## Embrace new LCGSS S1 students with the joy of English learning

Lung Cheung Government Secondary School

English Assembly with Mr. Michael

Many Secondary One (S1) students have certain degree of difficulties in adapting to the new school life and secondary school curriculum as well as understanding and speaking English at the beginning of the school year. New comers of Lung Cheung Government Secondary School (LCGSS) are no difference. This school year, we took extra efforts to ensure our new S1 students feel welcomed. We embedded learning activities with a wide array of special events and bridging courses, with an aim to create a warm and friendly learning environment for both new comers and our school students.

## Week of Welcome

The curtain-raiser event of the "Week of Welcome" at LCGSS is the school's student Pop Band. With rich experience of performing at various occasions before, the Band has been practising hard for its special lunchtime concert for current and new students of the school. The whole school joined in appreciation of the pop performances, and the music resounded throughout the covered playground where the band performed and prolonged into the classrooms.

Another signature event of the welcome week was the English Fun Day with all sorts of exciting and educational English activities. The school hall was packed with students, who came to participate in and enjoyed the fun event. The English Ping Pong, for example, was very popular among students in particular. Students enjoyed learning special English vocabularies while they were playing table tennis at the same time.

To wrap up the week, we took the S1 students to the Art and Technology Education Centre (ATEC). They did not only get a taste about cooking, but also had a chance to learn how to cooperate while making delicious desserts. They also learnt English vocabularies in related to the desserts they made. It was great to see so many smiling faces as they enjoyed the fruits of their labour.

## **English Assembly**

Our English learning did not end just there. Our school started the monthly English assembly from this school year to let students have more chances to use English outside classrooms. Each English assembly has a different theme. The first English assembly was about the Mid-Autumn Festival. English vocabularies such as moon cake, lantern and pomelo were introduced. In the second English assembly, our school NET shared about the qualities of a few successful people. After the presentation, students were invited to the stage for an interactive question and answer session. The third English assembly was about Thanksgiving Day. The NET introduced the origin and the traditions of Thanksgiving, followed by five S1 students performing a wonderful musical and a song called "A Little Love".

Through these learning activities such as English Fun Day, English Assembly, English Enhancement Class, English drama, Speech Festival training and English musical performances, our S1 students showed significant progress in learning English. With the care and guidance given by the form one teachers, Guidance Team and English Department, they became more confident in using English and were able to adapt well to the new school life and curriculum by the end of the first term. Their winning of merit certificates in the Speech Festival, their enhanced confidence in speaking English in English assemblies, the remarkable performances of the school choir and the English singing group on the Speech Day all showed that their hard work was paid off.

