

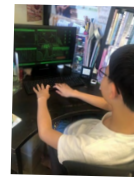


SK2 Newsletter

SK2 Newsletter returns!

Hello everyone! The SK2 Newsletter is returning this year with a new group of Junior Reporters from across P5 and P6 classes. They will bring you many interesting articles this year on current affair, sports, entertainment, technology and many other areas.

In this issue of the newsletter, we have articles about hacking, coding, a Hong Kong Olympic hero, some video game related articles and tons more! Also remember that if you are interested in being in the SK2 Newsletter, you can send in some articles yourself! Turn to the back page for details of where to send these.



English passport

You will all have your English Passports by now. Remember to keep it with your school ID and to carry it around with you so you can earn more stamps! You can get stamps for good homework performance, reading and



sharing English books, answering questions in class, speaking English with your English teachers inside or outside the classroom, finishing the Goodies tasks, reading at least 10 books per month on Epic! and sending in articles or artwork to the SK2 Newsletter. Good luck!

Hackers

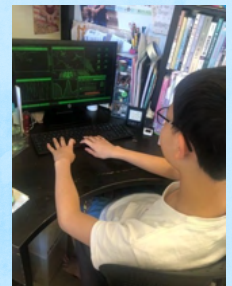
Daniel Fan, P6 Faith



You've probably heard of hackers. What do you think of hackers? That they hack into someone's bank account and take their money? Or hack into someone's phone to steal their passwords? But do you really know what a hacker is? Hacking is not always evil. Hi, I'm Daniel Fan. I'd like to tell you what exactly a hacker is and the difference between White Hat hackers and Black Hat hackers. Let's get started!

What is a hacker?

A hacker is an individual who uses computer, networking or other skills to overcome a technical problem. The term also may refer to anyone who uses their abilities to gain unauthorized access to systems or networks in order to commit crimes. A hacker may, for example, steal information to hurt people via identity theft or bring down a system and hold it hostage. "Hacker" was first used in the 1960s to describe someone who could increase the efficiency of computer code. It has evolved over the years to refer to someone with an advanced understanding of computers, networking, programming or hardware.



Ethical hackers or authorized hackers -- previously known as white hat hackers -- strive to operate in the public's best interest rather than to create turmoil. Many ethical hackers were hired to attempt to break into companies networks to find and report on security vulnerabilities. The security firms then help their customers mitigate security issues before criminal hackers can exploit them.

Unauthorized hackers -- also known as black hat hackers -- intentionally gain unauthorized access to networks with malicious intent. This includes stealing data, spreading malware or profiting from ransomware, often in an attempt to gain notoriety. These hackers are criminals because they violate laws against accessing systems without authorization, but they may also engage in other illegal activity such as distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks.

You may ask; why did I choose to this topic? Because I am a White Hat Hacker! I added a security system on my friend's phone.

Coding

Chi Lam Cheung, P5 Gentleness



What is coding?

Coding is making a message for your computer to understand.

Your computer will read your code and follow what you have written. There are a lot of coding languages such as Python, JS (JavaScript), Java, Lua and HTML.

What is coding used for?

Coding is used for many things, even making games such as Roblox and Minecraft. It is also used for making popular apps like Facebook, Microsoft Teams and Google! Without coding, modern technology like your phone or computer wouldn't exist. Without coding, online classes wouldn't even exist!

How do I learn to code?

Some of you will soon learn a type of coding in DreamStarter called "box coding". Box coding is a type of coding where you drag boxes to different places to form the code. It is available on Scratch!

When you are older, you can start to learn actual coding. If you really want to learn coding now, you can learn them at <https://Codecademy.com/> (paid), <https://sololearn.com/> (free) or <https://freecodecamp.org/> (free). Some other sites you can use to practise coding are <https://codewars.com/> (paid) or <https://hackerrank.com/> (free).

Which coding language should I learn?

I recommend learning Python 3 as it is kid friendly and 7+ years olds can learn it. It is easy to read, BUT you will need to be good at math because it has some calculations.

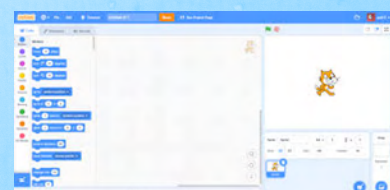
The second language is Lua. Why? If you play Roblox or Minecraft on PC, you can use Lua to make a game in Roblox. It is very kid-friendly!

For Minecraft, I haven't played it yet because it costs \$200+ on PC. But I think you should learn Java for Minecraft if you can because the more you code, the more experience you get!

Can I get a job with coding?

Yes, you can! You can apply to places such as Microsoft, Apple or Google. The average salary for a programmer is \$19,000 per month in Hong Kong. But remember, this is the AVERAGE salary.

If you work hard enough you can earn up to \$100,000 per month!





BY. LEAH LEUNG || CLASS 5JOY || 15

ALL ABOUT SLIME!

WHAT DO PEOPLE THINK?

WHAT IS SLIME?

Hello students of SK2! I want to share something about slime! When people think about slime, they imagine a disgusting and nasty pile of goo. But sometimes, it might just be the opposite! I want to talk about types of slime, as not all of them are what you imagine! There are icee slimes, cloud slimes, snow fizz slimes, cube slimes, crunchy slimes, butter slimes, avalanche slimes, jelly slimes, glossy slimes and even more! I love snow fizz slimes best! They feel soft and crunchy, like sand! People love to transform snow fizz slimes into "cake". They just put some regular slime on top or in the slime! The reason it's called "snow" fizz slime, is because there's some fake/instant snow in the slime. The "snow" can be used to play too! I hope this changes your perspective on how you see slime.

HOW TO MAKE SLIME

Slime can be toxic when you don't know how to handle it! So I recommend you do this with your parents and ask for help when needed.

I'll be giving you the safest recipe I know!

You'll need:

- *2.5 oz. contact lens solution
- *1/2 tsp. Baking soda
- *4 oz. clear PVA glue

First, pour the solution into a mixing bowl. Add the baking soda and mix until it dissolves into the solution. Next, pour some clear glue into the bowl directly. Make sure you don't mix yet, as you need to wait for 5 seconds! Dip your hands into the WATER (not the glue!) and start folding the slime. Do it softly, don't over knead. If you feel like it's thickening up, that's great! Take it out of the bowl to play, but don't forget to wash your hands after! (If it begins to get foggy, let it sit in an air tight container for a day or two.) Enjoy your slime!

**Disgusting, gross*

**Sticks on everything*

**smells awful*

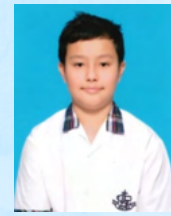


Pictures of slime!



Hamsters - A Great Pet!

Isaac Barton, P5 Joy



Nowadays, hamsters have become a very popular pet, because they are small and easy to keep in small houses in Hong Kong. Also, they are super cute!

Hamsters are typically stout-bodied, with tails shorter than their body length. They have small, furry ears, short, stocky legs and wide feet. They also have thick, silky fur, which can be long or short. They can be different colours, such as black, grey, honey, white, brown, yellow, red, or a mix, depending on the species.

Hamsters have poor eyesight; they are near-sighted and colourblind. Their eyesight leads to them not having a good sense of distance or even knowing where they are! Even though their eyesight is not good, it doesn't stop them from climbing their cages or from being adventurous. Hamsters can always sense movement around them. This sense helps them protect themselves from harm in the wild but in a household situation it helps them sense when their owner may be near and might be going to pick them up. Hamsters are omnivores which means they can eat meat and vegetables.

I have a Campbell's dwarf hamster and his name is Harry. He normally just goes under ground and often eats seeds and worms. Every night I pick up Harry from his cage because I want to play with him!



Harry the Hamster

About Cats

Sharoon Lee, P5 Patience

Cats are such clean freaks. They wash themselves every day. Cats' tongues are very rough. When a cat licks its fur, its tongue works like a comb. Cats won't use their cat toilet (called a litter box) if it's dirty. They also hate drinking dirty water.

Cats communicate by their acts. If a cat rolls onto its back, then it feels safe with you. If a cat wags its tail, leave it alone! It may be feeling angry. If a cat partly closes its eyes and purrs, it means it feels happy.

Cats know other cats by their smell. When cats say hello, they sniff each other. They rub their bodies together to share their smells. Pet cats rub up against people to say hello, too.

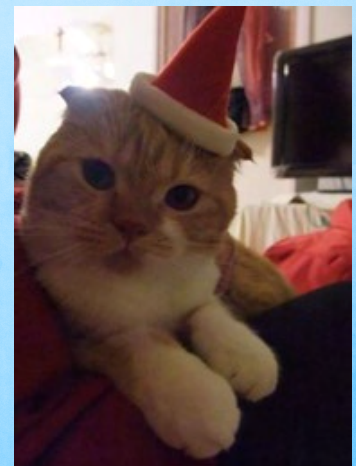
Some food is very toxic for cats. These foods include onions and garlic, raw eggs, chocolate, raw dough, grapes and raisins. Be careful what you feed your cat!

Why I love cats

I love cats because they are absolutely cute and adorable. Cats have gorgeous eyes, fluffy fur, super soft paws and lovely ears. Cats are one of God's most beautiful, wonderful, graceful perfect creations!

My cat Dede

She is a ginger cat, with orange fur and bling bling yellow eyes. She is 11 years old, she sleeps most of the day, she loves freeze dried chicken for a snack and she loves catnip as well. Even though she is grumpy, I still love her so much!



Save the Bees!

Hazel Chuk, P5 Joy



Pollen

Bees make honey from flowers. When they make honey they also collect pollen and help spread it around to other plants.

Without pollen we would have no foods to eat such as cucumbers, melons and watermelons, berries, tree fruits and many more!



A bee covered in pollen

Pollen is very small so humans can't really touch it. Without bees, it will be very hard to make use of pollen! Some people are also allergic to pollen. It can give you symptoms such as sneezing, itchy nose, cough and blocked sinuses. Pollen can stay in your body for a few hours or a few days, with some allergic reactions lasting even longer.

Honey

Honey is very sweet. If you eat too much honey, it can be detrimental to your health. But honey can also be used as a medicine and has so many different benefits. In some studies, honey has been shown to help our memory! would care. Some kinds of honey have also been shown to help wound healing, particularly burns.



Bees in a honeycomb

Bees

People are now trying to save bees, as their numbers are falling due to their habitats being damaged and destroyed. We may lose all the plants that bees pollinate, and if we lose those plants then we will lose all of the animals that eat those plants. This means that a world without bees could struggle to sustain the global human population of 7 billion. Our supermarkets would have less than half the amount of fruit and vegetables. So we need to take care of our environment, and **save the bees!**

Pop It

Ryker Lam, P5 Love



Pop It is one of the most popular toys in Hong Kong and around the world. They are made with silicone and have bubbles you can poke/pop, like bubble wrap. They have lots of colours, shapes and sizes. The price is very cheap!



The Pop It fidget toy game is easy and fun. Players take turns pressing down any number of bubbles they wish in a single row. The player who presses the last bubble loses the round. This is one way to play, but you can also make up your own rules!

Some people use Pop Its when they are stressed. It helps calm them and feel free from worry when they hear the "pop" sound.

Will you "Pop It" today?

Skateboarding

Jacky Yang, P5 Peace



Skateboarding is a very exciting sport, but can also be dangerous. You stand on the skateboard with one foot, and use the other foot to move yourself forward. When you are going faster, you can put both feet on the board and even try some tricks.

Japan's Mimiji Nishiya is thirteen years old. She made history at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics when she became the first woman to win a gold medal at Olympic Street Skateboarding. Amazing!



Kendama

Grace Ho, P5 Peace



Kendama has become my favourite game over the past six year. Every time I play kendama on the MTR, people look at me curiously. I like carrying kendama around my neck, so that I can play it everywhere I go. Kendama looks difficult, but after practicing patiently, I can do it!

Kendama is a game from Japan, with a sword made of wood. I thought it was a little bit heavy at first, but tl got used to it! How do you play kendama? You hold the sword and toss the ball, and catch the ball with one of the cups or the spike (luckily there is a long string connecting the ball and the sword). This is just the basics, there are many more fancy tricks I haven't learned yet!

I recently talked to my Kendama coach Victor Tam and Li Ho Cheung, the president of Hong Kong Freestyle Kendama Association. I asked them, "Who can play kendama?" The answer was simple, "Everyone!"

The youngest student they have taught was 4 years old. The oldest was 90! Kendama is great for kids because it can improve children's hand eye coordination, is fun to play with, and through repeatedly practising tricks it can increase your patie. In Hong Kong, kendama is not yet a very popular game. They want to promote it by opening kendama stores in shopping malls to teach people and sell kendamas. They sometimes get invited to primary schools to teach classes too, I really hope they can come to our school some day! Li Ho Cheung also holds a big kendama competition every year. I participated in my first competition last September. It was pretty fun, and I met some new friends there!

I hope after you read this article, you will give it a try. If you are interested, please visit hkfska.com. Thank you!



Grace with Li Ho Cheung and Victor Tam



Example of a Kendama

Table Tennis

Violet Lo, P6 Faith

What is Table Tennis?

Table tennis, also known as ping-pong, is a sport in which two or four players can play a match.

Table tennis originated in England in 1926. It was a popular sport in Europe and Asia many years ago. But now, it is a famous sport all over the world. It is also a sport in the Olympics.

I like to play table tennis because you don't need to be big and strong to play and because I can play it indoors. I think table tennis is easier than many other sports, although I still can work up a sweat!



Violet playing table tennis

Genshin Impact



Leah Leung (15), P5 Joy

Genshin Impact is a game that is very fun, and I am looking forward to sharing all of the good things about this game (plus a few things you need to be reminded about!) with all of the SK2 Newsletter readers.



So first, Genshin Impact has storylines and quests that you can complete. Sometimes, you'll need to fight bosses and you'll need some good characters. You can obtain characters from the "Gacha" system of the game, most commonly known as "wishing" for the community. When you wish in the game, you have a chance to obtain characters or weapons. You can also choose which banner you wish for, and I guess a banner is a type of category?... It's hard to explain to people new to the game, but it'll get much more simple when you reach the end of this introduction! My two favourite characters from the game are Klee and Tartaglia (AKA Childe, yes weird name but yeah.)



Random Genshin Pic (Google)



https://youtu.be/C_duDk5e8yU

Now, let me tell you what other things you can do other than action stuff. First, you can role-play with the characters you've obtained with your friends. Since the game does have a multiplayer system!

Second, you can explore "Teyvat" (The "world" of the game) and find more quests to complete! Third, you can cook food or earn "Mora" (The currency of the game and the "world").

There are plenty enough things you can do! But my favourite? Role-playing and fighting bosses. The bosses are sometimes hard but once you beaten them, you will immediately feel proud of yourself. Which is quite good, just don't be too ahead of yourself! Since Genshin Impact has such great places to explore and realistic terrain, role-playing is quite the best option to do when you're bored. But it'll require more than one person to role-play, you can invite your friends!



Tartaglia (Childe)

Liyue Harbour



A bustling town with many stores

Hidden Secrets in *Among Us*

Jason Mak, P6 Hope



Everyone in SK2 may already know about *Among Us*. You do tasks as a crewmate or destroy everyone as a impostor, and crewmates need to find out who the impostors are. But there are also some secrets about the game you might not know!

***First secret:** When you start the game in a map called "Polus" and go to the laboratory, there are two toilets and two locked toilet doors. If you look closely at the toilet doors, there is a white crewmate inside the toilet. The game should only have a crewmate limit of 15, and this is a 16th crewmate!

***Second secret:** If you set your computer/phone date to April 1st and then host a game, when you start the game it will filp the whole map! I know it might seem kinda useless, but you still can either play a new map or just prank and surprise your friends!

***Third secret:** *Among Us* may have been originally called "Space Mafia" during development. We know because the Play Store's app name is "com.innersloth. spacemafia"!

These are all the secrets I'm gonna showcase today. If you want to learn more, you can go to the website below. Hope you learned something new about *Among Us* after reading this!

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/7mxrkxv7>



White crewmate

Olympic Medals



Tavin Li, P6 Hope

It is amazing that Hong Kong won a historic six medals, including gold, at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. I have read a news article about the Tokyo 2020 Medal Project and it encouraged me to learn more about the history of Olympic medals.

This year, the Olympics Games medals were made from 78,985 tons of recycled electronic devices. It is the first time in Olympic history that medals were made using recycled metal and the first time ordinary citizens have been involved in their production.

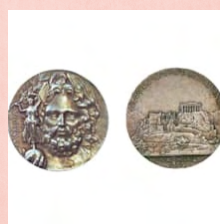
The International Olympics Committee (IOC) requires that Olympic medals should include the following elements: Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, in front of the Panathinaikos Stadium; the official name of the Games (e.g. Games of the XXXII Olympiad Tokyo 2020); and the Olympic symbol (five rings). The gold medals should contain a minimum of 6 grams of gold and be at least 60mm in diameter and 3mm thick.

When I looked into the history of the medals, I found that there are no medals for the victors in the first Olympic Games in 776 B.C. in Greece. The prizes for the victors back then were olive leaf wreaths or crowns. In the 1896 Athens Olympic Games, the first-place winner got a silver medal, the second-place winner received a bronze medal, and the third-place winner got nothing! In 1904, the Olympic Games in St. Louis finally adopted the format of gold, silver, and bronze medals.

The Olympics has a very long history. I think it is quite interesting for us to find out more facts about Olympic medals!



Tokyo 2020 medals



*First medal,
Athens 1896*



First gold medal, St. Louis 1904

A New Hero for Hong Kong!

Mavis Siu, P6 Faith



Do you know who won two silver medals in swimming events at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics for Hong Kong? If you don't know, it's Siobhan Bernadette Haughey (何詩蓓)!

Siobhan was born in Hong Kong in 1997 to an Irish father (Darach) and a Hongkonger mother (Canjo). She has one older sister, Aisling, who is also a swimmer and represented Hong Kong in amateur events. Siobhan has a grand uncle named Charlie Haughey, who was the Taoiseach (that means Prime Minister) of Ireland!

Siobhan attended St. Paul's Primary Catholic School and St. Paul's Secondary School, and then went to the University of Michigan in the USA. She won a gold medal and broke the meet record in the 100-meter freestyle at the World Junior Championships in 2013, becoming the first medalist from Hong Kong. In 2014, she gained another two silver medals in the 100-meter freestyle and 200m individual medley at the Youth Olympics, which again set history for the Hong Kong swimming team.

Back in 2015, Siobhan qualified for the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. She got to the semifinals of the 200m freestyle and finished 13th overall, which was the best result of Hong Kong swimmers at the Rio Olympics.

Siobhan had her second try at the Olympics in Tokyo 2020. She won silver in both the women's 200-meter freestyle and women's 100-meter freestyle, becoming the first Hong Kong swimmer to win an Olympic medal and the first Hong Kong athlete to win two Olympic medals in any sport!



Welcome to Adventureland!

Mr. Moore

This year, we have a new English room on the 4th floor in room 402. This room is called Adventureland, because we want it to be like an adventure every time you come in! Let me show you a little bit about Adventureland:

- There is a display for different English speaking countries outside Adventureland. First up is Ireland, my country!
- Flags from every country in the world are displayed throughout (and outside) Adventureland. Students will learn about these countries through various topics throughout the school year (food, hobbies, weather, music, clothes, etc.)
- A world map and travel themed board are at the back of the classroom. Student and English Ambassador work will also fill this board throughout the year!
- There is a new interactive whiteboard which is being used in Adventureland. This whiteboard will be used for lessons and is a great tool to encourage e-learning as it integrates well with many different apps.



Reader submissions

My Favourite Dessert

Kinnsee Pang, P4 Love



My favourite dessert is tiramisu. It is very sweet. I like to eat it because I like cream. My dad and mom tell me if I eat too much cream, I will be very fat! The most important ingredient in tiramisu is cocoa powder. I can't eat too much of it because it contains coffee. I'm too young to have a lot of coffee. The dessert I don't like is brownies, because brownies are too sweet for me, especially chocolate flavour.

I have also made a website with some book reviews. Go to this link to check it out! tinyurl.com/Kinnsee

P4 Maps - Some great work last year!

Mr. Moore

Last year in P4, we did some work on how to read and make our own maps. In Ms. Leung's P4 Peace class, some students even made their own 3-D map! Lily, Chloe, Khloe, Haley and King did a fantastic job making their own city!



Reader Submissions - Send us some more!

We would love to have some reader submissions for the SK2 Newsletter! If you want to submit something for the newsletter, please email Mr. Moore. Include your name, class and your article in the email!

Mr. Moore's email: sk881623@sk2.edu.hk

