



SK2 Newsletter

The Return of the SK2 Newsletter

Hello everyone! We are back again with the first issue of the SK2 Newsletter for the 2022/2023 school year. I hope you find our articles interesting and that you can learn something new with each issue. This year, we will try to include some more competitions, comics and different themes. Enjoy reading!

- Mr. Moore



Previous issues of the SK2 Newsletter

English Ambassadors and Young Writers!

Once again this year, we have two special groups for the English department. Our **English Ambassadors** in both P5 and P6 will help us to make English displays, make announcements on the SK2 Channel and design and run games for our English Fun Days. The first English Fun Day is for P5 students and will be on January 4th, 2023. English Ambassadors are working hard to get prepared for this. I know it will be a great day!

The second group is also a very important one. They are the **Young Writers**, and they are the ones who have helped put together the Newsletter that you are reading now! In this issue, you can learn about topics such as coding, World War I, Hong Kong street food, Blackpink, penguins and much more. I hope you enjoy reading!

World War I

Ryan,
P6 Goodness



World War I, also called the **First World War** or the **Great War**, was an international conflict that in 1914–18 embroiled most of the nations of Europe along with Russia, the United States, the Middle East, and many other regions.

How did the war start?

One incident on June 28, 1914 was the main catalyst for the start of the war. This was the assassination (killing) of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria. His murder started a war all across Europe.

As a result of Franz Ferdinand's death, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. Russia then got involved to defend Serbia. Germany, seeing Russia mobilising, then declared war on Russia. France was then drawn in against Germany and Austria-Hungary. Germany attacked France through Belgium which then pulled Britain into war.

During the conflict, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire (**the Central Powers**) fought against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Romania, Canada, Japan and the United States (**the Allied Powers**).

The Allies won World War I after four years of combat and the deaths of 8.5 million soldiers as a result of battle wounds or disease.



Undertale

*Sylvia and Ines,
P6 Kindness*



Do you know about the video game *Undertale*? It was created by Toby Fox and released on September 15th, 2015. *Undertale* is about a human child who fell into the underground. There is a lot of endings to this game. Examples are endings called: genocide, neutral, true pacifist and many more.

In the story, two races rule over the earth; humans and monsters. They ruled the surface world together in peace, even if they weren't the most kind to one another. However, eventually the humans began to fear the monsters because of the ability they had. The monsters could absorb the souls of humans!

Characters

Frisk, is the playable character and main protagonist of *Undertale*. After Frisk fell into the Underground, they embark on a journey to return to the surface. Frisk is the last of the eight humans to fall into the Underground after traveling to Mount Ebott. Frisk isn't the first fallen human. Their name is only revealed if you follow the true pacifist route.



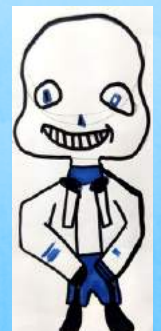
Frisk

Chara, also known as the fallen human, is the first human to fall into the Underground. Chara is their "true name" on the naming screen, though their name typically varies as the player can change this. They are distinct from the eighth fallen human, who is the antagonist in *Undertale*.



Chara

Sans is the brother of Papyrus, who is also a major character in *Undertale*. He first appeared in Snowdin Forest after the protagonist exits the Ruins. He serves as a supporting character in the Neutral and True Pacifist routes, and as the final boss and heroic antagonist in the Genocide Route.



Sans

The Blood Moon

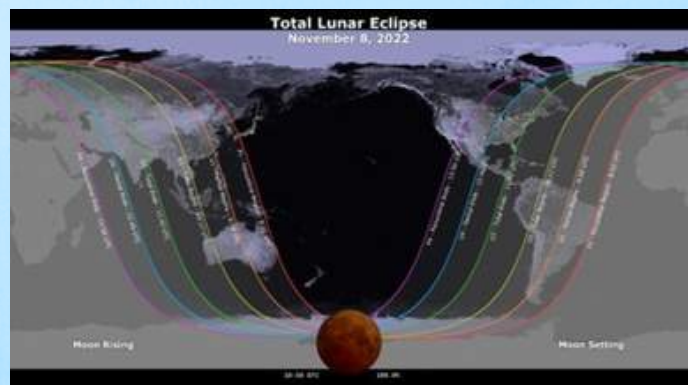
Clayton
(P5 Faithfulness)



The most recent Blood Moon happened on November 8, 2022. It was visible, at least partly, from the UK as well as in Asia, Australia, North America and most of South America.

A blood moon is a red moon in the sky. This is a spectacle. A red moon usually appears during a full eclipse. A blood moon occurs for the entire night side of our planet when a full moon moves into the Earth's shadow. That can happen only when the Earth is precisely between the sun and the moon. At the same time, a little bit of light from Earth's sunrises and sunsets falls on the surface of the moon. The thick atmosphere absorbs all the violet, blue, green, and yellow only the red light to penetrate. Because the light waves are stretched out, they look red. The atmosphere refracts red light onto the lunar surface, so we can still see the red moon hanging in the sky.

According to NASA's eclipse website, the next total lunar eclipse will be on March 13, 2025. There will be a second total lunar eclipse that year as well, on Sept. 7, 2025.



Air Disasters

Ryker, P6 Love



Have you ever traveled by airplane? Do you know what an air disaster is? Today I will tell you about air disasters. An air disaster is an accident involving an airplane which results in injuries and deaths to the airplane passengers.

The deadliest accident: Tenerife airport disaster

The Tenerife airport disaster happened on 27 March 1997. Two Boeing 747 passenger jets collided on the runway at Los Rodeos Airport on the Spanish island of Tenerife. The collision occurred when KLM Flight 4805 initiated its takeoff run while Pan Am Flight 1736 was still on the runway. The impact and resulting fire killed everyone on board KLM 4805 and most of the occupants of Pan Am 1736, with only 61 survivors in the front section of that aircraft. In total, 583 people died.

The ghost plane: Helios Airways Flight 522

This airplane was a scheduled passenger flight from Larnaca, Cyprus, to Prague, Czech Republic. Shortly after take-off on 14 August 2005, ATC lost contact with the aircraft. It finally crashed near Grammatiko, Greece, killing all 121 passengers and crew on board. The 5B-DBY accident occurred because an aircraft worker forgot to switch back to "Automatic Mode" after the pressurization test which caused everyone to pass out when the plane got high enough that the oxygen was too low for people to breathe.

Shattered in Seconds: China Airlines Flight 611

China Airlines flight 611 was a regular passenger flight from Taoyuan international airport in Taiwan to Hong Kong International Airport. On 25 May 2002, the Boeing 747-209B took off like it always did. But 20 minutes after takeoff, the plane disintegrated in the air and crashed into the Taiwan Strait, killing all 225 people on board. The break-up was caused by metal fatigue cracks because of improper repairs on the aircraft 22 years previously. The crash became the deadliest disaster in Taiwanese history.

Airplanes are now safer than ever before because we have learned from these accidents. However, there are still many things we can improve and many things we need to learn. The truth about Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 is one example of this.

Top 5 Coding Languages

Prince,
P5 Goodness



1. Python

Python is the simplest language that can be learned by beginners. To solve problems, you get the solutions right from the developers of the language. Python is mostly recommended for those who have just started making their career in the IT industry. Python is widely used for data science, machine learning, and the backend for web services.

2. C/C++

C/C++ is used by people who continue to work on Microsoft and Windows. It is a perfect solution for video game developers. C and C++ are well known for being the languages that get the most out of computers. It is vital to know and learn about C if you wish to code as it is extremely useful.

3. Java

Java is an attractive language for developers because of its cross-platform option. Many people confuse Java with JavaScript, but both are altogether different programming languages. Java has complicated code but the programmers of this language are highly paid.



4. SQL

Pronounced "sequel," SQL stands for Structured Query Language. It is a special-purpose programming language used for getting information from and updating databases. Since nearly all businesses run a database system of some kind, SQL is a good skill to learn. It's also one of the easier tech skills to learn, with numerous tutorials and free resources online.

5. Javascript

Javascript is a scripting language, often used to make web pages interactive. It's text-based, written in an HTML document, and run through a web browser. There are plenty of jobs out there for JavaScript developers!

In the end, coding is good for us because it enables us to use more creativity. This will then help us to learn in all of our different subjects!

My Favourite K-Pop Band → BLACKPINK

Yvonne,
P5 Kindness



Blackpink is one of the successful girl groups formed by YG Entertainment in Korea. There are 4 girls in this group. Their names are Jennie, Rose, Lisa and Jisoo. They have long hair and look gorgeous. They're good at dancing and singing. They all have great talent!

My favourite songs are "How You Like That" and "Pink Venom ". No matter how many times I listen to it, I never get bored. All of their dancing steps are so amazing!

The one I like most is Lisa. She is a Thai girl, which means she grew up in Thailand. She learned English at school in Thailand too. I think she is very pretty.



I hope I have a chance to watch their live concert some day!

If you have time, try to listen to 🎵

Pink Venom ↓



How You Like That ↓



My Favourite Hong Kong Foods

Travis, P6 Peace



Street Food

The development of street food in Hong Kong has a long history, because Hong Kong Island is surrounded by the sea and rich in fishery products. As a result, seafood is one of the common street food dishes. Since the 19th century, there have been roadside stalls in Hong Kong. They all appeared in order to make a living and take care of the dietary needs of the lower classes of society. As for today, snacks are still sold in stalls on the street. These include fish balls, siu mai, grilled cuttlefish and many more. Street food is very popular in Hong Kong!



Dim Sum

Dim sum is another traditional style of food from Hong Kong. Dim sum includes classics such as har gow (steamed shrimp dumplings wrapped in a thin, translucent skin), char siu bao (barbecued pork bun), and siu mai. This siu mai is a little bit different from the street food siu mai, though. I like siu mai the best. Char siu bao is also really good if it's at the right temperature.



**By Grace
P6 Peace**

England

I think all of have heard of England before. But do you know what school there is like? Or what parks there are like? Aeris is one of my best friends. She moved to England last year, and today I am going to interview her to find out more about England.

-PARKS IN ENGLAND-

G:What's the difference between Hong Kong's park and England's park?

A:In Hong Kong parks, maybe the park has slides and swings. But in England the park has many things, and they are much bigger! There is so much to do that you are not able to play everything in one day. They are much more exciting.

-SCHOOL LIFE IN ENGLAND-

G:How's your school life in England?

A:I think that it is less stressful. My favorite weekday is Friday because every Friday the teacher will give us a treat, like longer PE Lessons, and you can eat snacks while you are having lessons. I think the best part of school in England is there's only two pieces of homework per week!

Every half term all of the students need to do a project by themselves. I think doing a project is fun. Our project is about making stuff move.

-AERIS'S FAVORITE LESSON-

G:What's your favorite lesson?

A:My favorite lesson in England is Art. In art class we can create things we have never created before! Sometimes we will draw, but we also make special crafts as well.

-RECESS-

G:What do you do during the recess?

A:I enjoy spending time with friends. We talk together, we play basketball together, etc. I think that recess in England is really fun!





Name: _____

Hazel, P6 Joy

SONGS I'D LIKE TO SHARE BY CAVETOWN



Hello! Do you like listening to music? Do you know any famous singers or bands? We can also call the singers "artists". Some popular artist are: Alan Walker, Marshmallow, Billie Eilish, BTS, Blackpink, Twice, Mirror and more ...

My favorite artist is Cavetown (Robbie Skinner)

He makes incredible songs with his friends. He has written 24 songs! He's 23 years old, from England and he is known for making indie/rock/pop music.

A lot of his fans says that the music is very unique and relaxing.

My favorite songs are *Green* and *Hug All Ur Friends*



Hug All Ur
Friends
by Cavetown



Green
by Cavetown



The best chewy chocolate chip cookie recipe for beginners



Sharona, P6 Patience



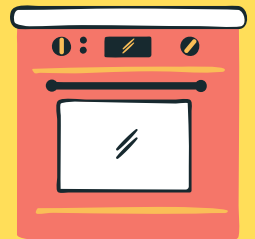
Ingredients for 10 cookies

- 150g dark chocolate chip
- 80g walnuts
- An egg
- 1g salt
- 155g flour
- 2g baking soda
- 2g baking powder
- 100g unsalted butter
- 45g granulated sugar (to make the cookie crunchy)
- 45g brown sugar (to make the cookie soft)



Preparation

- Start with butter: Use room temperature butter. Set the butter out from the fridge 1-2 hours before you begin.
- Mix all the dry ingredients together: flour, baking soda, salt and baking powder
- In a large bowl, cream the butter, brown sugar, and white sugar together. For chewier and more flavorful cookies, use more brown sugar than white sugar.
- Whisk the egg into the butter & sugar mixture little by little.
- Sift in the dry ingredients, then fold into the mixture with a spatula.
- Fold in the chocolate chunks and walnuts, then chill the dough for at least 30 minutes.
- Form the dough into balls about 50g each. Put them onto baking paper, leaving at least 4 inches (10 cm) of space between cookies so that the cookies can spread evenly.
- Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until the edges have started to barely brown.
- Cool completely before serving.
- Enjoy your delicious chocolate chip cookie recipe!!!!



Delicious!

FENNEC FOX

*Cherish,
P6 Joy*



FENNEC FOXES ARE SOMETIMES CALLED "DESERT FOXES" BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN DESERT ZONES OF NORTH AFRICA AND THE SINAI AND ARABIAN PENINSULAS. THEY ARE NOCTURNAL AND AVOID THE DAYTIME HEAT OF THE DESERT ENVIRONMENT. THEIR BATLIKE EARS RADIATE BODY HEAT AND HELP KEEP THE FOXES COOL. THEY ALSO HAVE LONG, THICK, SOFT FUR COATS WITH A WOOLY UNDERCOAT THAT INSULATES THEM DURING COLD NIGHTS AND PROTECTS THEM FROM THE HOT SUN DURING THE DAY.

THE SMALLEST OF ALL CANIDS, FENNEC FOXES ARE 14 TO 16 INCHES (35.6 TO 40.6 CENTIMETERS) LONG, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 7 TO 12 INCHES (18 TO 30 CENTIMETERS) OF TAIL. THEY USUALLY WEIGH BETWEEN 2 AND 3 POUNDS (0.9 TO 1.4 KILOGRAMS). PERHAPS THEIR MOST NOTABLE CHARACTERISTIC IS THEIR EARS, WHICH CAN GROW TO BETWEEN 4 TO 6 INCHES (10.2 TO 15.2 CENTIMETERS) IN LENGTH. THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO JUMP IN THE AIR 2 FEET (.6 METERS) HIGH FROM A STANDING POSITION, AND THEY ARE ABLE TO LEAP A DISTANCE OF 4 FEET (1.2 METERS).

FENNEC FOX



NATIVE HABITAT

FENNEC FOXES LIVE IN NORTH AFRICA, THROUGHOUT THE SAHARA DESERT AND EAST TO SINAI AND ARABIA. THEY PREFER SANDY DESERTS AND ARID REGIONS WITH DESERT GRASSES OR SCRUB VEGETATION.

IN THE WILD, FENNEC FOXES EAT INSECTS—PARTICULARLY GRASSHOPPERS AND LOCUSTS—AS WELL AS SMALL RODENTS, LIZARDS, BIRDS AND THEIR EGGS. THEY WILL ALSO CONSUME ROOTS, FRUIT AND LEAVES, WHICH HELP THEM TO HYDRATE. HUNTING OCCURS AT NIGHT AND ALONE; FENNEC FOXES USE THEIR ABNORMALLY LARGE EARS TO LISTEN FOR PREY UNDERNEATH THE SAND, AND ONCE LOCATED WILL DIG WITH ALL FOUR FEET TO EXPOSE THEIR MEAL. THEY CAN CATCH AND KILL PREY LARGER THAN THEMSELVES; THERE HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED CASES OF FENNEC FOXES TAKING DOWN FULLY GROWN RABBITS.



PENGUINS!

Certainly you have heard of penguins. But do you really know that much about them?

For instance, did you know that ancient penguins were as tall as an average man? More surprisingly, they can even fly! I would really love to see them do so if I had the power to time travel.

Another thing! Emperor penguins leave their children in a group called "creches" when they are a little more matured (that means, when they're older than babies but still quite young). The parent penguins then go back fishing while the young penguins are in the creche!

If you ever get to visit Antarctica or any other place with penguins, be sure to not approach the penguins directly like most people do. That will alarm and disturb them! Just wait in a corner and if you're lucky, a penguin will come to you! When taking pictures, don't turn on flash!



Hope you liked my article! :)

STRANGE CATS!

Have you ever seen some strange cats that make you laugh? If you haven't yet, then I promise you will now!

MY FAVOURITE CATS

These are my favourite strange cats:

#1: I like this cat because it looks like it's laughing. It's so cute!

#2: This is my cat. I love to hug my cat, but he hates it. If I hug him too much, he will give me this face. He's so angry!

CATS are cute! That is the reason we need to be good to them! Hope you enjoyed this article!



Kinnsee, P5 Goodness



#1 STANGE CAT

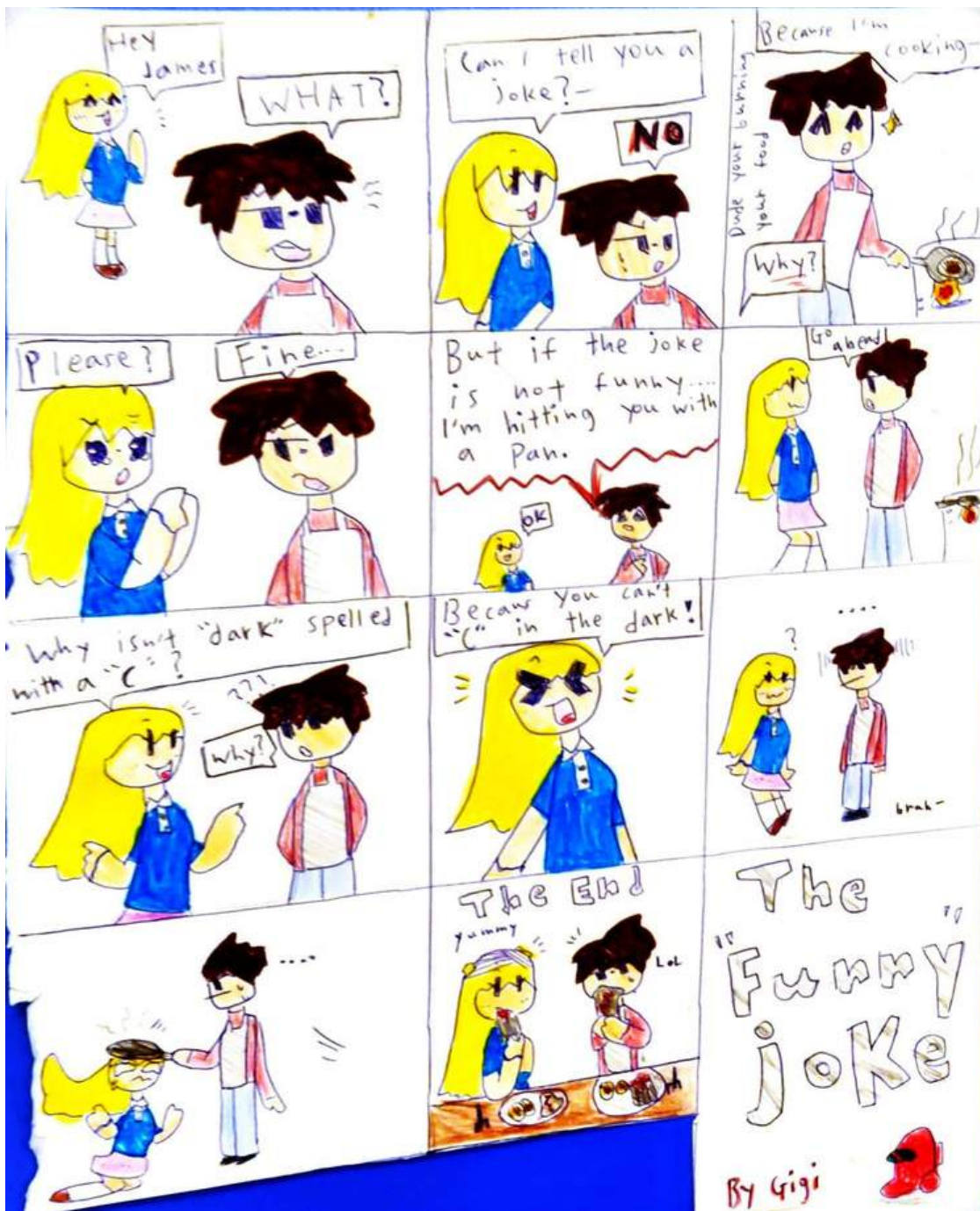


#2 MY CAT



The "Funny" Joke

Gigi, P6 Gentleness



SK2 - Joke Competition

The English Ambassadors had a great idea for a competition. They want to hear your best (or is it worst?) jokes!

James from P6 Joy is an English Ambassador and a huge fan of "dad" jokes. He told me we should try and get some more jokes from around SK2. **Scan the QR code** to go to



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Padlet and submit your favourite. There is one for P5 students and one for P6 students. Include your name, class and student number so we know who you are. The best jokes may even win a special prize!



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