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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Yellow House - not yellow at all!

Anki So

Our school had Sports Day on the 18th and 19th of January, 2010. It was a good chance for students to relax and do some exercise. On Sports Day, a lot of events were held, for example high jump, long jump, relay race, javelin and so on. In many races, everyone was striving to finish the race. Although some of the competitors couldn't win and were the last ones on the track, they did not give up until they arrived at the finish line. In the cheering team competition, all performances were unique.

The winner was Yellow House. After Sports Day, we interviewed Maggie Lam and Wing So. They were from Yellow House and Purple House. Yellow House's team wore their PE uniform for the cheering competition because Maggie Lam thought that buying costumes cost too much money and did not get bonus marks. She and her members focused on the performance instead of the fancy outfits. As a result, Yellow House won the competition for the first time in twelve years while Purple House was awarded the House Championship and the members were deeply moved and very excited. These two Houses won because they had teamwork. Apart from that, Yellow House attributed their success to their dance routine which was lively and full of energy; their chairperson was the soul of it!

Sports Day was very successfully held because the students were very supportive. I hope Sports Day next year will be even better than this year's.





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The score awarded to a group of F.1 and F.2 students for first place at the 61st Speech Festival



A milestone marks an anniversary

Samantha Lau

Students were amazed and knew more about our Motherland after attending a talk given by Mrs Rita Fan Hsu Lai Tai on 15th October, 2009.

Sponsored by the NTSHA and the Yuen Yuen Institute, with the aim of promoting civic education, F.4 and F.6 students had a golden chance to meet and communicate with Mrs Fan, and they undoubtedly benefited from the interaction with her. The talk was quite long, yet all students agreed that it was rewarding.

Mrs Fan is known for her long career in the public sectors. She was the President of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong from 1997 to 2008. She was also the first woman to hold that position. Mrs Fan is currently a member of the Standing Committee to the Eleventh National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

The talk was mainly about the challenges faced by, and the opportunities given to, China. Mrs Fan admitted that a multitude of problems exist in China now, but it is just natural as China is such a powerful country which could climb to a more powerful position in the world within a few decades. Actually, China has already identified the problems and is trying her best to solve them.

According to Mrs Fan, there are three main issues that mostly affect China now.

Firstly, environmental protection has been raised as a concern. In order to compete with other developed countries like Japan and America, large-scale infrastructures need to be built to enhance the living standards of people, as well as maintaining a high status in the world. However, pollutants are unavoidably emitted during construction. Though some machines were installed to filter the

Green with envy?

Billy Lam

The 18th and 19th of January, 2010, may not be special days for you, but they were very special for Fung Kai Liu Man Shek Tong Secondary School! It is because those were our sports days.

As you know, Sports Day means many competitions will be held. This year's winner was Purple House. Vice-chairman of Purple House, So Wing Ching, said that they found it very touching and they were thrilled. Purple House got 900 marks and won the competition. The prize for the cheering competition went to Yellow House. Purple House did not feel sad because members of the two Houses were friends. As the old saying goes: 'Friendship is No.1, Competition is No.2.' So Purple House was happy for Yellow House.

Yellow House Vice-chairperson shared her feelings with us and she said they felt surprised about winning the cheering competition. They thought Green House would win, and after receiving the award, Yellow House asked the judges why Green House lost. One of the judges said it was because their cheering team did not have much facial expression, and one of the reasons which made Yellow House win was the lively song which gave people a feeling of youthful energy.



However, Yellow House did not wear costumes because they knew that costumes would not help them get a higher mark but would definitely waste a lot of money.

Purple House has won the House Championship not just once, but at least five times in our school's history. Purple House deserved the prize. I think all Purple House's members want to win again next year.

We hope all Houses can get higher marks next year.

pollutants, they were just fakes to placate the government officers. This was not only impractical but also a wasteful way to deal with the problem.

Secondly, the economy is also a serious factor that China is worried about. In the past, agriculture was the chief sector in China. With continuous development, there has been an economic shift from agriculture to finance and commerce. There are surely a lot of barriers to overcome, such as a shortage of labour and capital.

Thirdly, corruption is given the most attention. Sadly, the majority of government officers are not incorruptible. Mrs Fan said that in fact there are many cases concerning embezzlement of public funds. Worse still, the government officials fail to disclose the real situation to the central government. This perpetuates the vicious circle of poverty in China. It is believed that the corruption is due to the low monetary return. Therefore, the central administration is now raising their salaries so as to prevent government officials from engaging in corrupt activities.

Apart from our fellow schoolmates, among the audience was the Chairman of NTSHA and its members, Principal Mr Fan Chi Man, and students from a nearby school.

Mr Fan said the talk gave students a better understanding of China. 'It also aroused interest towards the Motherland,' he said proudly.

After the talk, two students were able to ask questions and exchange their ideas on a par with Mrs Fan. She was pleased that youngsters also keep an eye on the situation in China.

This was really a precious experience for students to recognise our honourable Motherland.

