

Teaching can be fun

Teaching can be fun as college seniors take primary pupils under their wing in English Fun Camp, writes Wendy Wong

WHEN students at St. Stephen's College (SSC 聖士提反書院) saw coaches arriving at their campus with primary school children, they knew the time to kick off (開始) an English Fun Camp has come.

The annual English Fun Camp aims at helping children from various primary schools learn and practise English in an enjoyable way.

About 100 SSC students acted as leaders in the camp and held activities such as Scottish dance and treasure hunts for about 200 children from four primary schools on 24 November.

All participants were allowed to communicate only in English during the half-day camp.

Great feeling

KEVIN Lee King-yan (李傑仁), one of the student leaders, said he was happy to play with the primary school children.

"I felt great when I saw their reactions because it showed they understood what I said," he noted.

In an activity called "Arts and Crafts (工藝)", the children had to work in groups to draw a monster and then present it to the class using words they had just learnt from the leaders.

Kevin said the children's English level was better than he had expected.

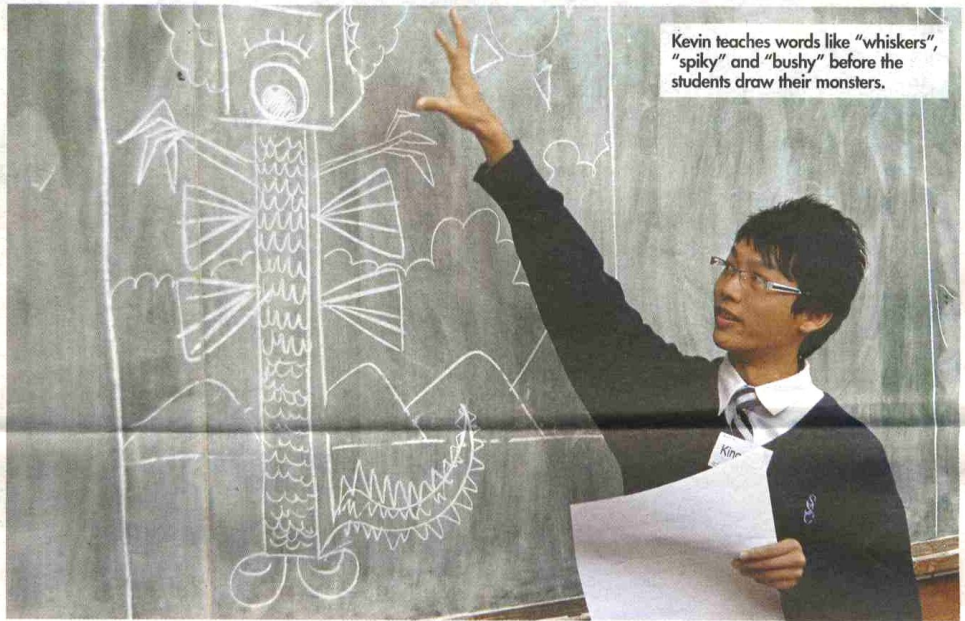
"Some of them could even come up with a story to explain their drawings. I think it's really impressive," he said.

He said it was a rewarding (有益的) experience as he could also practise his English too when conducting the programmes.

Enjoyable activities

BENNY Ho Fei-wan (何飛雲) and Susan Lee Tsz-shun (李芷純), Primary Six students from Hoi Yee Precious Blood Primary School (South Horizons) (海怡寶血小學), said they tried to speak as much English as they could while enjoying the activities.

Their English teacher, Ms Leung Chi-ling (梁芝玲), said though the children looked a little "nervous" and "worried" at the beginning, but quickly became accustomed to the English-speaking environment.



Kevin teaches words like "whiskers", "spiky" and "bushy" before the students draw their monsters.

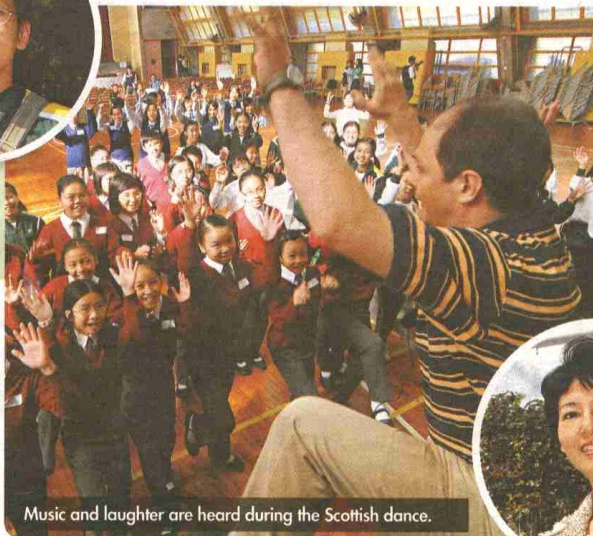


The "Arts and Crafts" section.

Students explain their drawing to the class.



Susan Lee and Benny Ho say the activities make them feel more relaxed when speaking English.



Music and laughter are heard during the Scottish dance.

Mutual benefit

DR Louise Law Yi-shu (羅懿舒), SSC principal, said she thought such partnership between schools was beneficial to all the participating students.

"It's good for the primary school children as they could learn English in a relaxed atmosphere, while our students will become more confident through volunteering for the community," she said.

It was the fourth year since the school first organised the English Fun Camp. SSC students also participated in other volunteer service under the school's Service Learning Programme.



Dr Louise Law