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SK2 Newsletter

The Return of the SK2 Newsletter

Hello everyone! We are back again with the first issue of the SK2 Newsletter for the 2023/2024 school year. I hope you find our articles interesting and that you can learn something new with each issue. This issue, we have some very interesting articles about wars, holidays, cartoon characters and more!

- Mr. Moore

Trip to Ireland

In June at the end of this school year, we have a trip that I am very excited about. 24 SK2 students will be going to Ireland!

When we go to Ireland, there are many cool things that we plan to do. We will visit museums and parks in Dublin. We will go on a treasure hunt in my hometown. We will go to a local primary school for lessons, and we will even go to my old primary school for one day of activities! I think it will be amazing and I hope we can share plenty of photos and stories in our last SK2 Newsletter later this year. For now, if you have any questions about Ireland or if there's anything at all you want to know, please come to Adventureland and ask me!



Napoleonic Wars



Jayden,
P6 Peace

In 1789, the French Revolution took place in France. After the French Revolution, other countries wanted to take advantage of France. This started the War of the First Coalition in 1792, which saw France fight against Russia, Holland, the Holy Roman Empire and the Austrians. In the north the French fought the Austrians and they were struggling to make a dent in the Austrian army. At the time, a general called Napoleon was only a minor leader and was supposed to be a sideshow. However, he became the main show and brought devastation to the Russian and Austrian armies. This forced the Austrians out of war and it was a great victory for Napoleon.

Napoleon became a very popular leader as a result and took control of all of France in 1799. He soon took on all of Europe in the Napoleonic Wars which began in 1803. Why was he so successful? First, he was very loyal to his army which made them respect him. Second of all was the most important fact; speed. Before Napoleon, the army had to wait for the carriage of supplies to come which gave the enemy time to prepare. But because Napoleon always had small armies in different units, they could surround the enemy and when one army was fatigued or defeated, another one could swiftly take its place. Napoleon was very successful and had many wars going on at the same time. His speedy philosophy led to another tactic. When you are in trouble, run away! Now you may think that sounds silly, but in reality it was genius, because Napoleon relied on quick kills. If one army ran away, another army could quickly come in with better supplies and fresh soldiers.



Fast forward to the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. Napoleon was getting slapped back and blown to smithereens as his army was crumbling. They were all either injured, had surrendered or were flat out dead. Now he rests in Paris and is praised for making modern war tactics influenced many militaries, such as the German Blitzkrieg tactics in World War II.

World War II in Europe

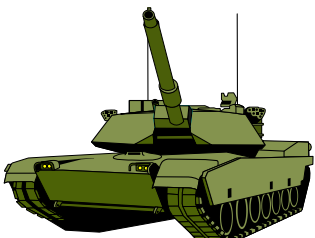


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World War 2 took place in 1939-1945. As the tensions of European countries were building up, Germany invaded Poland and defeated the Polish resistance. They captured half of its territory along with the Soviet Union. France and the UK declared war on Germany because of the invasion of Poland.

In 1939, the French army started the limited Saar Offensive. They also started the "Phoney War" which was when the Allies (the Soviet Union, UK, France, USA) were waiting for Germany to attack further. The Germans were thinking what to do next as the Battle of Poland had taken a fatal toll on their army. The French army had withdrawn by early 1940. The Germans then began Operation Fall Gelb which followed the famous Blitzkrieg tactics. They pushed through Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg before breaching the French Maginot Line. The German army then took the Ardennes which are high hills which were thought to be impenetrable by military means. The Germans were relentless and had taken Paris within 6 weeks.

The Germans then tried to take control of the British Channel but lost the Battle of Britain. They also started Operation Barbarossa, which was the invasion of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union was unprepared and soon the Nazis came close to the Kremlin. However, just as the battle looked 90% lost, winter came. The Germans had been eager to win the battle before the cold winter so they were not prepared or trained for the cold weather. The Soviets started pushing back the Nazis, with the Battle of Stalingrad becoming a massive turning point for the Allies. The successful Soviet counter-offensive would then be joined by what become known as D-Day. These were also known as the Normandy landings and were a massive success. The Allies pushed in from both the East and the West, and converged on the Battle of Berlin. The Nazis fought hard but lost. The Allies had won the war in Europe, though the war in Asia did not end until nuclear bombs were dropped on Japan. The deadliest war in history had ended with an Allied victory. However, all was not perfect with the Allies. Another war soon erupted between them, though this was not a "fighting" war. It became known as the Cold War....



Nostalgia

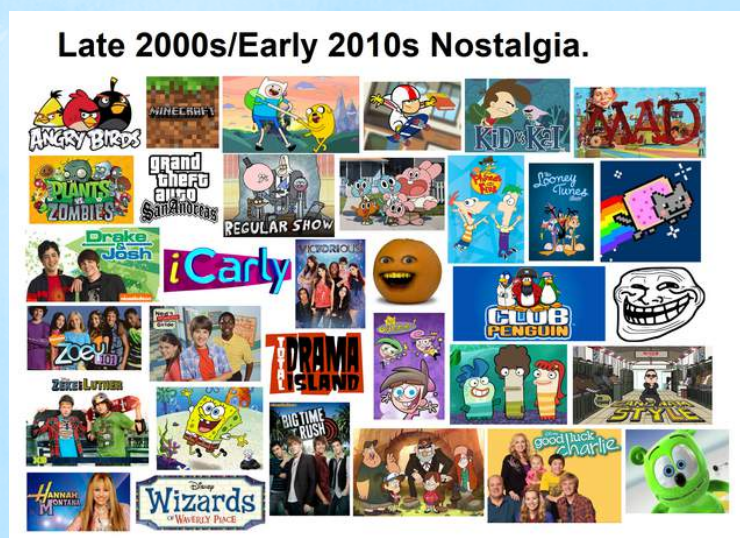


Kayden,
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Have you ever seen some videos and photos that gives you a calm or happy feeling? What kind of feeling is that?

That feeling is nostalgia! Nostalgia is the bittersweet longing for the past, a sentimental yearning for times gone by. It is a universal human emotion that can be triggered by a smell, a sound, or a familiar place. It often brings with it a mix of feelings, such as joy and sadness. Nostalgia allows us to reflect on cherished memories and relive the warmth and comfort of the past. It can be a source of solace in times of hardship, offering a sense of continuity and stability in an ever-changing world.

Nostalgia also plays a significant role in shaping our identities, as it connects us to our cultural heritage and personal history. It helps us to appreciate the journey that has led us to where we are today and allows us to find a sense of belonging and purpose. Despite its sentimental nature, nostalgia can also inspire creativity and innovation, as we draw inspiration from the past to create something new. Ultimately, nostalgia is a powerful and poignant emotion that reminds us of the beauty and richness of our shared human experience.





INDONESIA

Have you ever been to Indonesia? What do you know about Indonesia? The Indonesian helpers in Hong Kong? Satay? Wild animals or Islam? Let me introduce Indonesia to you guys!

Sophie,
P6 Faithfulness

Basic Information

Indonesia is a country that is in Southeast Asia. It consists of 17,506 islands! Its total population exceeds 270 million people. It is the fourth most populous country in the world.

Indonesia also has lots of delicious food! Here are two examples:

Nasi Goreng (fried rice)

When it comes to authentic Indonesian food, Indonesian fried rice is definitely on the list. Indonesian fried rice tastes delicious and full of aroma due to the addition of unique spices. In Indonesian restaurants they usually have at least 2 to 3 different options (different meats or vegetarian).



Rendang (rendang beef)

Batong beef is the most representative dish in Batong cuisine. When stewing beef, a variety of spices and coconut milk are added and simmered slowly. After long-term cooking, the beef absorbs the essence of spices and coconut milk. It has a soft texture and rich gravy. It tastes great when paired with white rice. It is an unrivaled Indonesian delicacy!



Special Traditional Festival - Ramadan Festival

Ramadan is one of the holiest months in the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. The fast begins at dawn and ends at sunset. In addition to abstaining from eating and drinking during this time, Muslims also cannot smoke. After the end of Ramadan, Muslims will have a big feast with their family and friends.



Top 5 Places to Visit in Thailand



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Thailand is one of my favourite countries to visit in the whole world. Here are some great places to visit in Thailand:

1. The Phi Phi archipelago is a must-visit while in Phuket. Swim over the coral reefs of Pileh Lagoon, snorkel at Bamboo Island, and visit Monkey Beach and Maya Bay, immortalized in "The Beach." The turquoise water combined with the limestone terrain is like being in a fairyland!



2. Patong Beach is the most famous beach in Phuket. We enjoy surfing, jet skiing, and rubber boats. At night, on Bangla Road, there are some large nightclubs on both sides make the road feel like a huge party after they open at night.

3. Wat Chalong Temple is the largest temple in Phuket. The temple is small and magnificent. The Buddha's bone fragments are enshrined in the large pagoda. Visit the pagoda and the deeds of the Buddha are carved on the walls.



4. The Phuket Big Buddha is located on the top of the mountain in the southwest of Phuket Island. It was built after the tsunami disaster in 2004 and is a symbol of hope for Phuket Island. The huge Buddha statue shining in the sun sits cross-legged, 45 meters high, overlooking the entire island from a height, bringing peace and love to Phuket.

5. Flying Hanuman is the largest jungle zipline project in Phuket. It covers 80,000 square meters of protected tropical rainforest with tall and dense trees. It is a utopia of flora and fauna and a paradise for explorers. The 400 meter long zipline allows you to fly from tree to tree, viewing lush tropical jungles, rivers, swamps, and even neighbouring villages in mid-air.





Anya



Yvonne Lam
P6 Kindness

Spy x Family

Spy x Family is a famous manga series that combines action, comedy and spying. The story is about Loid (Anya's father) who needs a child to execute a mission. He went to an orphanage and adopted Anya. Yor was Loid's fake wife for the purposes of maintaining their cover. She gradually developed genuine feelings for Loid and Anya.

my favourite character

My favourite cartoon character is Anya. Anya is the main character in Spy x Family. She has short, curly pink hair and a pair of big green eyes. She always wears two black triangle hair clips on her head. Even when she's sleeping! She is a girl with the ability to read minds. She is very cute and funny. I like her very much!



**Who is your favourite cartoon character?
Scan the QR code and tell us!**



Is Drawing Good for Us?



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Drawing is a great hobby. But did you know that it can also reduce our anxiety and negative emotions?

According to the British Medical Journal, music therapy and art therapy can help us in many ways. They still need to research which activity is more effective, but both can help for sure!

I think this is pretty amazing. Do you know any others method to help us when we feel down? Scan the QR code and go to Padlet to tell us !

