As the students explored, they learned about the culture and history of Japan. They visited Osaka Railway Museum, Todai-ji Temple in Shenlu Park and Osaka Castle Museum. They also had the opportunity to experience elements of Japanese culture first hand as they tried on the traditional Japanese outfit of the Kimono.

The students really enjoyed the study tour and were able to deepen their understanding of Japanese history and culture.



Australia Study Tour 2019

Each year, a group of students from Shi Wan Family go on a trip to another country to experience the culture, meet local people, and visit schools. In 2019, we are excited to take 20 students to Australia!

While they are there, they will stay with local host families and attend a school with local children. This allows our students to get a real idea of what life is like in Australia. They have a very busy schedule to get the most out of their time!

They will land in Brisbane and transfer to the Gold Coast. They will attend the lessons in a local primary school, visit Tropical Fruit World to learn about ecosystems, and go sightseeing with local university students! Towards the end of their trip, they will visit the Botanical Gardens and the Queensland Museum & Science Centre. These all provide a wonderful chance for our students to experience new places, travel the world, and learn in a new and exciting way!

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