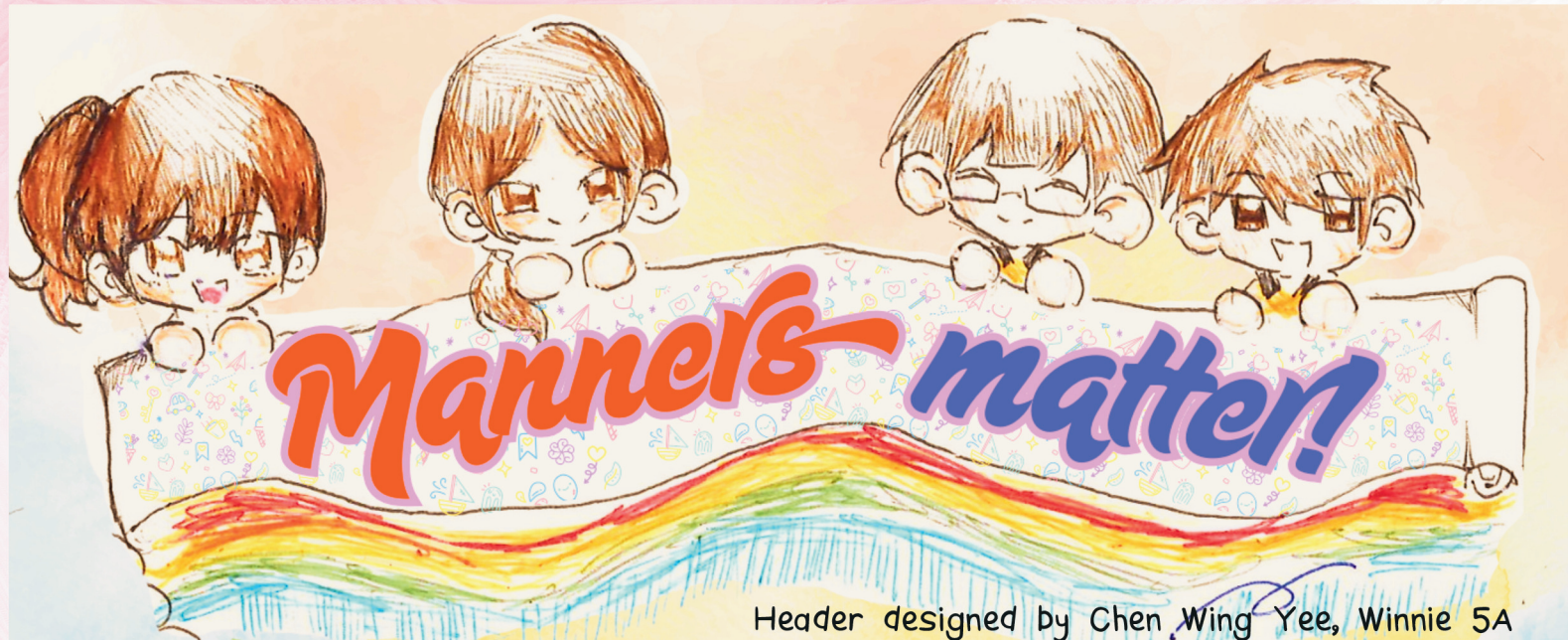




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# Editorial

by Mr. Gilbert



## MANNERS MATTER!

My mum always told me, **Manners Maketh the Man** (That means all of us!)

Do you like it when people forget to say 'Thank you', 'Please' or 'Excuse me'. Being polite is easy - and it makes everyone happy! Good manners show we care about others and help make our school a better place.

So let's all try our best to be kind and polite. After all, we can also say- **Manners Maketh the Children.**

Enjoy our 2025 HNYP Post with the slogan: **MANNERS MATTER!**



## Our NET Team



Hi! I'm **Miss Dija** (from my Arabic name Khadija). I'm from **Pakistan** 🇵🇰 - a beautiful country! I've lived in Hong Kong for seven years with my family in Fanling.

I love **running**, **reading stories**, and **inspiring quotes**.

👉 **Remember:** 'Success comes from hard work, discipline, and never giving up!' Always believe in yourself!

Hi! I'm **Mr. Gilbert**. I've been at this school for several years. I live in **Shatin**. I love **cycling** and **swimming**. I'm from **Australia**. 🇦🇺

I learned to swim in the **cold ocean** near my brother's house. He **surfs** even in winter! My uncle worked in the rescue service, so we always learned to be careful about nature. You should visit Australia - it's fun!



Hi! I'm **Miss Vivian**, your new teacher! We learn English through **fun games**, **crafts**, and **adventures**, because learning should be **exciting**! 🎉

When I'm not teaching, I love **reading**, **watching movies**, and **exploring new places**. Can't wait to have another **amazing** year together!



Hello everyone! We're **Mr. Abby** and **Mr. Mamadou**. We teach **djembe (African drums)** 🥁 at this school. With years of experience in traditional African rhythms, we are thrilled to bring the vibrant sounds of the drums to this school. Through drumming, we explore **teamwork**, **creativity**, and the **rich cultural heritage** of Africa. Feel the beat and learn new rhythms!



Hello! I am **Miss Kaur**. I love reading **poetic books** and spending time **outdoors exploring**.

I am a big **animal lover** and also a **vegetarian**.

I like to do fun interactive experiments with my students to make learning more exciting.

One of my favourite things to do is **cooking**. I am a **foodie**! Feel free to talk to me at recess and whenever you see me at school!








# Manners in Different Countries



Do you know that in some countries, burping is a **compliment** , while in others, slurping noodles is **polite**? Around the world, people follow **fascinating** - and sometimes **funny** - norms to show good manners.

## China

In China, we should never stick chopsticks upright in a bowl of rice. It is considered **bad luck**. Also, we should not tap our bowls with chopsticks. It is what **beggars** used to do to ask for food.



## Japan

In Japan, it is actually **polite** to slurp our noodles loudly! This shows the chef that we are enjoying our meal!



## India

In many parts of India, people eat with their **right hand** ONLY - **never the left**! They think the left hand is unclean. Also, **burping** after a meal can be a compliment to the cook!



## Russia

If we finish a drink in Russia, we should **never** leave an empty bottle on the table - it is seen as **bad luck**. Instead, put it on the floor or throw it away!



## Saudi Arabia

When drinking **Arabic coffee** in Saudi Arabia, we should shake our cup slightly when you have had enough. If you don't, the host will keep refilling it **forever**!



## Italy

In Italy, putting **extra cheese** on seafood pasta or pizza is a **big no-no**! Italians believe it ruins the flavour. Also, never ask for **spaghetti with meatballs** - that's not a real Italian dish!



## 'Thank you' Around the World

Do you know that saying 'thank you' can sound different in every country? It's a special word that makes people smile - no matter where they are from!



**English:** Thank you!



**Spanish:** ¡Gracias! (GRAH-see-ahs)



**French:** Merci! (mehr-SEE)



**Mandarin:** 謝謝! (Xiexie!)



**Hindi:** धन्यवाद! (DHUN-yuh-vahd)



**Arabic:** شكراً! (SHOO-krahn)



**German:** Danke! (DAHN-kuh)

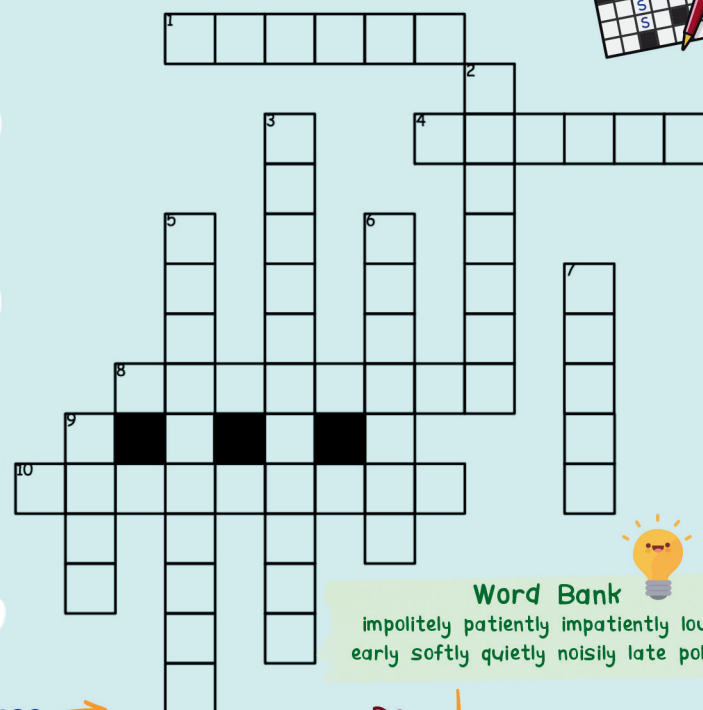
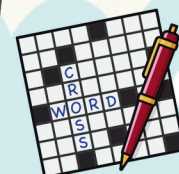
Scan the QR code to listen to 'thank you' in more than 40 different languages!



### CHALLENGE

Try to say 'thank you' in different languages to your friends and family!

## Crossword Puzzle



**Word Bank**  
impolitely patiently impatiently loudly  
early softly quietly noisily late politely

### Across →

- Please play your music \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is not good manners to speak \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone.
- Saying 'please' and 'thank you' is speaking \_\_\_\_\_.
- Child: 'It's taking so long!' Parent: 'Please wait \_\_\_\_\_.'

### Down ↓

- You children are playing \_\_\_\_\_. Please quiet down.
- 'It's my turn!' she said \_\_\_\_\_. is speaking \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please eat \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please arrive \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is rude to arrive \_\_\_\_\_.







# Siblings in Our School



Do you have siblings? Do you get along well with them? Siblings means **brothers** or **sisters**. In our school, there are some siblings studying in different classes. Let's get to know some of them.



6D Scarlett Lav 1B Kayden Lav

**Scarlette** and **Kayden** have a **loving** family. They always help at home. They take turns to wash the dishes after meal.

They enjoy playing **Roblox** together. They love playing **badminton** with their family too.



1B Calla Huen 1A Aasta Huen

There are a total of five children in the Huen's family. **Aasta** is the eldest sister in her family. **Calla** is one year younger than **Aasta**.

**Aasta** always takes good care of her siblings. That is why **Calla** loves her so much and always plays with her. Their favourite game is 'Paper, Scissors, Rock'.



There are three boys in the Zheng's family. The three brothers always play electronic games together. They get really excited when they work together and win the game.

**Steven** and **Andy** are nice and helpful boys. **Steven** washes the dishes and **Andy** helps mop the floor.



5A Steven Zheng 4A Andy Zheng



1B Marco Lee 4C Hayden Lee 3B Jayden Lee

The three siblings have the same hobby and favourite food. They all love playing games, such as **Roblox** and **Mario Kart**. They love eating **chicken wings** and **chicken nuggets**.

Although the three brothers sometimes argue, they love one another and get along well most of the time.



## Chinese Tea Culture



Scan the QR code to watch the video and learn more about Chinese tea culture.



Do you like drinking Chinese tea? Chinese people have been enjoying tea for over 4000 years. It is said that sharing a cup of tea is a way to **show respect** and **build friendships** with others.

In ancient times, tea was used as money and was even given as a tribute to the **emperor**. Today tea is still an important part of Chinese culture. People all over the world enjoy the delicious taste and health benefits of Chinese tea.

Chinese people use a special tea set. The tea set includes a **clay teapot**, **small tea cups** and a **variety of tea accessories**. Tea is served in small portions.

Tea is also good for our health. Tea contains '**antioxidants**' that can help reduce the risk of cancer and other diseases.

Let's try and taste different kinds of Chinese tea with your family and friends!





# Morning & Recess Activities





There are so many fun games that we can play at morning and recess time! Let's learn the rules and have fun at school!



## "The Rag-and-Bone Man"


### How to Play:

- One player is the "Rag-and-Bone Man".
- They call out an item (e.g. "Something **red**!").
- Other players must find and bring that item (e.g. a **red pencil**, a **toy**) to the Rag-and-Bone Man.  
- The last one to bring the item is out.



## "Mr. Fox, What Time Is It?"

### How to Play:

- One player is "Mr. Fox" and stands at the far end.
- Others ask, "Mr. Fox, what time is it?"
- The fox replies with a time.   
(e.g., "3 o'clock!" = 3 steps forward)
- When the fox says "12 o'clock!", they chase the others. Whoever is caught becomes the new fox.



## Our Musical Drama Team



### Winners of the Award for Outstanding Performers



- 3C Noah Leung
- 4B Paddy Cheung
- 5A Grace Muje Louella, Dominic Wong
- 6A Kitty Yau, Kent Yeung, Kiki Wu
- 6D Maxxis Chan, Scarlett Lau

The English Musical Drama Team has put up the **Magical Land of Oz** in March for the Hong Kong Schools Drama Festival and won the Award for Outstanding Cooperation.

This story is a spin on the Broadway hit Wizard of Oz. It is about the importance of **faith** and **friendship**. In the story, Dorothy and her friends are **brave** and they killed the **wicked witch** to save the people in the Emerald City.

### Congratulations!!

The team did a great job in both singing and dancing. Also, teachers made beautiful clothes and props for the show. Kudos to the Musical Drama Team!

