

Our Mathematic teacher, Ms NG

By Kevin Carl B. and Giouanni Cheng Wing Yin of SSB.

S: How long have you been teaching? How close are you with your students?

T: I started teaching in a physically handicapped children's school. It was a very challenging and demanding job. I have been a teacher for 23 years and love being one. I am quite close with my students and we share an emotional bond between us.



S: Which university or school did you go to? What is your most memorable moment up till now?

T: I did my major in Statistics from University of Regina in Canada. It was a very small town with very warm people. My most memorable moment was my brother's wedding as after a very long time my whole family got together and there was lot of bonding. We all had a great time.

Our Economics teacher, Mr. Ma

By Chrisrobert and Giouanni Cheng Wing Yin of SSB.

S: When you were a student, were you a smart student or an average one?

T: When I was in Hong Kong, I was below average, but when I was in England, I was above average.



Our Chinese HOD Ms Sham

By Giouanni Cheng and Nestor of SSB.

S: You are a teacher now, do you ever regret being one?

T: Never, because education is very important. You can also provide a very positive influence to younger generations. I enjoy passing on important values like integrity, love, honesty etc.

S: What is your, most memorable moment until now?

T: The first time I met my husband. I met him in a painting class.



Our English HOD and French teacher, Ms. Josephine Chung

By BJ SA

S: How long have you been a teacher?

T: More than 25 years. When I first started teaching, I taught Spanish and French. After that, I taught only French for many years. Now I teach English and French. Two years ago I started a Spanish Club at school. Apart from learning about Spanish culture, club members also learn some basic Spanish.

S: Which school or university did you go to?

T: I had my secondary schooling at a girls' grammar school in the UK. After my "A" levels, I went to a university in London to do Applied Linguistic Studies in French and Spanish. In the third year of my degree course, I studied for one year at the University of Aix-en-Provence in France. In my final year, I spent six months at the University of Sevilla in Spain.

S: When is your birthday and how do you celebrate it?

T: In January. I like to keep it simple so it's just a family dinner with a cake.



Our Urdu and ICT teacher, Mr. KHAN Zubair Ahmed

By Pamandeep Kaur 6C

S: Why is learning Chinese important in Hong Kong?

T: Hong Kong is a part of China. If you want to settle here forever or make Hong Kong as your place of residence, you must know the local language. It is important to learn Chinese, at least spoken, so that you can interact with the local people and be part of society. Knowing Chinese will enhance your career prospects in Hong Kong.

S: Apart from teaching, what other activities in school are you involved in?

T: There are many activities I am involved in like Cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis and taking part in religious duties.



Our Discipline Master Mr. Chan (CVS)

By Garbuja Pun Niraj and Rai Hemant of SSB.

S: Why did you choose to become a teacher? What inspired you?

T: When I was a child I was quite naughty and had poor academic results. But then I had a really good teacher who inspired me and got me interested in becoming a teacher after finishing my college studies.

S: Who is your favorite cartoon character?

T: Doraemon. It has a funny expression.



Our French and Liberal Studies teacher, Ms. Fung Winsome

By Joshua SSA

S: Why did you choose to become a teacher?

T: Before I graduated from university, I didn't have any plans of becoming a teacher. But after I graduated, I went to Thailand to teach English to refugees and illegal migrants from Myanmar. There, I realized education is meaningful. When I came back to Hong Kong, I continued this profession in the education sector.

S: If you are getting married, are you going to invite us to your wedding? why?

T: Yes, I will! It is because I treat my students like my own friends. Plus, they are interested in my personal life and part of my life.



Our Chinese teacher Miss Leung interview

By Gurpreet Kaur and Babina of SSB

S: Did you know that you would become a teacher?

T: Yes, I always knew I would become a teacher because I studied Bachelor of Education in university and I had confidence to become one.

S: What is the best part of being a teacher?

T: I can teach new stuff and because of me, my student do their best to learn and when they know how to use the Chinese word, I feel proud of being a teacher. I think my job is very meaningful because I can make a difference in my student's life.



Our English teacher, Mr. Nair

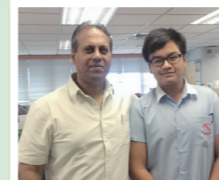
By Rafee Adonis Cheung and Chrisrobert of SSB.

S: Do you play any musical instruments?

T: Yes, I play the guitar and drums. I used to be in a band when I was young (Form 5- Form 7) and we even auditioned for a music contract with the EMI music label. However, sad to say, we did not win!

S: Have you had any past jobs before becoming a teacher. If yes, which one is your favorite?

T: Yes, I did a variety of jobs before I became a teacher. I once worked at a bakery, did a stint as a security guard but my favorite job before being a teacher was when I worked for North West Airlines as a sales executive as I was able to fly first class to the US and Canada!



Our BAFS teacher Mr. IQBAL Kashif

By Dhillon Sumanpreet 4C and Gill Dilpreet Kaur 4A

S: Do you really like teaching or is it just a job for you?

T: I love teaching. It's my passion. It is a very satisfying job. Even if I can make a difference in one of my student's life, I feel satisfied and proud.

S: What is your most memorable moment until now?

T: There are many great moments. God has been very kind to me. The most memorable was when I got first class honors degree in my batch in university. It was really a proud moment for me.

S: What do you like about this school?

T: I like the students and my colleagues of this school. Specially the students, they are very warm, respectful and loving. The general atmosphere in this school is very friendly.



Our PE teacher Miss Yu Dick-kwan

By Elisha Wong of SA.

S: What are the struggles you faced for being a teacher?

T: Time management, while trying to get a teaching certificate for teaching you need to spend two years part-time teaching. You also need to take lessons and do your own homework after teaching for the whole day. Finally, you also need to find time to work to pay off your own tuition fees.

S: What or when was your most embarrassing moment?

T: While teaching P.E. one time, a group of girls were running. Suddenly, someone's mensurated sanitary napkin fell onto the ground. I had to ask a janitor to clean it. It was an awkward moment.



Our English and Guidance and Counselling teacher, Ms Wong P.W

By Protusada Mark and Chrisrobert of 5B

S: What do you expect your students to achieve in your teaching?

T: I would want them to academically achieve the best they can and have a very clear life goals. In terms of personality, I would like them to be upright citizens and be courageous to achieve any goal in the future.

S: How many pets have you had?

T: Six chinchillas, but one died last week. Three black and three white. I used to take care of my dad's goldfish.



Interview with Vice chairperson Ms. Leung Lai Chun

By Si lai Ching fermi 4B

S: What inspired you to become a business-woman?

P: Thanks to the support of my family, especially my other half, I can take up regular full-time or part-time work. Being able to work gives me a sense of success and satisfaction.

S: How many children do you have?

P: I have two sons, the older one is 17 years old and the younger one is 15 years old. They are my sweethearts.

S: Does your career affect your relationship with your family?

P: It does have some effect on my relationship with my family but, every day, I make time for my family so I can spend time with them. This is especially important because my kids are still young.

S: We know that you are busy as the vice-chairperson of the PTA. How can you strike a balance between your work time and your PTA duty?

P: I need to thank the chairman and the PTA members for arranging meeting dates around my schedule. Of course, to show my support, I always try my best to find time in my schedule to participate in all PTA activities.

S: How do you spend your free time, if you have any?

P: At this moment, I'm really busy with my jobs so I spend any free time I have with my family. Also, I spend some of my free time studying new techniques for my work.

S: Which place is your favourite holiday destination and why?

P: A place where I could attend dancing classes or go snowboarding. My husband and I really love dancing. It's really good for health and we hope we can dance well into our old age. Snowboarding is my family's favourite activity because we get to spend time together doing a really enjoyable sport.



Interview with Assistant principal Mr. LO Kwing-hang

By Chaturapat 4C and Russel 4E

S: What would you be if you were not in the teaching profession?

AP: I would've become a social worker. I would listen to the students and help them solve their problems, meet people and become friends with them.

S: What do you do in your leisure time?

AP: In my leisure time, I mostly read newspaper and books but sometimes I do sport, go jogging or walking. I also have to take care of my child who is nine years old and is studying in Primary 4.

S: Which is your favorite place for family holidays and why?

AP: In Hong Kong, I like to visit Country Parks in New Territories. I also like to go abroad with my family because I want them to know the culture of other countries. Two years ago, during the Easter holiday, we went to Japan. This year, I took my family to England.

S: Since you are leaving this school, what will you miss the most about our school?

P: Firstly, I will miss my partners Mr. Li (Principal) and Ms. Ho (Assistant Principal) because they are very friendly and helpful. Secondly, the teaching staff who helped us to promote the school and, of course, the students of this school who are so nice, warm and friendly.

S: What is your message to all our SEKSS students and parents?

AP: To the students, "Work hard, play hard. 'Hard' meaning do homework on time, don't be late for school, treasure every moment at school". And my message to parents is, "Spend more time with their children and try to know more about their school life".



1 Ms CHUI Eileen	2 Ms YU Dick-kwan	3 Ms WONG Pik-wah	4 Mr Leung Wai-Kwong	5 Ms Dunn Ling	6 Ms Josephine CHUNG
7 Mr KHAN Zubair Ahmed	8 Ms SUNG Yee-ki	9 Mr Nair Raj	10 Ms SZE Mo-chi	11 Mr MA Wai-yiu, Samuel	12 Ms FUNG Winsome
13 Ms SHAM Suk-ye	14 Ms IQBAL Kashif	15 Ms HO Yuk-ye	16 Mr Li Ka-fai	17 Mr TAM Chi-hin	18 Mr Prasad Manoj Kumar
19 Mr SINGH Manpreet	20 Mr LUI Tak-wing, Memphis	21 Ms Chan Ying Wah			



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S = Student reporter, P = Principal, AP = Assistant Principal, C = Chairman / Chair-person, T = Teacher

The varied activities and events organized by the PTA over the past years speak volumes about a strong parent-teacher relationship, couples with effective communication will help our students succeed in school. Indeed, being a good listener is very important and it helps build relationship, solve problems and conflicts. It also helps to develop a resourceful and self-reliant child as well.

To advocate this, PTA invited some students from different forms to conduct interviews with the Principal Mr. Li Wing Leung, The Chairman of PTA Mr. Nachiappan Thirupathi, Vice-principal Mr. LO Kwing-hang, Vice-chairperson Ms LEUNG Lai Chun and some teachers respectively.



Mr Prasad Manoj Kumar

Interview with Principal Mr. Li Wing Leung

By Chaturapat 4C and Russel 4E

S: What inspired you to become a Principal?

P: My previous principal encouraged me to take the course on principalship and stressed that government schools need succession. She also inspired me by emphasizing that one's vision for education could be realized and as a result, greater numbers of students could be influenced by it.

S: How many children do you have?

P: I have two children, a son and a daughter. My son is a Revenue Analyst while my daughter is an officer in Public Relations and Communications.

S: How do you balance your time as a father and a career person?

P: Time management is the key to success. As a father, I treasure dinner time with my family members. As a career person, I share my experience of being a school leader with my family members.

S: Does your career as a principal affect your relationship with your family?

P: My career as a principal has a positive influence on my family members, as we feel supportive of one another when we share our thoughts and feelings about our work. We understand the responsibilities of each member of the family and support each other.

S: What qualities does a person require to be a principal?

P: A good principal should be a good listener, should have integrity, strong passion and commitment to education. He should have the belief that all children can learn and he should show his concern, understanding and love to his students. One should inspire children to learn and show respect to diversity.

S: How different is this school, SEKSS, compared to your previous school?

P: Students at SEKSS are more friendly, lively and expressive, and are more talented at languages, sports and performing arts. Students at my previous schools focus more on studies and examinations. They have greater social awareness and future career planning.

S: What is your message to all our SEKSS students and parents?

P: To students:
-Set your personal life goal;
-take the opportunity to develop your potential or strength;
-develop a positive attitude towards life and studies; and
-take immediate action to strive for the above: seize the day, as stated in our school motto.

To parents:
-Spend quality time with your children;
-listen more to your children;
-show your love and care to them; and
-share your experiences with them.



Interview with PTA Chairman Mr. Nachiappan Thirupathi

By: Adityanaach S-5C

S: What inspired you to become a businessman?

C: I would say, first was my father and second was my part-time job that I did when I was young. At the early age of 12-13, I started helping my father in his business after school. One day, when I visited our printer, Mr. LEUNG, a 70-year-old gentleman, he offered me a part-time job as a proof reader. That is how I learned the printing business and within 6 months, I started my own printing business(earning). Since then, many people have inspired me at every stage of my life.

S: How many children do you have?

C: I have two sons. The elder one is 16 years old and younger one is 10 years old.

S: How do you balance your time as a father and a businessman?

C: It is quite difficult to balance my time as a father and a businessman. In business, when you work with international trade, you have to work in different time zones, which is why it is not easy an easy task. But I try my best to be there for my sons and we also plan overseas trips yearly to have quality time together.

S: Does your career as a businessman affect your relationship with your family?

C: Not only businessmen, any kind of career somehow affects the relationship with their family. In my field of work, I have to travel to overseas countries a lot. So during some important events, I may not be able to be back home. In the past, my sons would often complain but now they understand that it is for them that I am working so hard.

S: What qualities does a person require to be a successful businessman?

C: A person who is ready to take risk is a business person. Also people who can exercise initiative, planning, and organization as well as those who are able to manage people and resources can be successful in business, in simple terms, an All Rounder

S: How do you spend your free time?

C: In every stage of life, we spend our free time differently. Nowadays, I am spending some time with family and more time for community and social services.

S: What is your message to all our SEKSS students and parents?

C: Dear students, please use your time well, learn from teachers and others, believe in yourselves, respect your family, set your goal for the short term and the long term, and see if you have achieved it in that period of time.

Dear parents, please spend quality time with your children, teach them what is right and wrong, it might seem that they are not listening but it will be useful when the situation demands. Best wishes to all.



The 22nd PTA Executive Committee Members of 2013-2014

Post	Parent Committee Members	Teacher Committee Members
Chairman	Nachiappan Thirupathi	Mr Li Wing Leung (Principal)
Vice-Chairperson	Leung Lai Chun (Annie)	Ho Yuk-ye / Lo Kwing-Hang (Vice-Principals)
Secretary	Lau Tsz Kam (Iris)	Gaur Anil
Treasurer	Kharel Vishnu Prasad	DUNN Ling
Public Relations	Khimding Ran Bahadur	Singh Manpreet
General Affairs	Mrs. Bhatti Nadia Saeed	CHAN Kwai Yin
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Co-ordinators	Kaur Charanjeet Pinky	
Auditor	G.S. Batra	



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The 22nd PTA Annual General Meeting and Executive Committee Election

On 22nd November 2013 – Parents' Night cum 22nd Parents-Teachers' Association (PTA) AGM was held in the school hall. Our enthusiastic parents turned up on time to participate, support and witness this event and vote.

Our principal, Mr. LI Wing Leung, welcomed the parents in the school hall for this important event and thanked them for their enthusiasm and support. Our PTA Chairperson, Mr. Nachiappan Thirupathi, gave his chairperson's report and emphasised on enhancing our students' and our parent-members' sense of belonging to the school. He highlighted the achievements made in the last year, and acknowledged that the school, teachers, parents and students trust in the PTA has risen tremendously. The detailed statement of Accounts and the Annual report of PTA was presented at

the AGM by Mr. Kumar. Then certificates were presented to the outgoing members of the PTA Executive Committee and the teacher members appointed to serve PTA Executive committee meeting were introduced.

Three new members were elected as parent-members of the PTA Executive Committee based on the voting. Mr. Nachiappan Thirupathi was chosen as the SMC Parent Representative for year 2013-2015. Mr. G. S. Batra was re-elected as the PTA Honorary Auditor for the year 2013-2014. A donation drive by the PTA raised a total sum of HK\$ 2400/-.

It was truly an enjoyable night as it allowed parents to freely mingle with teachers to share their views. It was a wonderful evening with snacks and drinks sponsored by the PTA.



PTA Interest Classes

Interest Classes organised by PTA during Post Examination Activities (2nd July – 11th July 2014)

Following the success of the PTA interest classes in the last school year, this year with the help of some volunteer parents, variety of interest classes were conducted to foster home-school cooperation. The interest classes were free of charge and open to all school stakeholders - parents, students and teachers – on a first-come first-served basis.

Interest Class	Parent Member/ic	Date	No. of Participants
1 How to make Money	Mr. Thiru	4 th June 2014	S3 class
2 Latino Funky Dance	Ms. Leung Lai Chun (Annie)	2 nd July 2014	10
3 Pilates	Ms. Leung Lai Chun (Annie)	3 rd July 2014	15
4 Cooking	Ms. Leung Lai Chun (Annie)	10 th July 2014	15
5 Bowling	Mr. Memphis	10/07/14	20

Lot of enthusiastic students and teachers participated in the Pilates and Funky Dance classes. Students enjoyed the Bowling activities outside school. These activities gave the students chance to do things outside the school environment helping them to be independent and responsible.

Principal's Meeting With Parents

Following the success of the principal's meetings with parents, the PTA continued to organize similar meetings in the 2013-2014 school year. In total, eight (8) meetings were arranged, each one with a different theme. Each meeting concluded with a question and answer session, which provided the perfect forum for parents to voice their opinions and / or concerns and to seek answers to any questions they might have. All in all, parents found the meetings useful and cherished the ample opportunities provided by the PTA for close dialogue with the school management and, of course, to meet other parents.

Summary of Meetings

Date	Event	Participants
1 04/10/2013	• School developments • School Intranet, ECA and Q & A session • AGM	29
2 22/11/2013	• Parent's Sharing session, and term test results	63
3 06/12/2013	• Sharing session • Half year Exam • Promotion Criteria	24
4 29/01/2014	• Sharing session	17
5 01/03/2014	• Parents day • Jupas briefing by S6 Class Teachers	120
6 14/03/2014	• recent development of the school • Sharing session	100
7 24/05/2014	• Guidance & Counseling • Sharing session • Identifying learning difficulties & helping your children improve their language skills and building a positive relationship with them.	15
8 05/07/2014	• Summer vacation activities • New school developments 2013-2014 • Q & A	13



PTA Fun Day BBQ



The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Fun Day was organized by the PTA after the prize-giving ceremony of Learning Celebrations on 14th March 2014 at our school campus. On behalf of the PTA, we would like to thank every teacher and parents who actively participated in the PTA BBQ activity. Special thanks to all the PTA teacher members, our principal Mr. Lee and the two assistant principal Mr. Lo and Miss Ho for working hard to make this event a success. Without everyone's enthusiasm, cooperation and participation it would not have been possible to have such an enjoyable evening.

PTA BBQ was very well organized and plenty of food was available throughout the evening. It was a well attended evening with every participating member having fun. There was a very cordial and joyful atmosphere while teachers and parents were mingling freely along with the students.

National Costume Day



PTA Involvement in School Functions

Date	Sponsoring food for Function	Participants
30 August 2013	Orientation Day for New Students and Parents	250 New students & parents
22 nd November 2013	Parents Day	200 Parents & guests
22 nd November 2013	Lunch Boxes for students helper	20 students
14 th March 2014	Learning Celebrations / Candy machine and Pop-corn machine	750 Parents & students
1 st March 2014	Parents' Night	150 Parents

Sponsoring / Subsidizing Student Participation in Outside Events and Prizes and Awards

Date	Event / Prize / Award	Participants
November – December 2013	64 th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival / French Speech Festival	56 students
July 2014	Academically Most Improved Students Award	25 students
September 2013 – Nov 2013	Subsidies for school dance and sport teams	18 teams
13 th June 2013	French DELF Subsidized fees and speech festival for students	22 students
July	Entry fees for Australian Maths Competition	12 students
14 th March 2014	BBQ Fun Day	110 people

Students Work

Family fun time

1B Caby
My parents are at the cable-car station at Genting, Malaysia. We had an enjoyable holiday there.

1B Jasveer
The photo was taken on my birthday three years ago. My brother is very stylish now.

1B Rimsha
I and my cousin with Mr. Dolphin at Ocean Park. We are smiling happily.

2B Harveer
On the first day at kindergarten, I cried till I slept. I did not know what I was doing so I cried a lot.

"Unforgettable days"

2B Amreen
I had fun in my primary school. When I was studying in P6, I was assigned more duties in my class. I had a lot of friends. My best friend was Zeba. LCU school teachers loved me a lot like my parents. I was proud of myself for being so lucky who had this kind of school life. I was also the best student in my class. I loved my teachers a lot. I just hope that I could go back to study in LCU Primary school again. I will never forget my LCU school life. I miss my LCU friends, teachers and my LCU School. I will be grateful to my school, my whole life.

"An unforgettable moment"

2B Waker
This photo was taken on the last day of my form one. I'm wearing a big smile in the middle of the group. Now, we're all separated. We are in different classes. I will never forget this moment.

How I see myself in ten years' time.

Sujiu 4A
After 10 years, I want to change for the better, not only for myself, but all things inherent to life, my family, my friends, the city I live in, the country I belong to, the world that is the only home anyone has ever had, the ever-expanding, ever-changing cosmos; that is what I want, but really, it is what I need as a human being.

Himdullah 4A
My dream job in ten years' time would be the same as now which is to be a gamer and have another back-up job like being a teacher or an engineer. The best for me in ten years' time would be to show Hong Kong to my parents. They have helped me, cared for me and worked hard for me all my life and I would like to do something in return even though it is not as much as what they have done for me.

Shahid 4A
I would see myself as a university student graduated with a degree in maths and chemistry. My dream job is to be a scientist and I want to contribute back to society by possibly aiding in a discovery or an invention that can help the world.

Roji 4A
After ten years, I would have already finished my studies. I will have new friends but I will still be in contact with my old friends via social media. I will often visit them. I will live with my parents and maybe have a new house. I will visit places with my family.

Karishma 4A
After ten years, I want to have completed my university studies and become a doctor. Being a doctor is a good way to serve the community. I hope I will be able to make at least a few people wear a smile on their faces. ...I will make my parents take pride in their daughter. ... I will try my best to be a modest and good human being.

Joe 4A
In ten years' time, I'd probably be away from home and only see my parents on special occasions. I'd be living alone with a potential lover and I'm going to cherish it, anticipate it and love it. I'll be doing things I've always wanted to do. The sky isn't the limit. In ten years' time, I will be smiling proudly of what I've grown to be.

Guess your teacher!

Mr Prasad Manoj Kumar
Mr Nair Raj
Mr KHAN Zubair Ahmed
Ms IQBAL Kashif
Ms SHAM Suk-ye
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Ms Chan Ying Wah
Mr MA Wai-yiu, Samuel
Ms JOSEPHINE CHUNG
Ms CHUI Eileen
Ms SZE Mo-chi
Ms HO Yuk-ye
Mr LI Ka-fai