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# SK2 Newsletter

## Special Holiday

Hello everyone! The SK2 Newsletter had to take a break for a few months as we were all on our special holiday. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Hong Kong, we had no lessons for most of March and April.



During the special holiday, I went running every day. I also looked after my dog Gasta and even played some video games. Did you do anything interesting during your special holiday? Send me an email to let me know what you got up to!

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## My Story Creation

This year we had another very successful group of entries for the Kids4Kids My Story Creation competition. Congratulations to all who took part! Here are the overall winners from SK2:

**Overall winner**

**Most promising writer**

**Most promising illustrator**



**The Carrot Adventure 2  
- The Trouble of Ocean**

**My Silly Papa**  
(Sharoon Lee, P5)

**Change of Plans**  
(Leah Leung and Grace Ho, P5)

(Ziv Pang and Hazel Tang, P6)

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## About Caesars Head State Park

I really want to share this place with you since it's very beautiful and full of natural elements. It is located near the border of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Which is quite interesting because this means that the location is in 3 states at once! After COVID ends or calms down (which might be a long time), I will definitely go there! Maybe you can come along, what do you say?



## Caesars Head State Park

8155 Geer Hwy, Cleveland,  
South Carolina

Written by Leah Leung  
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Thanks to my friend for  
helping me with some of the  
information!

## About South Carolina

South Carolina is a state located in the United States. It is also the 23rd most populous state in the US with a population record of 5,124,712. Before COVID, the streets must be bustling!

# Keung To

Grace Ho, P5 Peace

Do you know who is the most popular star in Hong Kong today? Yes, it's Keung To!



Keung To is a member of the popular boy band Mirror. He is the most famous and most talked about member in the band.

Do you know how Keung To originally became a popular star? In 2018, when he was only 19 years old, he participated in a talent contest called King Maker, hosted by Viu TV, where he won first prize. Within two years, he became the youngest person to win the "My Favourite Male Singer" award. That's how he rose to become a superstar in Hong Kong!

Keung To is a talented and charismatic singer, his performance on stage steals people's hearts. However, he is not satisfied with being a superstar just in Hong Kong.

He has a bigger dream to spread Canto-pop outside of Hong Kong and to the rest of the world. He once said, "I hope Hong Kong music can become the number one in Asia." His ambition to promote Hong Kong culture is what makes him different from other singers and appreciated by so many people.



# LEGO

Grace Ho, P5 Peace

LEGO is one of the most popular toys in the world. I believe many of you may own at least one set. It is also my favorite toy.



Let me tell you some LEGO fun facts!

1. Most LEGO minifigures don't have noses and ears.
2. If you wanted to recreate the entire "The LEGO Movie" in real life, you would need more than 15 million LEGO pieces!
3. LEGO bricks can support 375,000 other bricks before giving out. The bottom LEGO brick would break once 3750,00 pieces are on top.
4. If all the LEGO bricks in the world were stacked on top of one another, they would create a structure almost 10 times the distance to the moon.
5. The first LEGO minifigure was a police officer.
6. The first LEGO bricks were made of wood.
7. The LEGO Group opened the first LEGOLAND park in Denmark in 1968.
8. About 86% of LEGO minifigures are male.
9. The word "LEGO" is actually a combination of two Danish words: "leg," which means play, and "godt," which means well.
10. When it comes to LEGO sets, the largest ever sold is the LEGO Taj Mahal, which contains nearly 6,000 pieces.

**-LEGO History-** LEGO bricks were invented in 1932 by Ole Kirk Christiansen, a Danish carpenter and the 10th child of a poor family. The first LEGO bricks were made of wood. 1946 When Ole Kirk Christiansen was looking for a new Machine to make wooden toys. He found that plastic Molding machines are interesting so he bought one to try. That's how plastic LEGO was born.



*The first LEGO minifigure*



*The Largest LEGO set*

# COVID 19 - Vaccines

*Jason Mak, P6 Hope*



On the 21st of February, 2022, it was my day for getting the vaccine. With the vaccine, I will decrease the chance of being infected by COVID-19. So that was the reason why!

According to the internet, there was 2 vaccines you can choose, including Sinovac and Comirnaty. Sinovac is a vaccine which has lower effectiveness, but which many people believe has fewer side effects because it was developed from traditional technology. Then Comirnaty is a vaccine which is more effective, but some people are concerned about side effects because it is a new technology (called an mRNA vaccine). Well, because I was a little concerned about side effects, I chose Sinovac.

At the time that I getting the vaccine, I feel kinda scared, because I thought it was gonna hurt a lot. My whole body was shaking, I wanted to tell my mum to get me back home. But I had no way to say it to her, my mouth couldn't move! Anyways, it came time for vaccine. I covered my eyes so I wouldn't get too scared. And then it was done! I was confused, because it barely hurt. My mum told me, "It's done!" and I said, "WHAT?!?"

I thought it would be so painful, but actually it was OK. Even younger kids should be OK!

After I got the vaccine, my mum and I went back home. My mum told me, "Well, in a few months, you need to get the second vaccine." I replied, "Ok, I won't be afraid next time!"



# Cuphead

*Jason Mak, P6 Hope*



Cuphead is a game made by Studio MDHR which is a classic run and gun action game. The game was inspired by cartoons of the 1930s. A lot of people think this is a very difficult game. However, it is still getting a lot of good ratings because people see the challenge as a good thing.

In the game, you control Cuphead (and Mugman if you are in 2 player mode). You have to fight bosses to collect their souls. There are 19 bosses total, with 17 normal bosses and 2 final bosses. To fight the bosses, you need to use your gun to shoot at the bosses and deal damage. You may feel it is kind of easy at the start, but when you actually get to the later bosses the game will become very challenging. Also there are some levels called Run and Gun which are shooting levels where you need to shoot enemies and get to the goal. Speaking of guns, you can get upgrades, new guns and charms. Some examples of charms are Spread, Chaser and my favorite – Heart.

So that's what I have to showcase about this game. If you were asking my rating for this game, I would give it **4 out of 5** stars, because it is very fun to play and I like challenging games. The only suggestion I have for the game is for the game developer to make some checkpoints at Run and Gun so we can actually have a save point for resting.



# Axolotls

Travis So, P5 Peace



Axolotl is an underwater salamander (usually pink) that lives in Lake Xochimilco in the Valley of Mexico, as well as the canals and waterways of Mexico City.

They are amphibians and can live 10 to 15 years. They are also Critically Endangered. There are only between 700 and 1,200 wild axolotls left in this world. Here are some fascinating facts about axolotls!

1. Axolotls look like babies their entire lives.
2. They are native to one place in the world
3. They are carnivorous (they eat other animals and insects).
4. They come in a variety of colour patterns.
5. They can regenerate body parts
6. They have a very large genome (DNA sequence).
7. Their courtship ritual involves dancing.
8. They are critically endangered.
9. They are also in Minecraft!



In Minecraft, an axolotl is a passive aquatic mob that attacks most other aquatic mobs. Axolotls spawn underwater in lush cave biomes and when there is a clay block less than five blocks below the spawning space.

When breeding axolotls, there is a  $\frac{1}{1200}$  (0.083%) chance of the offspring having the blue mutation, leaving  $\frac{1199}{1200}$  (99.917%) chance of matching one of the parents (including blue parents).



Ryker Lam, P5 Love

# Extinct Animals



Extinct animals are creatures that no longer exist. I guess most people are most familiar with dinosaurs. The following is my favorite extinct animal.

**Megalodon** was the largest shark in the world. It lived between 23 million to 2.6 million years ago.

### *Size*

The largest megalodon was 20.3 meters long, but the average size was 16 to 18 meters. It weighed up to 103 tons, with an average weight of 60 to 70 tons.



### *Huge Teeth*

Megalodon's teeth were similar in shape to great white sharks, but two to three times bigger. What was frightening about megalodon was that it was a born killer with a ferocious temperament. Scientists have calculated that its bite could easily bite the ribs of whales. Any creature that has ever appeared in the history of the earth would find it hard to match megalodon's powerful bite.

### *Natural Enemy*

Megalodon's opponent was the predatory sperm whale called Liyatan, the ancestor of the sperm whale. Both sizes were basically the same. The bite force of Liyatan is slightly less than Megalodon, but it was still very dangerous.

### *Extinct*

Scientists believed that the extinction of Megalodon is related to temperature and food. In the long history of the Earth, the climate and environment have undergone many changes in temperature and warmth. Megalodon was more sensitive than many other animals and found it hard to adapt. When the polar waters get cold, whales can adapt because they have thick blubber to keep warm. However, Megalodon became weaker under cold waters. When they couldn't catch whales, they starved. Therefore, once the food was in short supply, they started to die off.



# My Top 3 Board Games

*Violet Lo, P6 Faith*

## #3 Geistes Blitz (閃靈快手)

Geistes Blitz is a board game you can play with 2 to 8 people. This game makes us exercise our reaction and concentration skills. I often play with my younger sisters.



## #2 Rummikub (魔力橋)

We can play Rummikub with 2 to 4 people. It is a game where we must test our logic. This game can also be played on mobile phones and iPads. I always get very excited when I play this game.



## #1 Splendor(璀璨寶石)

This board game needs 2 to 4 players. It is also a game where we need to test our logic. But this is more hard than Rummikub! Although I really like this board game, I do not own my own copy. Right now, I can only play Splendor at the community center.



# Our Pet Cats



*Vincy Chan, P6 Hope*

I have a yellow cat. It was a present from my mother on my birthday. It's very beautiful. I named it Orange.

Orange is very naughty. She likes to play with me. She often runs here and there and likes running after many things. Orange's favourite game is playing with balls, ropes and stones. I love her very much. Sometimes, Orange is very gentle. Other times, she likes to wash her face and won't play with me. After lunch, Orange often lies on the sofa to sleep. When I get home, Orange often jumps onto my knees. I like to give a bath to Orange.

Oh, my cat brings me so much happiness. We are good friends. I love Orange!



*Orange*



*Rilee Kwok, P6 Hope*



I have got two baby cats. They are very beautiful. One is yellow and his name is Lemon. The other is white and her name is Rice. The yellow cat is very naughty. He likes to play with people. He often runs around everywhere. He loves to play with his toys. Rice is very nice. She likes to sleep with me and she likes to wash her face. I love my two cats!



*Rice and Lemon*



*Lemon*

# Supermoons



Jackie Yang, P5 Peace

In this article, I would like to tell you about supermoons. A supermoon is the biggest moon you can see. This year, a supermoon appeared in Hong Kong on May 16th. There is something strange and odd about supermoons.

The most *widely accepted explanation* for the formation of the moon was that it was created when a rock the size of Mars slammed into Earth, shortly after the solar system began forming about four to five billion years ago. That is how we have the Moon! Did you know the Moon has quakes too? These are not called earthquakes, they're called moon quakes! They are caused by the *gravitational influence* of the Earth. Unlike quakes on Earth that last only a few minutes at most, moon quakes can last up to half an hour. But they are much weaker than Earth's.

There are four special ways we can see full moons on Earth: a **blood moon**, **supermoon**, **blue moon** and **harvest moon**. If the moon is red then it means that it is a blood moon. Why is it red? Because the Earth lines up between the moon and the Sun. Supermoon is a nickname for when a full moon is at the closest point in its orbit around Earth. After that, a blue moon does not really look different than a regular full moon. However, a blue moon is special because it is the extra full moon in a season with four full moons. This usually only happens every two and a half years (since the 1940s). Finally, a harvest moon refers to the full bright moon that is the closest to the start of autumn. Farmers *depended* on the moon's light to *harvest* their crops late in to the night during this season.



supermoon



blood moon



blue moon



harvest moon

Gravitational = 引力

Influence = 影響

Widely accepted = 被廣泛接受

Explanation = 解釋

Depended = 依賴

Harvest = 收成

# World Sports!



The English Ambassadors have helped me to make a display on the ground floor with different sports from around the world. You may know some of these sports and sports stars, but many of them are new and interesting sports that even I haven't heard of before! Have a look at their work and think about what sport you'd like to try. I hope we can all keep fit this summer. Let me know if you get to try any new sports!

## Reader Submissions - Send us some!

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!

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